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Annual Election Set January 23

Each year on the fourth Tuesday of January voters throughout Oklahoma go to the polls to approve school operating funds. The amount, 20 mills, is set by the Oklahoma School Code, and has been approved every year by Union voters since the levies went into effect.

This year the election will be held on January 23. On the ballot will be:

• a 5 mill Emergency Levy,

a 10 mill Local Support Levy, and

· a 5 mill Building Fund Levy.

Money generated by the Emergency and Local Levies are used to help pay salaries, purchase instructional materials and supplies, and pay the bills for other day-to-day costs of operation.

In addition, the district will receive some \$650,000 in Incentive Aid from the state, but ONLY IF the Emergency

Levy and the Local Support Levy are approved.

The Building Fund Levy provides funds for erecting, repairing, or remodeling buildings and for purchasing furniture. The rapid growth of the Union School District

makes continued approval of this levy, in addition to approval of annual bond issues, of critical importance.

Also on the ballot for the January election will be the seat for the Zone Four board member post. For further information see page 5.



Calendar of Events

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	Jan. 2	Briarglen	PTA Skating	4-6 p.m.	Skateworld
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	Jan. 5	All Schools	PTA Excutive	9:30 a.m.	Admin. Ctr.
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			Meeting		
١	Jan. 8	All Schools	School Board	7:00 p.m.	Junior High
			Meeting		Cafetorium
	Jan. 8	All Schools	Indian Parent	7:00 p.m	TBA
			Committee		
			Meeting		
	Jan. 9	Clark	PTA Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium
	Jan. 9	Boevers	PTA Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium
	Jan. 10	All Schools	PTA Council	9:30 a.m.	Admin. Ctr.
			Meeting		
	Jan. 11	High School	Play - Arsenic	8:00 p.m.	Gymnasium
			and Old Lace		大学
	Jan. 15	Peters	PTA Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Junior High
					Cafetorium
	Jan. 15	Grove	PTA Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Cafetorium
	Jan. 16	All Schools	PTA School	7:30 p.m.	Junior High
	1.46		Board Forum		Cafetorium
	Jan. 17	Briarglen	Immunization	3:30 -	Cafetorium
P		5:30 p.m.	Clinic		
	Jan. 24	All Schools	Grade Cards		
			Go Home		
	Jan. 24	Clark	Scoliosis	8:40 a,m.	Cafetorium
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Construction Bids Taken

Bids for construction of the Briarglen Elementary School gymnasium and Phase II of Peters Elementary were opened by the board at the December 4 board meeting.

Bids, in order from lowest to highest, for the gymnasium were: \$299,228 - Building Systems, Tulsa; \$317,016 - Commercial Structures, Broken Arrow; \$320,800 - Doric Constructors, Tulsa; \$331,790 - WSM Management, Inc., Broken Arrow; \$333,000 - Daco Construction, Inc., Catoosa; \$355,000 - Miracle Construction Company, Pryor; \$389,900 - Hale & Ross Construction Co., Owasso.

Peters Phase II bids were: \$552,418 - Commercial Structures, Broken Arrow; \$649,900 - Miracle Construction Co., Owasso.

Low bidders on both projects were awarded contracts at a special meeting of the Board December, 18.

Hesley Juman

Construction Dominates District News



The eight classrooms at Roy Clark are at last occupied and only a few items remain on the punch list before final acceptance of the facility from contractors.

The music facility was occupied on December 20. There remain a few items to complete. but the main classrooms for vocal and instrumental music instruction are substantially complete. The band was prac-

ticing in the gymnasium area and the vocal groups in the weight room. Needless to say our teachers and students were

most happy to make the move.

Progress has been slow this month at Tom Peters because of the weather. We expect completion on Phase I in the latter part of February or the first of March, again depending on

the working conditions. We need a run of good weather. We awarded contracts on phase II at Peters and the physical education building at Briarglen on December 18.

THE OPEN DOOR

Q. - I read that the Union District may have to pay as much as \$300,000 for a new elementary school site in the southwest portion of the district. Isn't that awfully high for 10 acres?

A - Actually the gross acreage on this site is about 12 acres. Street, sewer, and other easements and rights-of-way cut it back to the approximate acreage listed. To answer the question directly, this is a lot of money for the site but we must look at all aspects of the purchase.

(1) Land in this portion of the district is selling at a

premium.

(2) We have had two professional appraisers render an opinion to the board. Both opinions expressed indicated the

price as being fair.

(3) The area is going to be fully developed into mostly single family houses and if a school isn't built in this area, the transportation problems would be monumental as well as expensive.

(4) In defense of the owner of the property, the school site generates 27 lots or a total of \$607,500. By selling the land to us and deducting his developmental costs, he loses \$200,000.

I feel that we should proceed with the purchase at this time.

Q. - When will students move into the new Peters Elementary School? Will the completion of Peters catch us up on space for elementary students?

A. - Phase I at Peters Elementary should be completed in February or March depending on weather. Phase II contract will be let on or around December 18. This project should be completed by at least July 1, 1979. We have not at this time made a decision as to the moving of Peters from the Middle School site. It is going to depend on the date of final completion of Phase I.

Completion of Peters Elementary only houses those students now attending at the Middle School site with Phase II allowing for some growth. We will still be behind because of the growth in the southwest section of the district.

These contracts could not be awarded until the school district received the proceeds from the bond issue. The money was delivered during the week of December 11-15 and was deposited in Certificates of Deposit until they are needed to pay on construction projects.

The annual school election will be held January 23, 1979 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. It is critical that patrons vote in this election. Issues that will be decided are:

(1) election of a board member for a 5 year term,

(2) a 5 mill building fund levy, (3) a 10 mill local support levy, and

(4) a 5 mill emergency levy,

These millage levies are critical to the operation of the school district. Demonstrate your support of your school system by voting on January 23.

Be sure and purchase your car tags in Tulsa County. The schools in Tulsa County share in the car tag monies for this

county only.

From all of us at Union Public Schools we wish each of you a very merry holiday season.

Attention Seniors

Any senior who is planning to start college or a technical training program next fall needs to take the ACT (American College Testing) admissions test. The next test is February 10, 1979. Applications to take the test are available in the counselor's office.

The financial aids applications required by most Oklahoma schools will be available after December 1.

Your 1978 income tax information is part of this application so plan to file your tax return as early as possible so the information will be available. "Remember that lots of colleges and universities have money to help your student. They want to make it possible for your student to go to school," says Connie Keller, Senior Counselor.

Scholarship application deadlines for most state schools are March 1, 1979. Most colleges and universities are requiring students who receive scholarships to file the financial aids application.

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Lots and Lots of Letters

Letters from schools and school districts all over the U.S. cover the desk of Don Irvin, Director of Elementary Education. The letters request copies of the Union Elementary School curriculum Handbook distributed for the first time this year. The book was reviewed as exemplary in the Ragan Report, a national newsletter for school communicators this fall, and since then the requests have been pouring in. Union's Gold Key Club, the Board Action column in the employee newsletter Insight, and Winnie Childer's article on school bus driving in the August Communicator have all been cited in the Ragan Report this fall.

First American Studies Sweep Schools

Indian culture dominated themes in many classrooms around Thanksgiving. On American Indian Heritage Day Roy Clark fifth graders visited Gilcrease Museum as part of the unit they were studying on the three main types of Indians. The children also made fry bread.

Third graders in Cathy Rutledge and Carolyn Taylors' rooms at Grove joined together as they studied first Americans and wore costumes, sang songs, told stories, conducted art activities, popped corn and made butter. All the second graders at Grove got together to bake bread and have choral readings to celebrate Thanksgiving.

First graders at Briarglen completed their Indian studies just before Thanksgiving with a big celebration. The children made their own lunch which included hamburger stew, crackers, pumpkin bread and kool-aid. Half the children dressed as Indians, the other half as Pilgrims.

At Peters Kaye Patton and Sharon Scroggins asked their kindergartners to dress up like pilgrims and Indians for a Thanksgiving celebration. The students prepared fried cornbread, cranberry sauce and fresh churned butter for a feast, In Patton's room children brought Indian articles for an Indian museum.

First and second graders at Boevers also cooked their

Indian Parents Plan meeting

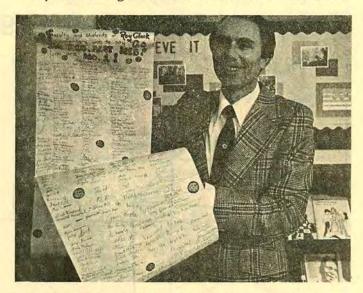
An Indian Parent Committee Meeting will be held January 8 at 7 p.m. The meeting place will be announced later by mail or phone, according to Indian counselor Cheryl Marrs. For further information contact Chairperson B.J. Kassanavoid, Vice-Chairperson Sam Chisholm or Secretary Sue Houser.

Marrs plans to begin arts and crafts classes for Indian education participants in January. She is now surveying students to see how many are interested in beading, God's Eyes, leather working or painting. Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. two evenings a week for six weeks. Parents and students should return completed survey forms to teachers or send directly to Marrs.

Thanksgiving feast. The children had stew and cornbread before joining in a songfest and watching a filmstrip. Costumes were the order of the day.

Next month at Briarglen third graders will study the five civilized tribes and will see a slide presentation presented by Gilcrease museum. Later, the students will go to the museum to study Indian art.

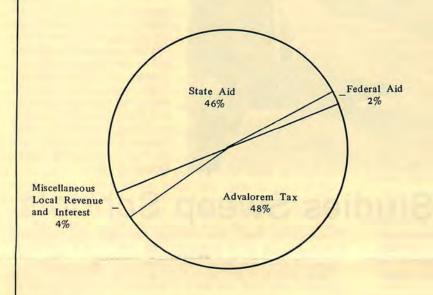
Roy Clark fifth graders visited the museum last month.



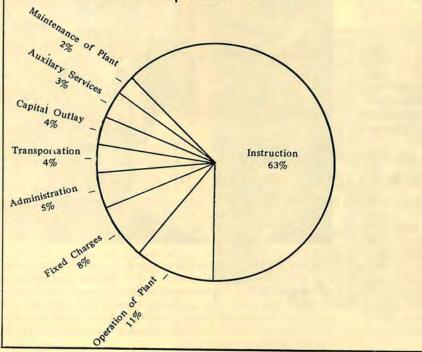
Every student and staff member at Roy Clark Elementary signed a scroll for OU Coach Barry Switzer and the team wishing them luck on January 1 at the Orange Bowl. After he received the scroll and an explanatory letter from physical education instructor Dixie Grahlman, Coach Switzer wrote back to say the scroll would be put up in the dressing room for all the team members to see.

Your School Dollars Where They Come From, How They're Spent

Estimated Income 1978-79



Estimated Expenditures 1978-79



Rumored Wealth Won't Pay Bills

Have you heard the rumor that Union is a rich school district? Don't believe it!

Equalizers are at work that bring the school budget on par with all the other school districts in the state in total amount of income. The total number of dollars available to spend equals about \$1300 per child, compared to the national average of \$1500 per child this year.

True, a good portion of the school budget comes from local support, principally because of business and industry in the area. But, state aid and federal funds are the great equalizers that shave total income to the point of hurting.

State aid is based on a formula that allows more dollars for poor areas and less dollars for areas with greater local resources, like Union. Under this formula total income for all state school districts is balanced out.

Federal aid makes up only two percent of the total district income. Generally, the district does not qualify for most federal programs because the Union area is principally middle class with few minority or low-income families.

Also hurting the Union budget is the fact that state aid, including money for textbooks, is based on the number of students enrolled the previous year. That means Union won't receive money for the 500 new students who entered district schools this year until next year. Meanwhile, classrooms, teachers, textbooks, supplies, utilities, etc., must be provided for those 500 students throughout this school year.

What a high district valuation does mean is that Union has a high proportion of dollars that can be voted by district residents in bonds for new construction. If the district were growing slowly, or not at all, then these dollars could be approved for a full scope of school facilities.

However, with the 15 percent a year growth rate experienced by the district over the past 10 years, and projected to continue indefinitely, the maximum amount of bond monies approved by the voters each year isn't enough to keep up with the basic housing needs of new students.

1979 SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

January 8, 1979 - Monday February 5, 1979 - Monday March 5, 1979 - Monday April 2, 1979 - Monday May 7, 1979 - Monday June 12, 1979 - Tuesday July 2, 1979 - Monday August 6, 1979 - Monday September 10, 1979 - Monday October 1, 1979 - Monday November 5, 1979 - Monday December 3, 1979 - Monday

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Junior High School cafetorium.

Giving Dominates Christmas Themes

Celebration of Christmas through giving to the less fortunate and through studying customs in other lands have been predominate throughout the district.

At Peters Elementary kindergarten and first grade students made a Giving Tree. The children brought stocking caps, mittens and socks to decorate the tree and on December 20 the Salvation Army picked up the gifts.

Briarglen third graders made cards, candy dishes, tree ornaments and card holders for residents of the Colonial Manor nursing home. Sixth grade students at the school collected food for the needy families of the district.

In the kindergarten classes, children learned about Christmas customs of other countries, and the various sources of many of our own customs. They learned the Christmas tree comes to us from Germany and China, they broke the pinata in a Mexican celebration, tasted gingerbread men from Sweden, and discovered candy in wooden shoes like children in Holland.

At Roy Clark second graders conducted a cultural study of

five countries with themes of "Christmas Around the World,"

"Language," and "Customs, People and Geography."

Boevers first graders brought warm caps, mittens and socks for another unusual tree. Second grade students brought canned goods, and kindergarteners brought clothing from home that was no longer needed. Many of the children's gifts were given to a district family who recently lost their home in a fire. Remaining things went to Neighbor for Neighbor.

Sixth graders and all the staff at Boevers also joined in a Christmas Cheer Project for Eastern State Hospital Patients in Vinita, Oklahoma. Some of the items purchased or donated were toothbrushes, toothpaste, cologne, hair spray, gloves, hand lotion, lipstick, headscarves, shampoo, billfolds, socks, after-shave lotion, compacts, games such as dominos and checkers or cards, gowns and pajamas. Nurse Sally Reibert visited with each of the sixth grade classes to explain the meaning of mental illness and some of the patients' needs.

Board Seat Set for Vote

The school board post representing Zone 4 will be included on the ballot in the January 23 school election.

All residents of the Union school district who are registered voters may vote for the school board member, as well as for the millage levies, but candidates for the post must live in the designated zone. Zone 4 includes the area bounded by Memorial and Garnett between 51st and 71st as

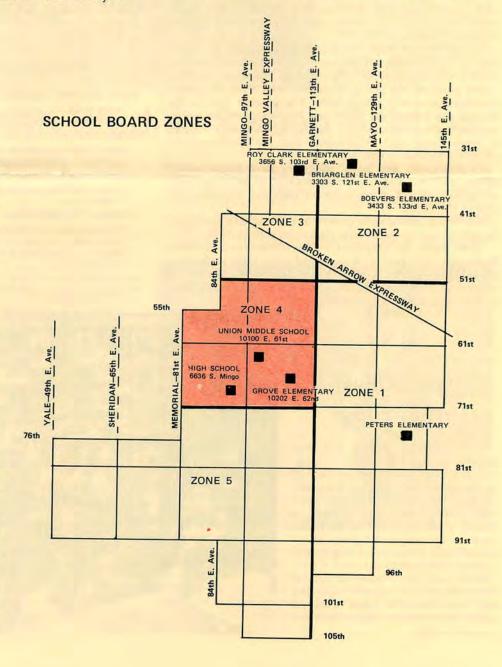
shown on the adjacent map.
The Union School Board is composed of five members whose terms last five years. One board seat comes up for election each year.

Those who wish to be candidates for the Zone 4 seat must file with the Tulsa County Election Board on either January 8, 9 or 10.

Where Do Voters Register?

Voters who are already registered to vote need not register again for this election. Those who are not registered, but who wish to do so, can call the Tulsa County Election Board at 584-0471 to find a place convenient to their home or place of work. One handy place for voter registration is the Century 21 Real Estate Office at 5150 S. Memorial. Registration books will remain open until January 13, ten days before the election.

Requirements for voter registration are that you must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a legal resident of Tulsa County.



Space Critical At All Three Levels

Elementary, junior high and high school levels are all crowded, and all promise to be in critical need of additional classroom space in another year, according to a report made the board December 4 by Assistant Superintendent George

Hayes.

In the past elementary schools grew more rapidly than secondary schools in this district and a major portion of bond funds voted by district residents clearly needed to be concentrated at the elementary level. This year, however, in a surprise twist for district planners, the high school grew 17 percent while elementary growth slowed to a seven percent increase.

If the ninth grade is retained at the high school next year the enrollment in that facility will be 1,524 according to estimates made by Hayes based on growth this year. High school enrollment is currently 1,215 and is "bursting at the seams,"

according to Hayes.

If the ninth grade is moved to the junior high, then projected enrollment for the high school will be 1,132 and would give the school another year or two of relief before additional class-

rooms will need to be built.

The junior high, with two grades, currently has an enrollment of 1,035 next year if the ninth grade is located there. The building will handle about 1200 students. The school has been a focal point of one group of parents who want the school remodeled or a new school built. The greatest part of the building was built in the 1960's and is in good condition. The original struture, built in 1921, has been remodeled a number of times. Only eight classrooms and the administration offices are located in that area.

Administrators and board members have given serious consideration to building a new junior high as soon as possible and locating district offices at the current junior high site some

time in the future.

Meanwhile, elementary growth in the southern portion of

the district has outpaced new classroom construction.

"If we hadn't let a contract for the construction of Peters Elementary this year we'd have had over 1200 students at Grove," said Hayes. Grove is built to handle about 750 students. 795 are currently enrolled there and another increase of about 300 students is expected next year.

District residents voted money this fall to buy a site for a new elementary school in the southwest portion of the district near Southfield Estates and Chimney Hills additions. Negotiations continue for that site. The school will be needed by next year, but may have to wait if needs elsewhere are termed more critical.

Peters enrollment is growing faster than classrooms are being built. When the school opens there will be four more classes than there will be classrooms. This problem should be rectified when Phase II of the school is completed. Construction bids for the second phase will be let this month.

To meet the growth at all levels three major projects are needed: Phase I of a new junior high school, Phase I of a class-room addition at the high school, and Phase I of a new elementary school. The problem is, the district will be able to vote enough money for only one of the projects due to limitations set on district indebtedness by the state constitution.

Board members will continue to study growth problems and possible solutions. "There are a lot of good ideas," said Board President Larry Henderson. "The problem is, they all cost

money."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL

Work in school cafeteria. Shifts vary from 3 hours to 6 hours daily. Substitute positions available.

CUSTODIAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

Good working conditions. Part time and full time positions available. Preference given to persons holding Class I or II License.

MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

Skilled applications needed. Electrical, plumbing, mechanical abilities, etc.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Morning, noon and afternoon runs available. Opportunity to earn extra money driving activity trips during school day and to night activities. Chauffeurs License and physical exam required plus good driving record.

Application can be made at the Union Administrative Center, 9134 E. 46th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Phone 664-9400. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Students Study First Americans

Native American artifacts including pottery, jewelry and clothing representative of several tribes are part of the presentation made by Benjamin Harjo, a representative of the Tulsa Arts and Humanities Council, to fourth grade students at Boevers. Harjo told stories and legends about animals and people, and taught the children to Round Dance.

Harjo was also a guest at several other schools this month, including Roy Clark where he talked to second graders and Briarglen where he talked to third graders.





Eagleaires Fly

"Free to Be ... You and Me" was the theme of a performance of the Robert B. Grove Eagleaires in late November. The Eagleaires, a select group of fourth, fifth and sixth graders, made a hit with the Grove PTA and went on to perform again for the group before Christmas. They sang for residents of the Southern Hills Retirement Home in November. Director Betty Mitchell, new to Union this year, is imaginative and dynamic, according to Principal Robert Ingle.

A Family Portrait

The classic story of two old ladies who help out society by putting lonely old men out of their miserey with a sip of poisoned elderberry wine will be presented by high school drama students January 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafetorium.

Starring in the drama are, seated from left, Deena Demko, 10, Alan Williams, 12, and Lynette Schnack, 10. From left, standing, are Tim Redmond, 12, Ricky Bewley, 12, and Erik Zoellner, 11.

Advance tickets are 75¢ for students, and one dollar for adults. Tickets at the door will be \$1.50 for everyone.

Speech and drama advisor Shirley Zeiler said the students had chartered a new Thespian club at the high school with a record membership of 36. The club will be a support group for all speech and drama activities, providing students opportunities to perform in skits, etc., for assemblies. The Southeast Tulsa Jaycees awarded the group a \$100 prize last month for their originality in design and construction by Dennis Smith, club president, in the annual March of Dimes Haunted House. The students had created a room called "Dark at the Top of the Stairs."



In the Classroom

What's Happenin'

The pupper theatre came alive in the Briarglen library this month as several sixth graders presented plays. "A Trip to the Library" was an original play presented by Irene Carpenter, Annette Furry and Paula Anderson to first grade classes.

Two other plays celebrated the Christmas season. Grades K-2 saw "The Mouse Who Wanted to be Famous", presented by Robin Crabtree, Brenda Davis and Susan Hall. An original script about post holiday activities entitled "The Stolen Presents" was presented by Chris Davis, Shelly Anderson, Michelle Rosenthal and Teresa Wheeler.

All three plays were assisted by Terry Geren, Karen Gee and Mary Lobough. Mrs. Sandra Maguire, Media Specialist, coordinated the puppet activities.

Fred the prairie dog visited Peters third graders in Sherry-Stiles and Connie Jennings' classes. Fred was accompanied by representatives from the Corps of Engineers who presented a Walt Disney Film teaching the importance of preserving the natural habitat of animals.

Students in Ron Reeder's sixth grade social studies classes at Boevers held a November election of their own. 50 percent voted as Independents, 36 percent as Democrats and eight percent as Republicans. George Nigh was elected Governor; Spencer Barnard, Lt. Governor; and David Boren, Senator.

Speech therapy students at Boevers followed a Star Wars road as they completed homework in Diane Cornwell's class. Cornwell and student teacher Tony Willis devised the contest to show visual progress in the program.

"Doing home assignments results in more parental involvement and more rapid progress in correction of speech or language problems," said Cornwell. "The assignment made speech fun!"

Coloring book sales cleared about \$2,000 for Grove Elementary and \$100 for fifth grader Monica R. Sachdev. Monica, who is in Marianne Koenig's class, won \$50 for having top sales in the school and another \$50 for having top sales in the state. She sold a total of 153 coloring books.

Principal Robert Ingle plans to purchase color television

units for the school with the proceeds.

Other fund raising events sponsored by Grove PTA netted \$550 from Book Fair profits and \$1200 from the school carnival. PTA Publicity Chairman Bonnie Thomson said the money would be used to purchase books for the school library and other needed items for the school.

Gymnastics, Wrestling, Basketball in Full Swing

Gil Cloud Director of Athletics

The month of December has already been a very busy month for the Athletic Department. Both the basketball and wrestling programs are in full swing and the gymnastics schedule got off to a fine start on Monday, December 11th when Union hosted Broken Arrow in the high school gym.

Three members of the team have qualified for the state U.S.G.F. meet in Stillwater in March, so congratulations to Coach Deanna Jones. We welcome this addition to our athletic

program.

Our boys basketball program under the direction of Coach Ron Sumner is also progressing well. The seventh grade has a 1-2 record, the eighth a 4-1 record, the ninth grade a 2-3 record, the junior varsity and varsity both have 1-1 records, which is a total record of 9 wins for the season so far compared to an overall of 10 wins for the year last year.



Fried pumpkin seeds and apple cider provided a tasty Thanksgiving treat for students in Carol Atchley's second grade class at Grove. Jay Thomson and Richelle Swan taste cider following the Thanksgiving Concert provided by the Eagleaires.

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Coach Ron Sumner feels theirs is a pretty well coordinated program, and urges district patrons to come out and support the kids. The girls team under the direction of Coach Mike Polk is playing with a lot of determination. They are a young and small team but he feels that in another two to three weeks, probably after Christmas, they should really start to gel.

The second annual Union Wrestling Classic in the high school gym on December 8-9 was a big success with 12 area teams including Pryor, Tahlequah and Lawton's Eisenhower

participating. Six of our own wrestlers placed.

Also, Congratulations to the eighth grade girls and their coach Carol Goddard for their win in the Arkansas Valley

Basketball Tournament at Broken Arrow recently.

Head Wrestling Coach Bill West is pleased with the progress his team is making since the beginning of the season. They posted a dual record of 2-3 as of December 12. They know they have a lot of hard work ahead.

COMMENTS

The Department of Athletics, Health and Physical Education wants to wish each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope that as we enter another calendar year we can continue to produce a quality program for all of the students in our school system.

Nurses Screen for Scoliosis

School health personnel are conducting a Scoliosis screening throughout the Union district. Briarglen and Boevers students have already been screened and students at the other schools

will be screened in January.

Scoliosis is an abnormal lateral bending or curvature of the spine. It is deforming and is a potentially progressive condition that affects seven to 10 percent of all children in the 10-14 year age-bracket. The cause remains unknown. Scoliosis is not yet preventable, but the severe deforming characteristics can be limited or corrected to varying degrees if it is detected and treated early.

Early detection is the only way to prevent Scoliosis from becoming a severe problem if it is progressive or severe. Late detection or treatment in these cases can lead to severe disabilities such as pain, respiratory impairment with possible secondary cardiac complications and physical deformity.

It is estimated that only two percent of the children of this age group will have Scoliosis severe enough to require treatment in the form of bracing and exercise or surgery. The remainder of the seven to 10 percent will only require periodic observation. If your child has a possible curvature you will be notified immediately and asked to take your child to your family physician, pediatrician or orthopedist for further examination.

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