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## ANNUAL ELECTION SET FOR JANUARY 26th

Each year in January, the Union Board of Education conducts an annual election, as mandated by law. The purpose of the January 26 election is twofold: i.e., (1) to elect a member of the board of education to a five year term and (2) approval of tax levies for the operation of the school district during the 1982-83 school year.

The ballot will include three levies for voter approval. 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. Ballots will consist of:

- (1) 5 Mill Building Fund Levy
- (2) 10 Mill Local Support Levy
- (3) 5 Mill Emergency Levy

Each of the levies will generate funds for the operation of the school. Each mill generates about \$155,000. For the 20 mills listed, district revenue will be over \$3 million. On the basis of total operational budget this year of \$11,400,000., it represents 26% of the total budget. Therefore, approval of the levies is critical to the operation of the school system next year.

In addition to the approval of operating funds, voters will select a board of education member to serve Zone 2 in the district. The Union School Board consists of five members representing five areas of the district. Each member serves

for five years with one seat coming up for election each year. Current members are: Darwin Maxey, Zone 1; Louise Grissom, Zone 2; Richard Tallman, Zone 3; Alison Moore, Zone 4; and Vaughn Brower, Zone 5.

Qualifications for school board members are that they have lived in the Union School District at least six months before the date of filing for office, live in the zone they represent, and be a registered voter. All registered voters may vote on the candidate, even though they live in other zones.

Voters do not need a registration card from the County Election Board, but must sign the poll book. Signing the book indicates the voter swears to be a registered voter and resident of the Union School District.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Patrons may vote at either location. A new location, St. Matthews Methodist Church will replace Briarglen Elementary as a polling place. Exact locations are as follows:

St. Matthews Methodist Church  
12424 E. 31st Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma (Between Garnett Rd. and 129th E. Ave.)

Bethany Free Will Baptist Church  
7401 S. Memorial  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

## Severe Weather Policy

Old Man Winter may sneak a blow of severe weather on the Tulsa area in weeks to come. With this is the possibility of school closings. Following are the procedures Union Public Schools will take due to winter storms, according to James Patton, Assistant Superintendent.

(1) If severe weather occurs during the evening, streets will be driven between 8:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. In the event that school is canceled, announcement will be made by 10:00 p.m.

(2) If severe weather occurs during the night, the streets will be driven between 4:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. If school is canceled because of the weather, an announcement will be made by 6:00 a.m.

(3) If a storm moves in during the day, schools will normally dismiss at regular time. Reasoning for this procedure is due to many cases of both parents working. Union Public Schools is concerned for the students' safety. If school was dismissed early, many elementary students would have no supervision or entrance into their home.

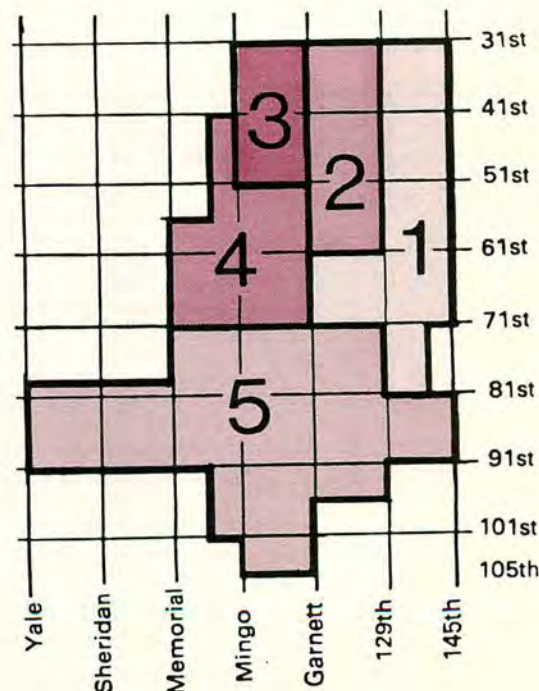
(4) Announcement of school cancellations will be made on the following stations:

KRMG  
KOTV-TV

KVOO  
KTUL-TV

KELI

KWEN  
KJRH-TV



## From the Superintendents Desk

## Contracts Awarded For Construction Projects



Dr. Wesley Jarman

## NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PHASE II

COMPANY	BASE BID	CALENDAR DAYS
Blankenship/Blake	\$2,017,006.00	438
Commercial Structures	\$1,854,983.00	270
Doric Constructors	\$1,974,093.00	250
Kan-Ark Industries	\$2,024,280.00	330
McKown Construction	\$1,965,978.00	240

## BOEVERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Barton Construction	\$ 473,972.00	230
Commerical Structures	\$ 469,988.00	260
IGW Construction Co.	\$ 479,622.00	240
McKown Construction	\$ 485,129.00	240
Ross Construction	\$ 477,700.00	240

The Board of Education immediately took action to award contracts to Commercial Structures on these two projects and also awarded a contract to the same firm for construction of the classroom additions at Darnaby, Peters and Clark Elementaries. If all goes well, these projects *should* be complete for the 82-83 school year. Unforeseen delays due to weather, strikes or availability of materials could have an adverse effect on these dates.

Don't forget the annual election on January 26, 1982. This election is critical to the continued operation of the school system. The levies must be passed by a simple majority. Your vote is needed.

The Tulsa World and Tulsa Tribune have recently published test scores for each individual school in Tulsa. They have requested that our scores also be made available.

At a special meeting on November 23, 1981 bids were received on Phase II of the new junior high school and also on the Boevers Elementary Gymnasium. Following is a summary of those bids.

We have complied with this request. I want to also include our test scores in this issue of *THE COMMUNICATOR*. We are very proud of these scores as they do reflect a high level of achievement among our students. We do not wish to sit back and rest on our laurels but want to continue to improve our quality of instruction. Our faculty is to be commended for a job well done.

According to Dr. Don Payne, Director of Research, the SRA scores are best portrayed in percentiles because this is a true score rather than a derived score such as a Grade Equivalent Score or number of students performing in quartiles. Following are the Mean Composite Scores by school and grade level within the Union Public Schools. Obviously, these scores evidence the quality of achievement of our professional staff and students.

 UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 SRA COMPOSITE SCORES  
 BY SCHOOL & GRADE LEVEL

School	1	2	3	4	5	6
Boevers	(NT)	89	87	75	73	75
Briarglen	81	81	80	79	76	69
Clark	78	78	81	75	73	62
Grove	82	93	91	81	82	76
Peters	86	96	88	85	87	72
District	82	90	86	80	79	72
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Junior High	67	78	69			
High School				67	66	

Darnaby Elementary test figures were not available as it was a new school.

We are looking forward to our second semester hopefully with the same enthusiasm we had in August. It can be a time of evaluation of our goals of the past and the setting of new goals for the remainder of the school year. I think morale is at an all time high in Union Schools and by your continued support it will be an ongoing feat.

*Wesley Jarman*

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### Piece Of Clay

*I took a piece of plastic clay,  
 And idly fashioned it one day;  
 And, as my fingers pressed it still,  
 It moved and yielded to my will.  
 I came again, when days were passed,  
 The bit of clay was hard at last.  
 The form I give it, still it bore,  
 But I could change that form no more.*

*I took a piece of living clay,  
 And deftly formed it day by day,  
 And molded, with my power and art,  
 A young child's soft and yielding heart.  
 I came again, when years were gone;  
 It was a man I looked upon.  
 He still that early impress bore,  
 But I could change it never more.*

(author unknown)

## What Are Standardized Aptitude And Achievement Tests?

National School Public Relations Association

Aptitude and achievement tests are ways of finding out what kind of school work a child is capable of - and what kind he/she is presently doing.

Combined with other information like course grades and comments from teachers, these tests can help give a picture of the total child.

Many different standardized tests are available, but they are all designed to help give a better understanding of each child's skills and abilities.

### What do "Aptitude" and "Achievement" actually mean?

Aptitude refers to the *ability* to do school work. Different tests exist to test a student's ability in different areas (math, language, etc.). Many factors come into play here, including cultural and family environment, familiarity with the English language (in which most of the tests are given), the child's health, and more.

Achievement refers to the level of a student's *skills and knowledge* in particular areas, such as reading, math or problem solving.

Simply stated, aptitude measures *what a child has the ability* to do, and achievement measures what he/she *actually* is doing.

### Why are these tests important?

Because they tell teachers and parents many things about each individual child - and about each school, too. The same test is given in schools all over the country (this is why they are called "standardized"), and the scores are based on the average performance of the children taking the test, usually called the "norm".

This means a student's scores can be compared to those of his/her classmates *and* those of children the same age in other schools. The tests help tell us what a child *can do* and *is doing* in relation to others in the same grade.

Once teachers know this, they can take steps to improve any weak areas and develop a better educational program for each child.

### But remember -

#### Tests are only one indicator

They measure certain things, but do not measure everything!

Test scores by themselves do not give a full picture of your child - as a student *or* as a person!

### What do test scores really tell us?

They tell us how one student's performance compares to that of others in the same age group or grade, and they help identify the student's strong and weak areas.

But remember, a variety of factors can have an affect on a student's scores, such as how he or she feels on the day the test is given, the conditions in the test room (was it crowded, noisy, hot, etc.?), advance preparation given by the school, and many others. Tests are not perfect, and do not give us all the answers about each child.

Test scores *do* give a point of comparison, and can help us understand each student better. By checking scores from year to year, scores in different areas, aptitude and achievement scores, test scores and classroom progress, and by using personal understanding of each child, schools can develop improved programs to serve each one better.

### Parents CAN help their children do better on tests -

Children differ in their abilities, of course, but here are some things parents can do to help their children do his or her best:

- 1.) Encourage your child to be serious about the tests and not to see them as a nuisance, or as a break from "real" school work.
- 2.) Try not to upset the child before the tests, such as by introducing family conflicts, etc.
- 3.) Make sure the child gets a good night's sleep before the tests, and eats properly the day of the test.

### And remember, don't read too much into your child's test results!

School aptitude and achievement tests are only two of many factors that make up the total person. Your child has abilities and talents those scores do not measure.

Test scores are helpful and important, but they can change and are not all - revealing!

### Used properly, aptitude and achievement testing can be a powerful education tool.

It gives us a great deal of information that can be used to help us understand each student better - which helps us give him or her the best possible education!

# U N I O N



Lori Pope was one of two Union High School art students who designed a mural for Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital. Lori's mural is on the sixth floor while Brant Wagner's mural is on the seventh floor.

# P R I D E



High School vocalist Lynn Phillips is the first representative from Union in three years to be named to the All State Choir.



Shelia Ewing, a Union High School student, has been named to the 1981 All American Drill Team. She is one of 54 members chosen from more than 4,000 students.



Four Union High School band students were selected for the final All State Band auditions. Pictured are front row, from left, Leonda Gage, and Charles Emerson. Back from left, Gina Humbyrd, and Denise Fortney.



Briarglen students, Angie Holcombe, left, and sister, Candy Holcombe performed in Tulsa Ballet Theater's presentation of "The Nutcracker."



Boevers Elementary sixth graders held a pre-Thanksgiving tasting fair. Here students try natural and dried foods.



First graders at Peters Elementary presented "The Thanksgiving Story" for their parents and other students.

## Employees Recognized For Achievements



Pictured from left are: Billie Williams, Employee of the Month, and J.W. Emerson, Educator of the Month.

### Fine Arts Prepare For Spring Activities

*by Ed Tackett, Director of Fine Arts*

The new year has begun with many new activities for the persons involved with the fine arts in Union Schools.

Our bands are beginning work on their contest selections, basketball season music, and the orchestration for the musicals. The choirs are also beginning work on their contest selections, music for winter concerts, and new selections for the show choirs.

Several of our schools are presently rehearsing for musicals to be presented over the next few months. Roy Clark Elementary School is working on "The Electric Sunshine Man", and many of the other elementary schools have musicals in the planning stages. Our junior high school will present "The Music Man" starring Shawn Langford as Harold Hill and Celane Cahill as Marion Paroo, on February 25, 26, and 27. The high school cast "My Fair Lady" during the month of December and will begin rehearsals for this production during January.

The speech department of the high school and junior high school are involved in speech competitions during this month. We have a very active competitive speech department in both schools and this helps our school to compete effectively in the district and state contests.

An art fair is planned for spring which will feature outstanding art works from each school. This will be a first for Union Schools and promises to be an exciting event.

We are about half way through the year and an astonishing amount of activity has already transpired in the fine arts area of Union Schools. We are fortunate to have the outstanding teachers, talented and enthusiastic students and interested patrons who typify the persons involved in the fine arts program of Union Schools. Thank you for your support!

The decision was a hard one. Union District is known for its outstanding employees. The newly formed Employee/Educator of the month program is designed to recognize those employed throughout the school system for their achievements in helping Union Public Schools provide a quality education for students. Many nominations with numerous accounts of services rendered to benefit the school system were received. Those selected for November recognition were J.W. Emerson and Billie Williams.

High school football coach, J.W. Emerson, has increased student football involvement from 35 to 120 in just 3½ years. The Educator of the Month spends long hours working with students not only providing excellent athletic leadership, but a positive attitude which is contagious to both students and Union patrons.

Gil Cloud, Union District Athletic Director says about Emerson, "As an educator, J.W. has bridged the gap in communication with students and student athletes. His varied experience in the last 25 years has made him a valuable asset to not only Union Public Schools, but the Union Community as well."

Full of enthusiasm, Billie Williams, cafeteria manager at Union Junior High School is always wearing the same thing — a smile. Selected as the Employee of the Month, Billie is noted for making the junior high cafeteria a fun place to be. Going through a cafeteria line is not always a pleasant experience. However, Billie realizes the nutritional needs of youngsters, and provides daily diversions by playing music, seasonal decorations in the cafeteria, etc. to make the cafeteria a pleasant place.

"Billie has a terrific rapport with junior high age students...no, she has a good rapport with everyone!" said Patty Holt, Union District Food Service Director. "She has been employed with the district for four years. In that time, I have found Billie to have a very positive attitude. She's just an outgoing, dynamic person!"

Both award recipients were honored at the December school board meeting and presented certificates.

### Selective Service Registration Continues For 18 Year Olds

Young men are required by law to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. They may register at any U.S. Post Office.

Registration is a simple process. A man fills out a registration form which asks only for his name, address, phone number, social security number, and date of birth.

The purpose of registration is to have available on a computer the names of men born in 1960, and afterward, who could be contacted quickly if there ever were a national emergency and Congress were to declare an induction.

Peacetime registration will save the United States at least 6 weeks time in mobilizing its manpower in an emergency. This is especially important with today's All Volunteer Force. There are only 2 million men in the armed services today, but we would need many more men quickly should an emergency arise - for example, in World War II we had 10 to 16 million men bearing arms depending upon the stage of the conflict.



Registration and revitalization of the Selective Service do not signal a return to a draft. They are simply emergency preparedness issues. President Reagan is firmly committed to making the All Volunteer Force a success, supporting incentives to recruit and retain volunteers.

To date, nearly 6 million men have registered. Failure to register is a felony, punishable by a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine and/or five years in prison.

**A New Year, A New Hope.  
Happy New Year!**

**Do you know a handicapped child in your neighborhood who may not be receiving special services?  
Call 664-9400 — Elaine Minson, Director, Special Services.**

## January 1982

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2
3	4 Back to School from winter vacation Basketball—7th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. girls—Union vs Bixby—Here 5:30 p.m.	5 Basketball—9th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. boys—Union vs Bixby—There 5:30 p.m.	6 Clark—P.T.A. executive meeting 1:30 p.m. Basketball—Sophomore boys vs. Broken Arrow here 7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. girls vs Sand Springs Boyd 9th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. boys—Here 4:00 p.m.	7 Clark—P.T.A. executive meeting 1:30 p.m. Basketball—Sophomore boys vs. Broken Arrow here 7:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. girls vs Sand Springs Boyd 9th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. boys—Here 4:00 p.m.	8 Geary Wrestling Tourney There	9
10	11 Boevers—Library Book Fair—all this week. Basketball—Sophomore Union vs Hale—There 6:00 p.m. 8th & 9th gr. boys—Union vs Kelly—There 5:30 p.m. 7th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. girls Union vs Jenks—There 5:30 p.m. Gymnastics—Union vs Moore—Here 6:00 p.m.	12 Boevers—P.T.A. meeting 7:30 p.m. Clark—P.T.A. meeting, Parent and Family Life Education (PAFLE) 7:30 p.m. Basketball—Union varsity vs Bixby—Here 4:00 p.m. 7th gr. boys/girls—Union vs Claremore—There 6:00 p.m. Wrestling—Union vs Sapulpa—There	13 Union Roundball Classic	14	15 Basketball—Union varsity vs Bartlesville College High—There 5:00 p.m.  Union Junior Classic—High School	16
17	18 Briarglen—P.T.A. executive meeting 1:00 p.m. Clark—Project DEAR (Drop Everything And Read), all this week Basketball—7th gr. boys/girls & 8th gr. girls—Union vs Sapulpa—Here 5:30 p.m. Sophomore vs. Sheridan Christian—Here 6:00 p.m.	19 Darnaby—Celebrates 1st Anniversary of school opening. Basketball—Sophomore boys/girls vs Jenks—There 6:00 p.m. Wrestling—Union varsity vs Sand Springs Central—There 6:00 p.m. Gymnastics—Union vs Stillwater—Here 6:00 p.m.	20	21 Basketball—8th gr. boys/girls Union vs Broken Arrow Haskell—There 5:30 p.m. Wrestling—Union varsity vs Broken Arrow—There 6:00 p.m.	22 Clark—Dress-up day, your favorite book character.	23
24	25 Basketball—7th gr. boys/girls & 8th gr. girls—Union vs Sand Springs Central—There 5:30 p.m. Sophomore—Union vs Kelly—There 6:00 p.m.	26 Briarglen—P.T.A. meeting, Oklahoma Diamond Jubilee 7:00 p.m. Basketball—Union vs Kelly—Here 4:00 p.m. 8th gr. boys, 9th gr. boys/girls—Here 5:30 p.m. Wrestling—Union vs Sapulpa—There 6:00 p.m.	27	28 Clark—P.T.A. executive meeting, 1:30 p.m. Basketball—8th gr. boys, 9th gr. boys/girls—Union vs Sand Springs Boyd—Here 5:30 p.m. Union Sophomore vs Owasso—There 6:00 p.m.	29 Grove—Eagle Day Basketball—Union Varsity vs Webster—There 5:15 p.m.	30 Wrestling Tournament at Yukon Junior Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Sapulpa
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**Redskin Talk****WINTER SPORTS IN FULL SWING**

**Gil Cloud**  
Director of Athletics

The busiest time of the year is upon us as the winter sports season is in full swing.

The number of students involved in athletics this winter has again increased. Due to the number of 7th grade students in basketball, we are fielding 2 boys teams and 2 girls teams. We currently have 65 boys in junior high wrestling. As these numbers continue to

increase, so will the success of our program.

The junior high teams are very active during the winter months as we field 8 basketball teams and 2 wrestling teams. The coaches at this level are seldom recognized for their hard work, but without their help the varsity program would never have the success they have experienced.

Our junior high head coaches are as follows: 9th grade boys—David Hudson, 9th grade girls—Edie Allen, 8th grade girls—Lisa Cole, 8th grade boys—Mark Dobbins, 7th grade girls—Cheryl Ford, 7th grade boys—Bob Buck and Ray Snider, junior high wrestling—Beau Slemaker and gymnastics—Ellen Jones.

This year the Union Elementary Basketball league enters its 3rd season. The response to this program has been overwhelming. Over 300 5th and 6th grade students will play on 29 teams.

The games are played at the high school on Saturday mornings in January and February with a tournament at the end of the season.

We utilize our elementary gyms for practice. All of the gyms are used for either basketball or wrestling every night.

The varsity basketball teams open the new year with the Second Annual Redskin Roundball Classic. This year's field includes such teams as Sapulpa, Sand Springs, Owasso and the defending champion Redskins.

The girl's bracket will include East Central, Owasso, Sapulpa and Pryor as well as Union. Both brackets will be full with Rogers and Webster making the 8 team tourney a good new tournament.

**COMMENT**

*I want to congratulate our fans on their enthusiasm and support during the fall season. Our fans have been a factor in the growth and success of our program. They are to be commended and encouraged to continue their support during the winter season.*



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