



# Manson Northwest Webster

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## Elementary Mock Trial Presentation

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Mrs. Jenny Larson's reading class presented a mock trial for their classmates and family members on Friday, January 9, in the music room at the elementary school. The students presented a civil trial based on the well-known nursery rhyme *Jack and Jill*.

In this adaptation of the nursery rhyme, Jack and Jill suffered injuries after falling down a hill while fetching a pail of water and were suing the owner of the well (Mrs. Gertrude Miller) for not providing adequate protection around the well and for creating an attractive nuisance. The defense claimed that Jack and Jill were trespassing and therefore assumed the risk themselves. After the case was deliberated by the jury (audience members), the defendant was found not liable of any charges.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students presenting the mock trial are pictured to the right. Front row, from left, Liz Stange, Kori Larsen, McKenzie Conley, Emma Stuhrenberg. Back row - Emma Nelsen, Julie Quade, Tiffany Espe, Brandon King, AJ Larson, Ashlee Grady, Becca Krueger, and Becca Watne. (Caleb Simacek is absent from the photo)

- Mrs. Jenny Larson



## Community Meetings Scheduled March 17 and 23

# Building Closing Process Continues

By Supt. Mark Egli

The Facilities Use Committee has been meeting since September to look at things such as enrollment projections, school finances, plant facilities and program offerings as related to the Manson elementary and Barnum middle school buildings. The committee was made up of eight parents and two community members. MNW administrators and a non-quorum number of board members attended the meetings as well. Both director districts as well as open enrolled parents were represented. A summary of the committee's findings are printed in this newsletter.

Two architectural firms were also consulted regarding the structural state of the two buildings being considered. These companies were Facilities Cost Management Group, Omaha, and FEH and Associates, Sioux City. The comparison obviously favored the Barnum building over the Manson elementary in that its newer section is 20 years newer, is air conditioned and comes closer to being in compliance with fire and disability codes. However, as the Facilities Use Committee findings point out, there are other factors to be considered, such as transportation costs and future sharing opportunities.

An option that is being considered is that of a merger with Rockwell City Lytton or an even larger sharing arrangement with RCL and Southern Cal. Because the enrollments of the involved school districts are falling so rapidly, (ours projects to less than 550 students by 2015) this may be the most stable long-term alternative. This arrangement would be similar to East Sac, which has achieved the stability of a district with approximately 1000 students by combining the communities of Sac City, Lake View, Wall Lake and Auburn.

A last step that must be taken before the Board of Education can enact a building closing is to have open public meetings. At these meetings, a review of the financial need for the building closing and the Facilities Use Committee findings will be presented. Community members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to voice their opinions over an open microphone for a pre-determined amount of time per speaker. These meetings are scheduled to take place at the elementary gymnasium March 17 in the elementary gym and March 23 in the middle school auditorium.

## MANSON NORTHWEST WEBSTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES USE COMMITTEE FINDINGS

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### Strengths of the Manson elementary site:

1. The largest community would have the elementary
2. There would be a connection to the west side of the district
3. Future sharing options might be enhanced; transportation savings
4. Would have only one campus
5. Would be accessible to vital services and business partnerships.

### Weaknesses of the Manson elementary site:

1. Crowded—not enough space for Pk-6
2. Would lose two gyms (at Barnum) and an auditorium and other program specific areas
3. Loss of students to the east side of the district
4. Remodeling costs high due to asbestos and ADA problems
5. Building has no long term future—would have to plan for replacement.

### Strengths of the Barnum site:

1. Better, bigger, more efficient building
2. More programming opportunities in program specific areas
3. Connection to the east side of the district is a bigger pool of students
4. Room for daycare, possible expansion of early childhood and after-school programs
5. Building is on a main route to major work center (FD)
6. Not leaving a nice building sitting empty.

### Weaknesses of Barnum site:

1. Higher utilities
2. Preschool transportation problems
3. Transportation (shuttle) costs
4. Loss of west side students
5. Loss of easy access to vital services and business partnerships
6. Will be under-utilized because of large unused spaces
7. Less convenient for elementary ed classes for high school students.

Both sites were listed as involving the loss of the middle school concept since grades 7 and 8 will move to the high school.

### How Would Sharing With Rockwell City Lytton Change Things?

#### Positives:

1. The district would keep/grow its high school programs
2. The district would maintain a first class middle school
3. There would be better utilization of staff (more efficient student to staff ratios)
4. Open enrollments might increase to a stable combined district.

#### Negatives:

1. Extremely large geographical area with possible losses of MNW students on the east side of the district
2. Increased travel times for students
3. MNW students in Manson might be busing out of town from PK through grade 8 depending on the location of the MNW elementary and the middle school.

## Fourth Grade Unit on Chocolate

When the 4th grade students returned to school after Christmas break, they experienced a unit about chocolate! We studied where chocolate and other foods come from. We read funny books about chocolate. We looked at nutritional values of chocolate and other foods. We measured, weighed, and graphed favorite candy bars. It was a fun way to come back from break, review skills, and apply what we learn in a fun way!



Fourth graders graph the varied colors, weights and features of different kinds of candy.

## Volunteers wanted for Blue Star Program sponsored by Manson Police Dept.

The Manson Police Department is working hard to set up a Blue Star Program in the town of Manson. This program would allow families in Manson to volunteer to have a blue star sticker put in the window of their home. This would provide children walking home from school a safe place to go if they needed one.

So far there have only been 2 volunteers that have filled out the paperwork to have a Blue Star placed in their home.

Please contact the Manson Police Department if you would like about this for our students. There are applications available at the Elementary or the Manson Police Department. This is an example of the Manson Northwest Webster School District and the Manson Police Department working together to help keep our children safe.

Tom Ritts- Police Chief

**Notes from PK-8 Principal**  
**Rose Davis**

Although we have gotten off to a great start at MNW elementary and middle school this year, there are always other issues that come to the forefront throughout the year that need to be addressed. Because of an increase in bus referrals and incidents of misuse of cell phones and other electronic devices, improved bus behavior will be a top priority at the middle and elementary schools in the upcoming weeks.

The safety of our children while they are riding the district's buses is of utmost importance. One of the ways that the school will show this is through the purchase of digital cameras for some of the buses. With these cameras, the bus drivers will be able to record digital footage and administrators will be able to review tapes in the hopes of addressing misbehavior. Students who are creating an unsafe or uncomfortable atmosphere will have consequences.

In the weeks to come, teachers and administrators will be talking to our students about what good bus behavior looks like and we hope our parents will reinforce this dialogue at home.

The following are the simple yet non-negotiable rules that are aligned to the bus behavior forms:

- F (facing forward)
- A (aisles have to be clear)
- M (Touching only my things, not others')
- I (If it's inappropriate, I won't do it)
- L (No bad language)
- Y (No yelling)

On February 13, seventeen alumni and local community people will share the specifics of their careers with the MNW middle schoolers. After being served a noon meal by the middle school student council, the speakers will give three back-to-back presentations to our students. Career choices will include law enforcement, paramedic, chef, engineer, pilot, and nurse practitioner, just to mention a few.

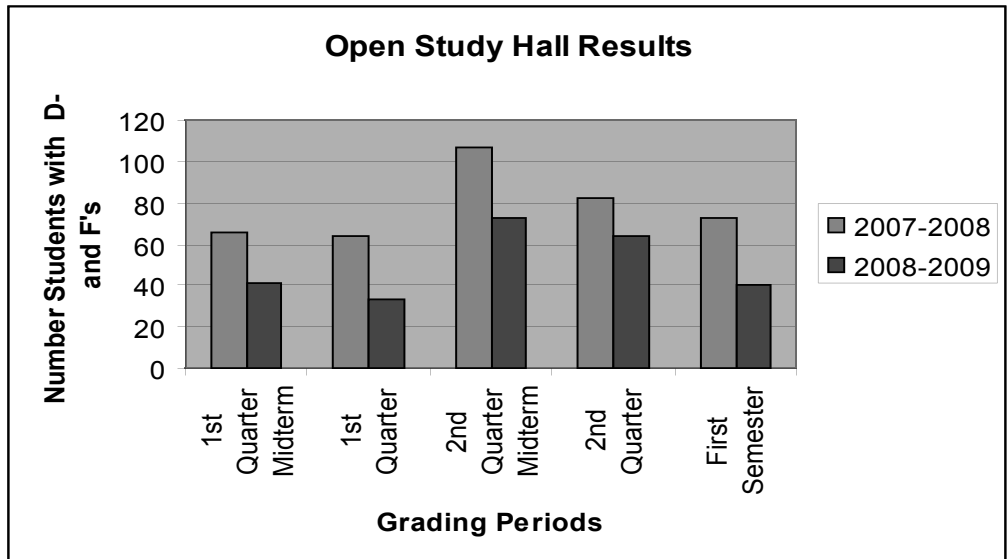
**News from High School Principal**

**Shawn Holloway**

**Open Study Hall and Success Center appear to be positive at the High School**

We are at the half way mark in the school year. The end of first semester is always a good time to see if a new or changed policy has had a positive impact for our students. Earlier this year, I shared our new "Open Study Hall" policy in a newsletter article. I wanted to update you on the impact it has had at the high school. The chart below shows the

number of very low and failing grades for each grade reporting period. This chart is a comparison from the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 school years. The data collected from the first semester show a 36% decrease in the total number of D- and F grades earned by our student body.



**PEP Club News**

Save the Date!!!! Mark your calendars for Family Fun Night on Saturday, April 4. Plan on joining us for an evening of games, prizes, and great times for the whole family. This is a major fundraiser for PEP Club. Money earned is used to support educational programs and materials for the students of MNW Elementary School!

Don't forget that PEP Club needs your Box Tops from General Mills food and household products! Please keep collecting Box Tops and sending them to school with your child. We receive 10 cents for each one collected. It's a great fundraiser for our school.

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Giving Tree! Our students and teachers appreciate your generosity.

**CHARACTER COUNTS in Cougar Country**

MNW Elementary celebrates the six Pillars of Character: Citizenship, Caring, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness. Each month elementary students who exhibit character are recognized.

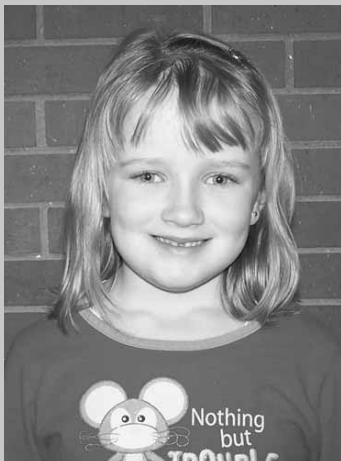
**TEAMWORK AWARD**



**JACOB SIEPKER**

Teamwork Award is given to a student who works together well with others and demonstrates the importance of people working together.

**CHARACTER AWARD**



**CORYNN JENSEN**

Character Award is based on the 6 pillars of Character Counts and is given to a student who is recognized for good character.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**



**JULIE QUADE**

The Principal's award is given to a student who is making MNW a better place to be by his/ her actions.

shows exemplary behavior on the bus every day showing the 6 Pillars of Character.

**Jacob Siepker- 3rd grade- Teamwork Award**, nominated by Ann Schlapkol- librarian for the Manson Public Library  
 Jacob has been volunteering at the Manson Public Library for this school year. He likes to help and will do whatever we ask of him. Jacob shows responsibility by showing up for his volunteer work. He is very pleasant to be around and makes checking books out more fun for others. He has a creative side which shows in his work and he makes others around him feel good. In a day when people sometimes think mainly about themselves, Jacob is thinking and caring about others. Jacob makes the community a better place by his great attitude and work ethic. Thank you, Jacob, from the Manson Public Library

**Drew Samuelson - 3rd grade- Teamwork Award**

Drew always has a smile on his face and always uses his manners. Whenever I am out of something or we split an order of food supplies that is stored over at Jeanne's kitchen in Barnum, she sends it on the shuttle bus from Barnum. Drew always makes sure I have it. He carries it in to me from the bus that he is riding through rain, sleet and snow. I just want him to know how much I appreciate his help. Thank you, Linda Anderson (Food Service Director)

**Brayden Pritchard 1st grade- Principal's Award**

Brayden consistently follows classroom and playground rules. He is kind to his classmates and always wants to do the right thing. He demonstrates the pillars of Responsibility and Caring. Mrs. Sharon Freed

**Julie Quade- 3rd grade- Principal's Award**

It is my pleasure to award Julie Quade the Character Counts Award for the month of December. I only wish I were there to present it to her. Julie is very caring, she is always there to step in and take care of someone else's needs, often before her own. She is very dependable, I can depend on Julie for everything. This also shows her trustworthiness. Julie is dependable and responsible, if Julie says she will do something, she will. This is evident in all her class work and homework. I have never seen Julie be disrespectful to anyone-adult or child. She shows her citizenship by the way she conducts herself in any situation, be it in the classroom or out. Julie also shows initiative, she once noticed we had no sharpened pencils for the classroom and she sharpened them all in her spare time and she had the blisters to prove it! All in all Julie, by example, shows great character.

Mrs. Gloria Casey

**Koby Bruns- 3rd grade Character Award**

Koby showed great initiative by coming over to our house while we were gone on a trip and scooped out our driveway. He is a great neighbor to have who is willing to help out in any way. It is so nice to have a child who is willing to be so helpful without having to be asked or told. Koby is a great example of character and I am glad to present him with this award. Mary Jo and Brad Kruse

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**Corynn Jensen: 1st grade - Good Character Award**

Corynn was nominated for the Good Character Award by her bus driver Ron Westering. Corynn sits in her seat every day on the bus and doesn't jump around. She uses good manners and says pleasant comments to her friends on the bus. She shows the pillar of Responsibility by facing the front of the bus and not turning around. Although there are many nice children on the bus, Corynn

# News from Mrs Skophammer's Art Room

Wow! What a busy season. And, what a great time of year for students to learn and incorporate art fundamentals into their lessons in every area of learning. I've seen this taking place in the classrooms as well as my art room and it brings a big smile to my face every time I see art fundamentals and basics crossing over into the core subjects.

We've been making ceramic pots using the pinch and coil method in 5th and 6th grade. One of the 6th grade classes created pots using slabs of clay which they texturized with the patterns on the soles of their shoes. This was done by rolling out the clay, pressing the shoe on the clay to give it a unique texture, joining the slab of clay to the pinch pot base, and then finishing the clay pot to give it a unique look with glaze. These pots had the look of Native American Art.

Fourth graders have been studying the fine art of metal embossing by using metal and a stylus. We used the subject matter of dinosaurs as a starting point and the art work took on a life of its own. Fourth graders also learned about the artist Edvard Munch and The Scream that is still a popular work of art today.

Third graders have completed various projects. One of these has been drawing the world's largest snowman wearing a patterned sweater. We studied energy conservation and found out that we could save lots of money by wearing a sweater or layers of clothing instead of always turning the heat up.

Second graders have completed acetate projects studying famous artists. It's exciting to draw and color on acetate while learning about artists.

Kindergarten and first graders completed a unit on self-portraits and have been using collage as a way to complete some holiday units of study. The various textures and colors in collage allow for a variety of exploration!

Optional kindergarten students created Rudolph from wood. They have also created large fish using bright colors.

Fourth grader, Miranda Jud, and third grader, Sara Wedemeyer, have placed nationally in the Crayola Art Exhibition! Sara's work entitled "What a Large Mouth You Have" and Miranda's work entitled "WoW!" will be published in the 2008-2009 Crayola Exhibition Book. Their work will also be displayed on the Crayola's website. Their pastel works were created in art class while studying the coral reef. Each depicted life under the sea. Congratulations, students!

We've continued to study about conservation, fire prevention, and how important it is to use a seat belt. We've designed posters just like professional advertisers to relay the message.

## **Congratulations to local fire poster winners:**

**2nd Grade, Mrs. Pearson's Section** - 1st place, Erica Birkey

2nd place tie: Samantha Ruhland and AJ Caldwell

3rd Place Tie: Derek Girard and Ben Quade

**3rd Grade, Mrs. Casey's Section** - 1st place, Julie Quade and Ashley Schroeder

2nd place, Anna Reicks

3rd place: Tiffany Espe

4th place: Alex Jacobsen

## **Seat Belt Poster Contest winners locally:**

**4th Grade, Mrs. Jacobsen's section** - Tie for 1st place: Emma Nelson and Macey Lewis

2nd Place : Anthony Larson

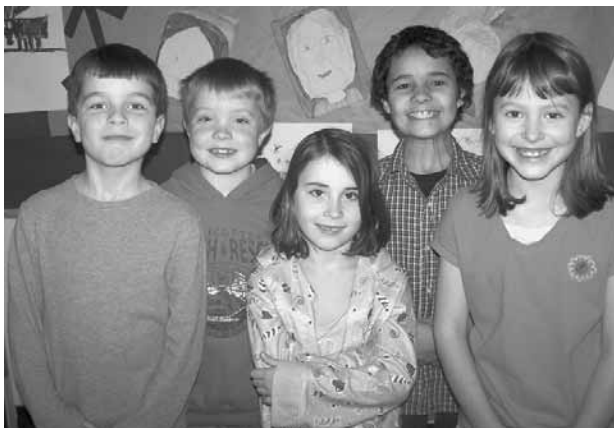
3rd place tie: Erin Gerke and Ashlee Grady

4th place Emma Suhrenberg

**3rd Grade, Mrs. Nelson's Section** - 1st place tie: Cassie Darr and Kearstin Gross, Abby Larson  
Tie for 2nd place: Jacob Siepker and Natalie Reese

Congratulations to the entire class for designing posters in class which emphasized fire safety and also the importance of wearing a seat belt! Both are REALLY important issues and it was fun to act as an advertising campaign manager to plan the poster out and see it through to completion. Congratulations also to the winners! They received certificates as well as art supplies and various other awards.

Fourth grader, Miranda Jud, left, and third grader, Sara Wedemeyer, placed in Crayola's national contest.



Fire poster winners. Second graders, Mrs. Pearson's Section, from left, Ben Quade, Derek Girard, Erica Birkey, Azekiel Caldwell, Samantha Ruhland.



Fire poster winners. Third graders, Mrs. Casey's Section, from left, Ashley Schroeder, Alex Jacobsen, Julie Quade, Anna Reicks, Tiffany Espe.



Seat belt winners. Third grade, first row, Natalie Reese, Jacob Siepker. Back row, Abby Larson, Cassie Darr and Kearstin Gross.

Seat belt winners. Fourth grade, Mrs. Jacobsen's section, from left, Macey Lewis, Emma Nelson, Anthony Larson, Ashley Grady, Erin Gerke, Emma Stuhrenberg.



The winter sports have gotten off to a slow start with the inclement weather, but Cougar Club has still been busy preparing for upcoming concession stands.

Manson Northwest Webster will once again be hosting District Wrestling on February 14th. As you all know this is a huge event and we need all the help that we can get. We will also be hosting 3 girls' district basketball games on February 14, 17 and 20. This is an excellent way for MNW to really show off our great facility, students and staff to all the visiting teams for these highly attended activities. If you would like to work at any of these events please email Lisa Lang at [langl@manson-nw.k12.ia.us](mailto:langl@manson-nw.k12.ia.us).

The current officers have enjoyed their responsibilities over the past two years. However, our terms are coming to an end in the spring. If anybody would like to be an officer come to our next meeting on March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School commons. No obligations, just check out what we are all about.

Cougar Club has been able to purchase many new uniforms over the past year because of the success of our concession stands. We have purchased new boys' track uniforms, girls' track warmups, volleyball uniforms, football cheerleading warmups and uniforms, wrestling cheerleading warmups and uniforms, basketball cheerleading warmups, girls basketball away uniforms, band uniforms and Quantum dresses. We have also have provided scholarships, coaching certification fees and other financial support to our MNW students.

Visit the Cougar Club online to keep up with the Cougar Club news at [www.mnwcougars.com/high-school/cougar-club/](http://www.mnwcougars.com/high-school/cougar-club/)

*Lisa Lang, Cougar Club President*

## All-Iowa Honor Dance Team

Fairon Blead, a senior member of the MNW drill team, has been chosen for the 2009 All-Iowa Honor Dance Team. Auditions were held at Ames High school in September. Fairon was one of 276 dancers chosen to be part of the pre-game and halftime entertainment of the 3A Girls Basketball Championship game, March 7, at Wells Fargo in Des Moines.

Fairon will be among 52 dancers performing with light sticks for the pre-game entertainment and the state flag routine with a patriotic salute leading into the National Anthem during the halftime entertainment.

Fairon is the daughter of Brad and Pam Blead. Congratulations, Fairon!



## Character Counts in Cougar Country

The MNW Elementary staff would like to invite the patrons of the MNW communities in on a little adventure. The elementary building is learning about the Character Counts Program and how it affects them in and out of the school environment. The program emphasizes the 6 Pillars: Citizenship, Caring, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, and Fairness. Please call the MNW Elementary School to submit names about children you see demonstrating the 6 Pillars of Character out in the communities. The students will be recognized for their character with a picture of them in the school newsletter and the Journal-Herald and at the elementary school's monthly assemblies. We want to connect the Manson Northwest Webster School District with the communities to increase the overall success of our young people. Please call the elementary school at 712-469-2682.

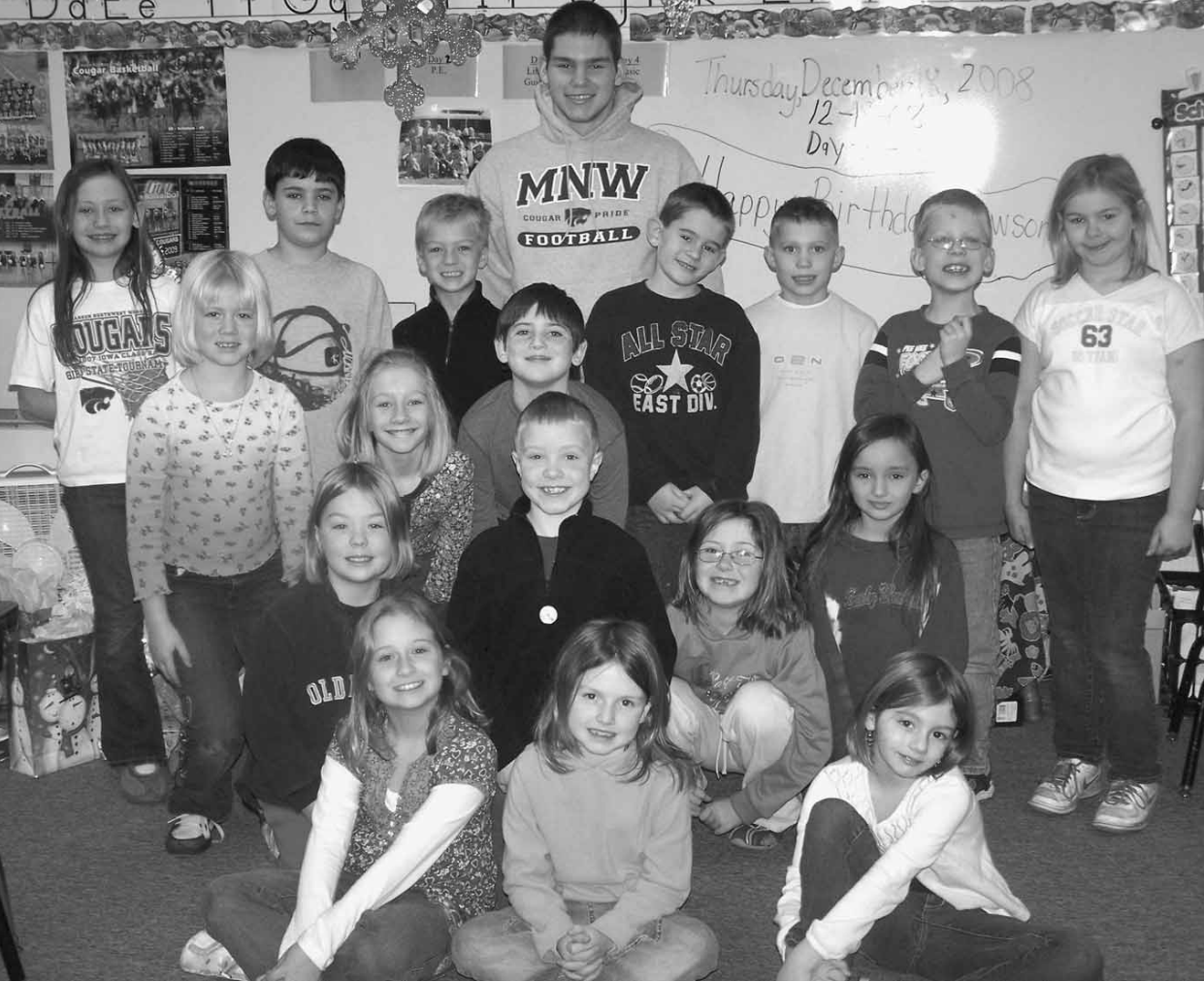
*Mrs. Pam Blead, Elementary School Counselor/Assistant Principal*



## High School Helper for Second Grade

Having a high school helper is not only rewarding for the elementary students, but for the high school helper as well. The first semester Mrs. Schreier's 2nd grade class enjoyed having Drew McCubbin in their classroom. Some of the areas Drew helped out with are: listening to students read, helping students with math, art projects, working on gingerbread houses, writing letters, and much more.

Mrs. Schreier appreciates Drew's help. Drew was a great role model for the students.



Student names are left to right. Sitting: First row, Tabitha Thael, Elizabeth Woltman, Autumn Green. Second row sitting, Kate Schreier, Devin Girard, Jessica Aber, Lexi Larson. Third row, Kenahdi Ferguson, Claire Martens, Riley Larsen. Fourth row, Sadie Snell, Riley Peters, Brian Pearson, High school helper-Drew McCubbin, Zachary Sheets, Dawson Estergaard, Shea Johnson, Becca Wignall. Absent: Riley Sweeney, Lillian Fitzgerald

## Partners in Education:

### Manson Good Samaritan Center and Third Grade

The Manson Good Samaritan Home is Mrs. Casey's third grade Partner in Education. The first part of December her class, along with Mrs. Nelson's class, traveled to the nursing home to perform pieces from their winter concert. Mrs. Molly Berns, Mrs. Judy Besch, and Mr. Wade Wubben also accompanied them. The students enjoyed performing and the residents enjoyed the performance. On December 17, Mrs. Casey's third grade visited the nursing home again, and this time were given a tour. It was great

to see the Christmas decorations that the third grade made hanging on the residents' doors. It was interesting and fun to see the different areas of the nursing home and what is available to the residents. The students also made gifts for each resident - a coaster they painted. Each student received a candy cane and a lunch bag with the Good Samaritan logo filled with an activity fun book and a Christmas ornament from the nursing home. We look forward to visiting again.



The third graders entertain Good Samaritan Center residents with Christmas songs in December. Directing is Mrs. Molly Berns.

The French Club wishes to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Pizza Ranch for supporting our fund raising efforts through the Tip Nights! We also wish to thank everyone who contributed to us by attending our Tip Nights and our soup supper. **Merci beaucoup!!**

The Drill Team thanks everyone for supporting them and their bread-braid and calendar fundraisers, as well as attending the Halloween dance. These fundraisers help with competition expenses and performance supplies. **Drill Team Members and Sponsors Mary Fitzgerald and Karen Lawler.**

## HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS

As we are half way through the school year it is an important time for seniors and senior parents. There are a lot of things to be getting done and here is a checklist to be looking at to see if they are finished.

**FAFSA form** – This is the single piece of information that you can do to ensure financial aid for your son or daughter if they are going on to college. The Free Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA) is a time sensitive document that needs to be completed ASAP to ensure maximum financial aid for your child. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to begin the process. The closer to January 1 that this is completed the more opportunities you will have access to. If you need assistance or have questions the best FREE source out there is Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) @ 877-272-4692.

**Remaining 2008-09 ACT Testing Dates** – If you are planning to attend a 4 year college you must take the ACT test. Remaining test dates are: April 4 (deadline to register is February 27) and June 13 (deadline to register is May 8). Remember you can take this as many times as you would like and you can get registration information in the guidance office or at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**Scholarship opportunities** - Local scholarship applications will be available in the guidance office starting February 10 through March 10. There are numerous state and national scholarships that are available in the guidance office. A list of these are updated weekly at [www.mnwcougars.com](http://www.mnwcougars.com) on the school homepage. On the homepage go to the "Quick Links" drop bar and click on "Scholarships."

**FAFSA Meetings** - A representative from ICAN will be available to provide one on one help completing the FAFSA at the MNW HS on February 24 from noon - 8:00 pm if you are having problems or just want some assistance. You can call the high school office to schedule a half hour session anytime. You will need to bring your FAFSA PIN # if you have that along with a copy of your 2008 tax return.

**College Visits** - Go out and visit colleges you are interested in. Each senior is allowed 3 college visits during the school day if you want to go and visit schools of interest. It is great to do this if you have questions or just want to go during a school day and get a feel for campus life. Call the admissions office of the college you intend to visit and set up an appointment with them. Then just be sure to call the school office and let them know your son or daughter will be gone.

As always if you have questions, please feel free to call Mr. Anliker in the high school guidance office with questions.

## What is RtI?

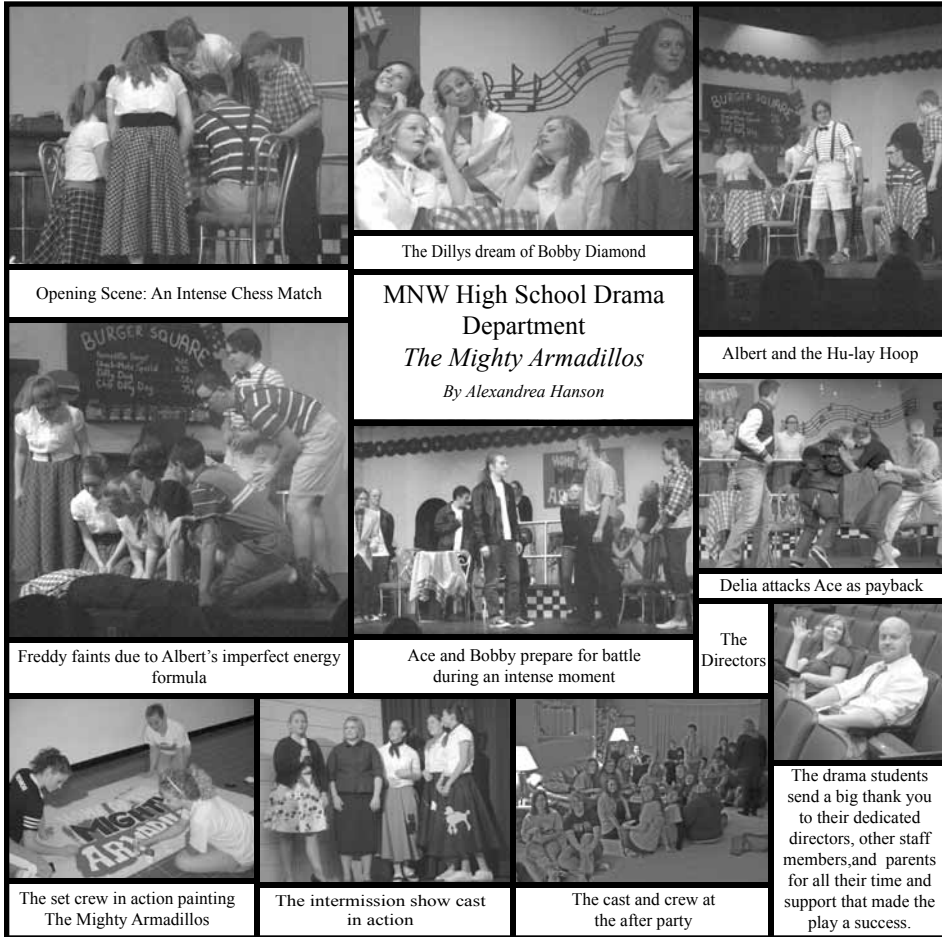
*Amy Champagne, AEA Rep*

RtI stands for Response to Intervention. It is a process used by teachers in the MNW School District to address different student needs. When students are struggling with a skill or concept, they may require additional help to master the skill. Using data, teachers identify the students who need help and provide this through a Supplemental Intervention group. During this small group time, teachers regularly work with the students using research-based strategies to improve skills. Teachers also closely monitor progress throughout the intervention. When students master the skill being worked on, they no longer need a Supplemental Intervention.

Occasionally, students continue to require extra assistance. They may then receive an Intensive Intervention. This intervention is provided in a very small group, or one-on-one setting, and includes an increased amount of time. Again, progress is monitored closely by the teacher so that the instruction can be changed to fit the learner.

The RtI process can also be used for students who have already mastered skills and need to have their curriculum expanded. A variety of assessments help teachers know which students would benefit from Supplemental or Intensive Interventions throughout the school year. The teachers at MNW are really strong at figuring out what kids need to be successful in their learning. RtI is just one process that helps them provide a rigorous and attainable curriculum for all.

*Manson Northwest Webster Community School District is dedicated to achieving excellence in education and developing responsible citizens. We welcome the challenge.*



## All That Is Merry and Cheerful

By Emily Mallinger

Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm the MNW music department directed by Cassie Langstaff and Bryan Willer gave its first holiday performance. Both the choir and the band displayed the illuminating sounds of the Christmas season which created a festive atmosphere. The concert choir sang a total of six songs and three solos were performed. Jason Stuhrenberg, Brent Lamphier, Brandon Berg, Jared Leppert, and Brad Hanson played *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*. Another highlight of the night was Taylor Huseman directing the choir as they performed *The Little Drummer Boy*.



On Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> the Quantum and Jazz Band gave their holiday renditions. The musical selections for the evening were varied. A number of solos were given by Amber Onnen, Vanessa Ellsbury, Abi Steib, Chloe Peterson, Ashley Quade, Jamie Keil, a duet by Mackenzie Larson and Kalib King and the sax players performed *I'll Be Home For Christmas*. Daniel Sutter, Taylor Huseman, Brandon Berg, Jared Leppert, and Sam Schreier had an incredible hit with *Christmas in Sarajevo*. The last two songs of the night, *Angels We Have Heard on High* and *Silent Night*, were performed by the Jazz Band and Quantum. The Fine Arts department hopes that those who enjoy the arts will continue to support the concerts.

## A Fruitful Success

By Elizabeth Calmer and Brendan Libbey

MNW FFA fruit sales kicked off on the morning of October 7<sup>th</sup>. This annual fundraiser is probably the most competitive one in the school as the race was on as FFA members eagerly worked to meet or surpass their goal of \$23,000. Through their commitment and competitive nature, they sold 1,530 items which helped them beat their goal by \$83.50. "It was a very successful year," remarked Mr. Gaul, the FFA advisor. The top fruit peddlers this year were senior Brent Lamphier who sold \$2,514 and junior Ben Butcher who came in with \$2,350.50. The MNW FFA chapter uses the fruit sales fundraiser to support their activities and events and to give back to the community. Some of their activities and events include Feed the Farmer, Kinder "Garden" Forest, and donating fruit to the Good Samaritan Center. Other benefits from the sales helps members to improve their leadership skills by sending them to conventions and conferences. Without the support of the community, the benefits would not exist. Therefore, a big thank you goes out to everyone who supports the FFA program.



## Quantum and Choir Update

By Vanessa Ellsbury

After an eventful December, the Quantum members were busier than ever as they worked to get ready for a state-wide competition which was held on Saturday, January 31, at Okoboji. Some of their selections included "What a Feeling" from the movie Flashdance, and "You Can't Stop the Beat" from the Broadway musical Hairspray. Performers are still practicing morning, day, and night for two upcoming concerts which will be held on February 26 and May 14, and the musical "Beauty and the Beast" which will be held on March 28 and 29.



Many new members have joined Quantum and choir second semester which makes everyone very excited. It is a very hectic time of year as there are speech and band events to prepare for as well. We wish all the students the best of luck as they work hard to do their best!



## District Jazz

By Allie Seavert

On December 6<sup>th</sup> the Manson Northwest Webster Jazz Band participated in the district jazz competition at Webster City High School. The musicians boarded a bus at 6:30 in the morning and departed for Webster City just after 7. A total of 21 MNW students contributed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place win out of 8 schools. The band performed these three pieces: *Backburner*, by Carl Strommen; *Goodbye My Heart*, by Mike Smukal, featuring Taylor Huseman; and *Storm Zone*, by Doug Beach. Six soloists received outstanding solo awards: Taylor Huseman, John Jenkins, Christopher Keller, Jared Leppert, Jenna Remsburg, and Jason Stuhrenberg. Jason and Taylor, who each had 2 solos, both received double solo awards. The performers stayed at the high school until after the awards at 12:30 then stopped at McDonalds for lunch.



## State Drill Team Results

By Kinsey O'Hern and Kelsey Hood

After a long three months of practicing at six o'clock in the morning four times a week, the MNW drill team ventured to Des Moines on December 5<sup>th</sup>. With two routines, pom and light, the squad was eager to perform. The girls made their trek to the capital city on Friday and stayed in a hotel across from Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Early Saturday morning the excitement of the upcoming day buzzed around the room as the girls did their hair and makeup and donned their outfits. The MNW squad was one of the first pom routines to perform that morning. Their two minute routine was a mix of "Girlfriend" by Avril Levine and "Hey Mickey" by Toni Basil.



To relieve some anxiety, the girls took a breather and did a bit of shopping and then returned to Vets to watch a few other performances before they prepared to perform their next routine. The girls' practices paid off as both the pom and light routines fared very well. They received a division 1 rating for their light routine and a division 1 rating along with a fourth place trophy for their pom performance. The drill team also received an all academic award because each girl had an average GPA of 3.00 or better. The team had a positive experience at state and are proud of their performances. The team is shown with their trophy and plaques. Absent from the photo is Jessica Dawson and Elizabeth Calmer. Sponsors are Mary Fitzgerald and Karen Lawler.



## Giving Back to the Community

By Marissa Olson and Kelsey Sukovaty

MNW National Honor Society students were hard at work trying to give a little something back to their community. On Monday, November 24, NHS members donated over 20 squash to the Fort Dodge Salvation Army. Ben Butcher, Chloe Peterson, Danielle Lang, Jordan Howell, Kristine Condon, Nicole Haines, and Sarah Albers planned the project with the squash that was donated by Lynch Farms. These squash were used to help feed those in need at Thanksgiving. Then, on Friday, December 19th, another group of NHS members which consisted of Kirsten Rasch, Amber Onnen, Brandon Schoon, Jason Stuhrenberg, Sam Schreier, Fairon Bleam, Kelsey Sukovaty, Kinsey O'Hern, Allie Seavert, Alyssa Miller, Dani Lang, Ashley Quade, and Kelsey Hood travelled to Fort Dodge and spent the day helping the Salvation Army move toys and supplies from the gift reception center to the storage unit at the Salvation Army building basement a couple of blocks away. The workers were very grateful for the generous NHS help as it would have taken them a week and a backache to do the work the students did in an afternoon.

## Doug Wood Wrestling Invitational a Success

By Mitch Lewis

The Cougars conquered the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Doug Wood Cougar Wrestling Invitational by taking the title. It was a full house as fans filled the gym while the MNW wrestlers competed against seven other teams. The end results were stupendous for the Cougars who finished with 237.5 points. With 167 points, Ogden trailed in second place. These five wrestlers took first place honors: freshman Jesse Partlow, sophomores Skyler Rice, Austin Rasch and Ronnie Allbee, and senior Tom Lawler. Second place went to sophomore Jordan Howell, and seniors Brad Cabrera, Landon Rasch, and Nathan Waller. The wrestlers worked their way to success, and fans hope the second half of the season is as victorious as the first half.

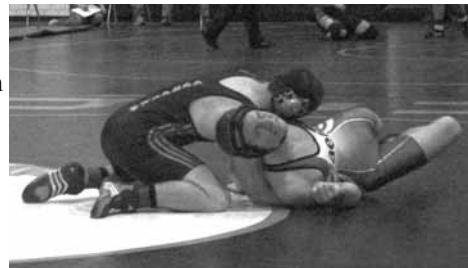


Above: The wrestling team after winning the Doug Wood Cougar Invitational



Left: Fellow team members junior Dustin Anderson and Sopomore Ronnie Allbee head off in a match

Right: Senior Drew McCubbin taking a hold of his opponent



Right: Junior Joey Dupont and freshman Jesse Partlow warming up before their matches



### Team Standings:

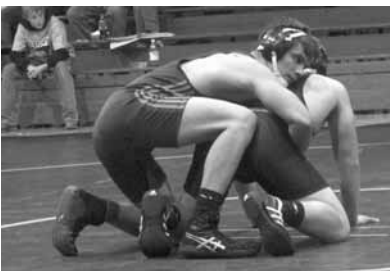
1. Manson Northwest Webster, 237.5;
2. Ogden, 167;
3. South Hamilton, 147;
4. Alta, 132;
5. St. Edmond, 128.5;
6. Clarinda Academy, 118;
7. Aurelia/Galva-Holstein/Schaller Crestland, 106.5;
8. East Sac County, 41;
9. Manson Northwest Webster JV, 40.



Above: Freshman Dillan Dorage shootin' for a single leg



Above: Senior Brad Cabrera going for the pin

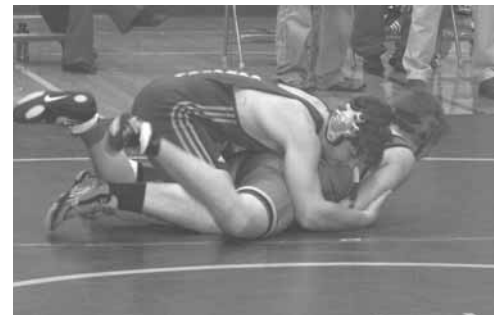


Right: Senior Nick Myers taking down his opponent

Left: Sophomore Ronnie Allbee handling his opponent



Above: Sophomore Skyler Rice in action



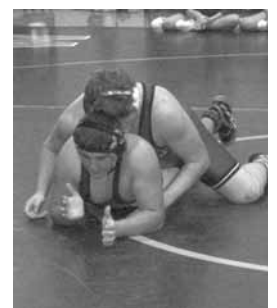
Above: Senior Landon Rasch in control of his opponent



Above: Sophomore Skyler Rice working for back points



Right: Senior Brad Cabrera getting jacked for his match



Above: Sophomore Jarod Gross planning an escape

## Winter Survey

What is your favorite Christmas present?

By Max Wood



Mr. Williamson - "A coffee pot with a grinder in it"



Samantha Condon - "My Camera"



Alex Hanson & Vanessa Ellsbury - "Our Phones"



Chris Stuhrenberg - "A HP desktop with a 19 in. screen"



Keegan Janeski - "An ipod touch"



Spencer Nimke - "A Manchester United Jersey"

## New Year's Resolutions

By Sara Reicks



“To grow some hair on my head...haha”  
- Mr. Willer



“To be nicer to Mrs. Bilek”  
- Grant Stange



“To make more money next year”  
- Mr. Harman



“Be another year older”  
- Mr. Freed



“Quit drinking pop”- Austin Johnson

Internet Valentine's Day Fun Facts  
By Kelsey Sukovaty

- Men purchase most of the boxes of candy and bouquets of flowers given on Valentine's Day, but over the last ten years women are buying their share.
- About 3% of the world's pet owners give gifts to their pets on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.
- Parents receive 1 out of every 5 Valentine's cards.
- Women are the major purchasers of Valentine cards and in the United States, about 1 billion cards are exchanged.
- Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given.

### February Birthdays

Trevor Hood	01	Nicole Haines	18
Jillian Merritt	03	Allie Seavert	20
David Besch	04	Nichole Licht	21
Austin Rasch	08	Amy Devlin	22
Jackie Aden	08	Danielle Poppinga	22
Matt Rowen	09	BreAnn Harman	23
Samantha Condon	09	Meghann Winter	25
Jade Green	09		
Kurtis Rose	11	<b>Celebrity Birthdays</b>	
Nick Myers	12	Shakira	02
Maria Francois	14	Emma Roberts	10
Jordan Howell	14	Abraham Lincoln	12
Tyler Lennon	15	Larry the Cable Guy	17
Daniel Goodwin	15	John Travolta	18
Avery Birchard	17		
Griffin Arthur	17		

# Senior Spotlights



**Name:** Fairon Ann-Marie Bleam  
**Parents:** Brad & Pam Bleam  
**Siblings:** Maison and Canon

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Harry Potter's castle  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Harry Potter, Kirk Ferentz, and Sarah Tjaden  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** With Kinsey or Alyssa  
**My goal is to be a:** Counselor and coach  
**My role models are:** My brothers Maison and Canon  
**I can't go a day without:** Singing loudly and laughing until I cry.  
**It would surprise people that:** I don't get dressed in the dark.  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Softball, volleyball, drill team, band, student counsel, NHS, and Community Cares  
**Favorites:**  
**T.V. show:** Gossip Girl  
**Color:** Green and Black  
**Food:** Shrimp Fettucini  
**Music:** Anything I know the words to  
**Teacher(s):** All of them  
**Class:** French  
**Most Memorable or Embarrassing Moment:** One day when Kari Seavert very loudly asked me if I got dressed in the dark  
**Quote:** Life is only as complicated as a person makes it.  
**Shout-Out:** HAVE NO REGRETS



**Name:** Brandon Schoon  
**Parents:** Lynn and Patty Schoon  
**Siblings:** Blaire

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Venice, Italy  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Lloyd Christmas, Adrian Peterson, and Chris Farley  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** At home  
**My goal is to be a:** Coach  
**My role model is:** Tyler Hansbrough  
**I can't go a day without:** A computer  
**It would surprise people that:** I am not shy  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Football, Basketball, Track, NHS, Community Cares  
**Favorites:**  
**T.V. Show-** CSI                      **Food -** Tacos  
**Music -** Anything                      **Movie-** Tommy Boy  
**Teacher -** Mr. Huck  
**Class -** Weightlifting and Leadership  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** People who don't stop talking  
**Most Memorable/Embarrassing Moment:** 2008 Ogden Football Game  
**Quote:** The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender  
**Shout Out:** No regrets



**Name:** Jeramy Leonard Vetter  
**Parents:** Larry and Jane  
**Siblings:** Ashley

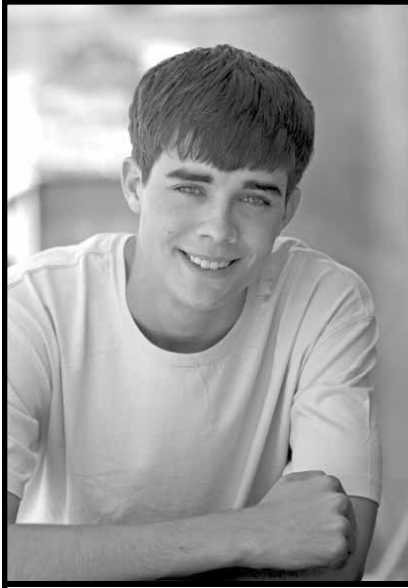
**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Australia.  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Marilyn Manson, Sully Erna, and Brandon Rose  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** Playing RockBand and remodeling airplanes.  
**My role model is:** My dad.  
**I can't go a day without:** Playstation.  
**It would surprise people that:** I'm a dad.  
**Favorites:**  
**T.V. Show -** “Stargate SG-1”  
**Food -** Subway  
**Music -** Rock  
**Color-** Black  
**Teacher -** Mr. Zinnel  
**Class -** Science  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** Fake people  
**Quote:** “It's better to be hated for who you are than to be loved for who you're not.”



**Name:** Landon Rasch  
**Parents:** Justin and Cherissa  
**Siblings:** Dalton and Austin

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Islands of Dubai  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Dave Mirra, Travis Pastrana, and Chris Farley  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** Working or with friends  
**My goal is to:** Work for the president position of Rasch Construction  
**My role model is:** My father and mother  
**I can't go a day without:** Quoting a movie  
**It would surprise people that:** I sold my motorcycles and don't race motocross anymore  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Wrestling, Golf, Wakeboarding, or just anything someone wants to do for fun  
**Favorites:**  
**T.V. Show-** Family Guy  
**Food -** Smothered boneless chicken  
**Music -** Anything by repetitive rap  
**Teacher -** Mrs. Gerke  
**Class -** It's all okay  
**Most Memorable/Embarrassing Moment:** Spilling chocolate milk all over my clothes in Kindergarten  
**Quote:** Most of the shadows cast in our lifetime are caused because we stand in the way of our own sunshine.

# Senior Spotlights



**Name:** Brendan Libbey  
**Parents:** Brenda Williams  
**Siblings:** Hadley & Marissa

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Australia.  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Ricky Carmichael, Olivia Munn, and Anthony Bourdain  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** At work or home  
**When I grow up I want to be :** Out of Iowa  
**My role model is:** Ricky Carmichael  
**I can't go a day without:** Checking my email  
**It would surprise people that:** I used to be really shy around new people.  
**Extracurricular Activities:** FFA Treasurer, Band, & Jazz Band  
**Favorites:**  
 T.V. Show – "Family Guy"                      Food – Spaghetti  
 Music – Whatever is good                      Class – Ag  
 Teacher – Mr. Gaul and Mr. Willer  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** People who drink and drive  
**Quote:** "Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it kills all its pupils" – Louis Hector Berlioz  
**Most Memorable moment:** Mr. Gaul singing the entire Oscar Mayer Wiener song in Farm Business Management  
**Shout Out:** Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.



**Name:** Kelsey Hood  
**Parents:** Phil and Teresa  
**Siblings:** Kenny and Katie

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Australia  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Krista Fitzgerald, Barack Obama, and Zac Efron  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** At the school or doing something school related.  
**When I grow up I want to be:** Successful  
**My role model is:** My brother  
**I can't go a day without:** Texting.  
**It would surprise people that:** I wasn't breathing when I was born.  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Softball, Drill Team, Band/Flags, NHS, NCYL, Student Council, Football Statistician  
**Favorites:**  
 T.V. Show- One Tree Hill                      Food – Chicken  
 Music – Anything                                      Movie- Rent  
 Teacher – Mr. Huck and Madame              Color- Purple  
 Class – All classes with Mr. Huck  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** People that chomp their gum  
**Most Memorable/Embarrassing Moment:** State Basketball 2007 & 2008  
**Quote:** "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them" –Walt Disney  
**Shout out:** Get involved and have fun!



**Name:** Ben Sonntag  
**Parents:** Jerry and Kathy  
**Siblings:** Amanda

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Africa  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Bruce Froemming, Bill Klem, and God  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** Officiating some sport  
**When I grow up I want to be:** A MLB umpire  
**My role model is:** My Grandpa Sonntag  
**I can't go a day without:** Singing  
**It would surprise people that:** I watch every episode of Jeopardy.  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Baseball, Track, Golf, Community Cares, Quantum, Musical, Co-ed Drill Team  
**Favorites:**  
 T.V. Show- Baseball Tonight  
 Food – Tacos  
 Music – Everything  
 Teacher – Madame and Toni Tews  
 Class – Elementary Ed  
 Color- Midnight Blue  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** Being cold  
**Embarrassing Moment:** Messing around on Kirsten's crutches in French class and then falling in front of everyone.  
**Quote:** "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."  
**Shout-Out-** Get involved and have fun!



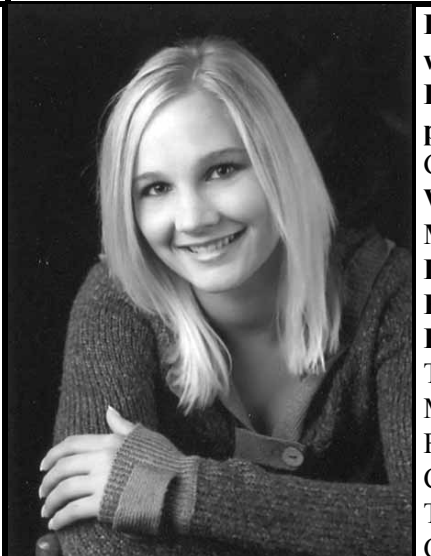
**Name:** Amber Kristina Onnen  
**Parents:** Mark Onnen & Joni Onnen  
**Siblings:** Alicia

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Greece  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Grandma Freese, Edward Cullen, & Kate Hudson  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** At some type of practice or doing homework.  
**When I grow up I want to be:** Involved in the health field  
**My role models are:** My parents  
**I can't go a day without:** Eating  
**It would surprise people that:** I actually eat A LOT!  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Drill Team, Quantum, Band, Vocal, NHS, Flags, Community Cares, Adventure Fly, NCYL  
**Favorites:**  
 T.V. Show- What I Like About You & One Tree Hill  
**Food –** Spaghetti & Garlic Bread  
**Music –** Everything but mostly country  
**Color-** Green  
**Teacher –** Mrs. Gerke  
**Class –** French with Madame  
**Most Memorable Moment:** Going to Paris!  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** Loud voices  
**Quote:** "Live, Laugh, Love"



**Name:** Virginia Sue Schoon  
**Parents:** Kevin and Patti Schoon  
**Siblings:** Josh Coon

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Rome, Italy  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Grandpa Koster, God, and my brother, Josh.  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** In Rockwell or working  
**When I grow up I want to be a:** Pediatrician  
**My role model is:** My mother  
**I can't go a day without:** Hanging out with my friends  
**Favorites:**  
 T.V. Show- Family Guy  
 Food – Pickles  
 Music – Rock, Emo, Metal  
 Color- Green and Black  
 Teacher – Mr. Whaley  
 Class – Study Hall  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** People who chew with their mouth open  
**Quote:** "Popularity ends on yearbook day- Respect lasts forever."



**Name:** Tayler Eischeid  
**Parents:** Jeff & Lisa Eischeid  
**Siblings:** Brooke & Brody

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Egypt  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Jennie Finch, Grandma Eischeid, & Grandma Krebs  
**When I grow up I want to be a:** Doctor  
**My role model are:** My parents  
**I can't go a day without:** Diet Mountain Dew  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Softball & NHS  
**Favorites:**  
 T.V. Show- One Tree Hill  
 Music – Anything but heavy metal  
 Food – Cajun Chicken Pasta  
 Color – Aqua blue  
 Teacher – Madame and Mrs. Gerke  
 Class – World History  
**Most Memorable Moment:** In kindergarten I was taking my paint shirt off and my other shirt came off with it.  
**Quote:** "Life's not fair, get over it."



**Name:** Brent Lamphier  
**Parents:** Russ and Mary  
**Siblings:** Adam and Wesly

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** China.  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** God, Brett Farve, and Patrick Star  
**When I'm not at school I'm:** At home, out with friends, or working.  
**When I grow up I want to be a:** Band director.  
**My role models are:** My parents.  
**I can't go a day without:** Music.  
**It would surprise people that:** I'm very shy and worry about everything.  
**Extracurricular Activities:** Jazz Band, Church Committee, FFA, Choir, and Church Choir  
**Favorites:**  
 T.V. Show – "Rules of Engagement"  
 Food – Pizza  
 Music – Jazz/Classical  
 Teachers – All of them  
 Class – Band/Theory  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** Stupid people with no common sense  
**Quote:** "Forget past mistakes. Forget failures. Forget about everything except what you're going to do now—and do it." –William Durant



**Name:** Nathan Waller  
**Parents Names:** Dave and Janis  
**Siblings Name:** Justin

**If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would visit:** Italy  
**I would like to have dinner with these three people:** Cael Sanderson, Kimbo Slice, and Grandpa Waller  
**When I am not at school I am:** Working, with Hannah, or bonfires with Hermanns'  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Collision repair technician  
**My role model is:** (Grandpa) Clarence Waller  
**I can't go a day without:** My car  
**It would surprise people that:** I know how to cook.  
**Extracurricular activities:** Wrestling, FFA, Electrathon  
**Favorites:**  
 T.V. Show: Family Guy  
**Color:** Blue  
**Food:** Cheese balls  
**Music:** Yodeling  
**Teacher:** Mr. Nelson  
**Class:** Auto Tech  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** My mom singing  
**Quote:** Decide. Commit. Succeed.



# APPLIED WOODS CLASS



The following students completed these individual projects in Applied Woods 1 class.  
 Marcus Tague- Mission Style Oak entertainment center  
 Griffin Arthur- Bench and a Cougar style endtable  
 Austin Rasch- 8x12 shed  
 Matt Albright- Quilt rack  
 Spencer Nimke-Display shelf  
 Skyler Rice-Coffee table  
 Caleb Alne-Oak and cedar entertainment center  
 -Mr. Brian Nelson



Austin Rasch - 8x12 Shed



Marcus Tague - Mission Style Entertainment Center



Griffin Arthur - Cougar Endtable and Bench



Matt Albright - Quilt Rack



Spencer Nimke - Display Shelf



Skyler Rice - Coffee Table



Caleb Alne - Oak and Cedar Entertainment Center

## WINNIE THE POOH CELEBRATION

Even though the snow postponed the Winnie the Pooh celebration, it finally took place the week of Jan 19-23 in the k-5 library classes. Mrs. Musselman shared some Pooh cookies, a story about Eeyore's birthday and a game of skip-around-the-table.

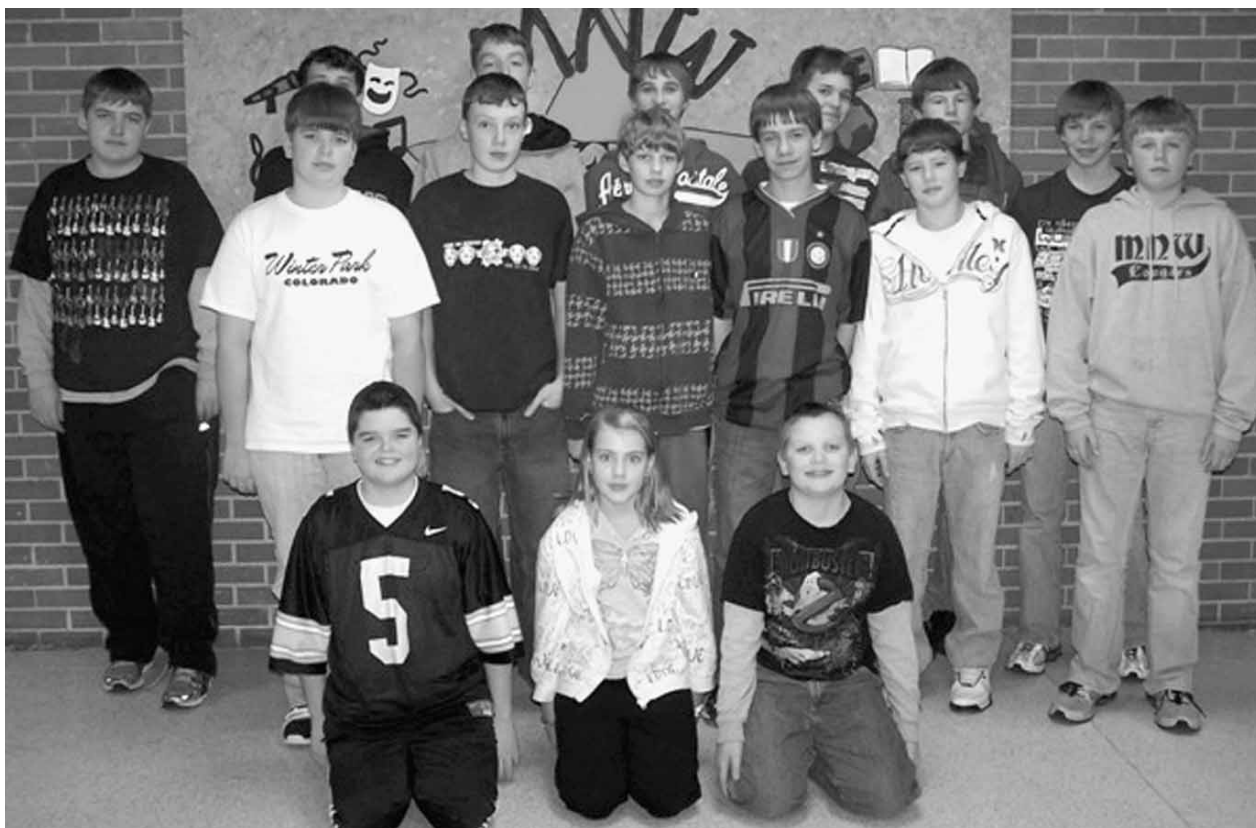


Mrs. Musselman is shown with Mrs. Rost's kindergarten class. Sitting from left are Elizabeth Cain, Donavon Hanson, Lance Teeselink, Tanner Gerke, Cody Schultz, Natalie Pearson, Aubrey Jones, Molly Larson. Kneeling are Destinee Martens, Eli Larson and Bradley Foster. Standing are Lexi Lewis, Courtney Colshan, Olivia Calmer, Reyd Oldson, Logan Crouse, Nathan Thoma and Carson Bower.

## Middle School Student Council Meets

The student council members met with all the representatives for the quarter this morning. The meeting was a planning session for the Career Education Day to be held on February 13. The Student Council students will be serving all of the professionals a delicious lunch, before the sessions begin.

- Mrs. Lenz, Student Council Coordinator



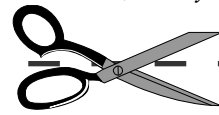
Front row, from left: Cal Twait, Katelyn Jacobson, Ethan Lenz. Middle row, Keyton Strutzenberg, Alex Reicks, Mitch Rosendahl, Braden Moser, Hudson Spedding and Max Peters. Back row, Adam Byrne, Cole Rowan, Kolin Sukovaty, Brody Eischeid, Jordan Reuter, Payton Rice, and Collin Christianson.

# Karl L. King Honor Band Festival

The following Manson Northwest Webster Middle School students participated and performed at the Karl King Honor Band Festival January 24, at the Saint Edmond Middle School in Fort Dodge. Students performing in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade honor band were: Alison McFarland –clarinet, and Meridith Callahan – flute. Students performing in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade honor band were; Alli Miller – clarinet, Shelby Quade – trombone, and Keyton Strutzenberg – percussion. Congratulations to all of the musicians for doing an outstanding job representing the MNW Middle School Instrumental Music Department!



Middle school students participating in the Karl King Honor Band Festival were, from left, Alison McFarland - clarinet, Meridith Callahan - flute, Alli Miller - clarinet, Shelby Quade - trombone, Keyton Strutzenberg - percussion.



## Important Preschool Survey for ALL District Patrons

Dear Manson Northwest Webster School District Patron;

Manson-Northwest Webster School District is applying for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Grant through the Department of Education. This grant will provide free preschool education for four-year-old children in our school district as well as provide for other improvements and benefits to the preschool program. One of the requirements of this grant is evidence of documentation of community feedback in the application process. For this reason, we are asking our school district's constituents to fill out and return this very short survey to our elementary office by February 7, 2009. The survey is also on-line at [www.mnwcougars.com](http://www.mnwcougars.com) if you would like to complete the survey electronically. Thank you for your time and support of this initiative.

This survey also helps our district identify those students who wish to attend our preschool program in the fall of 2009.

Rose Davis  
PreK-8 Principal

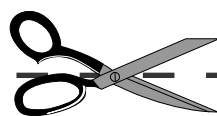
Enrollment data: (To be filled out by 2009/2010 preschool parents)

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ I have a four-year-old child who will attend MNW preschool next fall.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ I have a three-year-old child who will attend the MNW three-year-old program, if available.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ I will send my child to MNW preschool next fall **only** if it is located  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in Barnum  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in Manson  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in either location, but I would prefer it if was located in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ I will need district transportation for my four-year-old preschool child.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ I will not send my child to MNW preschool next year because \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Information: **(To be filled out by all district patrons)**

- 1 What involvement have you had individually or as a community partner with the MNW preschool?
- 2 What barriers/inconveniences do you think preschool parents experience that our preschool grant could address?
3. What are some suggestions for increasing involvement in outside agencies, community partners and families in the MNW preschool?



## Manson Northwest Webster Graduation Class Photos

*Web Design and Computer Applications classes restore class photos dating back to 1891, covering over 100 years of Manson and MNW HS!*

For many years, Manson High School and the consolidated Manson Northwest Webster High School prepared a graduation class photo for each graduation in May. The 2008-09 Web Design and Computer Application classes found these photos in storage and worked together on preserving these photos by scanning each photo into digital format. Next, students practiced their retouching skills by cropping, cleaning, resizing, and restoring photos for public viewing. Class photographs from every era of of Manson High School and MNW have been edited and uploaded to this website, including photos from over 100 years ago.

Please be aware that the originals of many of these photos were in very poor condition as some are from the late 1800's and some had been torn or stained. Some photos are missing as photos have been taken for reunions and other reasons. If you have access to any of the missing year's photos or have a photo that is in better condition, please contact [Brad Kruse](mailto:Brad.Kruse@mnw.edu) at the high school.

Click the links below to view photos sorted by decades.

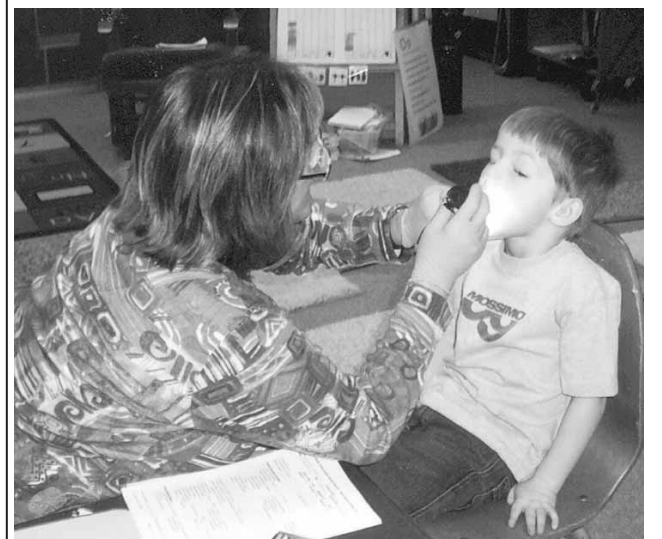
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The URL is [http://www.mnwcougars.com/class\\_photos/](http://www.mnwcougars.com/class_photos/).

## Preschool Dental Screenings

The preschool classes collaborated with New Opportunities and the I-Smile program to provide dental screenings and fluoride treatments to preschoolers. The screenings will assist parents and schools in meeting the state's law that all children have a dental screening by age six.



*Tristan Hood receives a dental screening from a New Opportunities dental hygienist.*

## Healthy Recipe of the Month:

### Trail Mix

- Raisins, dates, dried cranberries, apricots, and/ or chopped dried papaya
- Coconut
- Dry cereal (i.e. Honeynut Cheerios™)
- Peanuts, soynuts, almonds, and/ or other nuts
- Sunflower seeds
- Chocolate chips or M&Ms™

Combine equal amounts of all ingredients; or adjust proportions to suit family preferences. Store in covered container.



# Team Trivia Night

Saturday, February 7  
Clare Community Center,  
Clare

Six - Eight Adults are  
required per Team @ \$10  
per Person

Clare Volunteer Fire  
Department  
will host a cash meal

Team Registration and  
Social Time Starts at 6 PM,  
Trivia Starts at 7:30

Emcee for the Evening  
is K-97 Personality, Duane  
Murley

For More Details Contact  
MNW High School at (712)  
469-2245 or visit:  
<http://www.manson-nw.k12.ia.us/HS/electrathon>

Sponsored by: MNW  
Electrathon Team.

## “Team Trivia Night”

“Team Trivia Night” sponsored by MNW Electrathon will be held Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Clare Community Center.

This event will be used to raise funds for MNW's Electrathon team. Registration and social time begins at 6:00 PM. Participants will be able to purchase a cash meal furnished by the Clare Volunteer Fire Department. Trivia will begin at 7:30.

Team trivia is played as follows:

1. Teams are comprised of 6-8 adults.
2. Eight rounds of ten questions will be asked using a variety of categories.
3. After each question, team members will have time to confer and come up with one answer.
4. After each round, the answers are corrected and point totals are posted for all teams.

The team with the best score after eight rounds will be the “Team Trivia Night” Champs.

Emcee for the evening will be K-97 personality Duane Murley.

Cost is \$10.00 for each member of a team. It is not necessary to purchase tickets ahead of time, just show up and play. If there are any further questions contact Mark Lynch at Manson Northwest Webster High School [(712) 469-2245] or e-mail Mark at [lynchm@manson-nw.k12.ia.us](mailto:lynchm@manson-nw.k12.ia.us).

Do you want to play and can't get a team together? Let us know and we can help you get a team together.

There will be an extensive silent auction for various materials. Check our web page for a list of items at the silent auction.

For more information on the Electrathon visit the web site at:  
[www.manson-nw.k12.ia.us/hs/electrathon](http://www.manson-nw.k12.ia.us/hs/electrathon)

## Drama Crop - Fundraiser for MNW Music Dept. Saturday, February 21

Not a scrap booker, but would still like to support the Music Department? Here is a list of many ways that maybe you can help make this event a huge fundraising success.

\*Come help at a working session to fill goody bags, organize prizes, prepare silent auction items, make signs. This will take place on Feb. 16 at a place to be determined.

\*SPREAD THE WORD !! The vendor area in the gym is open to the public from 10 - 2. The scrap booking is 1/2 day or full day. Vendors committed so far are Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Creative Memories, Stampin Up, Xcessorize, Home and Garden Party, The Cheesecake Lady, Scentsy, and more !! If you know of anyone who might be interested in being a vendor please contact Andrea Grady at 515-463-2205 or email at [andreaigrady@hotmail.com](mailto:andreaigrady@hotmail.com).

\*Any contributions for the Silent Auction would be greatly appreciated, individual items or several people going together to make a gift basket, anything would be great !!! We are trying to have these displayed at Parent's Night on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*We will need people to set up on Friday

night. Please meet at the elementary on Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

\*We need help cleaning up and tearing down. This will be done at 9 PM on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> after the event.

\*We need people/students to work at the lunch or supper. Lunch is 11:15 until 12:45, supper is 5:15 to 6:45.

\*We need food donations including water, chips, individually wrapped snacks, buns, maid rites, pop, powdered drink mixes to go in bottled water, gum, candy

\*Musical students are asked to bring baked goods for a public bake sale offered in the vendor area. Please have items there by 9 AM on Saturday.

To volunteer in any way as mentioned above, please contact: Kim Quade 515-571-5818 or [quade2@iowatelecom.net](mailto:quade2@iowatelecom.net), or Andrea Grady as listed above.

In the past this fundraiser has made a significant amount of money and could make a huge dent in the costume rental and set expense for our musical this year.

Thank You !!!

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A fundraiser  
Sponsored by the  
MNW Drama Department.  
All proceeds to support the upcoming  
production of Beauty and The Beast.

Saturday, February 21

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

MNW Elementary Cafeteria

\* Half Day admission is \$20 if pre-registered, or \$25 at the door (includes 1 meal, snacks, and goody bag)

\* Whole Day admission is \$35 if pre-registered or \$40 at the door (includes lunch and supper, snacks and goody bag)

Sign up by Tues., February 17

Please clip and fill out form below and return with payment to: MNW Elementary Office (Checks payable to MNW) OR mail to:

MNW Elementary School  
c/o Kim Quade  
1227 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manson, IA 50563

Come join us for a day of scrapbooking! Whether you are a beginner or a pro, you can learn or share ideas about scrapbooking and card making. It is easier in a group than by yourself, so mark the date, bring your supplies and ideas and see how much you can accomplish!!

Don't Scrap? Check out our other activities!

#### Public Vendor Show

Local vendors will have displays set up in the elementary gym from 10AM to 2 PM. Get your hard to find items all in one spot without waiting for a party invitation. Some vendors participating include:

- \*Pampered Chef
- \*Xcessorize
- \*Scentsy
- \*The Cheesecake Lady
- \*Tupperware
- \*Stampin' Up
- \*Creative Memories
- \*Home and Garden Party

#### DON'T MISS:

Silent Auction to include a lap quilt, wedding scrapbook, gdf packages, gift certificates, savings bonds, & many more!!

Bake Sale by our drama kids

In order for us to have enough food and work spaces available, please select from the following:

\_\_\_ 1/2 day session \$20 early registration by Feb. 17

Please mark which session:

\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup>(anytime between 9AM to 3PM)

\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>(anytime between 3PM to 9PM)

\_\_\_ Full Day \$35 early registration by Feb. 17

Come and go anytime 9AM to 9PM

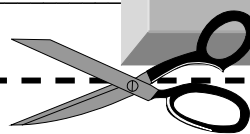
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# FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> MS G BB vs. Laurens Marathon @ Bamum 4 pm MS Wrestling vs PAC-PP @ Pocahontas 4 pm State Jazz Choir @ TBA	<b>3</b> HS Vars. BB vs. SEW Grand @ Burnside 6 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> JV G/B BB vs. N. Sentral Kossuth 4:00 pm followed by Varsity @ Swea City Education Bd Mtg 7 pm	<b>6</b> JV G/B BB vs. PAC PP 4:00 pm @ Pocahontas Elem. HS Vars. BB vs. PAC-PP @ Pocahontas 6 pm	<b>7</b> Large Group Speech Contest @ TBA Sectional Wrestling @ Fort Dodge St. Edmond 12:00pm- Electrathon Trivia Night
<b>8</b> Girls District BB Feb. 9,14,17	<b>9</b> MS Wrestling @ So. Cal @ Rockwell City 4 pm	<b>10</b> HS Var. BB vs. Prairie Valley @ Manson 6 pm <b>PARENTS' NIGHT</b> Regional Dual Team Wrestling @ TBA	<b>11</b> <i>EARLY DISMISSAL</i> Teacher Inservice Shuttle 12:30 Dismissal 12:50  NHS Blood Drive 10 am - 4 pm	<b>12</b> MS Wrestling @ Laurens 4 pm  FFA mtg 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> District Wrestling @ Manson 12:00 pm. 1st Rd. Reg. Girl's BB @ Manson 8 pm State Piano Festival @TBA MS Jazz Festival @TBA
<b>15</b> Boys District BB Feb. 16&19 State Wrestling Feb. 19-21 Girls Regional BB Feb. 18, 20-21, 23-24 National FFA Week Feb. 15-21	<b>16</b> First Day of Practice *G/BTrack MS Wrestling @ Boxholm 4 pm 1st Rd. District Boys BB @ TBA 7 pm	<b>17</b> 1/4 Final Reg Girls BB @ Manson 7 pm	<b>18</b> JETS Regional Competition @ TBA	<b>19</b> District Semifinal Boys' BB @TBA 7 pm  School Bd Mtg 7 pm	<b>20</b> Semifinal Reg. Girl's BB @ Manson 7 pm	<b>21</b> All-State Large Group Speech @ Ames  French Club MS Dance 7:30 - 10 pm
<b>22</b> Substate Boys BB Feb. 27,28, March 2,3	<b>23</b> PARENT/TEACHER All Centers 4 - 8:00 pm MS Wrestling @ Gilmore City 4 pm Reg. Final Girls' BB @ Storm Lake 7 pm	<b>24</b> PARENT/TEACHER All Centers 4 - 8:00 pm FAFSA mtg. for Seniors 12 - 7 pm Dist. Final Boys' BB @ Spencer 7 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> MS Wrestling @ Rockwell City 4 pm HS Fine Arts Festival 7 pm MS Concert Band Clinic @ PVMS	<b>27</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>28</b> District Individual Speech @ Manson Dual Team Wrestling @ Cedar Rapids HS Honor Band @ Buena Vista College Substate Boys' BB @ Fort Dodge 7 pm
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## Menu - February 2009

	Breakfast			Lunch		
	K-4	5-12	Adult	K-4	5-12	Adult
Daily	0.95	1.20	1.50	1.80	1.90	2.50
Weekly	4.75	6.00	7.50	9.00	9.50	12.50
Monthly	19.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	38.00	50.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> Coffee Cake, Cereal & Toast  Chicken Nuggets Pears Broccoli	<b>3</b> Pop Tart, Cereal & Toast  Taco Peaches Green Beans Cookie	<b>4</b> Cereal & Toast  Lasagna Lettuce Salad Applesauce School-made Bun	<b>5</b> Breakfast Burrito & Cereal  Rib Patty Pineapple Peas & Carrots	<b>6</b> French Toast & Cereal  Barbecue Pork French Fries Mixed Fruit
<b>9</b> Scrambled Eggs, Cereal & Toast  Corn Dog Pears Green Beans	<b>10</b> Breakfast Stick & Cereal  Deli Sandwich Pineapple Corn	<b>11</b> <i>Early Dismissal</i> Cereal & Toast  Cheeseburger Macaroni Lettuce Salad Applesauce Peanut Butter Sandwich	<b>12</b> Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit & Cereal  Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Strawberries & Bananas School-made Bread	<b>13</b> Donut, Cereal & Toast  Spaghetti Mixed Fruit Peas Garlic Bread Poke 'n Pour Cake
<b>16</b> Breakfast Sandwich & Cereal  Turkey Patty Seasoned Noodles Pears Green Beans	<b>17</b> Breakfast Pizza & Cereal  Mexican Straw Hat Peaches Corn Cookie	<b>18</b> Cereal & Toast  Chili Applesauce Carrot Sticks Cinnamon Roll	<b>19</b> French Toast Stick & Cereal  <i>Student Choice</i>	<b>20</b> Sausage, Gravy & Biscuit, Cereal  Macaroni & Cheese Peas & Carrots Mixed Fruit Peanut Butter Sandwich
<b>23</b> Pancakes & Cereal  Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Pineapple Green Beans Grilled Cheese Sandwich	<b>24</b> Waffle Stick & Cereal  Maid Rite Tator Tots Peaches	<b>25</b> Cereal & Toast  Tuna & Noodles Peanut Butter Sandwich Lettuce Salad Applesauce	<b>26</b> Long Jon & Cereal  Hot Dog Baked Beans Cinnamon Apples Pudding	<b>27</b> <i>No School</i>  Juice or Fruit and milk served daily at breakfast.  USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

At lunch, five food group items are offered. Students must choose at least three of the following to be considered a lunch meal: entrée, vegetable, fruit, milk, or bread (bread is generally included with the entrée).

## Peanut Butter Issue

The Food and Drug Administration is conducting an investigation into the source of a salmonella outbreak, which has resulted in illness and death in some states. The contamination has been traced to the Plant Corporation of America. This company makes peanut butter and peanut paste. As a result of this outbreak, there have been a number of food recalls. These include products that have the peanut butter and paste in them. A list of recalled products can be found on the Food and Drug Administration's website.


The food service department of Manson Northwest Webster schools continues to use peanut butter in the breakfasts and lunches served. The Iowa State Department of Education's Food and Nutrition Div. (Commodity Div.) has been consulted and the peanut butter used at school is safe. If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to call the school.

- *Delaine Warnke, School Nurse*

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