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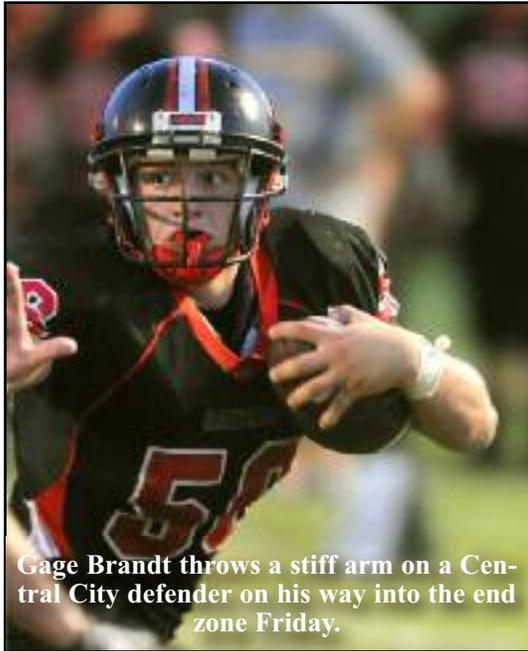
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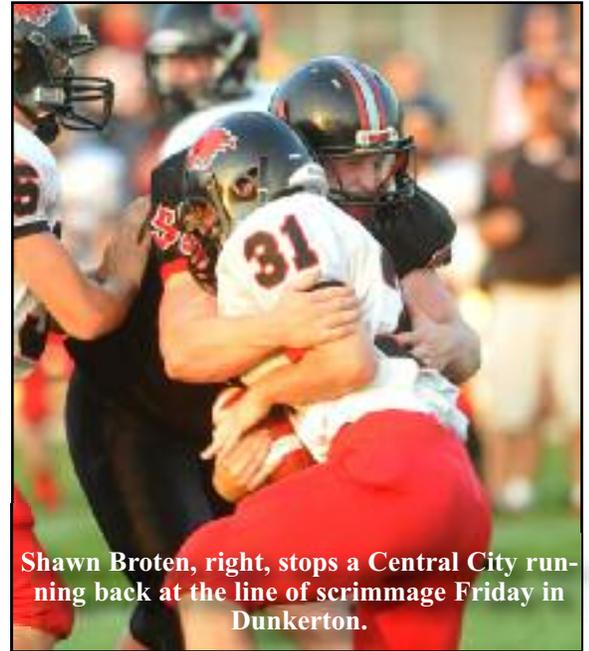
Football Photos Courtesy Of Dennis Magee



Gage Brandt throws a stiff arm on a Central City defender on his way into the end zone Friday.



Running back Mar'yo Lindsey looks for room Friday in Dunkerton's home opener.



Shawn Broten, right, stops a Central City running back at the line of scrimmage Friday in Dunkerton.

School board elections are being held September 10.

I sent out an email to those running for the school board and offered each person the chance to submit a short article about themselves and why they are running for the board. These are the Districts and candidates who are running:

District #2-Poyner: Alen Nagel
7345 Osage Rd., Waterloo, IA
50703

District #3-Lester:

Tony Gamerdinger, 9335 E.
Cedar Wapsie Rd., Dunkerton
IA 50626

Tim Westergreen, 6159 Douglas
St., Dunkerton IA 50626

District #4-Barclay:

Jonathon Cox, 201 Sal. Ave.,
Dunkerton IA 50626

Heather Howland, 1009 Sal.
Ave., Dunkerton IA 50626

Amber Shimp, 410 Carroll
Blvd., Dunkerton IA 50626

District #5-Town: To Fill Vacancy
(no papers submitted) ballot
will show a line for write in

School Board Elections

vote, if any.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, September 10th at the Dunkerton Public Library from noon - 8 p.m.

Following are the submissions I received. Please note, there are 2 candidates that are running as a write in for District 5.

In order to be fair, I am listing these in alphabetical order.

Jon Cox

We moved to Dunkerton 5 years ago and I work at the John Deere Tractor / Cab site as a Manufacturing Engineering Supervisor in the 7R/8R Tractor Final Assembly Line. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Welding Engineering and a Master's Degree in Career and Technical Education. While living in



Dunkerton I have been involved serving our community as well as Waterloo / Cedar Falls. During this time I have served on the Community Hall Board, coached boys 5/6 Baseball, 5/6 girls Basketball and Softball. My wife and I also served as the Summer REC director for the baseball and softball programs for two years. My Engineering team and I volunteer at the Waterloo Salvation Army where we serve lunch and participate in Habitat for Humanity Home builds. These types of events are a good reminder of how blessed we are and what is truly important, serving others. Last October I coordinated a the National Manufacturing Day event at John Deere where we hosted over 300 high school students from Waterloo / Cedar Falls schools. In October of 2011 I was elected to serve as the District 5 school board representative. In November of 2012 I had

to step down as we purchased a new home within Dunkerton but out of District #5 where I was elected. During the short time I served on the school board we had to deal with a couple very tough issues but we have been blessed with a lot of great new staff and administration as a result. If someone were to ask me what my proudest accomplishments I was part of during the short time served, I would say it was to raise the eligibility requirements to play in sports and activities. The state's minimum requirements support a D- average, zero F's and you can play but then has very tough requirements held on teachers / administrators. It is important to teach our children to how to jump the bar not lower it for them. Life will not do that for them so it is better that they learn that lesson now. The other proud accomplishment was to stand firm on getting two new principles rather than a Dean of Students and invest in Leadership. With

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From the Superintendent

Mr. James C. Stanton, Superintendent
Is Change a Four Letter Word?

The school year is off to a great start. Everyone was excited to get back to school!! The staff and students love the new building, especially 2nd floor which has a more "Raider Friendly" color scheme than first floor. We had an opportunity for patrons to come in and see the new building in conjunction with a Foundation event in early August, but we understand that not everyone could make it in the morning. So we are going to have another opportunity in conjunction with a home football game on Friday, September 27, 2013 from 5:30 to 6:30 with the Football game to follow at 7:00. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

As many of you probably know, the changes that were approved by the legislature this past winter are monumental in nature for schools. They have changed everything from the nomenclature used in schools to the way we will be evaluating teachers. These changes are by far the most massive and far-reaching as any education reforms ever attempted in the State of Iowa. Not only will this affect people who work in schools, but it will also have a profound effect on your child and the education they receive. I am fully supportive of the reform measures that increase the accountability of schools in both the financial and education realm. The changes in curriculum alignment and articulation, assessments, use of the Common Core, and increased accountability at both the instructional and administrative levels are not only welcome, but are long overdue in education. The other areas of reform, and

the guidance of how the State wants them to look and how to get there are still so sketchy and ambiguous, that it is impossible to have an opinion yet. I love the concepts that they are trying to achieve of increasing teacher pay and increasing feedback to teachers via peer observations and increasing collaboration amongst teachers, but we need guidance from the state in how they want us to develop and implement those concepts. We do know a couple of things right now: 1. Our SIAC Committee is going to be busy, as many of the reform measures, and how we develop/implement them will be initiated at this level. Once those decisions are made, recommendations will be made to the Board to act upon. After that, the Board will be responsible to appointing committees which will be made up of Teachers, Administrators, and District Patrons. This is where we may need your help. If you are willing to work on one of these committees, would you please shoot me an e-mail/give me a call/drop me a note? 2. We are going to have a huge need for public involvement in these committees and in the decision-making process. If you do not see CHANGE as a four letter word, we certainly could use your help in developing plans and action plans to implement the reforms that have been mandated to us by the state. Again, these are not bad things, and many are not only welcome, but long overdue. I look forward hearing from those of you that are interested in being part of this change process as it will have a profound effect on how we teach and learn in the future. 3. Another interesting piece of developing and implementing these reforms is the increased SEE SUPER/Page 8

Sportsman's Club

Janice Weber, Treasurer The Dunkerton Sportsman's Club Inc.

Annual canoe/kayak/float down the Lazy Wapsi - All are welcome. Sat. Sept. 14, 2013 12 Noon Meet at the DSC Clubhouse at 6320 Wheeler Rd. Dunkerton

We will be entering the water at Siggelkow Park, ending near DSC grounds at Bruggeman Park. Members and public are encouraged to come out.

This will also be a "free camping" Saturday for anyone who would like to. Limited electricity is available. We have plenty of cut wood for the fire pit.

Sunday Sept. 15, 2013 12 Noon is the Annual Member Appreciation Sporting Competition. Guests are welcome to compete. You MUST be legal to use firearms. Please provide Personal Protection Equipment, guns, and ammo.

Events include Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, target and trap. Archery and possible other events as requested.

A Potluck dinner will start at approx. 2 PM. The Club will provide fish fry and broasted potatoes. Potluck is open to all, bring a dish to share, and your beverages.

Our meeting will begin approx. 3 PM we will be nominating members for the office of President, and Secretary for 2 year terms.

This is an OPEN HOUSE Saturday and Sunday for all to see what the Dunkerton Sportsman's Club Inc. is about.

Mother's Chorus

by Mardella Deaton

Waterloo Mother's Chorus will begin the 2013-2014 season on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Rehearsal is 1-2:30 p.m. All of this is at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1926 Sager Ave., Waterloo and is held every Tuesday.

Our music selections are varied and very enjoyable. Several times during the year we share our program with various community groups. Come join us for a year of sharing the music.

For more information, call 234-5673.

Activity and rest are two vital aspects of life. To find a balance in them is a skill in itself. Wisdom is knowing when to have rest, when to have activity, and how much of each to have. Finding them in each other - activity in rest and rest in activity - is the ultimate freedom.—Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

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— Maya Angelou

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, Sep 2, 2013
 * LABOR DAY

Tuesday, Sep 3, 2013
 4:00pm Cross Country: Varsity Meet vs. Oelwein @ Oelwein
 6:00pm Football:Boys JV Game vs. Don Bosco Catholic @ Dunkerton High School - Football Field-Main
 6:00pm Volleyball:Freshman, JV & Girls Varsity Match vs. Central City @ Dunkerton High School - Gym-Main

Wednesday, Sep 4, 2013
 PK-6 School Pictures Gym-Main
 6:15pm Booster Club Meeting ICN Room

Saturday, Sep 7, 2013
 9:00am Volleyball:Girls Varsity Tournament vs. North Tama @ North Tama High School

Monday, Sep 9, 2013
 Contact Linda with any news for The Dunkerton News
 6:00pm Football:Boys JV Game (Cancelled) vs. Tripoli @ Dunkerton High

School - Football Field-Main

Tuesday, Sep 10, 2013
 School Board Elections - Vote at Dunkerton Public Library from noon-8 p.m.
 4:00pm Cross Country: Varsity Meet vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Wartburg College

Wednesday, Sep 11, 2013
 1:00 Early Dismissal

Thursday, Sep 12, 2013
 4:00pm Football:Boys JH Game vs. West Central @ Dunkerton High School - Football Field-Main
 4:00pm Volleyball: JH Match vs. Tripoli @ Dunkerton High School

6:00pm Volleyball:Freshman, JV & Girls Varsity Match vs. GMG Community School District @ GMG Secondary School

Friday, Sep 13, 2013
 2:25pm Homecoming Coronation Gym-Main
 7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Don Bosco Catholic @ Dunkerton High School - Football Field-Main-Homecoming

Saturday, Sep 14,

9:00am Volleyball:Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Jesup @ Jesup HS
 8:00pm-11:30pm Homecoming Dance-9-12 Commons

Monday, Sep 16
 Next issue of The Dunkerton News
 No School - Teacher In-Service
 4:00pm Football:Boys JH Game vs. Janesville @ Janesville High School
 6:00pm Football:Boys JV Game vs. Janesville @ Janesville High School

Homecoming

by Denise Durant
 Dunkerton Schools Homecoming is scheduled for September 9th thru the 14th. Here is what is happening that week:
 SUNDAY, Sept. 8th - Student Senate and Cheerleaders decorate the halls starting @ noon
 MONDAY, Sept. 9th - Pajama Day (pre-school thru 12th grade)
 TUESDAY, Sept. 10th - 80's Neon Day (7th thru 12th grade ONLY)
 WEDNESDAY, Sept 11th - Sitcom Day - dress as your favorite TV show character (7th thru 12th grade ONLY)
 THURSDAY, Sept 12th - Super Hero Day (7th thru 12th grade ONLY)
 FRIDAY, Sept 13th - Spirit Day (pre-school thru 12th grade)
 SATURDAY, Sept 14th - Homecoming Dance 8:00 - 11:30 (9th thru 12th ONLY)

Throughout the week, the cheerleaders will be selling Homecoming merchandise. Homecoming t-shirts, long sleeved shirts & hoodies are for sale also - order forms are in the elementary and high school office. Deadline Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

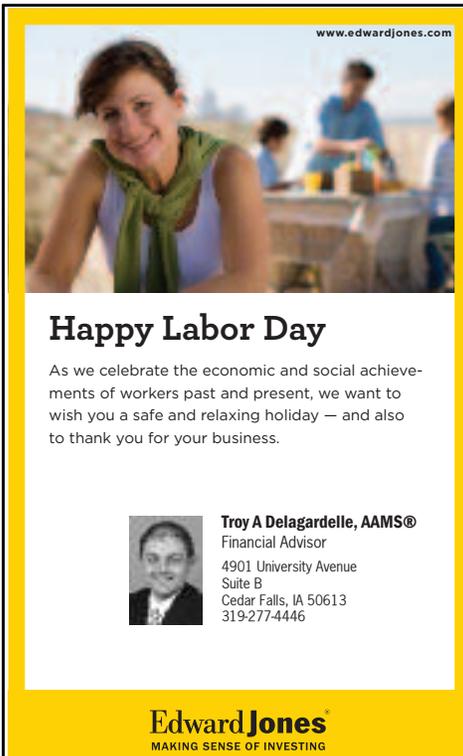
On Friday, Sept 13th there will be a Homecoming assembly starting at approximately 1:15 in the High School gym. The names of the Junior and Senior court will be announced and the crowning of the king and queen will be done at that time. Following the assembly, at 2:00, the Homecoming Parade will be going through the streets of Dunkerton and ending back at the school at approximately 3:00.

Come and enjoy the excitement of Homecoming 2013!!!!

PTO News

by Jessica Huntley
 1) Air Conditioners Provided by PTO
 Have you ever wondered what exactly PTO uses the money we fundraise for? Well, last week, we got the opportunity to use some of our funds to help supply the remaining elementary classrooms with portable air conditioners. 8 room were in need of relief - and PTO was there to help! By making these purchases, we were able to make a more comfortable learning environment for the students and teachers and also will hopefully reduce the number of early outs. We hope your students were as excited as our teachers!

And speaking of fundraisers...have you seen your favorite elementary student with their Believe fundraising packets? This is the PTO's largest fundraising event of the year and we have some big ideas of great projects to benefit our students! This year our fundraiser ends on 9/11. We truly appreciate the support you show the PTO and our students!



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LIBRARY NEWS

by
Michelle
Wheeler
THANK
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Thank you to all those who made the summer reading program possible and all those who participated! It was the best ever! We had Blank Park Zoo, laser tag, movies, an archeologist, crafts, Waste Trac redworms, magician Keith West, .. too much to list! We had 94 registered for the program which included 18 teens! Reading was at an all time high - with 81,480 minutes recorded, which allowed many names to be entered into the grand prize drawings. Grand prize winners were: Lost Island Water Park tickets - Rylee Larson and Caybrin Schilling; \$100 Target gift card - Kezia Musch; 2-\$25 Walmart gift cards - Carly Smith and KayLynn Grieves. We want to thank all the following who donated to make the prizes and programs possible:

Bart Brother's Construction, Cadillac Lanes, Carlos O'Kelly's, Cold Stone Creamery, Crane Creek Contracting LLC, Dunkerton Co-op Elevator, Dunkerton PTO, Dunkerton Telephone Cooperative, Everlast Car & Truck, Farmers State Bank, Kohl's, Kwik Star, Lost Island Water Park, McDonald's, Panchero's, Rivers Edge Hair Studio, Starlight Cinema, Independence, Steffen Services, Sunset Theater, Summer

Changes to Hours

We have returned to closing at 7:00 PM, instead of 8:00 PM, on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Our hours remain the same at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. There are a couple exceptions. First, we will extend our hours from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM twice a month for the school's early-out Wednesdays. Second, since the library has been selected as a voting location, we will remain open from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Sept 10 while the polls are open for the School Elections.

NIAAA September Menus

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging has its September meals planned. Each meal includes milk. Meals are offered on a contribution basis for people over 60 year of age. Actual cost for the meal is \$6. People under 60 must pay the actual cost.

Meal location in Dunkerton: United Methodist Church (301 S. Washington Street) - Mondays and Thursdays, for reservations call 319-822-7910.

Home delivered meals are also available. For more information or to find a location near you, call 319-272-1767.

September 5:

A: Herbed Pork Loin, Sweet Potato Casserole, Capri Vegetables, Wheat Bread, Tropical Fruit, and Margarine

B: Marinara Chicken, Sweet Potato Casserole, Capri Vegetables, Wheat Bread, Tropical Fruit, and Margarine

September 9:

A: Pork Loin with Mushroom Gravy, Baked Sweet Potato,

Cauliflower and Corn, Multi Grain Bread, Glazed Fruit, and Margarine

B: Spinach and Turkey Salad, Orange Juice, Multi Grain Bread, Glazed Fruit, Margarine, and Assorted Salad Dressing

September 12:

A: Lemon Pepper Chicken, Roasted Potato Medley, Brussels Sprouts with Cheese Sauce, Multi Grain Bread, Fresh Banana, and Margarine

B: Italian Pork Loin, Roasted Potato Medley, Brussels Sprouts with Cheese Sauce, Multi Grain Bread, Fresh Banana, and Margarine

September 16:

A: Potato Crusted Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Multi Grain Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Margarine

B: Sliced Roast Beef, Swiss Cheese, Italian Tomatoes, Vegetable Pasta Salad, Multi Grain Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Mustard

Notice-----

Men's/Boy's event to be held at the DUMC. Wednesday, September 18 th at 6:00p.m.

There will be an evening meal followed by a program from Chris Anderson from the Hartman Reserve on "Survival Skills". There will be a free will offering taken which will go back to the Reserve to benefit one of their programs they are working on. Come join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship, everyone is welcome.



Grand prize winners who attended the Dig Into Reading Finale! Rylee Larson, Carly Smith, and Kezia Musch



Dunkerton coaches and players watch the action Friday against Central City.—Photo courtesy of Dennis Magee

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Board

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the experience having already served on the school board, I feel I am the right choice to fill the District #4 seat. I appreciate your support in the 2013 school board election.

Elizabeth Downs

It is time again for Dunkerton Community School Board elections, a crucial period for our community, administration and, most importantly, the children in our school. My name is Elizabeth C. Downs, and I would like your consideration to be a write-in candidate for District #5.



I grew up in rural Dunkerton and attended Dunkerton Schools through graduation. I have been employed at GE Capital in Cedar Rapids for nine years and currently working towards an MBA in Corporate Financial Management. I have been very active within the community in roles such as City Council, Methodist Youth Director, volunteer for youth sports, and library capital campaign. I am proud to say that my son, a 3rd grader this year, is the 5th generation in my family to attend Dunkerton Schools. With my eagerness to continue to volunteer within my community, I would immensely appreciate the opportunity to serve as a Dunkerton School Board Member and represent our district to the best of my abilities.

Our students are fortunate to have the ability to attend a small school with excellent teachers. With the help from the community, administration, board members, and many others we can keep this extraordinary experience alive for many generations. To promote positive outlooks and create exceptional opportunities we need individuals with the desire to accomplish great things. I am an individual that is energetic and driven to help others, especially from an educational perspective.

Regrettably, despite honorable intentions, the opportunity for change and development regularly presents itself. Change can be intimidating, affecting the ability to present new ideas, drive change, or implement new

processes. I am not afraid to present new ideas, push for change or improve processes. When presented professionally, with thought, detail and communication, change can be positive for everyone. I have the ambition to conduct critical research on any subject and drive strategies to enhance process improvements while maintaining transparency.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve our school, community and students. If I have your vote, please attend the elections September 10th and place my name, Elizabeth C. Downs, as a write-in candidate for District #5.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Tony Gamerdinger

My name is Tony Gamerdinger and I am running for Dunkerton School Board. I am married to Kerri and we have three children that have graduated from the Dunkerton School District. Our youngest is a senior and our grandson also attends the third grade.

These past few years have been challenging as decreases in funding have led to some difficult planning and decisions. We, as a school board, have been able to avoid many cuts to our programs and staff, unlike many other school districts.

I hope to be elected for another term with the objective of providing a high quality education to our students to prepare them for life beyond school years. I will strive to keep taxes low without jeopardizing the education of our kids.

We have an excellent faculty and staff and I would like to work with them to provide the education our children deserve.

Heather Howland

With the election quickly approaching, I wanted to take this time to introduce myself to those of you who may not already know me. My name is Heather Howland, and I am running for school board and represent the Barclay district of Dunkerton. My fourteen years of experience in education provide me with a solid pedagogical base for making informed



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Workin' at the Car Wash

Workin' at the Car Wash: Join the Dunkerton Music department in a community-wide, free-will donation car wash September 28th from 12-4 p.m. at Farmers Savings Bank in Dunkerton. Proceeds will go directly to the music department. Thinking Ahead - Fall!: Hate fall yard work? Let the Dunkerton band and choir take care of it for you! Students of the Dunkerton Music Department will be raking leaves the 5th, 12th, and 19th of October. Proceeds, via a

free-will donation, will directly benefit the students of the Dunkerton music department. If you would like to reserve a yard clean-up time, please contact either:

James Healy (Grades 5-12 Vocal Director) E-mail:

or...

Carla Ramsey (Grades 5-12 Band Director) E-mail:

or... Feel free to contact us at the school!

Please join us in support of the fine arts here in Dunkerton!

Players on Dunkerton's youth football teams were introduced Friday during the varsity game against Central City.

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Wedding Bells

Katie Gauthier and Dr. Ben Grady of Mineral Point, WI are announcing their engagement and approaching wedding.

Parents of the couple are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gauthier of Ripon, WI and Rich and Marge Grady of Dunkerton.

The bride-to-be graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she received her undergraduate and Masters degrees in social work, in May of 2013. She is currently working as a social



worker for Family Support and Resource Center in Madison, WI.

The groom-to-be graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with his bachelor's and

Masters degrees in biology. He received his doctorate in botany from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and he is currently a professor of biology at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

An October 12, 2013 wedding is planned in Madison, WI.



Jacob Irwin (77) battles a Central City lineman Friday during the Raiders season opener in Dunkerton.

Photo Courtesy of Dennis Magee

Obituary

Joy Renee Treloar was born March 19, 1975 to Bob and Linda (Dos) Treloar, and passed away on August 14, 2013, in Phoenix, AZ.

Joy attended Dunkerton school from kindergarten through 4th grade, then moved to Arizona where she graduated from high school and college. Joy taught in Phoenix, her students were mainly disadvantaged Mexicans. She loved her students and they loved her. She touched hundreds of lives throughout her 38 years. Her memorial service was held on August 19.

Joy's grandparents are Rodger and Lela Dos of Waterloo and Lugene Treloar of Fredericksburg.

Condolences may be left on Joy's Facebook page or at AbelFuneralServices.com

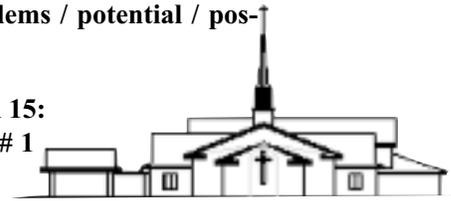


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SEPTEMBER 8: Rally Day - Adult Sunday Class: "I Want To Go Where There Ain't No Telephone Poles" - Part 10: A discussion of rural life and the rural church....problems / potential / possibilities."

**SEPTEMBER 15:
3:16 Studies - # 1**



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Everywhere I have sought peace and not found it, except in a corner with a book. — Thomas à Kempis

Blood Drive Results

by Jan Jefferson

Thank you to those in the community who donated blood on August 19 at the Lifeserve Blood Center drive. The goal set for us was 20 units. There were 23 registered donors, with 19 units of blood collected. Five were first time donors with Lifeserve. That is great!

Thank you to Mary Koster and MaryAnn Mixdorf for helping make the phone calls to set up appointment times. And many thanks to all who walked in also.

The next blood drive is with The American Red Cross on Monday, November 4. That is 11 weeks from this blood drive. Those who gave will be able to do so at that time, except those who gave double red cells. As always, we will need to recruit new donors. Consider giving the gift that gives to so many!

Raider Homecoming 2013

The Dunkerton Athletic Boosters will be offering an extended menu at the concession stand for the Raider Homecoming game on Friday, September 13th. In addition to the regular menu, the concession stand will offer a pork loin sandwich meal for \$5.00. The meal includes a pork loin sandwich, chips, dessert and a drink. The concession stand will open at 5:30.

Raider Cold Cups (24 oz.) and

Raider Travel Mugs will also be available for \$15.00 and \$12.00 respectively. The purchase of a cup includes a 50% discount coupon to be used on any drink at Cabin Coffee located at 2040 Kimball Ave., Waterloo when you bring your mug to the store. Cabin Coffee is owned and operated by Dunkerton Alumnus Rachel (Schiller) Gillespie. Please come out and support Dunkerton Raider Football and the Dunkerton Athletic Boosters.

Board

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decisions regarding instruction, assessment, and overall student achievement. As a parent of two school-aged children and a dedicated educator, I bring more than one perspective to the table. I will advocate for an inclusive philosophy that values ALL students. I understand differentiated instruction and processes of providing instruction in a manner that maximizes each student's growth and success. My experience as a mentor and coach in education has allowed me the opportunity to work with many young educators. I support extracurricular/co-curricular activities, and it is my belief that students be afforded a wealth of these types of opportunities. I believe in and value the small school system and community involvement. With your support and vote on September 10th, you have my commitment to "our" children and providing them with the best education possible!

Jessica Huntley

I, Jessica Huntley, would like to introduce myself and ask for your write in vote for the district 5 open school board seat. I have been approached by members of the teaching staff, administrative staff and community members to become a write in candidate for the vacant spot. I have a vested interest in seeing our school succeed as I have a kindergartener within the district and I want not only him, but all our students, to have the best education Dunkerton can provide. I am a very active within our community and feel that I would be a benefit to the board. I am the PTO president, a DEC board member, a SIAC committee member and also a Sunday school teacher to students within our district. By being active in these groups, I have developed a relationship with the Administration. Also, as a mother, I believe I could bring a unique perspective to the School Board. Our students and teachers need someone on the board who can be a voice for them and isn't afraid to ask questions. I hope you, the voters, will take the time to cast



your ballot on Tuesday, September 10 for all positions up for vote and would consider writing Jessica Huntley in for district 5. Thank you!

Amber Shimp

My name is Amber Shimp and I attended Dunkerton School from kindergarten through my high school graduation. I have lived in the Dunkerton school district my whole life, with the exception of a couple years while attending college. I married my high school sweetheart Eli and we have 3 wonderful children, Ashlynn, Brynlee, and Jaxton. We moved back to Dunkerton when Ashlynn was old enough to start school. We knew we wanted her to go to a small school like we did and we could not think of a better town than Dunkerton. We recently opened our home to my 16 year old cousin, Alex, who now goes to Dunkerton High School. I graduated from Kaplan College in 2005 with an Associate of Applied Science degree, specializing in the medical field. I work for Allen Digestive Health Center as a Medical Assistant and have worked there for 7 years. I also substituted for Dunkerton schools in the past as the school nurse when needed.



I am running for the school board so that I can be more involved with the community and school. I have coached both of my girl's teams in basketball, volleyball and softball. All of these activities were done as a volunteer. I also was a Girl Scout leader for troop 6002 in Dunkerton for several years. I have been an active volunteer at the school for the seasonal parties, as well as being a room mother when needed.

As a member of the school board, I feel I will bring a different perspective to the school board meetings, since I have children of all ages enrolled in Dunkerton School. If elected, I will work hard to improve our school along with the other board members. I want to have more involvement in my children's education. Running for the school board would give me the opportunity to have input in school decisions which will affect the quality of, not only my children's, but the entire com-

munity's education.

I have very little experience in the political field, but I am very interested in gaining experience while also contributing to the Dunkerton community and the school. Please consider me for your vote for District 4 Amber Shimp for school board 2013

Tim Westergreen

Married, 62 years old. Retired from Deere after 33 years. My wife and I have 7 adult children of which 6 have attended Dunkerton Community Schools. We presently have 5



grandchildren that are enrolled there. I have lived in the school district for 34 years.

Believe being a position when still working to resolve issues and being a team player for such issues will be a helpful tool for being a board member. To listen to the pulse around you and represent people as well as staff and students as they would need on issues. I believe one needs to look outside the box rather than straight line and make sure the students get the best education possible for the dollars spent. Make smart decisions to eliminate any regrets after the fact. We are all human and need to mesh thoughts and ideas to be proactive instead of reactive. Thank You!!!!

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Continued from page 2 demand this is going to put on teacher and administrator time. Not only do we need citizen involvement in these committees, but we will need teacher, staff, and administrator involvement as well. This is going to take a staff that is already stretched pretty thin, and put an even heavier burden upon them. I know this staff is up to any challenge we throw at them, and they will respond with great resolve as I believe that they too want to do what is best for the students in our District.

This is a huge challenge, and it will take a great collaborative effort between the Board, Public, Current Committee Members, New Committee Members, Staff, Teachers, and Administrators. I know we will all work together to do whatever is in the best interest of OUR students and I look forward to the challenges and triumphs associated with these new education reforms. If you want to visit with me about any of these reform measures, and the possible impacts they will have upon our District and Students, stop in any time!!!

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- A few other short notes:
- Sept. 04:PK - 6 School Pictures
- Sept. 05:7 - 12 School Pictures
- Sept. 09:Homecoming Week
- Sept. 10: School Elections - GET OUI THERE AND VOTE
- Sept. 11:1:00 dismiss - Teacher In-service
- Sept. 13:2nd grade to Cattle Congress
- Sept. 14:Homecoming

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- Dance - 8:00 - 11:30
- Sept. 16:No School - Teacher In-service
- Sept. 16:School Board Meeting - 7:00
- Sept. 18:SIAC Committee Meeting - 6:00
- Sept. 21:ACT Testing @ UNI - 8:00 AM to Noon
- Sept. 25:1:00 dismiss - Teacher In-service
- Sept. 27:Mid-term of 1st Trimester
- Sept. 27:Open House to view new building - 5:30 - 6:30

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