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3 Receive PTA Life Memberships



Dr. Wesley Jarman, right, receives a PTA life membership award from Kaye Canfield, Union PTA Council president.

Two Union Public School administrators and a School Board member received life memberships from the Oklahoma PTA Association at the state PTA convention in Oklahoma City on November 16.

Dr. Wesley Jarman, Superintendent; Jerald Williams, Union High School Principal; and Alison Moore, School Board member, were three of the seven to receive life memberships given state wide.

We are proud of the cooperative and supportive attitude of our PTA's and our District PTA Council.

Peters Elementary and Darnaby Elementary PTA's also won awards for membership over 100 percent.

Thanks to Mrs. Kaye Canfield and all of her group for a great year in Union's Parent Teacher Associations.

One of the featured speakers was Dr. Kevin Walsh, associate professor at the University of Alabama. His topic "Keep to Good Discipline" stated his belief that we are experiencing a lack of the moral fiber our American culture was founded upon. He feels that we need to instill in our young people a work ethic, perseverance, cooperation and a nurturing of family life.

Attorney General Mike Turpen's speech ran in the same vein. He closed with the motto, if it is to be, it is up to me.



Jerald Williams, right, receives a PTA life membership award from Gunta Broderick, Union High School PTA president.



Alison Moore, right, receives a PTA life membership award from Kaye Canfield, Union PTA Council president.

From The Superintendent's Desk

School Funding Explained



Dr. Wesley Jarman

Much has been said and written about the financial crunch the state of Oklahoma is facing. There is concern among all school personnel about its impact on educational programs. It is very difficult to sort out the real facts concerning school funding. Everyone seems to have a different set of numbers or a different percentage of funding reduction. To the best of my knowledge the cuts for the current year will be somewhere in the 10% range. This means roughly a loss to Union School of about

\$560,000. Union Schools only depend on state funding for about 30% of our total budget so the impact of a 10% cut will not be as significant for us as some districts where state aid will amount to 75% of their budget. We cannot, however, continuously have reductions without an impact on Union Schools. I do not want to **speculate** as to what reductions in service might be necessary without knowing concrete information. I will assure you that we will very carefully monitor the situation and keep you informed as to the financial status of the District.

New polling sites for the annual school election will be used on January 24, 1984.

Polling places are:

- (1) Darnaby Elementary School
7625 East 87th Street S., Tulsa
- (2) St. Matthews Methodist Church
12424 East 31st Street, Tulsa
- (3) Peters Elementary School
2900 West College, Broken Arrow

The polling places will be open for 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Three levies are on this ballot that are critical to the operation of the District.

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

The local support and emergency levies provide money for the General Fund of the District. This is used in all phases of the operation of the District. The Building Fund provides funds for (1)

sites and site additions, (2) remodel and repair and (3) furniture and equipment.

It is vital that these levies be approved in order for us to operate the district for the 1984-85 school year.

Also on the ballot will be two posts on the Board of Education. The two posts are Zone 1, a two-year term to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Darwin Maxey in August, 1983; and Zone 4, a five-year term.

Candidates for the Zone 1 post are James C. Cox, Myron Peace, Phil Morgan, and Wren Queen, Alvin Hayes, Jr., and Alison J. Moore filed for the Zone 4 post.

Bids have been received on all the construction projects and contracts will be awarded as soon as funds become available.

Bids were received on December 5 on Andersen Elementary school and the Auditorium Annex.

Andersen Elementary

(1) Miller-Stauch Construction Co.	\$2,295,000.00
(2) New Order Construction Company	2,346,000.00
(3) Commercial Structures	2,351,927.00

There are two alternates also bid that if accepted could change the dollar amounts listed above.

Auditorium Annex

(1) Miller-Stauch Construction Co.	\$733,900.00
(2) Ross Construction	738,500.00
(3) New Order Construction Co.	753,000.00

Alternate #1 is the completion of the Annex. Low bid on this was Ross Construction Company with a bid of \$500,500.00 making the total project \$1,239,000.00

On December 12 bids were received on the remodeling at Grove and Briarglen Elementaries.

Low bids were:

(1) Commercial Structures	\$1,199,833.00
(2) Roy J. Hannaford Company	1,265,300.00
(3) Jim Cooley Construction	1,269,000.00

Wesley Jarman

Bad Weather Policy

As usual winter in Oklahoma signals periods of cold and sometimes adverse weather conditions to the Union School District.

Continued snow and icy roads may result in school closings for students in the Union School District.

In the event school is cancelled due to inclement weather, news media in the area will be notified immediately. Radio stations that will be contacted are KVOO and KRMG. The radio stations will be contacted by 6:00 a.m. if it is determined during the night that schools are to be closed.

If it is determined in the evening that schools will be closed for the following day, the TV and radio stations will be notified by 10:00 p.m. that evening.

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Pat Rutledge, left, is the December Employee of the Month. Jan Underhill-Johnson is the December Educator of the Month. Pat is a custodian at Darnaby Elementary and Jan is the Media Specialist at Boevers Elementary.

December Educator, Employee Named

Mrs. Jan Underhill-Johnson, Media Specialist at Boevers Elementary, is the December Educator of the Month.

Mrs. Underhill-Johnson is a very enthusiastic and dedicated person when it comes to her library and students. She is always thinking of her students and how to better provide for their learning in a creative way.

She spends a great deal of time with special projects and programs that make the library a super fun part of the school. She is always willing to help anyone who needs information for a project or to do things to improve education.

The children treasure their time spent in the library because of Jan's enthusiasm and love for the children and their books, puppets and story telling.

Pat Rutledge, a custodian at Darnaby Elementary, is the December Employee of the Month.

Mrs. Rutledge does a very conscientious job of keeping the school neat and clean. She is always pleasant and eager to please everyone she works with.

She is always busy, friendly and helpful and attends to every detail promptly and in a positive manner. She always goes the extra mile even when it is not required of her and is a joy to work with.

PTA News

Union Council of P.T.A.'s will be presenting a workshop entitled "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen, Listen So Kids Will Talk" for parents of elementary students.

There will be six sessions on Thursday nights beginning at the Union Administrative Center. There will be a charge of \$20.00 for books and workbooks. Call your P.T.A. President to sign up.

For further information contact Barbara Ray, 628-0416.

A Candidates Forum for the School Board Election has been scheduled for Thursday, January 12 at the Seventh Grade Center Cafetorium at 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Rhees, 496-8151.

PUPPETS COME ALIVE AT BOEVERS

A very exciting and unique experience is planned for students and parents at the January 10th unit meeting. Puppet plays by our fifth graders will be presented. Our librarian, Mrs. Underhill and one of our fifth grade teachers, Miss Martin, have been working on a puppetry unit. Several examples will be video taped and shown at this time.

The State P.T.A. Convention adopted the resolution concerning "First Report Exception to the Hearsay Rule of Molested Children". The Briarglen unit drafted this resolution. Work is being done to present this to the State legislature.

14 Book Balloons Returned To Boevers

Fourteen balloons out of 800 launched by Boevers Elementary students on November 21 have been returned to the school.

The balloons were part of the National Children's Book Week activities and contained the student's name and their favorite book. The finder was to fill in his or her favorite book and name and return it to the school.

Student's balloons that were returned and where they were found include:

Angela Allen, Jackson, Michigan;
Michael Vegher, South Bend, Indiana;
Natalie Hale, Springfield, Illinois;
Katie Snow, New Holland, Illinois;
Kevin Hackler, Independence, Kansas;
Emily Cline, Green Ridge, Missouri;
Carrie Ann Todd, Athens, Illinois;
Chris Davis, Middletown, Missouri;
Sam Joels, Middletown, Missouri;
Kristina Allen, Sherman, Illinois;
Tracey Pate, Montgomery City, Missouri;
Nicholas Shockley, Stark, Kansas; and
Michelle Snyder, Pittsfield, Illinois.

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Junior High Sponsors Drive

The Student Council of Union Junior High sponsored a drive to fill Salvation Army baskets with food for needy families in the Tulsa Area. Students brought food items to their homerooms for several weeks in order to aid needy families and to compete in a schoolwide contest.

The winning homeroom was treated to a Pizza Party. Ms. Faulkner's homeroom collected 320 cans and was declared the winner of the drive. The school filled over 50 baskets with more than 3,000 cans.

The Salvation Army supplied turkeys for each basket.

A special collection for two families in the Union district was organized by sponsors, Gaea Williams and Judy Haines and 8th grade Union Junior High counselor, Dolan Powell.

Student Council chairmen for the event were Angie Wilke and Robby Cromwell.

New Elementary School Named

Hans Madison Andersen Elementary is the name the Union Board of Education has given the new elementary school to be located in the Fairfax addition.

Mr. Andersen was a long time resident of the area, having owned 160 acre dairy farm at the corner of 61st and Mingo.

He came to the United States from Denmark in 1910 and lived in the Union School District until his death in 1954.

Mr. Andersen was instrumental in getting construction started on the first Union School building in the early 1920's. That building is now the Seventh Grade Center. He also furnished all the water for the new school at no charge, with the school maintaining the pump and line.

He also assisted the school's Future Farmers and 4-H Club members with projects. Mrs. Andersen assisted in starting the first hot school lunch program for the school.

The Andersen's had nine children, five attended and graduated from Union. Ten grandchildren have graduated and four great-grandchildren have and are attending Union school.

Treat Your Library Like A Friend

Our media center personnel have worked hard this last year to make our library a pleasant, productive place to be. Equipment and books have been ordered to further educate the students at Union High School.

Unfortunately, many of these books have been ordered to replace the books that have disappeared. Thousands of dollars were spent last year on books for our library. When the need to be replaced, it means spending more money that can be used for other books or equipment that is needed.

We would like to ask the parents for their help. If your child has any books that belong to Union High School, the return of them would be greatly appreciated. We sincerely hope that you can see our predicament and will help support our library.

Let's not deprive someone of their enjoyment. Treat your library like a friend!



Mrs. Janet Hoeltzel

Mrs. Janet Hoeltzel and her seventh grade English classes have recently completed an extensive study on the history of book making and book publishing. The students did research on all types of books and printing, from scrolls, chapbooks, hornbooks, on up to our modern types. Each student did a project representing one type of book. The study was very interesting and was coordinated by Donna Smith, librarian. A large window in the classroom area was used for an impressive display representing the various types of books from years past to the present. Our appreciation is extended to Ms. Smith and Ms. Sally Margetson, Media Director for rare examples of books from their private collections dating back to 1840.

Bear Week Big Hit With Clark Students

by Sally Margetson, Director of Media Services

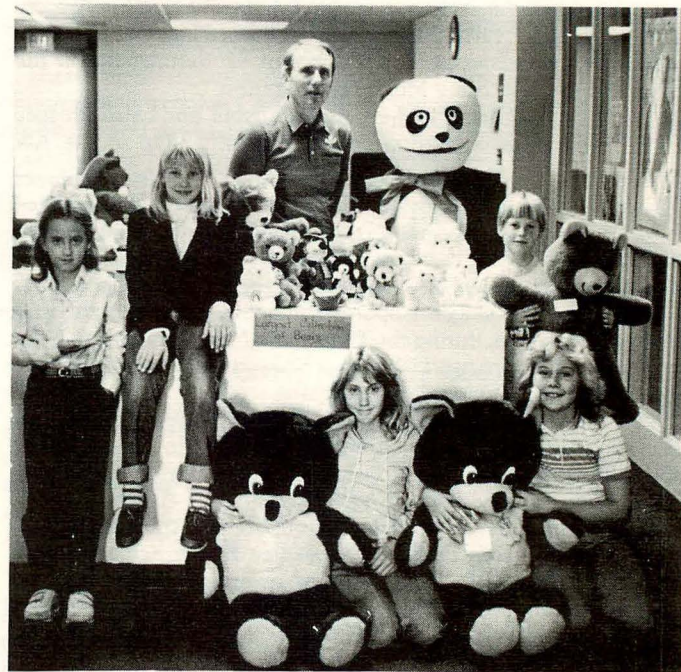
In today's rapidly changing world, the greatest challenge facing schools is to help students learn. What better way to meet the challenge than in an effective school media center. It is important that the teaching of media skills no longer be taught in isolation, but rather in conjunction with the classroom curriculum.

One of the finest examples of this cooperative effort was displayed recently at Clark Elementary. Ruth Ann Herbig, media specialist, and Evelyn Roberts and Mary Ann Davis, reading specialists, planned, organized, and carried out a week of activities designated as "Fall for a Bear Week". This idea was conceived last year after studying bears for a short time. It was felt that the desire to find out more about bears could best be handled with more time involved. Hence, the plan to do a weeks activities. Interest stemmed mainly from Mrs. Herbig's having brought back a "Paddington Bear" from England to use in storytelling. The children fell in love with Paddington, and the English customs, and the series of children's stories about a bear named Paddington, by Michael Bond.

Bibliographies were available for books and movies about "Paddington" and other bears to provide motivation for the activities to follow. Children at all grade levels did research on the animals, the sixth graders wrote, directed and produced plays about bears. They were presented each hour in the media center. The learning experiences derived from these activities were quite evident and beneficial.

Children listened as teachers read stories about bears. Many chose to write and present original poetry and stories. Teachers and students discussed the similarities and differences between real bears and fantasy bears. The vocabulary lists were used in writing stories, poetry and in making word search puzzles with the computer. They also made charts, posters, drawings, etc. There was a book mark contest.

The last day children and teachers brought Teddy Bears to school. A panel of judges chose winners in several categories. They were as follows:



	STUDENT	TEACHER
Oldest Bear	Kurk Musseman (30 years)	Sebie Wolfe (24 years)
Biggest Bear	Carlene Bolen-44" Shannon Bennett-44"	Margaret Moore
Smallest Bear	Rachel Ashley	Evelyn Roberts
Most Unusual Bear	Kara Quinn	Evelyn Roberts
Most Loved Bear	Carmen Gibson	Margaret Moore
Largest Collection	Jennifer Ray-18	Karen Bell-14

Catherine Herbig in a panda bear costume presented the awards and received a "bear hug" Barbara Ray and Marilyn Garrett were mothers who assisted during the week. Geraldine Daylor, school nurse, took care of the casualties with a special "Bear-Care Kit". The winners were treated to a Paddington Bear Tea Party in the media center. Traditional tea party fare was served and traditional customs were observed.

The school library is both support system for the established curriculum as well as a catalyst for uncharted intellectual exploration. This was evidenced by the interest, the love, caring and sharing which took place. "Fall for a Bear" week was very successful and will no doubt be repeated at Clark Elementary.



Award Received

Mr. Ken Moore, Speedprint Printing Company, Tulsa, entered the October 1983 Communicator in the Hammermill Papers Group "Creative Inking" competition. "The Communicator" was commended for their "creative inking" and "attractive newsletter".

5 High School Students Named To All-State

By Ed Tackett, Director of Fine Arts



Five students from Union High School have achieved the high honor of membership in the All-State Music Organization.

Todd Tackett, Kelly Graybill, and Laura Hussey have been chosen for membership in the All-

State Orchestra. Todd was selected as first chair trumpet player, Kelly will have full responsibility for all mallet parts, and Laura will be third chair in the clarinet section. David Olson was awarded an alternate spot in the baritone section of the All-State Band, and Jimmy Laubaugh will be a member of the All-State Chorus.

These students will participate in intensive rehearsals and concert performances during the Oklahoma Music Educators Association convention during the week of January 25-28. Congratulations to these outstanding musicians.

Our competitive speech students are continuing to receive high honors at state and area competitive speech tournaments. At the Putnam City Competition in December, thirty-four schools competed. Twenty of them were classified 2-A, which is the classification under which Union competes. At this highly competitive event, Tom Freiling and Janice Payne achieved third place in varsity debate. Janice was awarded second speaker recognition and second place in Women's Extemp. Our novice debaters won three of four preliminary rounds. Charlotte Hensley and Holley Townes won second place in preliminary rounds of Dramatic Duet competition. Brian Close and Shawn Harris received a fourth place rating in preliminary judging of Humorous Duet competition. Julie Marsh received a first place rating in the semi-final rounds. It is exciting to see our competitive speech participants achieving recognition in state and area competition.

The artists of Union High School have been preparing for several months to participate in art shows and competitions throughout the state. The "Young Talent in Oklahoma" competition traditionally creates the most interest because of the prestige of the event and the fact that many scholarship offers result from this show's outcome. The University of Tulsa competition is

another excellent contest and show that Union High School students are planning to participate in.

We hope to begin making use of our beautiful new performing arts facility during this month. Several events are scheduled for February that will allow the public a look at this long-awaited facility.



Emerson To Speak

Mr. J.W. Emerson, Union High School faculty member, will be speaking and demonstrating "The Techniques of Developing the athlete both Physically and Mentally", at The National Medalist Clinic at the Hilton Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, on March 2, 1984. Numerous school systems have sent people to observe Coach Emerson's Weight and Development Techniques. His expertise in developing athletes is recognized nationally and we are very proud and fortunate to have Mr. Emerson on board here at Union.

On February 18th, Mr. Emerson will also conduct a segment of a clinic at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, on these same skills.



The Union Junior High School Ninth Grade girls basketball team and coach Edie Allen took part in the Tulsa Run by dribbling basketballs for the two mile event. Shown above, front row, from left, are Shannon Bowman, Therena Jones, Tyran Gerbitz, Lorrie Ashlock, and Jennifer Jackson. On the back row, from left, are Diann White, Christie Moore, Liz Lincks, Dana Barber, Teresa Owings, Lee Craven and Pennie Doving.

JANUARY 1984

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Welcome Back!!! Classes Resume	Adm. Center - PTA Council Board 9:30 a.m. Jr. High - UFT Meeting 3:45 p.m.	Clark - PTA Board Meeting 1:30 p.m. Boevers - PTA Executive Board Meeting - 12:30 p.m. 8th/9th grades vs. Broken Arrow at Broken Arrow 4:30 p.m.	Wrestling - Geary Tournament (There)	
8	9	Jr. High - L.D. Parent Support Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Boevers - PTA Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Clark - 5th & 6th grade Scoliosis Screening Grove - 5th & 6th grade Scoliosis Screening - 9-11:00 a.m. Swimming - Union at McLain 4:00 p.m. Basketball - Varsity vs. Jenks at Union - 3:45 p.m. Gymnastics - Exhibition Union/Jenks	11	12	13	14
	Adm. Center - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 7th Grade Center - Scoliosis Screening Soph. vs. Metro at Union - 7:00 p.m.			7th grade center - School Board Election - Candidate Forum - 7:30 p.m. Peters - PTA Skating Day Briarglen - Scoliosis Screening 5th & 6th grades Jr. High - Pep Assembly - 2:10 p.m. Boevers - Scoliosis Screening 5th & 6th grades 8th/9th grades vs. Bixby at Bixby 4:30 p.m. Wrestling - Union vs. Jenks at Union 6:30 p.m.	End of Second Quarter/ 1st Semester Wrestling - Union vs. Ponca City 6:30 p.m. (There) Basketball - Varsity vs. Sapulpa at Union - 3:45 p.m. Jr. High - Dance 7-10 p.m.	Gymnastics Moore Invitational at Moore
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	7th grade center - PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Soph. vs. Claremore at Union 6:00 p.m.	Wrestling - Union vs. Bixby 6:30 p.m. (Here) Swimming - Union at Memorial 6:00 p.m.	Elementary Grade Cards Issued	Boevers - Human Growth & Development - 5th & 6th grades 8th grade vs. Cascia Hall at Cascia - 4:30 p.m. Wrestling - Union vs. Broken Arrow 6:30 p.m. (There) Gymnastics - Union/Sillwater at Stillwater Swimming - Union at Edison 6:00 p.m.	Clark - Popcorn Party Briarglen - 1st grade Tasting Party Gymnastics - Hennessy Dual at Union	Wrestling Quad at Shawnee Gymnastics Tulsa World of Gymnastics (There) Swimming Trojan Relays at Jenks 12:00 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Briarglen - Seatbelt Safety Week Boevers - Career Education Week	Peters - Stanford Diagnostic Math Test (6th grade)	Clark - Book Fair January 25-31 National School Nurse Day	Peters - Popcorn Day	Grove - Eagle Day Jr. High - Debate Tournament Mustang Basketball - Varsity vs. Ponca City at Ponca City - 3:45 p.m. 8th grade vs. Cascia Hall at Union - 4:30 p.m.	Gymnastics Union vs. Moore at Union
	Soph. vs. Jenks at Jenks 7:30 p.m.	8th/9th grade vs. Sapulpa at Sapulpa - 4:30 p.m.	Swimming - Metro Relays at Central			
29	30	31	<p>Rumors effect our daily lives and complicate work production. If you hear a rumor and want to check its' truth, call Rumor Control 252-3561. It's Working!</p>			
	Briarglen - Operator Aware 6th grade Soph. vs. Edison at Union 7:30 p.m.	Peters - Gates McGintie Test (6th grade) Clark - Science Fair - 7:00 p.m. Basketball - Varsity vs. Hale at Hale - 3:45 p.m. Wrestling - Union vs. Hale at Union - 6:30 p.m.				

Redskin Talk

Budget Cuts May Affect Programs



Gil Cloud
Director of Athletics

The fate of public education is in the hands of the legislature of the state. In conjunction with that, the athletic department of schools across the state must now look at their various program offerings and during the next six months make decisions that will reflect a sound financial policy for the school year 1984-85.

This year most schools will be able to hold the line on the sports and programs that are offered, but as new mandates

are established at the legislative level there will most certainly be changes in the coming years.

As we look at the programs here, we must be realistic as to what our educational goals will be and how we can survive at the level we are currently operating. For the budget year only \$22,000 was allocated for athletics and \$8,000 for health and physical education. Over the past eight years we have added cross-country (boys and girls), girls softball, swimming (boys and girls) boys and girls golf, tennis (boys and girls), gymnastics (girls), volleyball with that we have added elementary basketball, elementary wrestling and elementary track.

This growth in the department has been an asset to all of our students while at the same time we have decreased our expenditures from the general fund by \$3,000 (\$25,000 in 1976-77). The elementary wrestling and basketball programs have a fee of \$15.00 which coupled with the \$.50 admission, pays for the program and officials.

The one salvation that we have enjoyed is increased attendance at all of the revenue producing games and matches. This as well as our annual trip to the football playoff series has made it possible for us to maintain the level of programs that we have provided. The interest and coverage of our programs have directly related to this factor. The continuous support of the program may, in the future, be the only way to fund the athletic programs.

The alternatives to cutting programs are not numerous. The one that has been used across the country is the participation fee. The fee ranges from \$10 - \$50 per sport. This is the one alternative that has been acceptable in most instances as opposed to dropping sports.

At this point we will not panic but we will investigate all of the possible areas that we can so that we can continue to provide the types of quality programs we have.

— Comment —

The Redskins Roundball Classic will begin January 3rd and run through the 7th at both the high school and the junior high school gyms. Sixteen boys teams and 8 girls teams will participate this year. This will be our biggest and hopefully best tournament to date. Support the high school basketball program and attend this year's tournament.



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