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Ballard Dollars for Scholars Enrichment Fund Continues to Grow

Donations have been received as follows:

- In Memory of Ed Ryan.....Brian and Meloni Stall
- In Memory of Deb Jensen’s mother.....Jean Saveraid, Joyce Peterson, Tim Erickson, David Jackson, Kirk Peterson, John Speer
- In Memory of Robert Phillips.....Brenda Brink
- In Memory of Robert Phillips.....Duane & Danelle Jensen
- In Memory of Robert Phillips.....David & Jean Saveraid
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- In Memory of Dale Johns.....Tim & Sue Erickson
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- In Memory of Eleanor Egglund (Peggy Cole’s mother) Jean Saveraid, Joyce Peterson, Tim Erikson, David Jackson, Kirk Peterson, John Speer
- Donation.....Huxley Communications COOP
- Donation.....Richard & Marjorie Johnson
- Donation.....Richard & Lisa Mens
- Enrichment of Bill Estrem Scholarship.....Loren & Renee Stephens
- Enrichment of Joel Hansen Scholarship.....Loren & Renee Stephens

Junior High Vocal Solo & Small Group Contest

On Saturday, February 12, the 7th and 8th graders in chorus participated in Solo & Small Group Contest at Ogden Middle School. There were 44 students who took a vocal solo, and 14 groups sang pieces involving both boy, girl, and mixed groups. Out of the 3 centers at Ogden, one group got the award of “Best of Center.” The 7th grade girls who sang the song “When I Close My Eyes” were: Megan Thompson, Anna Holly, Lauren Jones, Andrea Dahl, Hannah Wagner, Abby Kohut-Jackson, Audrey Ward, Sara Wilken, Jenna Lee & Nicole Kling. Congratulations to all who participated!

“Bugsy Malone Junior”

The 7th and 8th graders will each be performing the junior high musical “Bugsy Malone Junior” on May 13 and 14 at 7:00 pm. 7th graders will perform on May 13 at 7:00 pm, and 8th graders will perform both at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, May 14. “Bugsy Malone” takes place in the late 1920’s just after the Depression era began. It is a story that mostly takes place in Fat Sam’s Grand Slam: a place that “looks” like a bookstore, but is actually a speakeasy filled with singing and dancing. Join us for the tale about Bugsy trying to stop “splurging” between Fat Sam and Dandy Dan’s gangsters in this light hearted and comical musical!

Be The Change!

Challenge yourself to improve the community and make an impact on those around you. Gain skills that lead to employment opportunities and meet with local employers’ about abilities and characteristics they look for in new hires. Experience the ins and outs of interviews, and learn how what you do makes a difference.

Be The Change! is a **FREE** week long day camp full of activities for students entering 7-9 grades in Fall 2011. The purpose is to promote job readiness skills and community involvement! Participate in workshops about job and life skills. Take part in Story County volunteer opportunities. “Be The Change!” will be held June 20-24, at the Youth and Shelter Services building in Ames. There will also be a week held in Nevada from July 11-16 at the United Methodist Church. Transportation will be provided. For more information about Be The Change! day camp contact Laura Bell, Youth Employment Specialist at Youth & Shelter Services, Inc at 515-233-3141.



If you are looking for childcare services for your children, Ames Community Preschool Center provides childcare to children 18 months to 12 years. Full day childcare is available for children up to kindergarten. Before and after school care is provided at a variety of sites in Ames for school age children. For more information please call 515-233-2901 or visit ACPC’s website at <http://www.acpc-childcare.org/services.cfm>.

Ballard Dimensions Publication Schedule

Ballard Dimensions is published monthly with the exception of combined issues for the months of December/January and March/April and distributed via email. To subscribe to the email list, please visit our website at www.ballard.k12.ia.us and click on the 'subscribe to Dimensions' button in the middle of the page. You may also read Ballard Dimensions on line at www.ballard.k12.ia.us. If you wish to contribute to Ballard Dimensions, please submit your item to Kathy DeReus at kdereus@ballard.k12.ia.us by the 20th of the month previous to the publication date.

West Elementary Grades 2&3 Spring Vocal Concerts

@ West Elementary Monday April 4, 2011

5:30 Classes: 2Trost, 2Brown, 3Johnson, 3Wilcox

6:30 Classes: 2Wearmouth, 2Elleby, 3Hennessey, 3Hedges

7:30 Classes: 2Cole, 2Payne, 2Jensen, 3Corsbie, 3Angell

Ballard Youth Football Registration

Saturday, April 9 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Ballard High School Cafeteria 509 N. Main, Huxley

Coaches applications are being accepted thru April 30.

Please refer questions to ballardjets@gmail.com

Please visit the Ballard website at www.ballard.k12.ia.us and click on the guidance tab to find all the information your Junior or Senior will need to know regarding scholarships!

Ballard High School Homecoming 2011

Please plan to join us the week of September 25 for special homecoming activities.

Thursday, 9/29 Parade & Pep Rally Friday, 9/30 Football Game vs. Clear Lake

Saturday 10/1 Alumni Dance Featuring Standing Hampton at the Slater Fire Station

Come see the new high school, tour the old high school reconnect with old friends and enjoy special activities for the entire community! All are invited!

News from the Guidance Office

Discover Engineering Day @ DMACC

Students interested in how they can impact the world with engineering, should attend this conference at the Future Farmers of America State Headquarters north of the DMACC campus in Ankeny. The conference will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2011 from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm. Registration begins at 9:30 am. Please RSVP at www.dmacc.edu/programs/pdp/

Youth Education in Science and Medicine (YES MED) Camp

This camp is open to high school students entering the 12th grade in the fall of 2011 . It is a week-long camp, sponsored by Central Iowa Area Health Education Center. The camp will be held at Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa from July 6-July 10, 2011. the cost is \$50 and the deadline in April 15, 2011. For more information, please visit www.centraliowaahcec.org.

Jacobson Entrepreneurship Academy

Students completing 7th-9th grade are encouraged to attend a week long day camp in Des Moines, July 25-29 2011. The deadline is April 30, 2011.

For more information please visit www.iowajpec.org.

ATTENTION JUNIORS

The BRIAN PEARSON SCHOLARSHIP is only available to Iowa juniors who have participated in the Iowa Games. The scholarship is in honor of former Iowa State basketball player, Brian Pearson who died of brain cancer in 1997. The intent is to recognize an outstanding female and male student-athlete from Iowa. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who display great character in their school and community as well as putting the needs of others ahead of their own. The Brian Pearson scholarship winner should model several of the six pillars of character; trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The scholarship can be used for any post-high school education, including trade schools, community colleges and four-year institutions. Applications are available in the Jr.-Sr. High guidance office and must be received in Ames by May 1. Applications are available on-line at <https://www.iowagames.org/Awards.aspx> or call Peggy Wilson in the guidance office (597-2971, ext. 400) for an application or more information.

7 – 11 GRADE ITBS/ITED TESTING

The Iowa Basic Skills tests will be administered at the junior high school to all 7th & 8th grade students beginning Monday, April 4 through Monday, April 18. Tests will be administered during regular classroom times in the different individual core subject areas.

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development will be administered at the high school to all 9th – 11th grade students the mornings of Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6.

Parents are discouraged from making appointments for students during this time frame. Students who are absent during regular testing times will be pulled from regular class time and are expected to make up their tests the following week.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

During the week of March 28, National Honor Society application surveys will be available to all **sophomores** and **juniors** who meet the academic criteria for becoming NHS members. NHS membership is based upon Scholarship, Citizenship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Students with at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average and 20 hours of verified service are eligible to complete the application process. The completed surveys must be turned into the guidance office by Monday, May 2, for evaluation by the Faculty Council. Students who are invited to membership will be notified by mail in August.

Kindergarten Round-Up

April 6, 7, and 8.

*Please fill out your child's paperwork and have it handed into
Ballard West Elementary by March 11.*

*Paperwork can be found in the February Dimensions, on the school web-
site, or at Ballard West Elementary.*

*The parent meeting for incoming Kindergarten students will be on
Monday, March 21 at 6:30 at Ballard West Elementary School.*

2010-11 Scholarship Information Available in the Guidance Office

Updated scholarship information is available for all high school students. All scholarship information sent to the Ballard High School is filed in the guidance office. Current scholarship information is also posted on the Ballard Web Site at www.ballard.k12.ia.us Click on the Guidance/Registrar tab and then select the ***Scholarships*** heading on the left side of the page. Students/parents can print off a full listing of scholarships in an Adobe .pdf format. Senior advisors receive updated information on scholarships; dates college representatives will be visiting Ballard; dates of career and college fairs in the area; and registration deadlines for ACT and SAT testing. Students should make use of the guidance office for researching colleges and the numerous scholarships available.

2011 Iowa Electric Cooperatives' Youth Tour of Washington D.C.

Midland Power Cooperative will be sponsoring a local area high school sophomore or junior on the Iowa Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. It is an all-expense paid trip to Washington D. C. June 11-16, 2011. Registration Forms are available in the Jr/Sr High Guidance office. The form must be completed and returned to Midland's office by **March 7, 2011**. For more information contact Peggy Wilson at 515-597-2971 Ext. 400.

ACT Registration Dates

Register by May 6 for the June 11 ACT Test

Students are encouraged to register on line at: www.actstudent.org for the ACT test.

The Ballard school code number to be used on the application is **162-110**.

ATTENTION: Juniors: HERBERT HOOVER UNCOMMON STUDENT AWARD

A \$5,000 Scholarship Program for Iowa High School Juniors.

Send in a project proposal you feel demonstrates problem solving and organizational skills. The problem can focus on specific issues or problems in your school, church, or community.

Grades, test scores, and financial need are not part of the selection process. Students will be selected on **good works, not grade-point average**.

Approximately fifteen juniors will be selected to complete their proposed projects. These students will be required to spend the weekend of June 11-12 in West Branch, Iowa at the Hoover Presidential Library. Each student completing their project will receive \$1,000 and qualify to compete for three (3) \$5,000 scholarships.

The application and two recommendations must be postmarked by March 31, 2011.

Application packets are available in the junior-senior high school guidance office or apply online at: www.hooverassociation.org.

ART in the Huxley Public Library-



We would like to display the work of local artists! Share your talent with the community. Contact Cathy at cathyvanm@gmail.org to arrange your time & space.

Recommended reading from our book club:

Following Out the Middle

by Patrick J. Carr & Maria J. Kefalas

An excellent read for any citizen of small-town Iowa--especially civic leaders and educators.

*Available for check out at the
Huxley Public Library!*

Join our book club! Next meeting, March 7. 10:00am.

2011 Slater Nite Hawk Spring Training Camp

What: The Slater Nite Hawk Semi-Pro Baseball Club will be putting on one of the finest youth baseball camps in all of central Iowa. This one day event will help get your child ready for the upcoming baseball season. The camp will cover every fundamental aspect needed in the game of baseball, including throwing, fielding, hitting, bunting, and base running. Directing the camp will be current Nite Hawk players, local high school coaches, and area youth coaches.

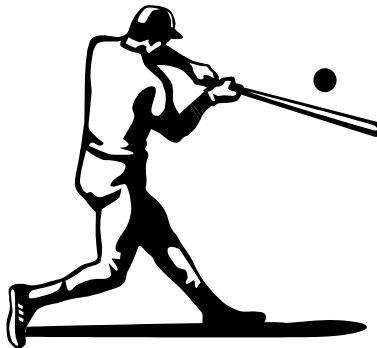
When: Saturday, April 9 (1:00-4:00 P.M.)

Who: Players ages 6-14

Where: Nite Hawk Field – Slater, Iowa

How Much: The cost of the clinic is \$30, which includes a camp t-shirt and quality instruction.

What to Bring: Baseball glove, bat, hat, cleats, and sleeves (please dress according to weather)



Parents are invited to attend! In case of inclement weather, the camp will be rescheduled for **Sunday, April 10 from 1:00 to 4:00**. Please make checks payable to: **Slater Nite Hawk Baseball**, and mail the bottom section of the form along with the payment to **Brett Fuller 607 14th Ave NW Altoona, IA 50009**. Registration forms are due by Saturday, March 26. If you have questions or would like additional information please feel free to contact **Brett Fuller at (515) 205-0250 or brfuller9@gmail.com**.

Nite Hawk Camp Registration Form

Participant's Name _____ **Age** _____

Address _____ **Phone Number** _____

T-Shirt Size: (please circle) Youth: Medium Large **Adult:** S M L XL

HOME TRACK MEETS 2011

PLEASE CHECK THE MEETS YOU CAN WORK.

____ APRIL 5, Tue.	7/8 Girls Quad	4:30
____ APRIL 8, Fri.	HS Girls BOMBER RELAYS	5:00
____ APRIL 19, Tue.	HS Boys Classic	5:00
____ APRIL 28, Thur.	7/8 Boys LITTLE BOMBER RELAYS	4:30
____ APRIL 29, Fri.	HS Girls Invitational	5:00
____ MAY 2, Mon.	7/8 Girls LITTLE BOMBER RELAYS	4:30
____ MAY 5, Thur.	HS Boys BILL ESTREM RELAYS	5:00

.. LIST THREE (3) JOBS IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE (1, 2, 3) ..

RUNNING EVENTS

____ CLERK OF COURSE

____ TIMER

____ PICKER

____ INSPECTOR

____ AUTOMATIC TIMER OPERATOR

____ COMPUTER OPERATOR

____ ANNOUNCER

____ SCORER

____ AWARDS

FIELD EVENTS

____ DISCUS

____ SHOT PUT

____ HIGH JUMP

____ LONG JUMP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE (H) _____

(W) _____

PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011. THANK YOU!!!!

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Mail into: Ballard Schools – PO Box 307 – Attn. Terri – Huxley IA 50124

Ballard Softball Skills Camp

Saturday April 2nd, 2011
Ballard HS Softball Field

Girls in grades PreK – 2 10:00am – 12:00pm
Girls in grades 3 – 6 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Skills taught: hitting, throwing, catching, fielding, & base running

Cost: \$25.00 (includes camp shirt)

Registration Deadline: March 23rd, 2011*

Make checks payable to: Ballard Softball Camp

Location: High school softball field (weather permitting)
 High school gym (alternate)

Equipment needed: Glove, bat (if you have one), drink

Mail entries to: Softball Camp, Ballard HS, PO Box 307 509 N Main Ave Huxley IA 50124

*Late entries will be accepted up until the time of the camp; however t-shirt is not guaranteed.

If you have any questions, contact Staci Sniezek at Ballard HS (597-2971 ext 209) or cell 515-231-5982. or email ssniezek@ballard.k12.ia.us In case of inclement weather, camp will be moved to the gym.

Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

T shirt size: Youth S M L (circle one)
 Adult S M L XL

Waiver and release: the parents/guardians personal or injury insurance policy will be utilized for the treatment of injuries occurring during the clinic. We, the parents/guardians agree to the above waiver and release Ballard High School and its employees from all claims.

Signature: _____



Ballard Softball Pitching Clinic

For girls in grades 3 – 6

Tuesday, April 5th, 2011

5:00pm to 6:15pm

Ballard HS Gym

Featuring instruction by: Molly Geise, a 1995 graduate of Simpson College, a 4 year letter winner in softball, and two-time all conference pitcher for the Storm. She currently coaches volleyball at Roland Story and gives pitching lessons to local pitchers of all ages!

Camp focus: mechanics, drills, pitch development, and pitching strategies. This camp is for beginners as well as experienced pitchers; instruction will match their ability levels.

Equipment needed: glove, an indoor softball if you own one (11" and 12" balls will be provided if needed), towel for knee drills, and your own catcher.

Entry deadline: Friday, April 1st

Mail entry forms to:
Pitching Clinic c/o Staci Sniezek
Ballard High School
PO Box 307
509 N Main Ave
Huxley, IA 50124

Fee: \$20.00 (Make checks payable to Ballard Schools)

If you have any questions, contact Staci Sniezek at Ballard High School (597-2971 ext 209) or cell (231-5982). You can also email ssniezek@ballard.k12.ia.us.

Name _____ Grade _____

Parents _____ Phone _____

Beginner or Experienced (circle one) Email _____

Comments _____

Waiver and Release: The parents/guardian's personal insurance policy will be utilized for treatment of injuries occurring during the clinic. We, the parents/guardians, agree to the above waiver and release Ballard High School and its employees from all claims.

Date _____ Signature _____

For lunch menus please access the food service tab from the Ballard Schools website home page. From this page you may also access your child's lunch account and find applications for free and reduced meals.

www.ballard.k12.ia.us
Food Service



Ballard School District Phone Numbers

Ballard West Elementary (Grades K-3)

105 E. Main, Slater, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	228-3890
Office	228-3890
Fax	228-3892
Bus Riding Changes	228-3890

Administration Office

602 N. Main Ave, Huxley, Iowa

Superintendent	597-2811
Business Manager	597-2975
Fax	597-2965

Ballard East Elementary (Grades 4-6)

505 W. 4th, Cambridge, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	220-4306
Office	220-4306
Fax	220-4310
Bus Riding Changes	220-4306

Other District Numbers

Bus Barn	597-2979
Success Center	597-2970
Taher, Inc (HS Kitchen)	597-2978
West Kitchen	228-3893
East Kitchen	220-4893

Ballard Jr-Sr High (Grades 7-12)

509 N. Main, Huxley, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	597-2971 (ext 307)
Office	597-2971
Fax	597-2964
Principal's Secretary	597-2971 (ext 301)
Activities Secretary	597-2971 (ext 302)
Guidance /Registration	597-2971 (ext 400)
Guidance Fax	597-2818

Ballard Website-
www.ballard.k12.ia.us

Attendance/Bus Riding Changes

The preferred way to contact the elementary sites regarding your child's absence or to report bus riding changes is via an email to attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us.