

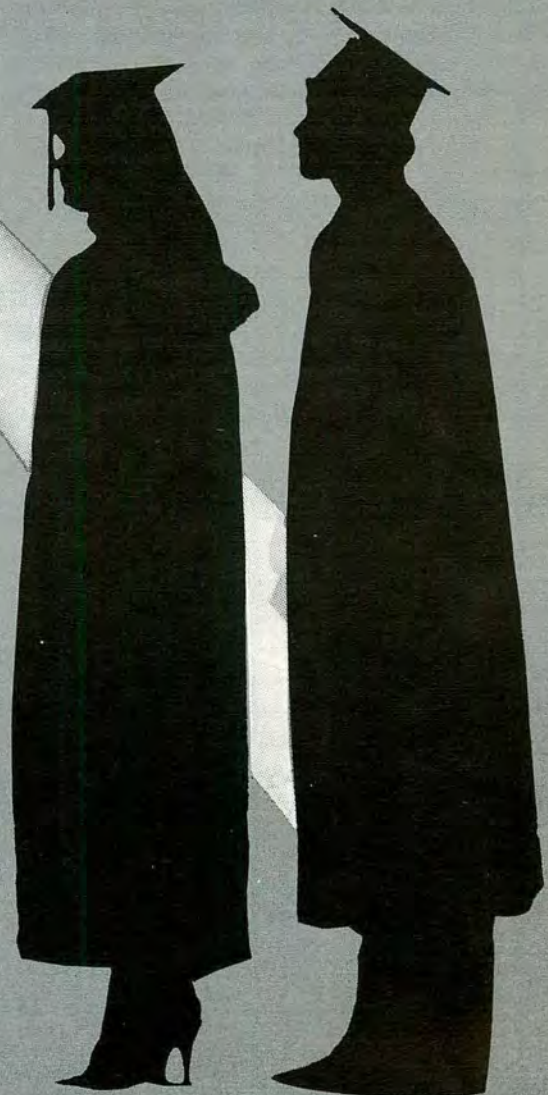
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*The Graduates  
of 1984  
Are  
Reaching  
For The  
Stars*





## From The Superintendent's Desk

# Union Students Rank High In SRA Tests

I think everyone likes to be the bearer of good news. I pride myself in having a good positive attitude about Union Schools and the job we're doing with the students. The test results that we are reporting to you is the proof of the pudding. It tells each of us that our superb faculty is doing a tremendous job of challenging boys and girls to a greater learning experience. You as parents can also take great pride also, not only for your own child's sake but can also point to your own contribution. It is critical that parents take part in the education of your child through encouragement first of all and also sacrifices that each of you make to insure the child has every opportunity to learn. The Board of Education, we as administrators and all the other people who make this system go, act as support services to our teachers. The pupil-teacher interaction is the real substance



Dr. Wesley Jarman

of our program and each of us should do all in our power to support that interaction. I hope each of you parents will just take time to encourage your child to greater heights but also take time to tell your child's teacher that you appreciate their effort.

The Board of Education, in a special meeting on April 16, 1984 voted to open Andersen Elementary as soon as the building is finished. Substantial completion should be during the winter vacation of the 1984 fall term. We should be able to occupy the building when we return after January 1, 1985. The construction has been delayed due to bad weather conditions. Our plans are to form Andersen School and house them at the 7th Grade Center until we can move into the new building.

Our other construction projects are proceeding at a slow rate due to weather. If we can get them all out of the ground in May, we should have good weather for the masonry installation.

Since this our last Communicator until this fall, I hope each of you have a good summer vacation and look forward to our fall term.

*Wesley Jarman*

## SRA TESTING RESULTS Grades One through 11 1983-84 School Year

Results are reported with the National Average being 50 percentile.

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Composite	86%	94%	93%	87%	84%	78%	74%	67%	74%	69%	62%
Reading	90%	86%	85%	83%	80%	73%	65%	68%	75%	69%	59%
Math	79%	95%	86%	80%	82%	80%	79%	68%	76%	72%	69%
Lang. Arts			90%	87%	78%	75%	69%	69%	74%	65%	57%
Science					71%	72%	77%	72%	77%	70%	61%
Social Studies					74%	71%	72%	76%	79%	69%	58%
Ref. Materials					72%	66%	70%	70%	77%	66%	57%
Ed. Ability Series	87%	84%	85%	81%	79%	78%	80%	70%	76%	73%	71%

## 1984 - 85 School Year

Aug. 22, 1984	First Day of School
Sept. 3, 1984	Labor Day
Oct. 5, 1984	Staff Development
Oct. 18, 19, 1984	State Teachers Meeting
Nov. 22, 23, 1984	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 20, 1984-Jan. 1, 1985	Winter Vacation
March 25-29, 1985	Spring Vacation
May 22, 1985	Last Day of School

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## Editorial

This is a first for an Editor to write an Editorial for the Union newspaper.

My statements are strictly mine as Editor. But I know most professionals share the following views and attitudes.

I personally have served in my career in thirteen different school jobs from Superintendent up to all levels of teaching. This short resume is to add credibility to my observations and remarks.

My experiences have shown me that when students, parents, and staffs have a happy positive feeling about school these students, (our main concern), excel in all phases of their school life. I have also noted that expectation, on the part of all above, causes all to do a Superior job, this is a must to success. My third most important point is support and re-enforcement from Home - School - Teachers - Administrators and School Boards. Everyone must share this feeling.

I personally feel that from this list above, this school system has the attributes that I listed for Success.

Where in this Great Country can you find a system in a metropolitan area that shows the caring and personal attitude that is exemplified here at Union? Example: (Mr. Jack Cox, Grove Elementary; Gil Cloud, Administration Building; Farah Janssen, Peters Elementary; Grandpa Cherry, Union High School; Lisa Stuckey, Administration Building - etc. & etc.). These caring attitudes have a direct effect on children and their developing characteristics.

Where in a metro area can you find S.R.A. scores in the high percentage brackets as we have here at Union? Some people have indicated that testing is not valuable, but as a parent I want proof of what my child has learned and standardized testing is one of the best tools for this evaluation. This does not preclude teacher observation or judgement grading, but is an unbiased way to see where our entire teaching core compares nationwide. I am happy to report Union is in the top percentile of National Scores.

In my few years here at Union, Briarglen, Peters and Administration I can reach deep into my heart and thank, first the students who are so caring and show such great respect, secondly the parents who support our system with their moral, and financial backing and who also share with a warmth greater than any place I have ever worked. Thirdly, the professional staff from on line staff to Dr. Wesley Jarman who all share in a team effort second to none in the United States. I have such a great respect for Dr. Jarman who through his leadership encourages the Positive Approach and then lives leadership by example.

So thank you Union Family for giving us the opportunity to work with you and your children and thank you School Board and Dr. Jarman for our jobs that allow all of us this opportunity to say thanks for working in the best - - - Union School District.

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A special THANK YOU to my Union friends for your prayers, phone calls, cards, letters, and floral tributes, following the deaths of my father and brother in Illinois. I deeply appreciate your expressions of love and concern.

Elaine Minson



Lawrence Lane, left, is the April Educator of the Month. While Eugene Cherry, right, is the Employee of the Month.

## April Educator, Employee Named

Lawrence Lane has been named Educator of the Month for April, 1984. Mr. Lane is listed on the faculty roster as a 7th Grade Social Studies teacher. In fact, he is much more than that. Mr. Lane is an inspiration to his students. His dedication and commitment to young people is evident in the high expectation he sets for his classes as well as his devotion to students outside his classroom.

In addition to his regular teaching schedule, Mr. Lane has been instrumental in developing positive attitudes in students through the "I Am . . . I Can" program. He conducts this program during the school day and twice a week before school hours. He also is director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program before school. As if these commitments weren't enough, Mr. Lane also finds time to officiate student basketball games in the evenings. This type of devotion to young people is an inspiration to us all.

On March 30, 1984, Eugene Cherry, affectionately referred to as "Grandpa", retired as Building Engineer from Union High School.

Mr. Cherry came to work for the District in November, 1977 and it was not long after his arrival that he became an integral part of this school.

Although his job description defined his role as maintenance personnel with the care of the physical plant, he soon took on the roll of "father confessor" for many of the student body. His unique personality enabled him to have a smile for one and all and a welcome hug when you were feeling "down and out". To say Grandpa will be missed is an understatement of fact, but to all of us whose lives he touched our memories of his kindness will remain forever.

Congratulations Mr. Cherry on being named employee of the Month for April, 1984.



# PTA NEWS

## Scholarship Recipient 1984



Darshi Shaw is the 1983-84 recipient of the Union Council of PTA's Scholarship. While attending Union High School, Darshi has maintained a four-point grade average while being active in many school and community activities. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, President of the Science Club, Secretary of the History Club, member of the

President's Advisory Council, Student Council Representative, PTSA Senior Board Member, Key Club and French Club. Her community activities include Tulsa Opera, Red Cross volunteer work, Special Olympics, and Walk for Mankind. Darshi plans on attending Tulsa University and majoring in Medicine.



A High School student cast her ballot in the Presidential straw poll election. Reagan received 71%, Hart 17%, Jackson 7%, and Mondale 3%, Uncommitted 2%. Seven hundred and four teachers and students voted. Mrs. Jan Brown, PTA Legislative Chairman, assisted the students in the election.

## Union Teachers Of The Year



PTA Teachers of the Year include, front row, left to right, Donna Strand, Grove; Kaye Canfield, PTA Council President; Edie Allen, Grove. In the back row are Earl Burton, 7th Grade Center; Susan Yielding, Boevers; Randy Anderson, Briarglen; Lana Yates, High School; Linda Carr, Clark; Belinda Nikkel, Darnaby; Carolyn Taylor, Peters; and Richard Maul, Junior High.

## Teachers Plan Summer

Only four weeks of school are left and teachers are making summer plans. The first month of summer will find Band director, Ted Auwen, at Discovery Land and Jana Loper, history teacher, will be in Virginia at Stratford Hall.

Last summer Mr. Auwen took students, including 3 Union band members to Europe. This year he will be working as the musical conductor for Discoveryland's production of Oklahoma. Major responsibilities will be to keep the cast with the music and cue them.

Jana Loper has been selected as one of the thirty teachers in the United States to participate in the annual Stratford Hall Summer Seminar in Stratford, Virginia. The program features a two week seminar with an interdisciplinary flavor and a distinctive historical approach. On-site instruction will occur at selected locations in Virginia.



## Boevers Storybook Character Day



As a special activity each year after a unit of study all third graders dress as a character from their favorite book. In order to participate they must know the story, the background, and something about the author. There is a judging to determine the most authentic character. Pictured are front row, left to right, Chris Davis, Gladys Moser, Adriaana Queen, Kim Brueggermann, and Tim Miller. Back row, from left to right, Stacie Arnold, Todd Miller, Chris Cavins, Lisa Seals, Chris Willyard, Rhonda Brook, John Wood, Corey Humphrey, Lea Shojai, and Jeannie Gambill.

## Seventh Grade Library Marathon Successful

Donna Smith, librarian knows how to make students enjoy learning how to use the library. A Library Marathon was begun last year. All of the English teachers' classes were given various assignments throughout the year. At the end of the year she presented a film festival to the winning teacher's five classes (each teacher's five classes' points were totaled together). A trophy was presented in the awards assembly. Several individual awards were presented also. The runner-up teacher's classes were given a doughnut day.

The Marathon was so successful that she is having it again this year.

Everything is on a voluntary basis. No student is required to earn points, but almost 100% of them do.

Some of the things she challenges the students to do are:

Classroom work sheets are given every two weeks on different things about the library's reference materials, card catalogue, indexes, etc. The worksheets solve puzzles when completed correctly.

Library challenge questions are given periodically. The students go to the library, read the question, and find the answer while there. Questions include finding information in an almanac, an atlas, an encyclopedia, a dictionary, the card catalogue, the vertical file, a particular section of books to learn the Dewey Decimal System, etc. By the end of the year the challenge questions cover all phases of the library.

All materials turned in are checked by the librarian and returned to the students. Wow! That's work!

Donna keeps the classes up-dated. The scores are always very close. They love it and want to win.

The students probably don't even realize how much they're learning while "having fun."

## YOUTHARTS' 84 Great Success

By Ed Tacket, Director of Fine Arts

YOUTHARTS 84! was a great success. 4000 persons attended vocal, strings, and instrumental concerts, speech and drama events, and visited our visual arts display. Several hundred students representing all Union schools were a part of this cooperative arts endeavor. The variety of talents and skills available from our arts students provided an exciting and stimulating week. The UPAC proved to be a super facility to showcase the talents of our students in YOUTHARTS 84!

Two high school competitive speech students, Tom Freiling and Janice Payne, achieved fourth place in the state debate contest in Edmond on April 6 and 7. Janice Payne won fourth place in women's extemporaneous speaking at the same contest. Within the next six weeks, Janice and Tom will debate in the Tournament of Champions in Louisville, Kentucky and the National Debate Tournament in San Antonio, Texas.

Bands, strings, and vocal music organizations, and soloists and ensembles from our secondary schools, have competed in District and State competitions during the past few weeks. Our musical groups and individual students have been awarded an impressive number of high ratings in these contests.

The High School's Spring Vocal Music Concert is scheduled for May 3 in the UPAC at 7:30 p.m., and the Junior High School Vocal Concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on May 8. The Spring Strings Concert will be given at the UPAC on May 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Junior High Symphonic Band Concert is scheduled for May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

The High School Drama Department will present their spring production, "You Can't Take It With You", on May 10, 11, & 12 at the UPAC. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. each night. Tickets may be purchased at the High School Office or at the door.

The Union High School Winterguard competed in the National Contest at Dayton, Ohio and won sixth place in this prestigious contest. The High School Band will compete in Canyon City, Colorado on May 5 and 6. This will be their first time to compete in this contest which traditionally attracts outstanding bands from all over the United States.



On April 9, Darnaby joined the nation in a balloon launch to kick off National Library Week activities. Balloons noting "Member of U.S.A. Reading Team" were launched with the students names and a request that the finder return the card to the sender. Students are experiencing a thrill each time a message is received to share with their friends and classmates.





## Briarglen Spring Fling

Program Director, Mrs. Clara Grove  
Assisting Teachers, Mrs. Pam McBride, Mrs. Jackie Peters, and Mrs. Ann Pickett

It's Spring! The third graders at Briarglen are getting ready. The annual Spring Fling is underway.

For the last 5 years the third grade students at Briarglen have put on an outstanding program. Every child takes part and is on the stage during the performance.

Try-outs are held the week before Spring break. Students can plan their own talent and perform before judges. They may also try-out for dancing before judges. After these selections are made, the other students are then placed into a singing group or skits written by the teachers.

After Spring Break, practice begins. Parents are involved with costumes. Many mothers who sew are contacted to make costumes. Some mothers hunt patterns or help choose material. It truly becomes a team effort between students, teachers, and parents.

On May 4th the production will be ready for viewing. Three performances will be given that day, two in front of the student body at Briarglen and an evening performance for the parents, grandparents, or friends.

After six weeks of practice and three performances, the teachers know that this will be an event in each student's school life that they will never forget. After the last performance the students and teachers will go home tired, happy, and satisfied with a job well done.



Chris Conley, left, and Bill Canfield, right, placed third in Computer Science at the OU Engineering Day.

## Union Pride At Special Olympics

Special Olympics is an international program of physical fitness, sports training, and athletic competition for mentally handicapped children and adults. Oklahoma Special Olympics offers 10 official sports -- track & field, swimming, diving, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, soccer, bowling and wheelchair events.

The Tulsa Area competition was held on Saturday, April 14th. Thirteen Union students from Mrs. Kaltenbach's and Mrs. DeBoer's classes participated in the Special Olympics Track and Field events at LaFortune Park. Opening exercises began with a parade of athletes. Union students proudly displayed a banner proclaiming "UNION PRIDE." The events of the day included the 50 meter and 200 meter runs, the softball throw, and the standing long jump. Each student could choose two of the events to enter. All participating athletes received ribbons and recognition at the conclusion of each event.

Many Union people helped to make this a most memorable day for the students. The school nurses assisted with the necessary entrance and coordinated the physical exams which were conducted by Dr. Cherry and his second year interns from the Oklahoma Osteopathic College. (A special THANK YOU to Dr. Cherry for donating his time to this event. This is the second year that Dr. Cherry has assisted Union students in this effort.) The elementary Physical Education Teachers helped the students prepare for the specific athletic events and Gil Cloud, Athletic Director, provided the materials for the parade banner. The principals and teachers supported this special event and encouraged the Union students to do their best. PTAs helped by providing financial assistance to meet any special needs. The parents of the students provided that special attention, love and pride in their children's accomplishments. It was a very special, heart warming day for all participants and observers.



Tammy King, Tulsa Special Olympics Program Director spoke to fourth and fifth grade ARC students about the track and field event. Eleven students were "buddies" for Union participants at the April 14th event.



## MAY 1984

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		<b>1</b> Darnaby Book Fair May 1-4 Peters Hawaii Week May 1-4 Jr. High - District Science Meeting 3:30 p.m. High School - Jr. Achievement 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Briarglen - Operation Aware Field Trip 9:30 a.m. A.M. Valley Conference Meeting Body 10:00 a.m. Banquet at Broken Arrow Boovers - Third Grade Field Trip Court House & Tulsa Library	<b>2</b> Adm. Center - P.T.A. Council Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. Jr. High - UFT Meeting 3:45 p.m. Grove - Art & Humanities Program 6th Grade Peters - 5th & 6th Grades Tulsa City-County Health Dept. Growth & Development 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Briarglen - Operation Aware Field Trip 9:30 a.m. Clark - Group Pictures Staff 8:15 a.m.	<b>3</b> Baseball (Varsity) Regional Tournament May 3-5 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT (All Elementaries) 9:00-11:00 1:00-3:00 High School - Spring Vocal Concert 7:30 p.m. UPAC Clark - P.T.A. Executive Meeting 1:30 p.m. Boovers - P.T.A. Executive Board Meeting 12:30 p.m.	<b>4</b> Grove - 6th Grade Field Trip Woolacot Peters - Media Luau Peters - 3rd Grade Grand March Practice UPAC - Orchestra Spring Concert Briarglen - 3rd Grade Spring Fling 7:00 p.m. Briarglen - 2nd Grade Field Trip Tulsa Zoo 9:30 a.m. Darnaby - P.T.A. Popcorn Sales Boovers - Field Day Grades 4th, 5th, & 6th	<b>5</b> Track (Varsity) Regional Meet
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Adm. Center - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Peters - Practice Grand March 8:55 a.m. (All Track People) High School - Legislative Day Seniors 8:10-11:00 a.m.	<b>8</b> Annual Elementary Track Meet a.m. & p.m. Union Stadium High School - Jr. Achievement 3:30-5:30 p.m. UPAC - Jr. High Vocal Spring Concert 7:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Adm. Center - P.T.A. Council Meeting 9:30 a.m. Peters - Southern Hills Retirement Home Visit 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Peters - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 7:45 a.m.	<b>10</b> Baseball (Varsity) State Tournament May 10-12 Peters - Pipers Spring Concert 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Peters - Skating Day Seventh Grade Center - Vocal Music Concert 7:00 p.m. High School - P.T.S.A. Spaid Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boovers - P.T.A. Unit Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>11</b> Peters - 1st Grade Field Trip 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 5th Grade Field Trip 6th Grade Field Day Seventh Grade Center - P.T.A. Sponsored Dance 7:00-9:00 p.m. Briarglen - Balloon Launch Clark - Kindergarten Receptions 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Boovers - Field Day Grades Kdg., 1st, 2nd, & 3rd	<b>12</b> Track (Varsity) State Meet
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> High School - Athletic Banquet High School Commons 6:30 p.m. Clark - Faculty Meeting with Don Irvn 3:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Peters - Popcorn Day High School - Jr. Achievement 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Seventh Grade Center - P.T.A. Council Training 7:30 p.m. Briarglen - Awards Assembly Clark - Skating Party	<b>16</b> High School - Decca National Career Mission Conference High School - Advanced Placement Tests English	<b>17</b> Seventh Grade Center - 9 Week Test High School - Senior Finals Hours 1, 2 & 3 High School - Advanced Placement Tests Biology UPAC - Jr. High Symphonic Band Concert 7:30 p.m. Clark - Spring Musical 1st & 2nd Grades 10:00 a.m. Boovers - Gracemont Bell Choir 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> High School - Rehearsal for Commencement & Baccalaureate 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Auditorium Peters - Track Awards Assembly 10:25 a.m. Seventh Grade Center - 9 Week Test High School - Senior Finals Hours 4, 5, & 6 High School - Advanced Placement Tests Chemistry Briarglen - 1st Grade Track Meet Darnaby - P.T.A. Popcorn Sales Boovers - Sixth Grade Appreciation Day	<b>19</b> High School - Senior Girls Tea (Honoring their Mothers) 2:00 p.m. High School - Gymnastics Extravaganza High School Gym 7:00 p.m.
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> High School - Senior Breakfast Indian Springs County Club 7:15 a.m. High School - Senior Assembly Auditorium 10:25 a.m. Seventh Grade Center - Awards Assembly 9th Hour Briarglen - 5th Grade Track Meet Darnaby - Kindergarten Program 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	<b>22</b> High School - Commencement ORU Mabee Center 7:30 p.m. Peters - All School Talent Show 12:45 - 2:15 p.m. Briarglen - 5th Grade Track Meet Darnaby - Kindergarten Programs 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	<b>23</b> Peters - Teachers Talent Show 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. High School - Nine Weeks Test 4, 5, & 6 Hours Briarglen - 6th Grade Appreciation Day	<b>24</b> Peters - 6th Grade Picnic 2nd Grade Field Day 12:00-3:00 p.m. Seventh Grade Center Semester Test High School - Nine Weeks Test 1, 2, & 3 Hours Briarglen - 4th Grade Picnic Clark - Awards Assembly 4th, 5th, & 6th Grades 9:15 a.m.	<b>25</b> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Peters - 6th Grade Breakfast, Last MVL & Rehearsal Seventh Grade Center - Semester Test High School - Awards Assembly 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades 9:15 a.m. Boovers - Awards Assembly	<b>26</b> High School - Senior Prom Senior Prom Kerisgton 8:00-12:00 p.m.
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
MEMORIAL DAY	High School - Summer Drivers Education Classes Begin					



## Redskin Talk

# Soccer Scholarship



**Gil Cloud**  
*Director of Athletics*

Kenny Dugan has become our first ever soccer player to receive an athletic scholarship to Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

Dugan distinguished himself as an outstanding, hard working player for Union in our inaugural season of varsity soccer. Kenny should be the first in a long line of talented performers.

Congratulations are in order for all of those who participated in cheerleading and drill team auditions. The tryout sessions are extremely time-consuming and physically draining. The students all worked as hard as they could to represent Union next year. Coaches Glenda Payne, Vickie Briggs, Debbie Statum and Monta Ewing are to be commended for a job well done!

We in the Athletic Department want to thank all of those loyal fans who attended our athletic events this year. Your moral and financial support means a great deal to the student-athlete and the staff. As the money crunch continues, your help and support will be needed more than ever if we are to continue providing an outstanding extra-curricular program for our students. Times will be tough but with your help and support we can continue to be Union Movin' Up!

# Highsteppers and Jr. High Drill Teams Win State Title

The Highsteppers won their new title January 21st at the State Competition held at Union High School. The Highsteppers competed against other teams in the categories of high kick, prop, and novelty. They won division trophies in novelty and prop, and their combined scores from all three divisions gave them the sweepstakes and state title.

Jr. Lt. Leigh Stewart tied for Miss Oklahoma Drill Team, and Jr. Lt. Lisa Howard placed 5th.

February 25th the Highsteppers traveled to Ft. Smith, Arkansas for the Arkansas/Oklahoma Drill Team Competition. Here you compete against yourself for a I, II, or III rating. The Highsteppers brought home a trophy for a Division I rating in two of the three routines performed. Leigh Stewart came away with the title Miss Arkansas/Oklahoma Drill Team.

Competition was tough, and we are extremely proud of our Drill Team. Because the Junior High and the High School Drill Teams were State Champions, they were asked to perform at half-time recently at an Oklahoma Outlaw Football game. Congratulations girls !!!!!



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