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Millage Levies Pass

On January 24th, Union voters again approved the annual 15-mill tax levy proposals. Union patrons have voted to approve the tax levies each year.

These levies represent approximately 25 percent of the total

1984 - 1985 School Calendar

At the Board of Education meeting in January the 1984-85 school year calendar was approved as follows:

August 17, 1984	 New Teacher Orientation — (WD)
August 20, 1984	 Teachers Report/Staff Development — (P)
August 21, 1984	 Teacher Workday — (WD)
August 22, 1984	 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL — (DT)
September 3, 1984	 Labor Day — (H)
October 5, 1984	 Staff Development/Professional Day — (P)
October 18, 19, 1984	 State Teachers Meeting — (P)
October 26, 1984	 End of First Quarter — (DT)
October 29, 1984	 Start of Second Quarter — (DT)
November 22, 23, 1984	 Thanksgiving Holiday — (H)
December 20, 1984 - January 1, 1985	 Winter Vacation — (H)
January 11, 1985	 End of Second Quarter — (DT)
January 14, 1985	 Start of Third Quarter — (DT)
March 1, 1985	 Staff Development/Professional Day — (P)
March 22, 1985	 End of Third Quarter — (DT)
March 25-29, 1985	 Spring Break — (H)
April 1, 1985	 Start of Fourth Quarter — (DT)
May 22, 1985	 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL — (DT)
May 23, 1985	 Teachers Work Day — (WD)

school budget. Another good-sized portion of school operating expenses, state incentive aid, is given to the school district only if these levies are approved by Union residents. Oklahoma constitutional law requires these levies be reapproved for district support each year.

The money raised for the 10-mill support levy and the five-mill emergency fund levy is placed in the general operating funds. General fund revenue pays for salaries of teachers and support personnel, utility bills, school buses, classroom supplies, library books and hundreds of other items necessary for the operation of a school system.

Revenue raised from the five-mill building fund levy goes toward repair and maintenance of existing buildings, construction of new buildings and the purchase of equipment.

Moore, Morgan Elected To Board

Alison Moore was re-elected and Phil Morgan was elected to the Union Board of Education at the January 24th election.

Moore defeated Alvin Hayes, Jr. for the Zone 4 post. Morgan defeated James Cox, Myron Peace and Wren Queen for the Zone 1 post.

Moore first joined the board in November 1978 to complete an unexpired term. In 1979 she was elected to a five year term.

She is active in several PTA organizations. She and her husband, J.C., have two daughters, Diana, an Oklahoma State University freshman, and Suzanne, a seventh grader.

Morgan is a certified public accountant and is a controller for the Quik Trip Corporation. He is active in PTA and has served on the elementary site selection committee and is Boevers Elementary School's school board representative.

The Morgans have three children, the oldest a student at Boevers.



Alison Moore



Phil Morgan

From The Superintendent's Desk

Education Is A Joint Effort



Dr. Wesley Jarman

I want to express my appreciation to each of you for voting in the annual election on January 24th.

The tax levies were approved by a very good majority which indicates your support of Union Public Schools. Each of us associated with the District will make every effort to warrant the trust you place in us. The children you entrust to us are the most important ingredient in the process of education and all our efforts should be directed toward their learning process.

As a result of your vote, you also selected two members of the Board of Education to serve the patrons of the District. The local Board of Education is a unique concept of government in that not only do we have a local control of education but also lay control. Local control means that decisions affecting Union Schools and their clientele can be made in large part by persons who are directly affected by these decisions. Lay control also means that patrons have almost total control as to what happens in the local school district. There are some obvious statutory limitations both local, state and federal, but many decisions affecting education will be made at the local district and the Board of Education has the duty and responsibility to do that job. The Board's main function is to make policies that directly affect education in this district. They in turn hire a professional educator, such as myself, to enforce those policies. It is absolutely essential that the Board entrust the administration of the schools to its professional staff under the leadership of the Superintendent of Schools. There **has** to be a spirit of cooperation between the Superintendent and the Board of Education to see what we get the most education for the dollar spent. I think we probably have the greatest potential at Union at having a school system that everyone can support and

be as proud of as any other district in the nation. The clientele is here, the tax base is adequate and the spirit and desire to succeed are certainly evidenced by the staff and the patrons. Let's make the slogan "UP WITH UNION PRIDE" our battle cry.

Contracts have been awarded on the remodeling at Grove and Briarglen Elementaries, new construction at Andersen Elementary and bids will be received in February on the auditorium annex and the central freezer. We will make more announcements later but we plan a dedication of the science/administrative wing and the auditorium in February. I'm eager for you to see what we did with the funds. It's a great place for kids and staff.

I would urge each of you to be active in the legislative process. The legislature is currently in session and you need to make your senator and representative aware of your support for education. It is the only way they can adequately represent you.

Support your local schools.

'Fiddler' Performance Set

The High School Fine Arts Department will present the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" on March 8, 9, and 10 in the Union Performing Arts Center.

Reserved tickets for this delightful musical will be on sale in the main office at the high school beginning on February 22. You may call 252-2581 for reservations.

Scoliosis Screening

On January 9, 1984, all 5th grade through 9th grade boys and girls were examined for possible curvature of the spine. It has been estimated that approximately 7 to 10% of children in the 5th to 9th grade age group may develop scoliosis. Early detection and appropriate treatment can prevent progressive spinal deformity.

We thank the P.E. Instructors, School Nurses and Physical Therapist for this screening test as another service to students in Union Schools.

P.T.A. News

Grove Elementary will have a special program at their February 13, 1984, P.T.A. meeting at 7:00 p.m. The program is entitled "Coping with Stress". The discussion will be led by Psychologists Leslie Burton and David Smith. A magic show will be held during the meeting for grades K-4.

Masterpieces Presented

Through the efforts and cooperation of Robert B. Grove P.T.A. Gloria Kallengerger (patron), and Laurie Griffith (Art Teacher), the children at Grove are being visited by a "Picture Lady".

Each month Robert B. Grove students from 1st thru 6th grade are being given the opportunity to view the masterpieces of many well-known artists. The pieces are presented and explained by the "Picture Lady", and then discussed by the class.

Right now emphasis is being placed on the artists which will have works exhibited at the Armand Hammer exhibit. Plans have already been made to take a field trip to Philbrook Art Center to view the exhibit this spring.

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Science, Auditorium Dedication Set Feb. 26

Performing Arts Center

by Ed Tackett, Director of Fine Arts

The long awaited Union Performing Arts Center will be ready for use later this month. This exciting facility will provide a place for our singers, instrumentalists, actors, dancers and speakers to perform. It will seat two thousand persons, and features the latest in lighting, sound and technical equipment.

The orchestra pit in the new building is equipped with a three-stop floor lift that will provide a spacious orchestra pit for musical productions, expansion of the floor space at the front of the building, or an extension of the stage area. Soundproof folding partitions in the back of the auditorium provide two isolated lecture areas with independent lighting and sound. These lecture areas will seat over 200 persons each. The partitions will also allow the orchestra level seating of the auditorium to be reduced to seat 1,000 persons for events that do not require a larger facility.

The stage area features a fifty foot proscenium opening with a forty-five foot depth which will be adequate for the largest shows, plays and concerts we will present.

The stage lighting in the new auditorium includes the latest computerized control equipment. The batten and curtain arrangement is designed for maximum flexibility. Four long-throw spotlights are located in booths above the balcony to provide additional specialized lighting. The patrons' comfort was also given careful consideration in the design of the Union Performing Arts Center. Two thousand padded theater seats are provided and are arranged to give every person the maximum view of the stage. The acoustics and lighting will make it easy for patrons to both see and hear.

The Union Performing Arts Center will be dedicated at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, 1984. Students representing each of the schools in the Union District will be a part of the dedication ceremonies. Guided tours of the new facility, as well as the new Science and Administration Wing, will be available following the dedication until 4:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to join us as we dedicate this beautiful new addition.

Science Complex

by Ed Keeney, Science Department Head

One of the new additions to Union High School is the Science Complex.

This is an ultra modern facility complete with excellent equipment and staffed by 9 teachers. The complex boasts 7 laboratories.

Two of these labs are designed for teaching Chemistry I, II and Advanced Placement Chemistry. These rooms benefit from a shared balance room (eliminating the need to move balances; thus, calibration errors in the balances are avoided) and chemical supply room.

Three of these labs are designed for the life sciences: Biology, Physiology, Biology AP, Embryology, and Genetics. These labs offer added specialties of a green house, animal habitat, and life science supply room.

One of these labs is a multipurpose facility for the teaching of Physics, Geology, and Astronomy.

The final lab is specially designed for individual student research in areas of student special interest.

In addition to these laboratories there are three science classrooms, each equipped with an instructor's table for classroom demonstrations. Two of these rooms have a sliding door for multipurpose uses such as team teaching or sharing of films to groups.

Some of the new equipment includes a new set of classroom microscopes, chemistry balances, YCR equipment, a video microscope, a skeleton, a human torso model, and incubator, a laser, and vacuum hoods plus much more.

Protect Our Children

by Joe Gill, Director Transportation Department

One of the biggest problems that we in transportation are dealing with is other vehicles passing a school bus with loading lights flashing while loading/unloading YOUR children.

This is one of my most serious concerns, -- an inattentive child runs across the street to catch school bus thinking everyone has stopped for him, but it was not so! Do you know Oklahoma vehicle law #11-705?

In simple language the law state: on-coming traffic from either direction shall stop for a stopped school bus with red lights flashing in the front and rear of bus. All school buses from 1977 along with the flashing red lights will display an extended stop arm from the left front side of bus. The oncoming traffic shall stop at least 20 feet from the school bus. The violation of this law is considered a misdemeanor but the results could be tragic.

The two red lights on both the front and the rear of each bus are **stop lights** for both the bus and for you! Red lights mean the bus has come to a stop and is in the process of loading or unloading children. You have no choice. **You must stop.** You cannot pass until after the red lights have been turned off. Children may be waiting for the bus or running to or from it.

The two amber lights on both the front and the rear of each bus are warning lights used just before the bus comes to a stop to load or unload children. Amber warning lights are activated a distance of not more than 300 feet nor less than 100 feet before stopping.

State law requires all school buses to stop at every railroad crossing. The school bus will pull to the right lane and display the hazard warning lights as it stops momentarily to determine if it is safe to cross. If you are approaching the bus from the front you may proceed past with caution. If you are approaching the school bus from the rear the law prohibits driving over the center line to pass if the bus is within 100 feet of a railroad crossing.

There is only one situation in which a motorist approaching the bus from the front on the opposite side of a road divided by a physical barrier such as a median of grass, fence, concrete, or by a railing. Motorists approaching from behind the school bus must stop.

CAUTION: The majority of children injured or killed in pupil transportation are not injured or killed on the bus, but outside the bus. Most are struck by motorists who fail to stop for the flashing red lights and extended stop arm. This area around the stopped school bus is often referred to as the "DEATH ZONE."

First District Wide Science Fair Set

by Richard Maule, Chairman

The Union Junior High School is having its annual science fair finals. In addition, we will host the high school contest, and the first district-wide elementary finalists contest.

The elementary will include the winners in each category for each grade level, from each school. Projects will be set

up Thursday, February 9th and judged all day Friday, February 10th. The public is invited to view all projects and recognize the winners from 7-9 p.m. Friday, February 10th. Projects will be picked up after 9:00 p.m. Friday and from 9-12 p.m. Saturday, February 11th.



Matthew Walker, left, was named January Employee of the Month. Pat Bell, right was named Educator of the Month. Walker is a Warehouse delivery person and Bell is a High School science teacher.

January Educator, Employee Named

Patrick Bell, Union High School science teacher, is the January Employee of the Month.

Pat is a highly respected colleague and teacher at the high school and his students hold him in awe and believe anything he says is almost sacred.

He has a professional attitude about the role of an educator and his primary concern is the students and giving them the best possible education.

Pat also became a "life saver" earlier this year when he saved a person's life while at a restaurant. As a bus driver he had attended a CPR course and used the Heimlich procedure and dislodged the food on a man at a restaurant in Broken Arrow on the very day he had learned the procedure.

Matthew Walker, Warehouse delivery person, is the January Employee of the Month.

Matthew has the responsibility of delivering and picking up all the interschool mail, supplies and equipment and delivering them to the various schools.

He has been with the school system for three years and is a very diligent and courteous employee and is always willing to help in any manner to get a job completed. Each school lets the Central Office know of Matt's desire to please them.

High School Teacher Attends Conference

by George Hayes

Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

Dr. Mel Whittington, Union High School science teacher was recommended by the Oklahoma State Education Association to participate in the 1984 Western States Regional Leadership Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 13-15.

This annual conference for association leaders was designed by representatives from the Western States Region, and was intended to increase understanding of National Education Association and to address critical problems experienced by educators in this region. The mission was to increase teachers' ability to assist members of the NEA.

Congratulations Dr. Whittington.

Seniors Leave Your Mark - In A Novel Way

The third annual "Senior Donate-A-Book Week" is scheduled for February 20 through March 1, 1984.

This event, sponsored by the Union High School Parent Teacher Student Association and coordinated by Mary Ann Hawkins, Union High School PTSA Vice President and Board Member, is a way for the graduating seniors to make an individual and personal contribution to their school library media center. Book plates are placed in each book indicating the donor or donors of the gift to the library's collection.

The 1984 theme, SENIORS LEAVE YOUR MARK - IN A NOVEL WAY, was selected to build an awareness of the library's need for fiction. In "library language" novels are fiction books and so designated on the shelves of university, college, public and school libraries.

A poster contest will be held in conjunction with the book drive, with the winner being invited to the pizza party planned for the Senior English class donating the highest dollar amount per student to the library media center. A cake and coke party will be given for the class designated first runner-up. Poster contest winners that place first, second and third will have a book placed in the library in their honor.

Parents, teachers and students wanting to place a specific title in the library media center should contact the Union High School Library Media Center, 252-2581, extension 233, as soon as possible, so that the book can be ordered and received before March 1st.

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	Rumors affect 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! 					
5	6 Grove - Science Fair Boevers - Blood Bank Drive 1-6 p.m. H. S. - VICA State Officers Meeting Okla. City Adm. Center-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Basketball-Hr. High-7th (red) vs. S. Springs Boyd (there) 6:00 p.m. 7th (white) vs. Cascia Hall/Monte Cassino (there) 6:00 p.m.	7 Boevers-PTA Meeting-7:30 p.m. H. S.-Career Day-8-12:30 p.m. H. S.-Jr. Achievement Commons 3:30 p.m. Jr. High-Pop Assembly-2:10 p.m. Peters-PTA Meeting (Viewing of Science Projects) 7:30 p.m. Basketball-Jr. High-Union vs. Sapulpa (there) 3:45 p.m. 8/9 vs. B. Arrow (there) 4:30 p.m. Wrestling-Union vs. Stillwater (there) 6:30 p.m. Jr. High-Union vs. Jenks (there) 6:00 p.m.	8 Briarglen-PTA Student Finger Print/Child Protection Adm. Center-PTA Council Meeting 9:30 a.m. Swimming-Union at Bixby 6:00 p.m.	9 H. S.-Vocational Open House 9-11:00 a.m. Peters-Skating Day Basketball-Soph. Union vs. B. Arrow (there) 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. 8/9 boys & girls vs. Jenks (there) 4:30 p.m. 7th (white) vs. Jenks (there) 6:30 p.m. Wrestling-Union vs. Webster (there) 6:30 p.m.	10 Darnaby - Talent Show (Grades 4-6) 9:15 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Briarglen - Jump Rope Team Exhibition-Union High School 7:15 p.m. 7th Grade Center - Sock Hop Dance (PTA sponsored) 7-9 p.m. District Science Fair Jr. High-7-9 p.m. Basketball-Union vs. S. Springs (there) 3:45 p.m.	11 Wrestling Jay Tournament Wrestling Jr. High Arkansas Valley Tournament 10-11
12	13 Grove-PTA Meeting-7:00 p.m. Coping With Stress Magic Show - Grades K-4 Briarglen - Book Fair Basketball-Sophs Union vs. Claremore (there) 6:00 p.m. - 8 boys & girls vs. Claremore (there) 4:30 p.m.	14 Peters-Science Fair Assembly-1:00 p.m. (4, 5, & 6th grades) Progress Reports Elementary Schools High School - Jr. Achievement Commons Area - 3:30 p.m. Basketball-Union vs. Stillwater 3:45 p.m.	15 Darnaby-PTA Executive Board 12:30 p.m. Briarglen - Jump Rope Team Exhibition - 7:00 p.m. H. S. - VICA Legislative Day-Okla. City All Day Swimming-Union at Bartlesville 6:00 p.m. Peters Science Fair	16 Clark - Popcorn Parties Jr. High-Campfire Box Supper-6:30 p.m. Basketball-Jr. High-7th (red) vs. Sapulpa (there) 6:00 p.m. Basketball-Jr. High-7th (red) vs. Sapulpa (there) 6:00 p.m.	17 Briarglen - Fun Night-7:00 p.m. High School - PTSA State Legislative Day Peters - Set up for Carnival - 3:15 p.m. Basketball-Union vs. Ponca City (there) 6:30 p.m.	18 Peters-PTA Carnival "Fantasy Fair" 5-9 p.m. Swimming Frontiers Conf. Championships at Stillwater 12:00 noon
19	20 7th Grade Center-PTA Meeting-7:00 p.m. H. S. -Book Drive-(Seniors) Basketball-Union vs. Bartlesville (there) 3:45 p.m.	21 Clark-Skating Party 6-8 p.m. H. S. - Jr. Achievement Commons Area - 3:30 p.m.	22 7th Grade Center - Atari Computers Motivational Assembly - 1:45 p.m.	23 Jr. High - PTA Meeting 7-9 p.m. Peters - Popcorn Day	24 Grove - Eagle Day	25 Boevers-School Carnival 5:30-9:00 p.m. Gymnastics Class III Semifinals
26	27	28	29	Do You Know of a HANDICAPPED Child (from birth to 21 years of age) in your neighborhood who may require special services for an education? Call 252-3561 Union Public Schools		
SRA Make-Up Tests Grade 1-11 Clark Career Education Week						

Redskin Talk

Winter Sports Progressing Well



Gil Cloud

Director of Athletics

The junior high teams are experiencing good years and so the future looks good for Redskins basketball.

Coach Bill West's wrestlers are 6-3 in duals and have placed 1st in Union's Tournament and 5th in the Geary Tournament. team is still very young and the coaches are shuffling wrestlers back and forth. By the time the regional tournament date arrives, we will be ready to compete for the regional and state championships.

Coach Bill Allen's swim team has performed very well at times. The team only lacks depth to really produce a quality program. Kelly Niles has been the most consistent performer all year long. Her presence will certainly be felt at the state meet in late February.

Coach Cheri Wallace has put together a small but solid gymnastics team. The students have performed all over the state as it has become a little more difficult to find teams to compete with.

As we enter the month of February our winter sports teams intensify their preparation for playoff action.

Coach Joe Holladay's basketball team is above 500 and is improving each week. While the team is still young they play very competitively. Coach Ron Evans' girls basketballers while not fashioning an outstanding record continues to improve and play well at times.

Our soccer teams have been plagued with the recent bad weather and have virtually been shut down. If we can get a break in the weather we will have enough regular and make-up games to almost play every other day. With the spring season next year it will be a much better situation for our players and fans. Coach Alan Woodward (boys coach) and Coach Don Cooper (girls coach) are pointing their teams to make a run at the league championship.

As the spring season starts to come our way, let's reflect on some dates that might be of importance to you. Regional Wrestling Tournament at Edison High School, February 17-18; Arkansas Valley Conference Wrestling Tournament February 10-11 at Jenks; State Swim Meet at Bartlesville February 24-25; State Wrestling Tournament at Stillwater February 24-25; Regional Basketball (site undetermined) February 23-25; Area Basketball Tournament March 1-3; State Basketball Tournament March 8-10 (4A Girls at Union).

- Comment -

I want to take this portion of the column to thank all the people in the Union Community who helped my family and me after the fire which destroyed our home. I cannot begin to thank all the people who worked with us and did so many things for us. The warmth displayed by all those that were so kind will be something we will never forget.



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