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MNW Prom Time

By Jan Nelson

It is that time of year again. MNW Juniors are getting ready to transform the gymnasium into "A Night To Remember." The 2010 MNW Junior/Senior Prom is set for Saturday, May 1.

Again this year there will be an open house for the public. This will be from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Grand March will follow at 5:30. Tickets this year are \$2.00 each, and must be given to an usher before entering the auditorium. Tickets go on sale April 19th at the MNW High School office. People attending the Grand March are asked to exit by the west hallway door at the conclusion. No one, except for guests, will be allowed into the commons following the Grand March. This is to make sure we stay on schedule as dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m.

There will be a short program during dinner, with the hypnotist, senior video, and the crowning the 2010 Prom King and Queen to follow. The dance will start at 8:45 p.m. and continue until 12:00 a.m.

The students will then leave, change clothes, and return by 1:00 a.m. for the After Prom Party sponsored by the senior parents.

We welcome everyone to come see our beautifully decorated "A Night to Remember."

Regional Winners Compete at State Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

The annual Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee designated two Manson Northwest Webster students as champions in their age groups on February 21.

Tori Spencer, daughter of Jennifer and Brad Spencer of rural Fort Dodge won the 6th grade competition and Brianne Babcock, daughter of Mike and Bock Babcock, also from rural Fort Dodge, captured the 4th grade competition. Both students advanced to the state competition in Ames on March 7 where Brianne placed third in the 4th grade division.



Fourth grader Brianne Babcock and sixth grader Tory Spencer.

COME JOIN THE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!!

Want your kids to get a little extra tutoring?
Just need a couple of hours a week?
Need before or after school services?

It's official! The before and after school program is up and running! Are you curious about it?

Well, give me a call, Sheri Gangestad 515-408-2999 or 515-542-3211! I have kids that come to the elementary building - some every day, some only mornings, only after school or even just as backup!!

I help the kids every day practice where they might need some extra work. We go to the computer lab; we go to the gym and play games; color in our room. We read books and do flashcards too! So much to learn and so many ways to do it!

Come join our program!

If anyone has games or toys or books their kids have outgrown, we would love to have some gently used items.

Kindergarten Health Clinic

The Kindergarten Clinic for the 2010-2011 kindergarten class will be held Monday, April 19, 1-4 p.m. by appt. only, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, Manson. Cost is \$5.

Area medical staff will provide services that meet the following kindergarten requirements: Physicals, vision, lead level testing (if needed), immunizations (if needed).

Call MNW Elementary at 515-542-3211 to make an appointment or for questions.

6th Grade Math Bee Team Advances to State Competition

The 6th Grade Math Bee Team competed in the 2010 Regional 6th Grade Math Bee at the Prairie Lakes AEA in Pocahontas on Tuesday, March 16th. Team members Kourtney Condon, Kate Jacobsen, Noah Larson, and Adam Siepker took 2nd place overall in the team division and will be advancing to the 6th Grade State Math Bee Competition on Friday, May 7th, in Fort Dodge. Adam Siepker placed 1st overall and was awarded a trophy and medallion for receiving the highest individual score.



Noah Larson, Adam Siepker, Kate Jacobsen and Kourtney Condon.

The state contest will consist of five individual rounds and one team round. The team score will be determined by the top three individual scores plus three times the group's scores on the team round.

Team members compete as both a team and as individuals. The MNW 6th Grade Math Bee Team members are students of 6th grade math teacher Janine Lynch, and TAG teacher Jenny Larson.

MNW HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED FOODS CLASS TO OPEN "SPRINGTIME GRILL" STUDENT-RUN RESTAURANT ON APRIL 9

It's that time of the year again at Manson Northwest Webster High School. The Advanced Foods class will be operating their student-run restaurant, the "Springtime Grill" and you are cordially invited. Due to the missed school days and the large class size, the students will be preparing and serving twelve meals on both Tuesdays and Fridays for six weeks beginning April 9th and running through Tuesday, May 18th. Below are the student-chosen menus.

YOU ARE INVITED to make lunch reservations for any (or all) of the above meals by calling the high school office at 712-469-2245. The meals will be served in the Springtime Grill, located in the brick area outside of the MNW high school library on the main floor. Park in front of the school and

enter through the main entrance in the front of the school. Cost for each meal this semester is \$7.50. This includes an appetizer, a great entrée, an exquisite dessert, and a refreshing beverage of your choice. The student-run restaurant is designed to be non-profit, but if a profit is made it will go back into the Family and Consumer Science Department for equipment and classroom supplies. Maximum seating in the Springtime Grill is 24. Reservations need to be made AT LEAST 2 days in advance. Carryout or delivery meals are also available by reservation. Meals will be served at 12:00 noon. Make your reservations today before your favorite meal(s) are full! Thank you again for your continued support of the students in the MNW school district.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH	TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH
Vinaigrette Salad Chicken and Broccoli Stuffed Shells Sausage Biscuit Bites Chocolate Chip Cookie Sundae	Fresh Garden Salad Mexican Bruschetta Chicken Roll Southwestern Potatoes Angel Berry Bliss
FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH	TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH
Tex-Mex Cheesecake with Tortilla Chips Beef Enchilada Supreme Black Bean and Rice Salad Toffee Tiramisu	Crisp Lettuce Salad Hearty Vegetable Soup Smoked Chicken Salad Sandwich Peanut Butter Cream Cheesecake
FRIDAY, APRIL 23	TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH
Apple Mint Fruit Kabobs Herbed Baked Salmon Buttered New Potatoes Oreo Cookie Cheesecake	Asian Appetizers Orange Chicken Fried Rice Cinnamon Ice Cream Crunch
FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH	TUESDAY, MAY 4TH
Mini Taco Salad Chicken Fajita Spanish Rice and Beans Pumpkin Spiced Flan	Pesto Turkey and Cheese Panini Italian Tomato and Bread Salad Strawberry Shortcake
FRIDAY, MAY 7TH	TUESDAY, MAY 11TH
Asian Lettuce Wraps with Dipping Sauce Shrimp Stir Fry on Rice Chocolate Swirl Ice Cream Cake	Sweet Potato Dinner Rolls Cheesy Seafood or Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo Steamed Broccoli and Baby Carrots Very Berry Cobbler a la Mode
FRIDAY, MAY 14TH	TUESDAY, MAY 18TH
Frozen Fruit Slush Chicken and Veggie Alfredo Pizza Italian Breadsticks Boston Crème Cupcake	Italian Salad Cheese and Sausage Ravioli Garlic Bread Sticks Lemon Cream Pie

..... Invent, Iowa at MNW

Creativity and ingenuity were in full force at the MNW Elementary on February 24th. Approximately 30 students shared their inventive creations at the local Invent Iowa Invention Convention. Ten inventions were selected to advance to the regional competition which was held at the Humboldt High School on March 13th. Five of the ten MNW inventions were then selected to advance to the Invent Iowa State Invention Convention which is scheduled to be held at the University of Iowa on Saturday, April 24th. Invent Iowa coordinator for MNW is TAG Instructor, Jenny Larson.

Invent Iowa is sponsored by The Connie Belin & Jacqueline N. Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development and by the Colleges of Engineering at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

Regional Qualifiers:

Ben Quade (3rd grade) – The Dish Swish

Alexis Stuhrenberg (3rd grade) – Ready, Set, Walk!

Julie Quade (4th grade) – The Game Keeper
Abby Larson and Mercedes Smith (4th grade) – Super Shower Sorter

Madison Nixon (4th grade) – Time out Teddy
Kaitlyn McColley and Sara Wedemeyer (4th grade) – Cat Condo

Alex Jacobsen and Jacob Siepker (4th grade) – Teacher Tool Belt

Kaleb Simacek (5th grade) – The Seed Setter
Emma Nelsen (5th grade) – Picnic Pal
Nick Ruhland (6th grade) – Universal Shovel

State Qualifiers:

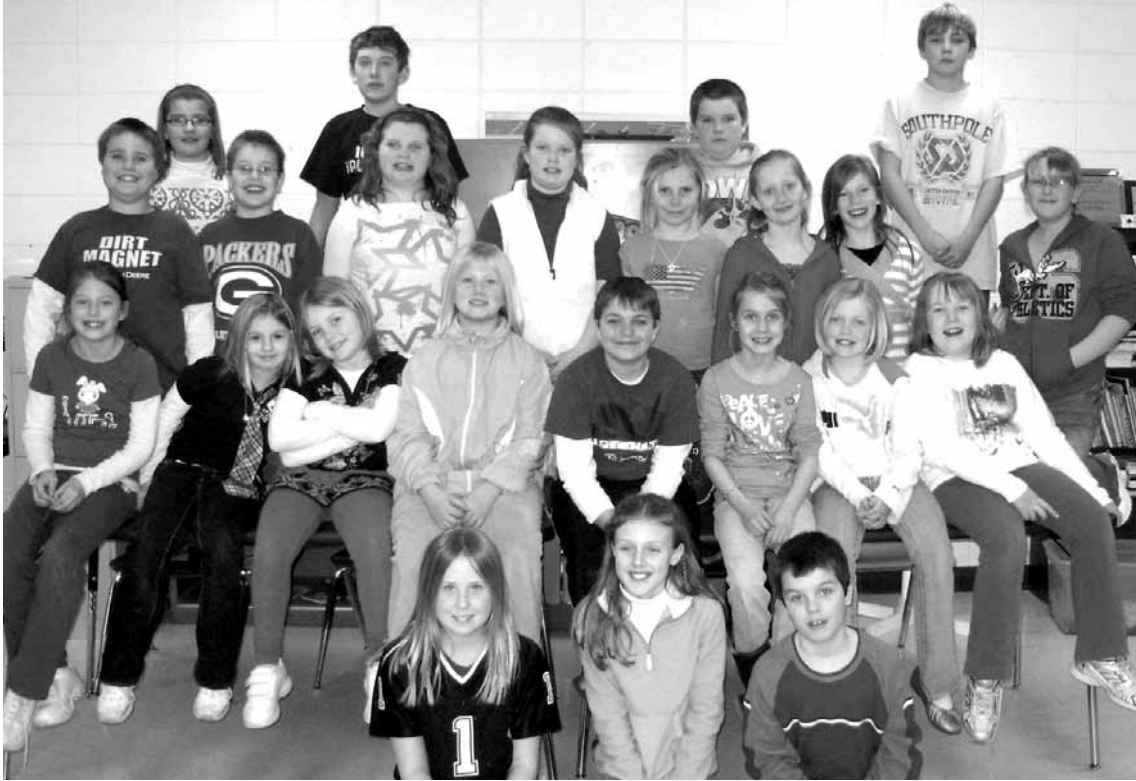
Ben Quade

Julie Quade

Kaitlyn McColley and Sara Wedemeyer

Emma Nelsen

Nick Ruhland



Names are from left to right. Seated on the floor: Alex Vetter (5th grade), Anna Reicks (4th grade), and Ben Quade (3rd grade). Sitting on table (2nd Row): Samantha Ruhland (3rd grade), Autumn Green (3rd grade), Erin Eldridge (3rd grade), Kenahdi Ferguson (3rd grade), Drew Samuelson (4th grade), Abby Larson (4th grade), Mercedes Smith (4th grade), and Alexis Stuhrenberg (3rd grade). Kneeling on table (3rd row): Alex Jacobsen (4th grade), Jacob Siepker (4th grade), Sydney Colshan (4th grade), Julie Quade (4th grade), Michaela Aber (4th grade), Sara Wedemeyer (4th grade), Kaitlyn McColley (4th grade), and Madison Nixon (4th grade). Back Row: Emma Nelsen (5th grade), Nick Ruhland (6th grade), Brandon Smith (5th grade), and Kaleb Simacek (5th grade).

News From Mrs. Skop's Art Room

How many ways can you create a rabbit? In the elementary art classes we have been learning about different artists and how they used shape, pattern, colors and textures to create art. In a couple of classes we used shapes with patterns to design the heads and bodies of our rabbits, and then added ears, eyes, noses and appendages from other materials. The choices of shapes, patterns and colors varied greatly from student to student.

Some of the kindergarten students painted soil with tempera paint and then added rabbits to their art with other materials including fluff balls...creating collages. We talked about conserving our soil for a healthier tomorrow.

Another section of kindergarten students made sock rabbits. We started by using colored markers to create patterns on white tube socks. The socks were stuffed and the cuff of the socks cut to form ears. When these were tied with yarn to create the heads and bodies, we only had to add eyes and noses... VOILA! Our very own sock rabbits. The students learned that these were a type of folk art.

We've also begun to use fire clay. Our projects have included making animals and shapes with textures and patterns. These clay projects are fired once in our new kiln and then glazed. They are fired again to create a glassy coating. Students love to create art with clay, and it's a wonderful way to study texture and pattern.

Our dental poster winners in the third grade were hard to determine this year because there were so many delightful ones. Our theme in learning about good dental health was: For A Sparkly Smile, Brush and Floss Every Day. We'd like to thank Dr. Larry Swenson for sponsoring us in this contest. All posters will be sent to Dr. Swenson's office to be put on display. The winners' posters will be sent to the state dental convention where they will be displayed.

The winners are as follows:

Section 3C:

Tie for 1st Place: Michael Hausewirth and Alexis Stuhrenberg

Tie for 2nd Place: Lillian Fitzgerald and Kenahdi Ferguson

3rd Place: Lauren Ukena

Section 3N:

Tie for 1st Place: Sadie Snell and Tanner Thael

2nd Place Samantha Ruhland

3rd Place Tie: Brenna Birkey and Azekiel Caldwell

Congratulations to ALL students in both classes for creating some well thought out posters!

The time goes by so quickly-we have an artist from VSA coming to our school on April 16th to work with the two 5th grade classes. We're looking forward to the experience.



(L-R) Brenna Birkey, Sadie Snell, Samantha Ruhland, Azekiel Caldwell, Tanner Thael.



(L-R) Lauren Ukena, Alexis Stuhrenberg, Lillian Fitzgerald, Michael Hauswirth, and Kenahdi Ferguson (right).



CHARACTER COUNTS in Cougar Country

MNW Elementary celebrates the six Pillars of Character:

Citizenship, Caring, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness



Service Learning Project/Pennies for Puppies

Our MNW Elementary has connected with the **Manson Lions Club** to help financially support a puppy for the inmates to train to be a lead dog. The students raised over \$250.00 and the Lions Club donated additional funds to present a check of \$500.00 dollars to the Lions Chapter. There were area Lions Club members available to attend the MNW Elementary Character Counts Assembly on March 9th where the students had the opportunity to see the puppies and other lead dogs that are already in training. The students were very excited to see their donations and hard work go toward a worthy cause that helps so many other people.

Hope for Haiti

The 6th grade finalized their last minute plans for their fundraiser at the MNW Elementary held on Friday, March 19th. The 6th grade hosted a Hope for Haiti dance. There was a computer lab time to

play rice.org, bake sale, dodge ball, and kick ball games during the last hour of the school day. There were chaperones during all of the events over the hour and a half we have. Kids from all grades donated money, clothing, or both. If you wish to donate, please make a check out to the MNW School and have the students hand the check into the elementary office. All proceeds are going to the Haiti Relief Fund. Only 5th and 6th graders attended the dance and other events. This was a fun way for the students to practice leadership skills in 6th grade and to learn how to give back to others in need. All proceeds will go to the Haiti Relief Fund.

Love & Logic Parent Class

There is one more parenting class for Preschool through 6th grade parents to participate in. It will be held in the MNW Elementary library on **April 13** from 6:30-7:30. There is no cost and child care will be provided for your children. Please call the elementary office to let us know if you can come and how many children that plan to attend the child care. The first Love & Logic parenting class was very successful with 100% of the parents in attendance commenting that they learned a lot of good strategies and would like to have more classes available. The Love & Logic parenting class is facilitated by Katie Nelson, Lori Thomas, Pam Blem, and Jill Carlson. Love & Logic is a method for parents, teachers, and other adults to use as a tool when working with children and discipline. It has been around for over 20 years and is written and researched by Jim Fay and Dr. Richard Cline.

The MNW Drill Team and Sponsors Thank Everyone for Supporting Their Activities and Fundraisers This Season.

A CROWD THRILLING SEASON

By Shailan Clark

From the very onset of the season, the basketball girls showed their determination and love for the sport. The girls played their hearts out at every game and showed even more improvement than last year. Staying focused helped them win game after game, losing only once. The girls made it to state for the fourth year in a row, and this year they have gone their farthest yet making it all the way to the state championships, and were placed second in the state. When the senior girls were asked what they thought of the season, Mika Rodewald answered with "We had good team compatibility, and it took us a long way, even though we wish we would have done better. But being second in the state is not bad. We really appreciated all our fans support and the community following us." Lauren Christianson said, "I thought we were really successful and we accomplished a lot and broke a lot of records and made history by making it to the championships game. We are a close team, so it was really cool being able to play with these girls and making it as far as we did. Being a senior, I am going to miss everybody but will be coming back and watching the team next year." Morgan Markert stated, "It was a good season and I had a lot of fun." Congratulations Cougar girls for taking silver. You are our Olympians.



2010 girls' basketball squad receives fans' appreciation for a wonderful season and the team's trophy.

Boy's Basketball Season Comes to a Close

By Daniel Sutter

The season for the Cougar boys' basketball team has now come to an end after their second round district loss to Keumper Catholic. The boys' season was emphasized by a number of great accomplishments. This marked the first year in which the Cougar boys won their first round district game since the 1997 basketball



season. They were also the sole champions of the Twin Lakes Conference. The team finished the year with a record of 16-6, losing only one game at home all season.

Fun in FFA

By Shailan Clark

During the month of February, FFA members celebrated National FFA week which is also called National Ag Day. Throughout the week, the sixty-four FFA members held a variety of activities. Monday through Thursday, they sold ice cream during the three lunch shifts.



Selling ice cream was so popular that they ran out of vanilla ice cream before Thursday. After school on Monday, the FFA members also served cherry pie and ice cream to the high school staff. A number of FFA students also took



pie to the elementary teachers; and after serving the teachers in both buildings, the kids devoured large helpings of pie and ice cream. To keep in the spirit of FFA week, members wore their FFA shirts. Wednesday involved one of the most popular events.

Students and faculty that wanted to race pedal tractors vied against each other during their lunch shifts. The noise from the excitement resonated off the walls as students cheered on their favorite pedaler. To end the activities for the week, Thursday was dress like a farmer day. Students who dressed like a farmer received free ice cream for showing their FFA spirit. FFA week is just one of the many events that students hold throughout the year.

State and All State Speech

By Hannah Pelz & Kellina Goodwin

Mrs. Keller and the large group speech participants traveled to LeMars on February 6th to perform for three judges who would determine whether they would move on to All State. All the participants worked very hard on their speeches from the beginning of the season to the end. Throughout all the chaos each event was perfected. All the students made it through to state, and a special congratulation goes out to the Choral Readers who made it to All State which was held at the Iowa State University campus on February 20th. The day began with the opening ceremonies where each judge was introduced for each speech category. Our Choral Readers performed at 11:30 with complete success. For the closing ceremonies, the judges announced the winners of their events. Unfortunately, the MNW Choral Readers did not win, but it is still an amazing accomplishment; and they should be proud of themselves. There were twenty All State Choral Reading groups and only five were selected from the State competition in LeMars. All speech participants should be very proud of all their accomplishments this year.



A Day in the Life of Wrestling Managers

By Danielle Ewing and Jillian Merritt

A wrestling manager's job consists of many different duties. We all have our own type of routine. Every day before practice Kellina Goodwin and Brooke Birkey mop the mats while both of us take attendance. Each practice for the wrestlers begins with a ten minute jog followed by independent stretching. During their jog it's the managers' duty to time them and tell them when to increase their speed. We are required to take time during the different types of drilling. Throughout practice we have to put up with the wrestlers' intense mood swings. At the end of practice we mop again to prevent wrestlers from getting any type of skin disease. Even though practices are hard and enduring, it really pays off for wrestlers and for the managers that keep them going. At the end of almost every practice, we get bombarded by nasty sweat, but it is just one of the joys of our job. We are expected to be at every practice, every open mat, every meet, and every tournament. During all meets and tournaments we take stats which require a lot of math skills and concentration. Overall, we are dedicated to our duties, and we enjoy our bonding with the wrestlers. We wouldn't love our job if it weren't for the spectacular coaches. Being managers means being part of a team, and our team is one big family. And one thing we've learned: don't EVER forget the med kit. Finally, wrestling season is such a blast that we wish it never ended.



Fix it

By Nikki Nelson

In Mr. Lynch's "fix it" program, five students have worked on a variety of projects with a 100% success rate. The class includes Jason Schuttler, Mitch Leppert, Trent



Jason Schuttler is working on a microwave.



Matt Albright and Mitch Leppert are collaborating on a stereo system they're endeavoring to fix.

Meiner, Matt Albright, and Ayaka Yamada, a foreign exchange student from Japan. When interviewed, all students said they enjoy working on hands-on projects. They work during 8th period every day, and they stated class goes by fast because they are always busy. Some of the things they have fixed are a fan that had a broken bearing, a leaf blower that had a blower motor come loose, a toaster with a bad cord, a microwave with a broken thermostat, and also two lamps with bad wiring. They are currently working on these projects: a microwave, a stereo, a hair curler, and an Xbox.

Individual State Wrestling

By Danielle Ewing

After a long four months of hard work and intense wrestling matches, wrestling season is now unfortunately over. Overall it was a very fun year. At sectionals, these six wrestlers placed: Jesse Partlow, Caleb Alne, Caleb Smothers, Austin Rasch, Ronnie Allbee, and Jarod Gross. As a team, the guys grappled to a first place win at sectionals which took them on to team regional duals. The wrestlers won their first dual against Clarksville, but they lost the second dual match against Don Bosco (and everyone knows about Don Bosco). Because of the loss against Don Bosco, the wrestlers did not make it to state duals. At districts the following weekend, Jesse Partlow, Caleb Smothers, and Austin Rasch placed; therefore, their next round of wrestling took place at State wrestling which was February 16th through the 20th. The boys' first round was on Thursday, and they all made it through to the next round. Jesse won ten to three, Caleb won by fall in three minutes and fifty one seconds, and Austin Rasch won eleven to four.



Friday was not a very good day because both Jesse and Caleb lost their first matches and their wrestle-backs. Austin wrestled well and placed seventh at 171. The season was great, and the best thing about next year is that all six sectional qualifiers are returning.



JETS Competition

By Jordan Kauffman



JETS varsity: **Front row:** Caleb Alne, Max Wood, and Daniel Sutter. **Back row:** Taylor Huseman, Andrew Keller, Mika Rodewald, Nick Steiner, and Kohltan Heiter.



JETS junior varsity: **Front row:** Jordan Neumann, and Melissa Johnson. **Back row:** Zach McGill, Caleb Smothers, Cole Rowen, Trevor Schreier, Avery Birchard, and Joseph Kitten.

The JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) organization is a program that helps students understand what to expect in a career that deals with technology or engineering.

This 60 year old organization's mission statement is "To increase student awareness of, aptitude for, and interest in engineering and technology-based professions." Daniel Sutter leads the MNW varsity team, and Zach McGill leads the junior varsity team. Each team is comprised of ten students. In total, eight teams from Northwest

Iowa competed on March 3rd at Iowa Central Community College. Two rounds of rigorous competition ensued. The first round pertained to multiple choice questions; whereas, the second round primarily involved opened ended questions. Overall MNW did very well as both varsity and

Heuer Competes in Special Olympics

By Mitch Lewis

Dustin Heuer, a sophomore at MNW, completed in the Special Olympics. The Mid Winter Tournament was held on March 13, 2010, at the University of Iowa. Showing his good basketball skills, Dustin captured a fourth place finish. Dustin was very excited about qualifying for the event and excited about his accomplishment. Congratulations, Dustin, on your good performance.



Sweetheart Dance

By BreAnn Harman

Basketball and wrestling cheerleaders sponsored a Sweet Heart Dance in the Commons on February 12. Ethan Netz spun the music. Everyone rocked to rap, hiphop, and country music. The cost to get into the dance was five dollars for a couple and three bucks for a single person. The purpose of this dance was to raise money for future cheerleading events. The cheerleaders use the profits for hotel rooms and other necessary things during state competitions.



April Birthdays

Brandon McGinty	April 2
Miranda Simpson	April 2
Jarod Gross	April 3
Mikaela Winter	April 4
Tristen McNeil	April 6
Lauren Twait	April 8
Dakota Porter	April 8
Kaley Hacker	April 9
Daniella Wille	April 9
Ashley Hisler	April 9
Keagan Heun	April 10
Dylan Jones	April 11
Drake Harman	April 11
Skyee Mann	April 11
Shelby Quade	April 12
Dalton McGrann	April 13
Danielle Jud	April 13
Caleb Wubben	April 14
Larissa Larson	April 15
Jonathan Odefey	April 18
Mariah Smith	April 24
Alesha Hanson Leadley	April 26
Blair Schoon	April 26
Lucas Martin-Flores	April 27
Kaylea Green	April 28
Kayla Birkey	April 29



Interesting and Weird April Holidays

Thinkquest.org

- April 1 - One Cent Day.
- April 2 - National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day.
- April 3 - Tweed Day and don't Go to Wrok Unless It's Fun Day.
- April 4 - Tell a Lie Day.
- April 5 - Go For Broke Day.
- April 6 - Sorry Charlie Day.
- April 7 - No Housework Day.
- April 8 - All is Ours Day.
- April 9 - Winston Churchill Day and Name Yourself Day.
- April 10 - Golfers Day.
- April 11- Eight-Track Tape Day. (pretty archaic, huh!)
- April 12 - Look Up At the Sky Day.
- April 13 - Blame Somebody Else Day.
- April 14 - National Pecan Day.
- April 15 - Rubber Eraser Day.
- April 16 - National Stress Awareness Day.
- April 17 - National Cheeseball Day.
- April 18 - International Jugglers Day.
- April 19 - Garlic Day More Info on Garlic, please.
- April 20 - Look Alike Day. (Find your doppelganger.)
- April 21 - Kindergarten Day.
- April 22 - National Jelly Bean Day.
- April 23 - Read Me Day and Worl Laboratory Animal Day.
- April 24 - National Pigs in a Blanket Day.
- April 25 - National Zucchini Bread Day.
- April 26 - National Pretzel Day and Richter Scale Day.
- April 27 - Tell a Story Day.
- April 28 - Great Poetry Reading Day and Kiss Your Mate Day.
- April 29 - National Shrimp Scampi Day.
- April 30 - National Honesty Day.

- April 6 - Sorry Charlie Day honors anyone who has been rejected and lived through it.
- April 13 - Doesn't this phenomenon happen everyday?
- April 19 - Does garlic really bother vampires?

Because April starts with fooling others, it's a good thing that April ends with honesty.

Whose Hair?

By Allie Seavert



April Fun Facts and Pranks

By Katlin Jurries

- ❖ The arrival of the Cuckoo bird is the signal that spring has come.
- ❖ The first Sunday in April is called Daffodil Sunday.
- ❖ The first Easter egg roll was held at the White House in 1877.
- ❖ April 15, 1912 is when the Titanic sank.
- ❖ Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4, 1968.
- ❖ April Fools Day is a day of practical jokes on friends, family, and coworkers.

- Unplug the mouse from the back of a friend's computer and wait for the entertainment.
- Tape a friend's cell phone under a chair, a desk, or someplace safe and call them.
- Find a piece of extra cloth and place a dollar on the floor. Stay nearby and when they bend down to get the dollar, rip the cloth.
- Put a rubber band around the spray nozzle of a sink and point it forward. When the faucet is turned on, they will get sprayed.



French Club's Soup Supper

By Caitlin Anastasia Poppen

On Thursday, February 11th, the annual French Club Soup Supper was held in the high school commons to raise funds for students traveling to France in the spring of 2011. The delicious soup supper menu included: chili, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks and celery, and homemade bars. This was a huge success for the French Club. They will also be selling Ozark Suckers in the high school commons during school lunches to help continue to raise money for their upcoming trip.



Parent's Night

By Caitlin Anastasia Poppen

The annual winter sports parent's night was held on Thursday, February 11th, that honored senior members of the drill team, basketball cheerleaders, and both boys and girls basketball players. Talented senior members of the drill team included: Kristine Condon, Alyssa Miller, Kennedy Spedding, and Brooke Birkey. And the lovely basketball cheerleaders included Sarah Albers and Chloe Peterson. For our stellar senior girls basketball players, the lineup included Lauren Christianson, Morgan Markert, and Mika Rodewald. This year's amazing boys included: Kyle Twait, Zach Steinhoff, Andrew Keller, and Daniel Sutter. These wonderful senior athletes will be greatly missed next year.

Answers: A - Isaac Janssen, B - Ashley Miller, C - Mahaley Ross, & Daniel Sutter

Senior Spotlights



Name: Dustin Anderson
Parents: Harry and Cindy Anderson
Siblings: Cody

My goal is to be: A drill sergeant.
Place I'd like to visit: Afghanistan. As a drill sergeant, I'd like to take a 12 month tour.
My role model(s) is: Billy Heun.
I would like to have dinner with: Some musicians.
Favorites:
 T.V show – SpongeBob Squarepants
 Movie – *Without a Paddle*
 Kind of music – Country
 Specific song – “Should Have Seen It in Color”
 Teachers– Mr. Wood, Mr. Harman and Mrs. Allen
 Class – Building Trades
 Color – Orange
Quote: “Pedal to the metal even in the grave.”



Name: Kurtis Rose
Parents: Sheri and Brad Rose
Siblings: Justin and Brandon

My role model is: None listed.
My goal is to be: Good at what ever I do.
Extracurricular activities: Skateboarding
Favorites:
 T.V show – *The Berrics*
 Movie – *Grind*
 Food-Hot Pockets
 Kind of music –Rock
 Specific song –“Taste of Ink” by The Used
 Teacher – Mr. Whaley
 Class - Math
Quote: “Is the skate park dry?”



Name: Shelby Dawn Jurries
Parents: Justine Ewing and Tom Jurries

My goal is to be: A kindergarten teacher.
My role models are: My Mom and Celine Dion.
Extracurricular activities: Cheerleading, speech, band, choir, Jazz band, Quantum, play, musical, and NHS
I would like to have dinner with: Grandma Sally, Orlando Bloom, and Celine Dion.
I can't go a day without- Chocolate.
I would like to visit: Greece
Favorites:
 T.V shows – *Full House* and *Rugrats*
 Movie – *Hunchback of Notre Dame*
 Food- Mom's vegetable beef soup
 Kind of music – All kinds
 Specific song – *Alone* by Celine Dion & *Shake That* by Eminem
 Teachers – Mr. Zinnel and Mr. Lynch
 Class – Band and Chemistry
Quote: “Do not be fooled by its common appearance. Like so many things, it's not what's outside, but what's inside that count.”
 Aladdin



Name: Tim Ritt
Parents: Diane Heller
Siblings: Heather, Kristen, Tommy, Jeramy, and Tara

My goal is to be: Nice to everyone.
My role model(s) is: My mom.
Extracurricular activities: Work at Lifeworks
Favorites:
 T.V show – Wrestling
 Movie – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
 Kind of music –Pizza and Hot Pockets
 Specific song – *I Just Came Back from War*
 Teacher – Mrs. Sonntag
 Class –P.E.
Quote: “Work hard and be respectful.”



Name: Skyler Zahrobksy
Parents: Tonda and Kevin
Sibling: Terri

My goal is to be a: Diesel technician.
My role models are: My parents.
Extracurricular Activities: Work
Place I would like to visit: Alaska.
I can't go a day without: My cell phone.
It would suprise people that: I actually talk a lot.
Favorites:
 T.V show – *Two and a Half Men*
 Movie – *The Fast and the Furious 4*
 Food- Steak
 Kind of music – Country
 Specific song – *She's Country*
 Teacher – Mr. Bristow
 Class – Building Trades
Quote: “If your not first, your last.”



Name: Daniel Sutter
Parents: John and Kym
Siblings: Joe

My goal is to be: The man God has called me to be.
My role model(s) is: Steven Oswald.
Extracurricular activities: Band, Jazz Band, Choir, Quantum, Basketball, Track, NHS, Mock Trial, Speech, Fall Play, Musical
Favorites:
 T.V show – *Firefly*
 Movie – *Secondhand Lions*
 Food- Spaghetti
 Kind of music – Christian Rock
 Specific song – “My Redeemer Lives”
 Teachers– Mr. Huck, Mr. Zinnel, and Mr. Willer
 Class – French 3
Quote: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your god will be with you wherever you go.”
 Joshua 1:9



Name: Ayaka Yamada
Host parents: Steve and Amy Johnson
Siblings: One sister

My goal is to be: I don't know yet, except I want to go to college.
My role model(s)are: My biological parents.
Extracurricular activities: In the U.S. I'm in Track. I play tennis in Japan.
Place I would like to visit: Any warmer place than Iowa.
Favorites:
 T.V show – American Idol
 Movie – *The Blind Side*
 Kind of music – Pop, Rock, and R&B. I really like all kinds of music.
 Teacher – All of them.
 Class - Nothing in particular.



Name: Geoffrey Sweazey
Parents: Perry and Rachelle Sweazey; Patti and Larry Odom
Siblings: Eric, Andy, Alex, Kyle, and Elizabeth

My goal is to be: Don't know.
My role model(s) is: My dad.
Extracurricular activities: None
Favorites:
 TV show - None
 Movie – *Scarface*
 Food – Sweet and Sour Chicken
 Kind of music – Alternative Rock and Rap
 Specific Song- *Face Down*
 Teacher – Mrs. Reuble
 Class – Art
Quote: “Walking through the halls of high school is quite similar to walking through a battlefield.”

MNW Budget and Financial Report

By Supt. Mark Egli

The Long Term Problem

Any discussion of Manson Northwest Webster finances begins with a history of student enrollment (see graph). The past decade has seen a drop of over 250 students. Translated into dollars, at MNW's student cost of \$5,828 for Fiscal Year 2011, there are \$1,486,140 gone from the budget. Given that, it is amazing what the District has been able to accomplish and what it has become in spite of those losses. This remains the problem in the long term, and the answer to decline is yet to be determined. Sharing relationships will continue to be explored.

Problems in the Short Term

As area schools react to the state's decision to withhold 10-12% of state foundation aid to schools in the current year, property tax askings for next year are on the increase. As school populations decline, and with a forecast for a similar cut in state payments in 2010-11, schools are trying to maintain sufficient cash balances to see them through.

For the MNW District, \$298,000 was withheld from state payments. Projections are that at least \$100,000 million be withheld from Iowa schools again. The only means a school has to recoup that lost cash is to utilize the Cash Reserve Levy. A second need for Cash Reserve for the District stems from a negative Special Education balance of \$280,000. This results from special education charges and teachers devoted to RTC students that are not accounted for in the special education weighting. Although these factors will mean an increase for MNW tax payers, we will find that MNW still remains at the bottom of area schools tax rates.

Financial Indicators Show the State of the School

A school district's General Fund balance at year's end and its Unspent Balance (accumulated spending authority) are the two key indicators of a school district's financial health. More important is the trend of those indicators over recent years. If they are trending up or stable, things are likely going well. A downward trend indicates that spending is in excess, revenues need to be increased, cuts likely need to be made, or all of the above.

The accompanying graph depicts MNW's actual and projected General Fund and Unspent Balances. Expressed as fund ratios, the General Fund's Solvency Ratio and the Unspent Balance Ratio (below) are computed by dividing the ending fund amounts by the year's total revenue. Target ratios for each are 10% for the General Fund and 10-15% for the Unspent Balance Ratio.

	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY 2009	FY2010	Target
Solvency Ratio	11.5%	13.8%	15.8%	11.9%	6.3%	10%
USB Ratio	13.5%	14.4%	14.1%	13.9%	10.7%	10-15%

To meet those targets MNW will need a year-end General Fund Balance of a million dollars and an Unspent Balance somewhat above that. Again, it can readily be seen that MNW trends are downward at the same trajectory as the previous graph, moving toward insolvency and eventual spending in excess of our spending authority, a negative Unspent Balance situation. Both of these conditions must be righted.

Stopping the Downward Trend

In order to bolster both the General Fund Balance and Unspent Balance and prevent further erosion, several steps must be taken. The downward movement of Accumulated Spending Authority (Unspent Balance) by \$264,000 means that we are still spending above what the funding formula allows. In addition to closing a building last year, more cuts are in order this spring as our student population continues to decline. Secondly, to maintain sufficient cash to withstand the state's cuts, maintain our own school and also support the instructional needs of Rabiner Treatment Center, we will have to increase our levy for Cash Reserve substantially. The total Cash Reserve levy amounts to \$658,730.

MNW Budget History

The following table shows the MNW budget history of the past four years along with this year's proposed budget.

Year	General	Mgmt	PPEL	TOTAL	PROP TAX	STATE CUTS
2006-07	11.3494	0.8173	0.33	12.4497	\$ 2,360,973	
2007-08	11.0988	0.9651	0.33	12.3940	\$ 2,395,852	
2008-09	10.1735	0.1075	0.33	10.6110	\$ 2,223,269	
2009-10	10.5007	0.2057	0.33	11.0364	\$ 2,684,884	
2010-11	11.6125	0.5440	0.33	12.4864	\$ 2,964,467	\$ (600,000)

The tax rate in 2008-09 can now be seen as part of this year's problem in that the rate for Management and the Cash Reserve Levy were both lowered too much to be consistent with MNW's long term needs. However, one could not predict the state's economic woes, nor is it easy to predict our cash needs relative to Rabiner Treatment Center.

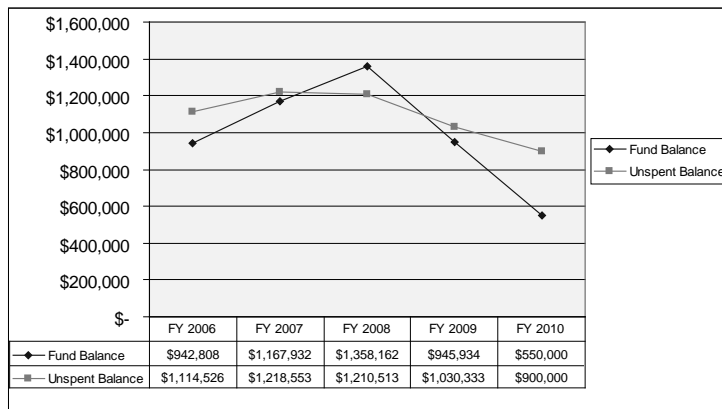
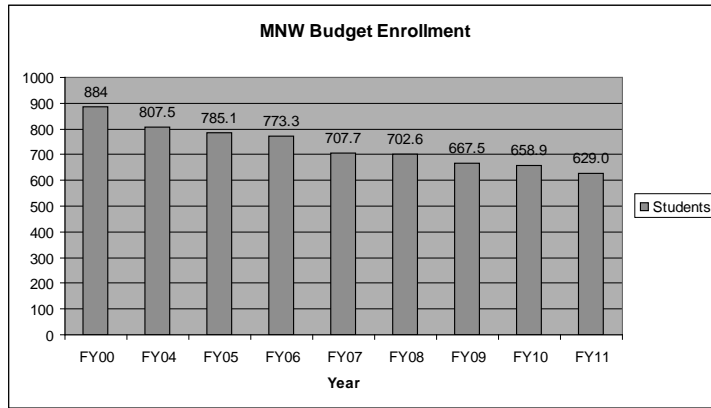
MNW's Tax Rate in Perspective

Even though we are faced with an increase, the table below shows that we compare favorably with our neighbors and with the state average. The average increase statewide for 2010-11 is an additional dollar. With no increases on the part of other districts, MNW would still be at the bottom.

MNW TAX RATE		AREA TAX RATES		
Year	Tax Rate		Property Value Rank	Published 10/11 Rate
2006-07	12.45	L/M	15.80	86
2007-08	12.39	POM/PAL	13.21	10
2008-09	10.61	PAC	14.97	46
2009-10	11.04	PV	13.74	47
2010-11	12.49	SWG	13.86	96
		RCL	12.99	61
		FORT DGE	16.84	296
		SCAL	12.81	71
		MNW	11.04	58
		STATE AVG	14.80	13.62

General Fund Expenditures

The largest use of dollars is by the General Fund. These dollars are used to run the school, as opposed to purchasing equipment or fixing roofs. Nearly seventy percent of these dollars are spent on instruction (including over \$2 million as flow through to Rabiner Treatment Center) and student support services, the rest going for everything from plant operation and maintenance to transportation costs and employee insurance. The management fund is used for property and liability insurance, employee retirement and employment compensation as well as any tort liability claims.



The Iowa Core Curriculum – Making the Complex Understandable

The links listed in the article can be accessed in the April newsletter on the MNW district website.

By Laura Horan

The Iowa Core Curriculum has been somewhat complex and confusing from the onset. However, at its heart, it's pretty simple and can be summarized in the following points.

The Iowa Core Curriculum says Iowa schools need to:

*** develop good leadership.** The Iowa Core emphasizes that this is a priority. It's important to note that leadership doesn't always come solely from administration. Teacher leadership is crucial. In addition to leaders, we should have a system that develops and uses the leadership in a balanced way. MNW has a good start in this area as we have a well developed leadership framework and active leadership teams at the building level, district level, and community level.

*** work more closely with our whole school community.** The respondents in our last community survey in the spring of 2009 said the school does a good job communicating with the public. However, the emphasis in the Iowa Core is not just about communicating. It's about collaborating and developing partnerships with others such as parents, community groups, local businesses, and other schools. We need to admit as educators that we can no longer teach students the best by creating an insular environment.

*** always be changing and improving.** In the past, Iowa schools have had a tendency to say, "We're pretty good at what we do." Has this caused complacency? Because our world is changing rapidly, we can no longer rest on our laurels. Status quo isn't good enough. We need to have processes in place that enable us to get better all the time. In the world of education this is called School Improvement which calls for a culture of continuous improvement.

*** make changes based on data.** Schools can't make changes by pulling them out of a hat. We have to find data and examine it closely so that we can make a good decision. While we know our ITBS and ITED data is important, it isn't the only data we need. As schools, we have to be better at a) defining what we're after, b) knowing how to measure that, c) actually going out and measuring it, and d) interpreting it to make a decision.

*** teach what we should be teaching.** The word in this category is alignment. The Iowa Core gives us essential concepts and skills for ALL students to learn. In order to know if all students are learning the skills and concepts, we first need to see if they have access to them. We need to actually look in our classrooms and determine what is actually taught and where it is taught. This is a crucial step in alignment because it gets at what actually happens in the classroom as opposed to what is supposed to be happening. Click this link to view the Iowa Core Concepts and Skills.

<http://www.corecurriculum.iowa.gov/>

*** use good instructional strategies and assessments.** The Iowa Core identifies five Characteristics of Effective Instruction. They refer to teaching that is constructivist in nature, which means there is deep learning, fewer topics, and higher-order thinking. There is more focus on analysis and creativity and less on rote memorization. The assessment involved in this kind of learning is ongoing and ungraded feedback that helps both teachers and students drive the learning. Recently the MNW staff was posed the question, "What does the Iowa Core mean for you in your classroom?" Visit this website to view their responses. <http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/DQ00DLSuXn>

*** develop 21st century skills.** The Iowa Core lists Employability Skills, Technology Literacy, Financial Literacy, Health Literacy, and Civic Literacy as skills that are needed to prepare students for the 21st century. In addition to these, we include creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, flexibility, and adaptability. These should be the lens through which we look at all that we do. No matter what unit a teacher teaches, whether it is about DNA or fractions, the question is--How good is that unit at developing creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, flexibility, and adaptability? Visit the following website to see how MNW's focus on the 21st Century Skills area of technology is already changing the way teachers teach and the way students learn. <http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/RkJ527SO10>

Manson Northwest Webster is moving forward with the Iowa Core Curriculum. The district leadership team continues to attend regional training sessions and is currently gathering baseline information in preparation for writing the implementation plan which is due July 1, 2010.

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Menu - April 2010

	Breakfast			Lunch		
	K-6	7-12	Adult	K-6	7-12	Adult
Daily	1.00	1.30	1.60	1.80	2.00	2.50
Weekly	5.00	6.50	8.00	9.00	10.00	12.50
Monthly	20.00	26.00	32.00	36.00	40.00	50.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>May 2010</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>All meals subject to change and may be different at each center.</p> <p>Juice or Fruit and milk served daily at breakfast.</p> <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</p>	<p>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).</p>	<p>1 Pop Tart, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Student Choice</p> <p>Pizza Carrot Stix Applesauce Watermelon/Applesauce Peanut Butter Sandwich Ice Cream</p>	<p>2 No School</p>
<p>5 Breakfast Stick, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Peaches Green Beans Peanut Butter Sandwich</p>	<p>6 French Toast Stick, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Turkey Patty Pineapple Carrots Apple Crisp</p>	<p>7 Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Goulash Lettuce Salad Applesauce Bread</p>	<p>8 Scrambled Eggs, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Mexican Straw Hat Corn Pears</p>	<p>9 Long Jon, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Rib Patty Peas Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>12 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Kindergarten Roundup</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Apple Quarters Cookie</p>	<p>13 Egg Patty, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Hamburger on bun French Fries Pineapple</p>	<p>14 Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Spaghetti Applesauce Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread</p>	<p>15 Sausage Gravy on Biscuit, Cereal</p> <p>Student Choice</p> <p>Hot Dog French Fries Corn Pears Bread & Butter Ice Cream OR Chocolate Chip Cookie</p>	<p>16 Pancake, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>BBQ Pork Sandwich Mixed Fruit Peas Jello</p>
<p>19 Omelette, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Flying Saucer Peaches</p>	<p>20 Coffee Cake, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Chicken Patty Corn Pineapple</p>	<p>21 Early Dismissal Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Lasagna Applesauce Lettuce Salad Bun</p>	<p>22 French Toast, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Hot Dog Pears Baked Beans Poke 'n Pour Cake</p>	<p>23 Donut, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Deli Sandwich Strawberries & Bananas Broccoli w/cheese</p>
<p>26 Waffle Stick, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Chili Crispito Peaches Green Beans</p>	<p>27 Scrambled Eggs w/ Ham, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Italian Sub Sandwich Pineapple Carrots Jello</p>	<p>28 Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Chicken & Noodles Lettuce Salad Applesauce French Bread</p>	<p>29 Breakfast Sandwich, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Student Choice</p> <p>Taco Corn & Lettuce Applesauce Peanut Butter Sandwich Ice Cream</p>	<p>30 Breakfast Stick, Cereal & Toast</p> <p>Ham & Cheese Sandwich Peas Mixed Fruit</p>

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The Cougar Club wants to dedicate this article to all of the administration/coaches, pep band, teachers, students, fans, and of course players for all of the successful athletic seasons we have had this year. We are so proud of our fans/students for their good sportsmanship shown throughout the season. It takes a lot of work and dedication on the part of our students to be as successful as they are. Not only are our students good athletes, musicians/vocalists, dancers, and speakers but many of our student body participants have excellent grades as well. We are very lucky to have such a strong school here at MNW filled with volunteers and parents who care about their children. Remember to sign up to become one of our Cougar Club officers for next year. It is a worthwhile club that supports many activities here at the MNW School. There is also the perk of having a pass to all home athletic activities for you to use as an officer.

- Officers:
- President- Brad Bleam
 - Vice-President- Cathy Twait
 - Secretary- Julie Woltman
 - Treasurer- Val Wubben
 - Publicity- Cheryl O'Hern
 - Concession Chair- Lisa Lang

Important Dates

- * **APRIL 5** - Classes will be held; allowances will be made for those who have travel plans around Easter
- * **APRIL 12** - Kindergarten Visitation and parent meeting. Please call 515-542-3211 ASAP if you haven't yet registered your child.
- * **APRIL 19** - Kindergarten Health Clinic. Information on front page.
- * **JUNE 2** - Last day of school.

For Up-to-Date School Calendar, go to www.mnwcougars.com. If you do not have access to a computer, please call a school office and ask for a print-out of the months you are interested in.

Wrestling Cheer Coach Toni Tews and the entire wrestling cheer squad would like to thank the awesome MNW wrestling fans. The support you gave us throughout the wrestling season and your generosity at the State Tournament was unbelievable and greatly appreciated.

Thanks So Much -Toni Tews, Shelby Jurries, KayLee Wolfe, Jessica Dawson, BreAnn Harman, Jill Rosendahl, Kayla Birkey, and Emma Johnson

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Crop for Cougar Kids

A fundraiser sponsored by MNW Elementary P.E.P. Club
(All proceeds will help support activities for the MNW Elementary.)

Come join us for a day of scrapbooking! Do you need some inspiration? Are you working on your Senior's album? Do you have the supplies, but don't know where to begin? Half the battle is just taking the time for yourself to sit down and do it!! This is your chance to get together with other scrap-bookers, get creative and support a great cause!!

Food **Door Prizes** **FUN!**

Friends

Please note: Childcare will NOT be provided. Participation is open to 5th grade children and older.

Questions? Contact Holly Eldridge at 515-546-6299

Return this form with check payable to MNWPEP Club to: MNW Elementary, c/o Mrs. Jacobsen, 303 Pierce Street, Bannum, IA 50518

Saturday, April 10, 2010
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Former Elementary Bldg in Manson
Pre-Register by Friday, March 26!

A Creative Memories Representative will be on site as well as a Licensed Massage Therapist! PEP Club will also have select SCRIP Pre-paid gift cards available for purchase. It's sure to be a fun day for everyone!!

In order to have enough food and work spaces available, please indicate your choice from the following:

Half day session \$20 if pre-registered by March 26 or \$25 at the door. Please indicate which half of the day:

1st (anytime between 9 AM to 3PM)
 2nd (anytime between 3 PM to 9 PM)

Full day session \$35 if pre-registered by March 26 or \$40 at the door
(Come and go anytime from 9AM to 9PM)

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