



## DATES TO REMEMBER



May 13  
 School Board Mtg.  
 7:30 p.m.  
 in ITV Room



May 15  
 Graduation in  
 EPS Gym  
 7:00 p.m.



May 18  
 Elementary Spring  
 Concert 7:30 p.m.



May 19  
 Preschool  
 Graduation  
 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten  
 Graduation  
 7:30 p.m.



May 21  
 Last Day of School  
 Early Dismissal  
 11:00 a.m.  
**NO MEALS SERVED**



Enjoy your  
 Summer!

## Students Remodel with CAD



*Devin, JJ, & Justin taking measurements of Miss J's patio.*

This semester the CAD (Computer Aided Design) students have been learning some of the basics of architecture and are applying that knowledge to actual projects using the Chief Architect software. After practicing their new skills with academic problems, they are now working on some actual projects for faculty who have some remodeling needs. The students act as contractors and must start the process with an interview of the customer and obtain the necessary measurements. The students then recreate the existing structure and develop their own design based on the customer's needs and desires. When finished, they will present their ideas to the customer.

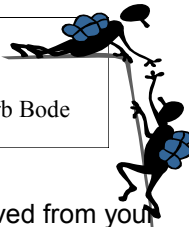
In addition to CAD and architecture, the students are learning some of the skills necessary in the business world such as budget, time constraints, and customer service. These open ended projects also help them to think outside the box and be creative problem solvers. We are always looking for new challenges in CAD so let us know of any ideas you would like to see come to life.

*Modern Woodman Speech Night  
 Thursday, May 6th  
 7:00 p.m.  
 EPS Lunchroom*

*ALUMNI BANQUET -  
 June 26, 2010*

# Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Barb Bode



## Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!

The financial aid award notification you received from your college(s) after you filed your FAFSA indicates the type of student loans you qualify to borrow. In addition, your parents may qualify for a PLUS loan to help pay for your college expenses.

See the [Student Loan section](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) for information about the types of student loans. Before you and your parents borrow, estimate future monthly loan payments using the [Student Loan Repayment Calculator](#).

Follow these tips to avoid unnecessary debt:

- ◆ Use your student loan money *only* for tuition, books and fees.
- ◆ Work while you go to college and use that money to pay living expenses
- ◆ Carefully research the college you plan to attend to make sure it's a good fit. Transferring to a different college can add additional years of school and loan debt.
- ◆ Compare the estimated starting salary of potential careers to your estimated college debt to ensure you can afford future loan payments.
- ◆ Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at [nsls.ed.gov](#) so you're not surprised by the amount when it's time to graduate.

## Juniors...use the summer to prepare for college!

If you're a high school junior, summer is the time for you to do some serious college planning. Here are your assignments:

- ◆ **Start narrowing your college choices.** By the fall of your senior year, you should have narrowed your choices to three or four schools. Visit some college campuses this summer and check out college Web sites. Watch the "[Find the Right Fit](#)" video at [EducationQuest.org](#) for guidance on how to find the college that best fits your needs.
- ◆ **Update your [Activities Resume](#)** at [EducationQuest.org](#). Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards and part-time jobs.
- ◆ **Look for scholarships.** Check out [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#), which has over 2,000 local and statewide scholarships. Pay attention to the scholarships seniors are earning.
- ◆ **Find a summer job to help pay for college expenses.** Ask prospective employers if they offer education assistance programs.

## May "To Do" List

### Seniors

- \_\_\_ Apply for student loans, if necessary.
- \_\_\_ Register for freshmen orientation at your college.
- \_\_\_ Start a list of dorm room essentials.
- \_\_\_ Get a summer job to help pay college expenses.

### Juniors

- \_\_\_ Register by May 5 for June 5 SAT.
- \_\_\_ Register by May 7 for June 12 ACT.
- \_\_\_ Continue campus visits.
- \_\_\_ Get a summer job and save for college.



# Noteworthy News

By Mrs. Deb Jones

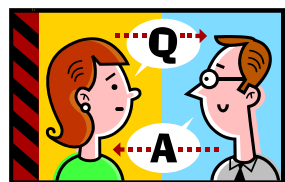
The high school music department was very busy in April preparing for district competition. This year's contest was held in Albion at the Boone Central High School on Friday, April 23rd.

Elgin Public Schools had 9 entries performing. The concert band received a Superior and missed receiving a plaque by 1 point. The choir entered as an ensemble also received a superior and scored a perfect score by the judge! We had 3 solos: Devin Brown – vocal – superior, Briann Grosserode – baritone sax solo – excellent and Jennifer Rhoads – snare drum solo – excellent. The vocal ensembles scored well: Girls Trio – Michelle Bauer, Jessica Heithoff, Connor Kinney – excellent, Girls Quartet – Jennifer Rhoads, Christi Getzfred, Briann Grosserode, Cortny Meis – superior, Girls Duet – Jennifer Rhoads, Christi Getzfred – excellent, Mixed Duet – Connor Kinney, Devin Brown – superior. Elgin Public had a good day as we came home with 5 superiors and 4 excellents.

The elementary spring music concert is Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. The concert will feature all elementary grades. The cadet band will perform the selections they received a Superior rating for at solo-ensemble contest. The fourth graders will break out in song with their recorders! What a treat!! Grades 3-4 and 5-6 have prepared some fun songs they know you will enjoy. The 1-2 graders have a band song – that's right! A rhythm band song - which they love performing along with the characters they portray in their vocal songs. AND.... the pre-school and Kindergarten will perform some of their favorite songs from this year that we know you will love too. It is sure to bring a smile to your face! Please come join us for an evening of fun, music and entertainment!!

## COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALENDARS ON SALE SOON!

Band students will be contacting the community soon about renewing your calendars for the 2010-2011 school year. Remember it is a great way to have most school events and birthday reminders right at your fingertips. . Please help support this worthwhile project! Thank you!!!



## QUIZ BOWLERS COMPETE

The Jr. and Sr. high quiz bowl teams have competed in recent weeks. They both participated in the ESU 8 quiz bowl held at Neligh. Both teams won their opening match but then lost in the next round. The Sr. High team also competed in the Pope John quiz bowl. It is always an enjoyable challenge testing our knowledge against others.

This year's members on the Jr. High team were Brett Kinney, Hunter Thramer, Ivy Prater, Kyle Heithoff, and Hannah Kerkman

High school members included Anthony Hemenway, Nick Heithoff, Angela Richart, Ashley Bode, Dean Braband, Andrew Heithoff, and Jamie Bode. The Quiz bowl team's sponsor is Mr. Jones.

Full name: Travis G. Dozler  
 Parents: Joe Dozler & Kelli Wilkinson  
 Brother: Tanner  
 Pets: Woody  
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Jones  
 School activities: Football  
 Greatest honor during school: 3 football letters  
 Favorite school activity: Football because it is a fun sport  
 Most educational experience: visiting the Vietnam Memorial Wall during my Freshman year.  
 Most inspirational person: my grandpa  
 Favorite color: blue  
 Favorite thing to do in spare time: fish and hunt  
 Pet Peeve: trash talking  
 If I could go back in time I would go to: (I like where I'm at now.)  
 Favorite saying: Thank God for Rednecks  
 Favorite movie: The Hangover  
 Dream car: 79 Ford pickup  
 Favorite food: pizza  
 Favorite school lunch: breakfast pizza  
 Favorite pop: Dr. Pepper  
 Favorite TV show: Family Guy  
 Favorite type of music: Rock, Country, Rap  
 Future plans after graduation: go to work



*Travis Dozler*

**FOR SALE**

For Sale: Wooden Playground structure located in the preschool playground at Elgin Public School. Sealed bids for the equipment must be received in the office of the supt. no later than 2:00 p.m. on May 11, 2010. Equipment must be removed by the bidder by June 4<sup>th</sup> and is being sold "as is". For more information, contact Steve Dennis, Supt. of Elgin Public Schools at 402-843-2455.



**2010**

**YEARBOOKS**

2010 Yearbooks are on sale until the end of the year. Only \$30 for a lifetime of memories! Go to [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org) , "Activities-Yearbook" to download an order form.

**Mrs. Heithoff**

**K-6 Art students ----**

Please save a Pringle potato chip can this summer for Art next year. Make sure it is a cardboard, Pringle can and not a plastic Lays one. This way each student will have their own container for art supplies. They may bring it to school this year if they wish. I'll write their name on it and save it for next year. Mrs. Heithoff



*Is there money in your lunch account?*

Your balance must be a positive balance before you check out of school on the last day. Let's help to keep our costs of postage down by paying in advance for meals. Thank you!



# FFA NEWS



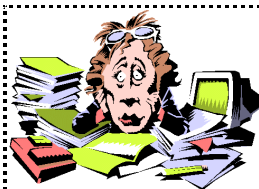
*Elgin FFA Chapter celebrates another successful year by hosting their annual FFA banquet on April 19th.*

The Elgin FFA Chapter held its annual Spring Banquet on April 19, 2010. The evening began with a silent auction and potluck supper followed by the opening ceremonies. President, A.J. Braband gave the welcome to the crowd and members. Briann Grosserode led the invocation to the meal. Devin Brown and Justin Reestman presented a Power Point of the year's highlights. Caleb Pelster and Justin Reestman announced awards from the Winter Ceremonies. Guest speaker was Tyler Spilinek, State FFA Vice President from Elba, NE.

Special recognition awards were presented by Justine Meis and Devin Brown. Karl Hensley of Central Valley Ag presented the chapter with a check for \$1400 for an Ag Campaign fundraiser. A.J. Braband and Grant Beckman presented the Honorary Chapter Member to Ken & Joyce Reestman. Seniors, Devin Brown and Justin Reestman made their retiring comments. The new officers were inducted and the meeting was closed with the Pledge of Allegiance.



*Karl Hensley of Central Valley Ag presents Elgin FFA officers with a check following CVA's "I believe in the Future of Ag" campaign. Pictured are (back row l. to r.) Grant Beckman, Briann Grosserode, and Caleb Pelster, (middle row) Mr. Hensley, Justine Meis and Justin Reestman (front row) A.J. Braband and Devin Brown*



## Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who contributes news items for this newsletter. Also thanks to the many people who help stuff, fold, label, and bundle the newsletter to get them ready for mailing. This monthly newsletter would not be possible without all of your help!

Paula Jensen  
Secretary



## ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT

**Who:** Pre-school through 6th grade  
**What:** A concert sure to make you smile :)  
**When:** Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:30 pm  
**Where:** Elgin Public Schools Gym

**SEE YOU THERE!**

# Administratively Speaking . . .

By Steve Dennis  
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A year of firsts is rapidly drawing near to an end. The obvious entries that top the list, from my view point at least, are my initial year with the Elgin Public Schools and my first year as a superintendent. The year has flown by so quickly I find it hard to believe. The students, staff, parents and patrons of the Elgin Public Schools are the reasons for this. I have definitely enjoyed my stay in Elgin. Another first was the Wolfpack!!! I am excited that I was able to observe and be involved with this new beginning. There were so many positives that this cooperation provided for the students and community. I am eagerly looking forward to next year as we expand this venture to include fall activities.

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that new playground equipment will be installed at the preschool and elementary this summer. We are tentatively planning two days during the week of June 14<sup>th</sup>. A number of volunteers will be needed to complete this project. Please keep us in mind. Also, we will be replacing the wooden structure and connected equipment that is located on the preschool playground. Should you be interested in purchasing this structure we will be accepting sealed bids for this equipment. We are selling the equipment as is with the bidder responsible for the removal of the equipment. The board will approve the winning submission at the May school board meeting. The winning bidder will be responsible for removing this equipment by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me here at school should you have any questions.

Have a great summer!

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## Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Attend State Conference



*Students attending FCCLA state convention were (l. to r.) Jessica Heithoff, Michelle Bauer, Allen Miller, and Ashley Bode.*

Approximately 1,300 delegates from 105 chapters attended the Nebraska Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Leadership Conference April 11-13 in Lincoln, NE. FCCLA is an organization of family and consumer sciences students and it is the only youth lead organization with Family as its focus. The theme of the 2010 Conference was "FCCLA, the CLUE to your future"—CLUE was an acronym for Creative Leaders Using Education. Attending from Elgin were officers for the 2010-2011 school year: Michelle Bauer - President, Jessica Heithoff-Vice President, Allen Miller - District Rep and Ashley Bode - News Reporter. They were accompanied by adviser Barb Bode.

The students attended the opening general session on Monday

as well as leadership sessions on Tuesday. Session presenters included Bill Cordes, "YOGOWYPI" (You Only Get Out What You Put In). Christopher Brockhoff, the National President presented Clues to Leadership informing students on what to focus on while writing their speeches when running for an office. Tyler Gassaway, a DECA Alum, presented the session ATTACK-A-TUDE, helping students develop Positive Attitudes. CW4 Teresa Domeier from the Nebraska National Guard Food Service Program informed students on how they prepare food for up to 7000 soldiers in the field. Carson Fitzgerald, from Kearney, presented "Understanding Driver Risk." This session tied in with the FCCLA program FACTS, Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety. Kristina Debus, Miss Teen South Dakota, presented "Who Did It/ Where? With What?" This session gave students tips on image, answering questions, and giving speeches during interviews. Tammie Fischer, the Director of UNL Center for Economic Education taught the students songs, games, and presented other ideas to teach elementary students financial fitness. Many other sessions were presented by the state officers on how to be a leader in the office they were elected. Advisers had the opportunity to get ideas from Kris Brockhoff, the FCS teacher at Winner, South Dakota and mother of the FCCLA National President.

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Jimmy Feeney  
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## What a year!

It has surprised me to look at the calendar and see less than a month remaining in school. The end of the year has snuck up and the time has flown. Here are a few of my thoughts coming out of my first year at Elgin Public Schools:

### *Students*

I am amazed at the number of activities you participate in. I did not have a rural high school experience, but thought it sounded fun to be involved in so much. I did not realize the investment of time and energy it takes. I am not only impressed by your accomplishments and attitude toward being involved, but in your desire to not allow academics to suffer for activities.

### *Seniors*

I really only had 10 months with you, but in that time I have been impressed in a variety of situations. You are a group with a lot of personality and some interesting quirks. As I look back on the year, I can think of something from each student that I will take with me in future. I am excited for what each of your future's hold, disappointed you will be leaving, but most of all proud of the successes you have had at Elgin Public.

### *Teachers and Staff*

The theory that it takes a team to educate a child is very true. Without the teachers, coaches, and sponsors investing the time and effort they do, students would not have opportunities to take advantage of. Students at Elgin Public Schools have a variety of learning experiences and multiple ways to develop and showcase their talents. Thank you for all that you do and the encouragement you give each student.

### *Community*

The community of Elgin has been very inviting. I have enjoyed meeting families and community members through events and around town. Additionally, a huge change hit Elgin this year: Wolfpack athletics. What a success! There were many different ways the community could have responded and I am happy to say I noticed: the buzz around town, packed gyms, our visiting crowd often overshadows the home crowd, and an overall positive energy stemming from the community. Combining traditions and growing together takes time, but the steps taken this year have been outstanding. Thank you.

I have truly enjoyed this school year. Thank you for a great year and hopefully excitement for next year will build over the summer. I know I am looking forward to it!

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