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DATES TO NOTE

- Dec. 5 - Elementary Holiday Concert
- Dec. 6 - Senior Citizens Dinner
- Dec. 12 - Jr-Sr High Holiday Concert
- Dec. 23-Jan 2 - Christmas Break

Its S-N-O-W Time Again

In preparation for possible school cancellations, delays, or early dismissals, please note the following media our school will use for placing these announcements:

TV: **KCCI Channel 8**
WOI Channel 5
WHO Channel 13

Radio: **WHO 1040AM** **KISS 107.5FM**
KMXD 100.3FM **KIOA 93.3FM**
KRNT 1350AM **KLTI 104.1FM**
KAZR 103.3FM **KSTZ 102.5FM**
KPSZ 940AM

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Also, KCCI offers a service through their website that initiates an email to those who have signed up. The School Closings Email Alerts service can be accessed at <http://www.kcci.com/closings/index.html>. When the school calls in closing information, the website immediately sends out an email to a computer, phone or PDA, as registered by the recipient.

Scholarship Recipients

Those 2005 graduates who received scholarships from the Southeast Warren Scholarship Foundation this past May need to call Edith Heemstra after enrollment for second semester or term is completed. Please let her know that you are enrolled for second semester and make sure she has your address and other pertinent information. Checks will be sent in December or early January. Edith's number is 534-4866.

2006 Alumni Banquet

Please mark the date of next year's Southeast Warren Alumni Banquet. It will be Saturday, June 17 at the high school. The program will include honoring Southeast Warren coaches. Plan now to attend!

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Jr-Sr High Principal

Mr. Terry Gladfelter

A new marking period has begun, fall sports are over, MAP and ITBS/ITED testing is completed, successful performances of Beauty and the Beast, winter sports are beginning, Thanksgiving, and then the Christmas Holiday; when looking at the year from event to event, I am constantly amazed as to how quickly time passes.

I am pleased how our students worked on their ITBS/ITED tests. My challenge to them was to bring up test scores. We have great students and teachers, and the challenge is to make our scores reflect that educational quality against the other Warren County Schools. I spent individual time with each grade 7-11 to show them the class data from last year, challenging them to improve their class scores, show where improvement can be made and potentially how our scores could increase, and the incentive program. I know our students are interested in the incentive program. In fact, several students have already asked when the scores will be sent back; they want to know what incentive they earned.

Congratulations to a successful fall sports season. I am pleased to see the sense of pride by our community in what our coaches and students are doing. I want to acknowledge special congratulations to the volleyball team. The team and coaches were ranked second in the Pride of Iowa Conference for sportsmanship.

Academically, a new program began after the Thanksgiving break. We are going to use Title II money to start an after school-tutoring program. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, the Media Center will be open from 3:45-4:45 for students to get help with their schoolwork. We will have a teacher there to provide assistance for the students. For this program to be successful, it cannot be perceived as detention time, but time to give students the help they need to progress academically. During the winter students will be able to use the activity bus for transportation that runs at the end of sports practices. Look for further information to be sent home with your students about the program.

As all of our schedules become much more busy through the month of December, it is my wish to our community for a healthy and happy holiday season. Might the “busy-ness” of the month be with family and friends sharing the joys of the Season.

**Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**

From the Superintendent

Dr. Harold Hulleman

The High/Scope Perry Preschool Project

Why is there now so much emphasis on the need for preschools for three and four-year olds? Why did Governor Vilsack push for funding for preschools in Iowa? Following is a summary of research that was begun over 40 years ago; this information documents the long-term value both in the quality of life and in the economic success of those who participated in preschool programs.

The High/Scope preschool project was begun over 40 years ago, and it is on the High/Scope research that Head Start programs were modeled. Students were randomly assigned to the High/Scope Perry Preschool Project or received no services and then were tracked through age 40. Qualified teachers served no more than eight, 3- and 4-year-old children, made home visits to inform parents about their child’s development and met with these children every day. “A landmark, long-term study of the effects of high-quality early care and education on low-income 3- and 4-year-olds shows that adults at age 40 who participated in a preschool program in their early years have higher earnings, are more likely to hold a job, have committed fewer crimes, and are more likely to have graduated from high school. Overall, the study documented a return to society of more than \$17 for every tax dollar invested in the early care and education program.” Among the findings were these:

- More of the group who received high-quality early education graduated from high school than the non-program group (65 percent vs. 45 percent), particularly females (84 percent vs. 32 percent);
- Fewer females who received high-quality early education than non-program females required treatment for mental impairment (8 percent vs. 36 percent) or had to repeat a grade (21 percent vs. 41 percent); and
- The group who received high-quality early education on average outperformed the non-program group on various intellectual and language tests during their early childhood years, on school achievement tests between ages 9 and 14, and on literacy tests at ages 19 and 27.

More information at:

<http://www.highscope.org/NewsandInformation/PressReleases/PerryP-Age40.htm>

Intermediate School Principal

Mrs. Cindy Butler

Conferences were well attended with 92% of our students having a parent or guardian come to school to visit with the teacher(s) who were available. We feel strongly about the benefit of communication between school and parent. Besides conferences, we have several avenues of communication: phones in the classrooms, e-mail access, after-hours answering machine, or notes home. In addition to the two-way communication, we provide one-way communication via the weekly update from the office, the *Pride*, the *Intermediate Notebook*, and the school web site. Please contact us with any concerns or questions.

October 27th was the first of the character trips planned for the year. Students completed a community service project outside of school and met academic, attendance and behavioral requirements in order to attend. We had 49 students of great character participate in the trip to a bowling alley in Des Moines. We thank the PIE committee for their financial support that made the trip possible.



Fifth graders Niki Schnathorst, Destini Miller, and Madison Beck

We welcome Deputy Randy Spurr back again this year. He leads the sixth graders through a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program for 14 weeks. The students learn about types of peer pressure and ways to respond to different situations. Students are introduced to the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model which will assist in problem solving and will help students make wise decisions. This is Deputy Spurr's fourth year working with our school. We appreciate his efforts and the efforts of the Warren County Sheriff's office to keep our students drug free.

Fine Arts Update

The Fine Arts department has been very busy this month, anticipating the fall musical "Beauty and The Beast." Chorus has been practicing Christmas music early, wanting to learn it early so that full concentration could be given to the play, which needed full vocal backup. "Over half of vocal is in the play" says Junior Eric Falk.

Art class has also been working hard on the play over the past several weeks, building and painting sets, working on costumes, and creating props. This final week has been nothing but mayhem, but everything is coming together for the play. Play director Mrs. Young has been working very hard with the actors and actresses to get everyone ready in time. The play premiered November 18 at 7 pm, a repeat performance with dinner was Saturday and the last performance was Sunday.

Band Notes

Jr. High and High School Bands combined to march a very well received half-time show at the October 28th football game. They looked sharp on the field and sounded even better. Thank you band and parents for your support and hard work. We have put away the marching shoes and are working on the upcoming Christmas concert, December 12. Jr. High will be performing a beautiful ballad reminiscent of the change from fall to winter called "As Seasons Change". They will also perform traditional music such as "Little Drummer Boy". High School has been working on the Mannheim Steamroller arrangement of "Celebration" along with traditional Christmas melodies played in big-band swing style called "Santa Meets the Big Bands". We will finish the evening with "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree". This rock classic has been recorded by such diverse artists as Alabama, Brenda Lee, Three Dog Night, and many others. This promises to be a very entertaining evening. I hope to see you there.

Willis VanderLinden
Director of Bands

from your Primary Principal. . .

Mrs. Charlotte Weakland

Kindergarten through third grade students participated in a special Veterans' Day program on November 10th. The Pledge of Allegiance, class-written essay and poetry recitations, patriotic songs, and a demonstration of flag folding were presented by the students for visiting parents and local veterans. Dave Minton of Milo, father of two Primary students and current member of the armed services, then presented to the school a U.S. flag that had been flown in an F-16CD through the hostile skies of Iraq on July 15, 2005 during a combat mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, along with a certificate signed by the pilot of that plane. Thanks, Dave! Later, the visiting veterans and current servicemen were honored with special Veterans' Day certificates and refreshments.

Reading tests not only give us information about the progress of individual students, but they also indicate where we can look to improve reading instruction at SEW. Fall testing of DIBELS, the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills, for K-3 grade students has now been completed. The students will again be tested midwinter and finally in the spring. These tests are a good measure of how well our students are learning phonemic awareness skills (phonics) and developing fluency (speed and smoothness in phrasing) necessary to becoming effective 4th grade readers, where the emphasis of reading instruction shifts from "learning to read" to "reading to learn." Comprehension skills were measured for our second graders this fall through administration of the Gates MacGinnitie tests and for our third graders through the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress). With the exception of the ITBS

tests that we just finished administering, the results of these tests were shared with parents during our November Parent Teacher Conferences. ITBS scores will be back in time to share with parents at our February Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parents also received a copy of "Raising a Reader" at the fall conferences. Added to the teachers' weekly newsletters to the parents, this communication offers tips to parents about how they can help their child at home gain vital reading skills necessary to becoming a successful reader and learner.

Several Primary students are participating again this year in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon. Participating students not only practice important math skills with the cooperation of their parents at home, but also perform a valuable service project as we send their collected donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This famous medical center was established by actor Danny Thomas. In it, young cancer patients are treated free of charge, and research is done to find cures for various forms of children's cancer.

We look forward to the Primary school's participation again this year in Milo's Small Town Country Christmas. The area quilters will be showing their quilts in the multipurpose room, while the Partners in Education sell their many donated cookies at the Cookie Walk, children make Christmas gifts for their parents at Santa's Workshop, and several high school groups sell their wares to raise funds for their upcoming activities. Visitors can choose an angel ornament from our Angel Tree, and purchase a Christmas gift for a member of a needy local family. Or, they can place a cash donation on the Lewis family tree to help them reestablish their home after their devastating fire. Please join us on December 2nd.

Accelerated Readers

Second and third graders have been reading lots of books for the Accelerated Reading Program. We ended the first quarter with a party for all students who achieved their first goal of Ready or Independent Reader. Keep reading to achieve the next level. We are SO PROUD of your progress!!

Rising Readers

GabeHenderson
CameronMinton
ShilohWilliams
OliviaAnders
TiffanyBarr
EverettDittmer
WalkerPorterfield
JustusSherman
JoshuaMosher

Super Readers

BrandiPutz KeetanLawler
BrandonVance BrookeSeuferer
SierraDorsey BryantSeuferer
RaelynMeling AlyssaDittmer
WaylonBalk SarahNutting

25 Point Club

BrandiPutz
SierraDorsey
RaelynMeling
KeetanLawler
BrookeSeuferer
BryantSeuferer
AlyssaDittmer
SarahNutting
JustusSherman

Southeast Warren Community School District
Regular Board Meeting
October 10, 2005

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session October 10, 2005, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Chris Wadle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Hardy, Ron Miller, John Burrell and Jennifer Birchette. Superintendent Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

AGENDA: Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

FFA TRIP TO NATIONAL CONVENTION: Katie Myers, Ben Beck, Kimmie Hunerdosse & Ashley Thompson presented the agenda for the FFA trip to the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 25-29. Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the FFA trip to Louisville, Kentucky. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the FFA trip to the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Ayes: 5.

REPORTS:

Transportation reports submitted by Joel Mosher:

1. We have the new route going and it seems to have helped with the time the students are on the bus.
2. Since school has started we have taken 29 trips with busses.
3. I am working on getting everything ready for vehicle inspection on October 25th.

Primary Principal's reports submitted by Charlotte Weakland:

1. Updates on the Primary blacktop were completed on October 1st, when five parents representing the Partners in Education group, including Blayne Hartman, Wendy & Patrick Smith, Stacey Coffman, and Mel Gibbs, met with me to add two new four-squares and a beanbag throw game. We also repainted the existing US map, the basketball boundaries, the existing four-square, and the hopscotch. The installation of the new eight-person swing set was finished by Mike Mason, custodian, and Joel Mosher, transportation director on Friday, Sep-

tember 30th. With the placing of the additional four rubber pads at the base of the slides and under the horizontal bar climb, as well as the relocation of the sandbox, our playground will be among the most functional and safest around.

A special thank you to Jeremy Cross, Kevin Baumgarten, Andy Rosenbaum, Joel Mosher, Chester Crouse, and Doug Hembry for their assistance in pouring concrete around the base of the swing legs; and to Greg Weakland, Brad Chase, and Vanderpool Construction who prepared the pad for the swing set and spread fill dirt on the west end of the playground and around the outside bank of the baseball field.

2. The third graders have completed the first round of the MAP testing for this year. The addition of the new computer lab in our building greatly eased the set-up process for the tests, as well as served as additional motivation for the youngsters to do their best. DIBEL Stesting has been completed for the kindergartners, with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade tests scheduled throughout the next few weeks. Lori Nutting, Title I teacher, will assist each classroom teacher in administering these one-on-one tests, while I teach the reading lesson in the classroom for the rest of the students.

3. On Wednesday, September 28th, I attended a reading/writing workshop in Des Moines with our second grade teachers. There we learned how to set up and manage learning centers in the classrooms where students are held accountable to interact with various reading and writing medium to reinforce and expand their learning beyond the direct instruction provided by the teacher. This information will be shared with the other teachers in the district as appropriate.

4. Partners in Education has initiated their first fundraiser of the year, with delivery of frozen pies, pizza, cookies, candy, and Christmas gift items scheduled for November 18th. They will be providing a baked potato bar supper for elementary teachers on the evening of November 8th and a lasagna meal on the evening of November 10th - parent-teacher conference nights. They will be hosting a book fair for parents and students on those evenings, as well. Plans are underway for the Primary building to again host the Milo Quilting Club, various high school group fundraisers, the annual PIE cookie walk, and outside vendors during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas on December 3rd.

5. Primary classes will be celebrating Fire Prevention Week during the week of October 10th, with a visit from the Milo Fire & Rescue

Team as they bring some of their equipment for the students' inspection on the afternoon of October 11th. They will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 17th with activities planned for nearly every day. This year, US Department of Education booklets entitled "Growing up Drug-Free, a Parent's Guide to Prevention" will be distributed to each family in the community with S.E. Warren-enrolled preschoolers through 8th graders, in conjunction with our PK-12 Red Ribbon activities.

6. The Primary students were involved in several Homecoming activities. The high school pep band and football and volleyball players hosted their very own pep assembly on the Primary blacktop. A number of the Primary & Intermediate students and their parents participated in the Partners in Education entry in the Homecoming parade, and the little cheerleaders were adorable at the football game.

7. The Primary students and staff collected a total of \$273.65 in September during our "Coins for Katrina" drive for the hurricane victims, for distribution through the Red Cross.

Intermediate Principal's reports submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. MAP testing is complete and reports have been received. One of the reports indicates that students currently in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade who took the same tests last fall, made more than the average growth expected in all subject areas. The intermediate teachers are considering how to use the MAP data to set class and individual student goals. Setting goals aligns with Iowa Teaching Standard 5, Uses a variety of methods to monitor student learning. And to the more specific criteria under the standard, "Understands and uses the results of multiple assessments to guide planning and instruction." "Guides students in goal setting and assessing their own learning."

2. A representative from Harcourt, the publisher of the new reading series, will present at the next in-service for teachers. This will give teachers a chance to discuss how things are going and to get answers to questions they may have.

3. Both special education teachers from the Intermediate and I have attended training on new procedures, forms and rules for special education. Some of these changes can be attributed to trickle down for NCLB.

4. The District Leadership Team (DLT) met last Monday. The team, composed of several teach-

ers, the administrators, and AEA personnel, meets monthly to plan the district's professional development activities, reflect on the success or lack of success of activities, and make adjustments as needed. The members of this team work well together as discussions focus on ensuring effective teacher training that will impact student achievement.

Secondary Principal's Reports submitted by Terry Gladfelter

Homecoming—Mr. Ripperger and the Student Council are to be commended for their planning and organization of this year's Homecoming. It was a good week with lots of school spirit. (I'm ready for a week of quiet!)

MAP Testing—Testing has been completed and we are already receiving results. We will be distributing the results through our Color Guard groups and teaching our students how to interpret their data. This MAP report will now begin to show data for the past three years. Students will be able to view their academic progress. It will also provide the staff with good information on our progress and areas of needed improvement. Further data will be presented next month.

D/F List—Below is a chart comparing the D/F list over the past four years for the first midterm.

The F list can be broken down—

	2005	2004
Language Arts	17	8
Social Studies	22	18
FE	0	2
Computer	1	2
Science	1	0
Math	5	0
Art	1	0
Reading	1	0
Animal Science	1	0
Film Study	1	0

The D list can be broken down—

	2005	2004
Language Arts	16	15
Social Studies	58	56
Math	18	27
Science	15	9
Special Ed	4	12
FE	0	2
Ag	4	9
Art	0	2
Spanish	2	3
Computers	3	2
Reading	4	0

Positive PR—I have been very pleased with the good PR we have had in the RHT over the past weeks (pictures, sports, homecoming, Mr. Vanstrien, and Mrs. Cooper). To the community, we have to be the best PR for our school.

Warren County Conference Board: John Burrell reported that he had recently attended the Warren County Conference Board meeting. The main topic of discussion was the challenging of assessed tax values on local businesses.

Children First Forum: Terry Gladfelter reported that the last Children First Forum meeting had been well attended and there was good interaction. Items on the next meeting agenda will include writing and sharing with Melcher-Dallas.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. September 19, 2005, minutes
2. Financial reports

Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by John Burrell to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 5.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Hulleman reported on the following items:

1. A request has been received from the Warren County Economic Development Corporation to attend their meetings. The next meeting will be held on October 19th.
2. The IASB District 8 meeting will be held on October 20th in Indianola at 6:00 p.m.
3. The IASB Convention will be held on November 16th-18th.

CERTIFIED ANNUAL REPORT: Julie Wilson gave a brief review of the Certified Annual Report for the period ending June 30, 2005.

CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT: Julie Wilson reviewed the 2005 certified enrollment figures. The September 2005 certified enrollment is up 3.8 students from the prior year. Open enrollment is up 5.0 students and open enrollment in is up 1.9 students from the prior year.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the appointment of Larry Snuggs, Regular Route Driver, Step 5. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by John Burrell to approve the appointment of Larry Snuggs, Regular Route Driver, Step 5. Ayes: 5.

Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the appointment of John C. Burrell, Head HS Girls' Basketball Coach, 10%—Step 1. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve John C. Burrell as Head HS Girls' Basketball Coach. Ayes: 4. John Burrell abstained from voting.

Dr. Hulleman recommended Dave Ripperger receive the Assistant JH Football Coach supplemental pay. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the supplemental payment to Dave Ripperger for Assistant JH Football Coach. Ayes: 4. John Burrell abstained from voting.

SBRC REQUEST FOR ON-TIME FUNDING: Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by John Burrell to approve the request to the SBRC for on time funding budget adjustment and modified allowable growth for increased enrollment in the maximum amount allowed. Ayes: 5.

SBRC REQUEST FOR MODIFIED ALLOWABLE GROWTH: Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the request to the SBRC for modified allowable growth for open enrollment out students not on the previous year's certified enrollment count for whom tuition will be paid in the current year in the maximum amount allowed. Ayes: 5.

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Mid Term D/F	7th			8th			9th			10th			11th			12th		
	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#
Mid Term 9/02										15	18	26	5	21	22	10	30	30
Mid Term 9/03							29	32	31	5	25	13	11	21	20	11	30	21
Mid Term 9/04				3	22	16	2	13	10	1	24	18	1	21	17	21	44	31
Mid Term 9/05	15	25	18	10	33	23	6	19	20	8	19	17	5	18	17	8	19	18

Christmas Donations

Main Street Station in Milo is hosting a collection of winter necessities for needy families. A donated item will serve as the cover charge the night of December 3, when the Clutterbilly Band will perform. These items will be distributed through the Southeast Warren Establishing Community Pride group to those families who need them most.

New, rather than second hand items may be donated, such hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toys, etc. Come support a good cause and enjoy some great entertainment!

BOARD MINUTES, continued

AT RISK BUDGET: Julie Wilson reviewed the proposed 2006-2007 At Risk budget. The budget is for the maximum amount allowed under the formula. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the At Risk application. Ayes: 5.

BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 405 AND 411: The Board reviewed Board Policy Section 405, "Certified Personnel Related Considerations," and 411, "Non-Certified Personnel Related Considerations."

The Board took a recess at 8:00 p.m. to tour the auditorium, art room and girls' locker room to view the settling of the floor and cracking of the walls in all three rooms.

The Board reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION: Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to go into closed session as per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law for the purpose of evaluating the Superintendent. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Miller, Hardy, Birchette, Burrell and Wadle. Motioned passed 5:0. The time was 8:26 p.m.

President Wadle called the open session to a close at 9:17 p.m.

President Wadle adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

SOUTHEAST WARREN FOOD PANTRY 2005 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Gift certificates were distributed to families in need for the 2004 Christmas Offering. This method of distribution permits patrons to select food and miscellaneous items of their choosing. Purchases of alcohol and tobacco are prohibited. Twenty-one families, or a total of seventy-five patrons of the Southeast Warren District were served in 2004. The total cost of the 2004 Christmas Offering was \$1,590. The Food Pantry appreciates the generous support received from the area Churches and the members of the Southeast Warren Communities.

The Food Pantry will again focus on monetary donations instead of non-perishables and other miscellaneous items. **WE ARE URGING CHURCHES OF THE DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2005 TO TAKE UP A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.** Proceeds may be sent to Pauline Ripperger, 23901 S23 Hwy, Lacona, Iowa 50139.

The **deadline** for patrons to register for the **2005 Christmas Offering** is **December 5, 2005**. Late registration requests will be honored, provided funds are available. If you desire to participate in the 2005 Christmas Offering, please contact Rev. Jeff Porter - 942-6123, or Pauline Ripperger - 534-3208.

Thank you for your continued support.

**SOUTHEAST WARREN
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**
Pauline Ripperger

Coaching Program

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union is sponsoring their 2nd Annual Coaching Authorization and Endorsement Program next summer. It will be held June 12-16, 2006, in Des Moines. The 5-day clinic will run from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day, and 100% attendance is required for all sessions. The Athletic Union will pay for all coursework, books, supplies, and meals, and a \$20 fee will be required of each participant to cover administrative costs.

This program is being made possible through funding from the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and assistance from Heartland Area Education Agency. Its purpose is to increase the pool of qualified individuals to coach and direct students who participate in interscholastic athletics, and to prepare these new coaches in ways beyond the required core coursework. The curriculum includes training through Character Counts and Pursuing Victory with Honor, and will also prepare coaches to deal with practical issues which will face them, including communicating with parents and administrators.

Those interested will be able to register on-line at IGHSAU.org after February 1, 2006. The first 100 paid registrations received will close registration, although a small waiting list will be held. Questions may be directed to Lisa Brinkmeyer, Assistant Director at IGHSAU, at 515-288-9741 or lisa@ighsau.org.

Sports Update

By Jamesa Wadle

By Katie Meyers

This month Mr. Dirx chose Junior Ashley Thompson as the student of the month. Ashley was born at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines on August 5, 1989; she is the daughter of Gary and Brenda Thompson.

Ashley is involved in many agricultural activities; she is the treasurer of her 4-H club and the secretary of the Southeast Warren FFA chapter. In her spare time she enjoys helping her father farm and showing calves. Ashley is also involved in golf, drama, and choir. When asked why he nominated Ashley, Mr. Dirx replied, "She is a very dedicated and hard-working person in all the things that she is involved in." Congratulations Ashley!!

What's JEL/SADD?

By Jamesa Wadle

JEL/SADD is a new program that Southeast Warren has recently developed. JEL/SADD stands for Just Eliminate Lies/Students Against Destructive Decisions. It is a group of high school students who are against smoking and big tobacco companies; however, JEL also deals with other drugs and destructive decisions. This program can be found all over Iowa where a large group of Iowa teens are fighting the tobacco industry's efforts to influence people to smoke cigarettes. The mission of JEL is to expose and educate people about the harmful truth and facts about smoking and try to get teens all across Iowa to quit.

Chapter projects include many events to better educate people on smoking or other drugs. The first event JEL has done is set up a "crime scene" to reveal disturbing statistics on smoking and show how cigarettes will eventually kill a third of the people who use them. The JEL members set up crime scene tape, chalked out bodies, and wrote out statistics to look like an actual crime scene, which would grab people's attention. Another thing JEL did was hand out red bracelets during Red Ribbon week to remind everyone to stay drug-free. Some future events include a joint project in January with FCCLA for 3D month (Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention), revisions of the school policy (not allowing teachers and other adults to smoke on school property), and many other events that are to remain a surprise.

JEL meets every other Wednesday morning at 7:45 in the media center. If you are against smoking, drinking, or other drugs and want to have fun while trying to get teens to quit, I strongly encourage you to join!

We are finally done with all of our fall sports. A lot of students have been playing for Southeast Warren since Jr. High, and for seniors, these were the last football, volleyball games, or cross country meets of their high school career. Being that the fall games are over, I decided to ask the seniors a few questions.

Q: "What is your favorite memory from the sport you're in?" Quite a few of the volleyball players said the bus ride to Bedford was their favorite memory.

Josh Motsch said, "Taping Flash for Cash on the back of the cross-country van." Most all of the football boys said they were proud of their winning record.

Q: "What are you going to miss most about playing your sport?" Tyler Mason said he would miss coming out on Friday nights, holding hands, as well as the adrenaline rush you get hitting someone across from you. Caitlin Crow said, "Laughing when me and Kasey miss the ball and 'target practice.'" Eric Smith said he would miss the fact that cross-country was laid back and not needing to be taken too seriously.

Q: "Will you be playing this sport in college?"

Only a few of the surveys that were returned said yes (although I have a feeling a few of those people were being a little sarcastic. In fact, Tyler Seufferer

~Student of the Month~

Q: "Did you have a favorite coach who was inspiring to you?" Amy Wachter and Sara Uttley both admire Mrs. Burrell because she let them have fun and never told them that they were a bad team. Caitlin Crow said that the coach who was most inspiring to her was Mr. Walter because, "He told me to never give up and to always be positive." Many of our student athletes look up to the Oliver brothers. Tyler Mason admires Coach Phil Oliver because, "He knows we are the best backs in the district and he wants us to know that." Tyrel Welch looks up to Matt Oliver because, "He has the will to win in his eyes."

Q: "Any advice to leave for the underclassman athletes?" The majority of the volleyball girls said to carry on the tradition, but many others said just to have fun and play hard. Mike Bird's advice? "Get in the weight room early." Tyler Mason said, "Give it your all on every play while you're on that field." Josh Motsch added, "Do your best and accomplish all you can. It will prepare you for the future."

These seniors have been a fun bunch of athletes. We will all greatly miss the seniors next fall. Now onto Winter Sports!

Mrs. Gingerich

Maiden Name: Myrissa Ann Rockafellow

Mrs. Gingerich was born June 23rd and grew up in Iowa City on a farm. She claims, “summer is my favorite season because I love the outdoors and used to show livestock in the county fair.” She has two siblings, a younger sister and a younger brother. Her brother is 16 months younger than her, now 21, and a ferrier. Her sister is 3 years and 3 months younger and is attending UNI to become either a social worker or a psychologist.

As a kid in high school, she liked to run track and enjoyed watching football and wrestling. She played a flute and saxophone in the band. She always wanted to be a veterinarian, but she went to school at the University of Iowa as a pre-law major because of the suggestion of her band teacher. Apparently, she liked to argue. She changed her major many times. She changed her major to Physical Therapy, then a Sports Leisure Studies Major, a Communications Major, and finally an Education Major. She worked at the County Extension Office in Fairfield. Last year, she was a substitute teacher part-time until she came to Southeast Warren for her first full-time teaching job as an English teacher for Junior High.

When asked what the best part of teaching was, she replied, “Laughing. I love when the students make me laugh.” She hopes to stay at Southeast Warren for a long time.



Facts about Mrs. Gingerich:

Favorite Superpower: “Invisibility, because then I could sneak around and investigate.”

Favorite Holiday: Halloween or Christmas... “I like to dress up for Halloween and I like Christmas because I enjoy spending time with family, giving presents, and getting them”

Favorite Type of Movie: Comedy

Favorite Movie: Big Daddy

Favorite Book: The National Velvet

Favorite Type of Music: Country

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Hobby: Horseback Riding

Favorite Animal: Horses

Favorite Food: Lasagna

Favorite Cartoon: Winnie The Pooh

Favorite TV Show: CSI

Greatest Fear

CHICKENS!!!



by Erica Ellingson

Word Search

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AFTER-PROM Sponsored Events

Have we got stuff going on!

Country Christmas Booth

We will be at the Milo Elementary School on Saturday, December 3. Along with the merchandise listed below, we will have baked goods and will possibly be taking orders for embroidered zip-up hoodie jackets in green or white.

Southeast Warren Merchandise

If you haven't seen them yet at a football game or at school, ask any senior or senior parent, or call the high school office.

Green & white duffel bags - \$30.00

"Ribbon" car magnets - \$3.00

Green & white rubber bracelets - \$3.00

SEW embroidered blankets - \$25.00

(warm & waterproof, they fold for easy carrying)

Balloon Ride Raffle

We continue to sell chances to win a hot air balloon ride. Winner will be drawn at the last home basketball game.

Scavenger Hunt Results

Congratulations to the Uttley Team for winning the Scavenger Hunt. Many thanks to the other participating teams: The Incredibles, The Procrastinators and the Big Dogs.

**Thanks to everyone
for your continued
support of the drug-
free After Prom
event!**