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Season's Greetings . . .

*from the Board of Education,
Superintendent Wesley Jarman,
Teachers, Administrators and
Support Staff!*

DECEMBER 6

Darnaby Rangers & Company
Target, 71st & Memorial - 9:00 a.m.
Sixth Grade Strings Winter Concert
7:00 p.m. - UPAC
8th & High School Band Concert
8:00 p.m. - UPAC

DECEMBER 9

Darnaby Second Grade Christmas Program - 10:00 a.m.
McAuliffe Second Grade Musical - 10:00 a.m.
7th & 9th Grade Band Concert - 7:30 p.m. - UJH Gym
High School Christmas Band Concert - 7:00 p.m. - UPAC

DECEMBER 8

Clark Choir Christmas Program - 12:30 p.m.
Grove Fifth Grade Musical Program
2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
McAuliffe Second Grade Musical - 7:00 p.m.
7th Grade Orchestra Christmas Concert
7:30 p.m. - UPAC
High School Secondary Strings
Christmas Concert - 7:30 p.m. - UPAC

DECEMBER 12

High School Winter Vocal Concert
7:30 p.m. - UPAC

DECEMBER 15

Briarglen Fourth Grade Vocal Music Program
9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Clark Christmas Program - 12:30 p.m.
McAuliffe Choir Performance & Sing-A-Long
1:45 p.m.
Peters Hand Bell Choir - 1:15 & 1:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 13

Andersen Vocal Music Christmas Program - 7:30 p.m.
Boevers Christmas Program - 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Darnaby Rangers & Company - Promenade - 7:00 p.m.
McAuliffe 5th & 6th Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.
Peters Pipers Performance - Promenade - 6:00 p.m.
Jr. High Vocal Music Concert - 7:30 p.m. - UPAC

DECEMBER 14

Briarglen Choir - Promenade
12:00 Noon
Clark Sixth Grade Choir
Promenade - 11 a.m./Eastland - 12 Noon
McAuliffe Choir - Woodland Hills
10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 16

Peters Pipers
Christmas Performance
2:00 p.m.

From the Superintendent's Desk. . .

Construction Update

- (1) **Intermediate High School** - Much of the paving of the parking lots and driveways has been completed before the winter weather begins so travel around the building should be easy. Terrazzo on the upper floor is finished and ceiling grids are in place. Light fixtures have arrived on the job and should be in place soon. Air ducts in the ceiling of the gymnasium are complete and interior walls are nearing completion. The ceiling in the media center is going to be beautiful when finished and with the sky light in place it will be a great place to study. Terrazzo on the lower floor is progressing but with all the ceiling work going on has had to slow down a bit in the commons area and the foyer of the gym. The work is well on schedule for opening in August of 1989.
- (2) **High School Improvements** - The parking lot paving is complete with striping. The front lot still has some work to be done such as the control arms on the entrance and exit areas. The pumping system to control flooding in the studio theatre and other sections of the stage area is in place with controls for the pump motors the only remaining installation.
- (3) **Track** - Demolition of the old surface is still proceeding, rather slowly I might add, and should be completed within two weeks. New construction of the high jump and discus area is well underway with the pouring of the concrete waiting for good weather. The pouring of the surface will have to wait for temperatures in the 50's. This may take a while depending on the kind of weather we have.
- (4) **Miscellaneous** - The roof at Briarglen is complete and ceiling tiles have been replaced. The chiller at Roy Clark is scheduled for installation during Spring Break and we are investigating the replacement of the boiler at the same time. The sidewalks at McAuliffe are complete and being used.

We have hired an additional security officer at the High School from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. who will direct traffic on Mingo Road. By allowing only right turns from the stadium parking lots and stopping traffic on Mingo when necessary, I feel we have a short range solution to our traffic problem at Union High School. The long range solution involves each of us encouraging the City of Tulsa to include street improvements to the high school area in the upcoming city bond issue. This will include a divided street north past the high school area and will go a long way toward making the area around Union High School a safer area for our students as well as our patrons.

Our UNISYS Computer Labs are in place at the High School and Junior High. Teacher training is complete and the labs are operational. Stop by and see them working on your next visit to the schools.

May I say to each of you during this coming holiday season to praise and be thankful for all the good things we have in Union Schools and to work together to improve those areas that need to be improved. After all, it's your schools and your children -- help us to make it the best we can have.



Dr. Wesley Jarman
Superintendent

OCTOBER SAFE BUS RIDER OF THE MONTH

The Transportation Department, in conjunction with Crusty's Pizza, awarded the recipients of October's "Safe Bus Rider of the Month" with their FREE medium pizza coupon.

Safe Riders of the Month: High School - Julie Mosher & Kim Thomas, Jr. High - Jami Kucsera & Michael Tate, 7th Grade - Robin Spencer, Peters - Stacey Masingale & Jill Bumgardner, McAuliffe - Keesa Corroll & Shawn Martin, Grove - Sean Lynch & Nicholle Carter, Andersen - Kara Keith & Jonathan Bradberry, Boevers - Sarah Bowman, Briarglen - Kelli McNally & Patty Quier, Clark - Eric Wixon & Tamecca Rogers, Darnaby - Ryan Parrish & Kisten Wasmiller.

The Transportation Department is also asking for assistance in stopping the vandalism to the district busses. There has been a rash of incidents where the seats have been cut, seats/walls have been written on and seat covers have been torn. Parents are asked to stress to their children the importance of NOT vandalizing their busses. The repairs are costly and it presents a very bad appearance.

WINTER CONCERTS BY UNION BANDS

The elementary bands of Union Schools will be featured in several concerts during the month of December. On December 8, at 7:00 p.m., the Grove Elementary Band will play in the Grove Fifth Grade Musical Program. On December 13 the Boevers Elementary Band will be featured in the Boevers PTA Program. The Clark Band will play on December 15 at 12:30 for a school assembly at Clark Elementary. The Briarglen Band will be featured at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at school assemblies and an evening concert. The Peters Band will play on December 16 for a Peters Elementary School assembly.

On December 6, at 8:00 p.m. the Eighth Grade Band, the High School Jazz Band, and the High School Concert Band will present a concert in the Union Performing Arts Center. There will be no admission charge for this concert. A variety of winter holiday music will be featured.

On December 9, at 7:30 p.m., bands from the Seventh and Ninth grades will be featured at a Winter Concert in the Jr. High School gymnasium. The public is cordially invited to this free concert.

STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

The sixth grade elementary string orchestra classes would like to invite everyone to attend their winter concert on December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Performing Arts Center. These students have worked diligently on this program and would like to have an opportunity to show off their talents. Please come and enjoy the music.

The strings players from all Union secondary schools will present their winter concert on Thursday, December 8 at the Union Performing Arts Center. This exciting concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.

SECONDARY VOCAL MUSIC CONCERTS SCHEDULED

The choirs from Union High School, including the *Union Avenue Singers* and the *Choral-ettes*, will present their winter concert at the Union Performing Arts Center on Monday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited and there is no charge for this concert.

The Jr. High Chorus Concert is scheduled at the Union Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. This concert will feature the combined choruses from Union Jr. High School and a special presentation by *Sweet Harmony*.

NOVEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Jeanne Rowlett, the secretary to the Principal at Grove Elementary, has been chosen the November Employee of the Month. Jeanne's nomination was based on her devotion to her duties. Her position puts her in contact with students, faculty, and parents.



Jeanne Rowlett

Through her caring efforts and enthusiasm, she has gained the respect and admiration of everyone. Her computer skills have enabled our office to operate efficiently. Through the years she has volunteered many hours at Grove to help enrich our program. She plays a major role in the daily operation of Grove Elementary.

Jeanne is married to Phil Rowlett and has two children. Bart, is a Jr. High student and Brock is a 5th grader at Grove.

It is with pride and honor that we salute her as our November Employee of the Month!

Ilana Shillingford is a sixth grade student at Boevers Elementary. Ilana has been a student at Boevers since Kindergarten. Since that time, she has been a straight "A" student. Ilana excels in all academic areas as well as many extra-curricular activities.



Ilana Shillingford

Ilana's teachers both past and present, describe her as consistently being dependable, a strong leader, delightful, and one who goes beyond what is expected and required of her. Ilana is a student that others can look to for encouragement and help.

Some of Ilana's attributes and accomplishments include: Track meet participant, Safety Patrol and school musical programs. Ilana is a member of the sixth grade Union Drill Team and enjoys playing basketball.

Ilana's teachers and classmates are both proud and pleased that she has been selected to be "Union's Student of the Month". Congratulations Ilana!

"If you're content with the best you have done, you will never do the best you can do!"

This quotation was on Tutt's coaching locker at Union's football stadium. The author of this quotation is anonymous, yet this is the philosophy by which Tutt worked.

Phil, "Tutt", Tuttle, was a unique individual. As a friend, a teacher, and a craftsman, he touched people in a special way. As a friend he was not outspoken or harsh, yet he had the ability to make you feel like you had let him down if you didn't perform to the best of your ability.



Phil Tuttle

As an industrial arts teacher Tutt had a thorough knowledge and love of woodworking. He had the ability to instill this knowledge and love into his students. As a craftsman, Tutt had the ability to formulate an idea in his mind, transform that idea into the plans needed to build the project. Then with patience, his love of working with wood, and skill as a master craftsman, he formulated the completed project.

The sorrow and magnitude of his death is very deeply felt, yet the joy of knowing and working with him will last forever.

In memory of Phil Tuttle, 1947-1988

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Union Elementary Enrichment Program is gearing up for Session II. Classes in a variety of subject areas will be offered after school at the elementary school sites beginning January 23. Look for enrollment information to be sent home with your child after the Christmas break.

Employment opportunities are available as instructors in Session II. This is an opportunity for you to teach a subject you have always wanted to teach. Suggested topics are computers, art, Spanish, French, music, science, sign language, aerobics, or any subject you feel qualified to teach. For more information call the Union Volunteer Office at 252-3561.

GRANTS AWARDED TO MEDIA CENTERS

Union Junior High and Roy Clark Elementary have been awarded library improvement grants by the State Department of Education. The grants provide funds to create or improve library services in schools which show a strong commitment to their library program.

The Junior High, in its second year of the three year program, has added research materials to the collection, and is implementing computerized reference services. Their media specialist, Mary Sue Leach, has many new additions to the collection planned for this year.

Roy Clark, a first-year grant site, will be receiving some of its new materials this month. Cyndi Garlit, media specialist is looking forward to the hundreds of new books, reading center materials and equipment, which will help supply Clark's eager readers.

The library improvement grant program, funded by the state legislature each year since 1978, has helped fund elementary media programs throughout the state, establishing hundreds of new school libraries and rejuvenating older collections. Darnaby Elementary was our district's first library grant school and we plan to apply for several more grants next year.

We all appreciate the support of our state legislators in continuing grant funding and look forward to many more years of this excellent program.

Caring for Generations

By Virginia Kellogg,
Director of Volunteers

Volunteers *have* cared for generations and our Union School Volunteers are no exception. All over the district volunteers are busier than ever. Just through the months of August, September, and October our volunteers have accumulated over 7,500 hours. At a rate of ten dollars per volunteer hour as set by the National Department of Labor, Union's outstanding volunteers have donated over \$75,000 worth of service, expertise, and resources to Union Public Schools.

The volunteer coordinators at each of our schools are congratulated for running such effective programs this year. A very special "Thanks" goes to Andersen, Roy Clark, and Darnaby for an outstanding month during October in which each of these three schools turned in over 500 volunteer hours.

"WAY TO GO"

Union is extremely grateful for each hour from each volunteer. The holiday season of joy, thanksgiving, and praise is a perfect time for us to say, "Volunteers-we love you!"

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DR. WESLEY JARMAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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MCAULIFFE KEYS INTO THE INFORMATION AGE

The old library catalog has taken on a new look at McAuliffe Elementary. Computer screens and keyboards are gradually replacing the conventional drawers and cards.

McAuliffe went online last month with the area's first computerized school library catalog. The computer system allows students to type in an author, title, or subject and, within seconds, the computer produces a list of matches. The student merely selects the item desired, and the screen produces the "catalog card" complete with how many copies the library has available.

Produced by Follett Software Company, the computer program is one of the first of its type in Oklahoma. McAuliffe students and teachers are enjoying their giant leap into the information age and want to thank the School Board and voters for their fine high-tech media center!

THE LIBRARY OF AMERICA COMES TO UNION LIBRARIES

By Jolene James & Jan Underhill
Union High School Library

Thanks to the Union High School PTSA, the High School Library will soon be receiving a 60-volume set of America's great literature. The Library of America is a non-profit publishing project started in 1982 as an effort to restore America's literary heritage. This is a set of America's major author in a uniform, hardcover series.

This national preservation project is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Ford Foundation, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Local support is provided by the Tulsa Education Fund, and Rotary Club of Tulsa. The Union High School PTSA generously donated \$250 for the matching grant money to acquire this set. Thank you Union High PTSA and Carol Greenfield.

5TH GRADERS ON "OASIS" COVER

The fifth grade class at Peters Elementary is excited to announce that their picture was chosen to be on the cover of the "Oasis", a teacher's magazine. A picture taken on Peter's American Grandparents Day was submitted to the magazine and has been chosen to be on the cover of the January-February issue. Robert Taylor, posed as Abe Lincoln in the picture with the students.

The fifth grade class received \$100 in supplies from Good Apple Products for their winning entry. Congratulations to all the fifth graders of Peters Elementary School!

OKLAHOMA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION GRAND CHAMPION MARCHING BAND - RENEGADE REGIMENT!!

A Personal Perspective
by Ken McLellan



August 3, 1988 came rather early this year! I had just spent two-and-a-half months working every day with another marching organization. The Black Gold Drum and Bugle Corps had a refreshing good season and had just come back from the Kansas City World Championships placing 4th in Class A Competition.

Beginning with the high school marching band, I noticed one thing that tended to separate them from all the other groups I had worked with. These kids knew what it took to be the best!! As a new director, I'll never forget that first week with all the new "recruits" from last years junior high band. Instruction and direction was taken with enthusiasm and for the most part, these "hungry" students did exactly as I asked. I was in charge of the individual marching technique and was overjoyed to see so many members who would listen and think without being "screamed at".

As the summer progressed into fall, our competition show was coming into place. Despite a slow start on drill and the early competitive season. We were apparently ready for our first competition in Catoosa. A very disappointing third place finish however, had the staff and members humbled and eagerly looking toward the OBA State Championships two weeks later.

The next ten days of rehearsal were intense and specific. We all knew that we had something to prove on November 22. Like Mr. Barnett kept saying: "It's not over until the fat ladysings". With an enthusiastic show a week earlier at our own contest - Renegade Review, the kids knew we had a shot at the state championships. The day had finally come and we were on our way to Norman at 6:00 a.m.

A good showing in "prelims" had spirits high although for most of us it was too close to call. That night we were 8th out of ten finalists bands. At the very end of the contest as the scores were being announced, I knew that our kids had a great finals show and they knew it too. As staff, we had been trying to communicate to all the members that being a true champion wasn't winning every competition but striving for excellence and doing the best job that they could possibly do in every rehearsal and performance. We have no control over the judges, field conditions, or the other bands. All we have control over is our show and ourselves.

Needless to say, we won the state championships by over 3 points and won every caption except color guard which we placed a close second. It was truly an enjoyable season. We had worked hard for over two months and it had finally paid off in the end. I also believe that the members had learned something more important--Strive for Excellence, Never Quit, Do your best and you'll always be a Winner!!!



Congratulations to the Renegade Regiment and directors Dale Barnett, Jair Klarfeld, Brian Jackson, Ken McLellan, Brenda Davis, Tammy Keltner, and Allen Mueggenborg.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK NOV. 14-18, 1988

To celebrate National Geography Awareness Week some activities have been planned at the Seventh Grade Center by the Social Studies Department.

Wednesday, November 16 will be wear a place day (city, state, nation, etc.). Everyone has a t-shirt that celebrates a location!

On Friday, November 18 students and faculty are to wear a costume or symbol of their "Homeland" or place they'd most like to visit.

During this week at each lunch, Mr. Bushyhead will ask a geography question (different one each lunch). A box will be provided in which students can drop their response. The first correct answer drawn will win a candy bar!

Teachers in the other disciplines will be illustrating how geography ties in to the other subject areas. Examples: Literature to Culture (How environment affects); Math-needed for scale on maps; Science-a place's climate, the ecology; Home Ec-foods people eat and why; Speech-the factors that determine one's literature; Arts & Crafts-the various art forms favored around the world; Physical Education-an integral part of all people's society.

It is hoped that this will be an enjoyable week which will help students learn the importance of geography in a global society.

Students Amy Schoenhals, Cynthia Liu, Jamea Davis, and Amy Jones have helped with posters to advertise this week and the events. Thanks!

UNION GIRLS SOFTBALL METRO TEAMS



If you are interested in playing a more competitive type of girls softball, we will be forming one team only for 14 and under, one team only for 12 and under and one team only for 10 and under. Teams will be formed on a tryout basis. Girls trying out must remember that they will have a lot more practices and a lot more games to play. All Union elementary schools and Jr. High will be eligible to sign up. If you are interested, teams will be formed by January 15, 1989. Call Bernie Krusemark 258-0627 for signup information. Our recreation league signup will be Thursday, February 9, 1989 from 7-8:30 p.m. at your school. A copy of your birth certificate will be required this season.

FINE ARTS

By Ed Tackett, Director of Fine Arts

PEPSI CHALLENGE FUNDS DONATED TO UNION SCHOOLS

Pepsi and KTUL-TV, Channel 8 presented a check for \$3,448.92 to the Fine Arts Department on November 14 to purchase audio visual materials for the new Fine Arts Resource Center. These funds will be used to purchase audio tapes, VCR instructional tapes, recordings, art prints, slides, film strips and arts reference books. The Fine Arts Resource Center will check these materials out to arts instructors of Union Schools to augment classroom instruction. We sincerely

appreciate this generous contribution by Pepsi and KTUL-TV, Channel 8, and we are looking forward to use of these needed resource materials.

RENEGADE REGIMENT TO PERFORM AT COCA COLA MID-AMERICA BOWL

The Oklahoma Grand Champion Marching Band, the Union High School Renegade Regiment, will perform their award winning show for the last time at the Coca Cola Mid-America Bowl on December 4. The Renegade Regiment will perform as pre-game entertainment at about 1:30 p.m. and will be the only high school band performing at this Jr. College Bowl Game. Come and cheer our state champion band and stay for the exciting Coca Cola Mid-America Bowl Game.

COMPETITIVE SPEECH STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL IN CONTEST

Competitive speech students at the high school are beginning a very successful year. All individual entries at the Broken Arrow Forensics Tournament on November 12 broke to the semi-final rounds of competition. Breaking to finals were Rene Vigee in Poetry and Minde Wallace in Prose. John Economus placed third in Original Oratory. Congratulations to a great squad.

High school students will be participating in the Washington High School Tournament late in the month of November and drama, speech, and debate students at the Jr. High will be working on entries for the novice tournament in Sapulpa on December 9 and 10.

MOCK ELECTION HELD BY SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

On November the seventh, the Social Studies Department sponsored a mock election. In order to simulate as closely as possible the actual election process, students were required to register to vote during the week of October 24-28th. Their registration district was named for their social studies teacher. After the students had registered as Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, the names were compiled into registration rolls, by parent volunteer, Monica Bradford. Students were issued laminated voter registration cards.

When election day rolled around, students were allowed to vote before school, between classes, at lunch, and after school. Voting booths, constructed by James Neel and his son, Jim, were situated outside the cafeteria manned by students from Mrs. Jones' geography classes. Students were responsible for finding the time to vote, which 58% of our registered voters did.

Votes were tallied by Mr. Bushyhead and announced on the morning of the nation's Election Day, so students could compare their results with that of the rest of the nation. At the Seventh Grade Center, Vice-President Bush won an overwhelming victory, winning 77% of the popular vote.

Many of the social studies classes used the election as an opportunity to discuss the constitution, the electoral college and perhaps most importantly the responsibilities of voting. When the responsibilities of full citizenship is theirs, hopefully, our students will remember the lessons of this election.



Zachary Taylor

A SALUTE TO A SPECIAL PATROL

Zachary Taylor is a very special member of Andersen Elementary's Safety Patrol. Zach performs all Patrol duties from his wheelchair. He takes his job seriously and has earned the respect of the student body. This same attitude is displayed in the classroom where he was nominated to run for Vice-President of the 6th grade class.

Zach is the son of Steve and Linda Taylor and has attended Union Public Schools for 3 years. Mr. Wood, Andersen's Principal and the 6th grade teachers want to "salute" Zach for a job well done!

"ANGEL STREET" SCHEDULED AT HIGH SCHOOL

On December 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., the Union High School Advanced Drama Class will present the play *Angel Street* in the UPAC Studio Theater.

Angel Street is an exciting, eventful psychological thriller about the Mannings of Angel Street. Under the guise of kindness, handsome Mr. Manning is slowly and methodically driving his wife into insanity. He accuses her of petty aberrations that he has arranged himself; and since her mother died of insanity, she is more than half convinced that she, too, is going out of her mind. While Mr. Manning is out of the house one night, a police inspector visits Mrs. Manning and proves to her that her husband is a maniacal criminal who is suspected of a murder committed in the same house 15 years ago. Thus begins a thrilling melodramatic game as the inspector and Mrs. Manning gather evidence against Mr. Manningham.

Join us on December 8 or 9 to see how this passionate, exciting evening concludes. Tickets will be available at the door.

NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA ALL-DISTRICT STRING ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

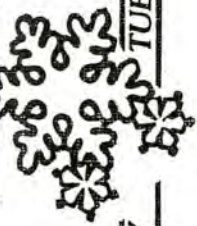
The Northeastern Oklahoma All-District String Orchestra Festival presented its fifth annual performance on Saturday, November 5 at Tulsa Edison Middle School. Guest clinician was Ron Wheeler, Conductor of the Tulsa Youth Symphony. Congratulations to the following students for being selected as members of the 1988 N.O.A.D.S.O..

VIOLINS: Veronique Liu, Krista Erickson, Angela Underwood, Trey Morrison, Chi Duong, Heather Howell, Emily Steele, Chantel Laird, Cynthia Liu, and Candy Coonfield

VIOLAS: Jami Kucsera, Kerry Linehan, David Escue

CELLOS: Kara Keadle, Paul Cobb, Tom McCullough

BASSES: Wendy Wells, Josh McClure



DECEMBER, 1988

SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
				1 JR HIGH - Pep Rally, 6th Hour, Dept. Head Mtg. 11:10 am	2 JR HIGH - Science Dept. Mtg. 7:30	3 BRIARGLEN - Santa's Shop-Corn, 10-6 pm DARNABY - PTA Arts & Crafts Fair, 9-5, Jr. High HIGH SCHOOL Academic Team Tournament 8:00-3
4	5 DARNABY - Salvation Army Food Drive Week PETERS - B.A. Neighbor's Food Drive Begins 7TH GR - Drill Team Parent's Mtg. 6:15 pm, Art Room	6 PETERS - ARC Testing HIGH SCHOOL - Highteppers Booster Club, 6:30 pm, Commons 	7 JR HIGH - Space Center Assembly, 8:00 HIGH SCHOOL - Family Living Wedding 2:45 / National Theater of the Arts Performance of "Cyrano de Bergerac, UPAC, 10:15 am	8 McAULIFFE - 4th Gr. to Cinderella, 7:00 pm JR HIGH - PTA Board Meeting HIGH SCHOOL - "Angel Street", Studio Theater, 7:30 pm	9 BOEVERS - PTA Board Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 am/PTA Board Meeting, 1:00 pm HIGH SCHOOL - Family Living Wedding, 1:35 / PTSA Lunch, Green Onion, 11:30 am / "Angel Street", Studio Theater, 7:30 pm	10
11	12 	13 BOEVERS - Skating Party, 6-8 pm 6th Grade Play/PTA Unit Mtg., 7:00 pm CLARK - PTA Council HIGH SCHOOL - Orchestra Parent's Mtg. 7:30 pm, Band Room / Engineering Test, 8-11:00 / National Honor Society Party	14 CLARK - PTA Board Meeting McAULIFFE - Popcorn Day PETERS - Popcorn Day JR HIGH - Shrimp Feast for Faculty/Jingle Grams Sales HIGH SCHOOL - ASVAB, 8-11:00	15 CLARK - Christmas Party GROVE - Class Christmas Parties, 2:30-3 McAULIFFE - Christmas Parties, 2:30 pm PETERS - Skating, 4-6 JR HIGH - Dept. Head Mtg. 11:10/Jingle Grams Sales HIGH SCHOOL - Senior Christmas Ball, Mini-Theater, 8-12:00	16 BOEVERS - PTA Film, Salvation Army Basket Pickup BRIARGLEN - Christmas Parties, All Grades, 2:30 pm CLARK - Christmas Movie, All Students DARNABY - Classroom Christmas Parties, Disney Films for Students, Gym (Afternoon) PETERS - B.A. Food Drive Ends/Kinderergarten Party JR HIGH - Science Dept. Mtg., 7:30/Jingle Grams Sales	17
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Winter Vacation - No School

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Merry Christmas

REDSKIN TALK

WINTER TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULED

The 12th annual Redskin Wrestling Classic will highlight the December sports calendar. The 11 team field includes 6 top ten ranked teams. Those teams are Union, Ponca City, Del City, Owasso, Shawnee and Coweta. Other teams entered include



Gil Cloud

Hale, Rogers, Washington, Edison and Wagoner. The tournament will begin on Friday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m. and the second session will start at 6:30 p.m. Saturday sessions will be at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Some of the most outstanding wrestlers in Oklahoma will be featured in this two day event.

The Annual Redskin Roundball Classic will be held January 5th through the 7th. The boys will

play in a 4 team round robin format and the girls will play in an 8 team bracket. Teams in this year's boys bracket are Union, Rogers, Enid, and Hale. The girls teams will include Union, East Central, Kelley, Okmulgee, Enid, Sand Springs, Broken Arrow, and Hale.

This tournament is always a good way to tipoff the new year and see some really good basketball at Union.

The renovation of our track facility is moving slowly due to the constraints of the weather. When completed, this facility will be the newest and best surface in Oklahoma.

With the expansion of the field event areas, we will be able to have both the High School and Junior High teams working out at the same time. We plan to have a minimum of four track meets this spring if the track is complete. As in the past, once the project is complete, the track will be open to patrons for jogging and fitness training.

COMMENTS

The planning committee for the school district has been contemplating the swim complex for consideration in future bond issues.

This is a critical need for our community. We must all consider the long range affect that this facility will have not only on the school but also the entire community.

There has been discussion about the size of pool that will be built. Our recommendation all along has been to build a 50 meter pool with diving platforms and a movable pool floor. This kind of facility will enable the school district to provide not only an instructional and competitive pool facility but also provide a pool that can be used for the entire Union community.

The 50 meter concept allows us to provide not only a place for the varsity swim team but a pool that can be used by the general public year round. Our varsity team would comprise only about 10% of the usage with the remaining time being spent on learn to swim classes, USI and Senior Lifesaving, boat safety, swim for the handicapped and senior citizens.

The 25 meter concept, while adequate for swim team and small groups, does not meet the needs or requirements for the district on a long-range basis. This size pool when being used for a particular activity, can only be used for that activity whereas the 50 meter pool can be divided to have more than one activity at a time.

This is a very important decision which will impact this community for years to come. We must not approach this project as a stop gap. We must build a facility that can be used by all sectors of our community.

F.B.L.A. LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The National Fall Leadership Conference for F.B.L.A. will be held November 18-20, 1988 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Union High School members will be attending the conference along with 2,700 other high school students from across the Mountain Plains Region.

The convention is being held at the Broadmoor Hotel where students will attend various workshops. Subjects covered will include public speaking, job interviews, etc. There will also be dances, Battle of the States, and an alumni reception. Special speakers will be Ms. Maya Walker, Miss Colorado and Runner-up to Miss America 1988, Mrs. Moya Lear, wife of pilot/inventor William P. Lear, and Dan Clark, a former football player paralyzed in an accident.

Sponsors for the Union High School F.B.L.A. are Mary Philpott and Cindy Murphy.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL IMPACT

There are now twenty-eight Union High School teachers and counselors who have been through the Impact training. So far, the 1988-89 school year promises to be a year filled with activities supporting and promoting healthy lifestyle choices for the students at UHS.

The UHS Impact Group has been working closely with the PTSA Council in the development of some district-wide programs. Their combined efforts have resulted in a successful Red Ribbon Week and preliminary plans for a "Safe Homes" program. Through continued concern about the increasing use of drugs and alcohol among our youth and the worry that drinking and using drugs is so socially acceptable, all parents are being asked to seriously consider providing a SAFE HOME for their teenagers and their friends. In helping fight the war against drug and alcohol abuse, parents are reminded that it is a felony to supply liquor to a minor, and that fines up to \$5,000 and/or five years in jail can be imposed for knowingly selling, furnishing, or giving an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

There are now four support/share groups meeting at Union High School, and all students are encouraged to participate in the group sessions if the need arises. Twelve students comprising a Student Impact Group have spoken to the fifth and sixth graders at Peters Elementary about all aspects of the drug and alcohol abuse issue, and plans are being made for them to present similar programs at the other elementary schools.

Copies of the SAFE HOME contract, provided by the Oklahoma Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth, are available through the Union High School Impact Organization and PTSA Council, and will be sent out to all patrons in future mailings.

★ ATTENTION ★

If you have or know of a child or young person who may need or could use SPECIAL SERVICES,

*Please call: Elaine Minson
Director of Special Services,
252-3561*

This may include Learning Disabilities, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Speech/Language Impaired, Physically Impaired, Mentally Retarded, Emotionally Disturbed, etc.

AGES: From Birth to 21 Years