

Plum Creek Literacy Festival

By Debbie Goossen

This is the first year that Lewiston students will be attending the Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival. The kindergarten through eighth graders will be traveling to Concordia University in Seward on October 10 for the event.

This annual event brings popular authors and illustrators to Seward for three days of presentations and workshops. More than 5,700 are expected for the event this year.

The kindergarten through 2nd graders will be seeing Hans Wilhelm. With over thirty million books in print, he is one of America's foremost authors/illustrators of children's books. The students have enjoyed his book, "I'll Always Love You," during library time.

Gail Gibbons will speak to the kindergarten through 4th graders. She has written more than 100 books. The Lewiston students heard her book, "The Monarch Butterfly," recently.

The 3rd through 8th graders will hear Cynthia DeFelice. She has written 16 novels and 11 picture books. She loves writing a book that she would have loved to read when she was a child. Her book, "The Ghost of Fossil Glen," is a favorite of many Lewiston students.

Joan Bauer will lead a workshop for the 5th and 6th graders. In her eight novels, she explores difficult issues with humor and hope. Her book, "Hope Was Here," has been a Golden Sower nominee.

The 7th and 8th graders will also hear Mike Graf. His books are about the weather, national parks, and caving. Our library does not own any of his books, but we will be purchasing several that he will autograph.



Inkjet Cartridges Recycling

By Debbie Goossen

We will continue to recycle inkjet cartridges. Please send them to school with your student. I have a collection box in the library. We have been using the recycling funds for environmental projects at the school.

FROM THE CORNER ROOM

--Mrs. Nancy Barr

The quarter is flying by. Students are learning and creating some interesting projects.

- o **Textile** students created postcards using all the different stitches on their machines. Their current project is pants or shorts to learn how to follow a pattern.
- o **Consumer Math** practiced counting back change. This is a skill that will be useful for a lifetime. It also helps when working at the concession stand.
- o Eggs are the name of the labs in **Foods**. Poached eggs, baked eggs, and of course, omelets are on the menu for the students in this class.
- o Activities in communication, both verbal and non-verbal, taught the **Human Relations** class ways to improve their skills in this area.
- o **Consumer Ed** Seniors are writing résumé's, cover letters, and career thank you notes. These, along with practice interviews should help them feel more comfortable when applying for jobs in their future.
- o Elements and principles of design are the PowerPoint's the **8th graders** are creating. They found many examples of line, shape, texture, color, balance, rhythm, emphasis, proportion, and harmony in the school building.
- o **Teen Living** students are learning about ethical behavior at home, in the community, and in the business place as part of their career unit.

Stop by and see the products our students are creating!

FCCLA NEWS

The September Bloodmobile was held September 4. 26 units of blood were collected. FCCLA members manned the blood drive with help from the FCS classes.

Upcoming events for October:

District Meeting in Wymore - October 17

Haunted House -- October 23



Charli Tremain, Susan Sisco,
Lisa Stewart, Tanya Johnson
Serving at the canteen for
the blood drive.

Child Find

All children with disabilities residing in the district, including children with disabilities attending non-public schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located and evaluated and a practical method is developed and implemented to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services. 92NAC 51-006.01.

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- a. The Child find requirements apply to highly mobile children with disabilities (such as migrant and homeless children); and
- b. A child who is suspected of being a child with a disability and in need of special education; even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

METHODS: Efforts to locate and evaluate resident children and students with disabilities who will benefit from special education and related services will be conducted on an ongoing basis in the following ways.

- a. The district as required will conduct health and general education screenings by Nebraska state statutes and Nebraska department of Education and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services regulations.
- b. Child find plans will be developed and records maintained to document all such activities of the district and to evaluate their effectiveness. Such records will include a copy of all public announcements. Persons making referrals will be asked where they acquired the information that led them to the school district.
- c. The district will accept referrals for evaluation directly from parents other agencies or school personnel for children below age five who may benefit from the provision of special education services. The district will conduct periodic screening activities to locate children with disabilities.



FFA at the Nebraska State Fair

Devon Tate and Travis Robeson completed an on going restoration project of this Farmall F20 tractor in our advanced ag. projects class last spring. The tractor had been an on going project over several years and has involved the help of several classes. Devon and Travis did the greatest portion of the restoration during the 2007-2008 school year. The tractor was entered in the FFA ag mechanics restoration division at this years Nebraska State Fair and was on display over the Labor day weekend. It received the reserve champion award in that division.

Also showing at the State Fair was Christine Wehrbein in the breeding beef division. Christine received Reserve Champion in the Chianina breeding heifer competition.

Starting October 1, 2008 we will begin a new program. We have been privileged to receive a grant for the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program. We will have fresh fruits and vegetables available for the children free of charge. They will be available for the all children who wish to participate. We will try a variety of different fruits and vegetables so every child has the opportunity to learn what they taste like. We will have a taste table to determine what children like. When we have found what children like there will be a fruit and vegetable of the month, hopefully this will encourage children to eat more nutritious foods. We would like parents to encourage their children to participate and try all fruits and vegetables provided.

A large gathering of Fifth graders witnessed the proper disposal of the American flag by members of the Table Rock American Legion.

Mr. Salburg and William Wirthele demonstrate the use of equipment necessary for printing a newspaper at the Table Rock Argus building. That is a grueling job!

Mr. Ron Frerichs explained how farmers used old equipment and how seeds were planted.

Roy Mullin gave a demonstration to the fifth graders about shelling corn with a corn sheller and how it works. The John Deere motor on it makes shelling corn so much easier!

Mrs. Glevon Covault tells a group of students intriguing stories about life in a country school. The story of the Blizzard of 1888, known as the "School Children's Blizzard" kept the students' attention.

Otto Rosfeld, of Valentine, NE sang songs and accompanied himself with a washboard and thimbles on his fingers. His stories were about children's lives growing up on a ranch in pioneer times.

Professor Farquar held a captive audience with his magic tricks in the old Opera House on the west side of the square. He played the guitar and sang some popular songs of pioneers.

Students witnessed this blacksmith from Beatrice demonstrating how to make snakes, nails, crosses, and ornamental metal objects. He showed the kids different kinds of equipment that are necessary for a blacksmith to do his work. They found out that a combination of coal, a hot fire, and hard labor combined make a dirty job!

These tools are all on display at the Pioneer Building along with old cars, antique tractors, lots of old farm equipment, and so much more!

Kids of today don't remember the OLD gas pumps!

There were many other stations of interest including the Veteran's Building with lots of displays of war memorabilia, the Threshing Machine demonstration from the harvest to baling the wheat straw, and Standing Bear's stories of life as an American Indian child on a reservation and the importance of grandparents and family.

LIVING HISTORY DAY REVISITED BY THE 5TH GRADE

News From Here & There

-Mrs. Natalie Sisco

Magazine Sales

Our Magazine Sales Fundraiser took place the first three weeks of school. 14 of 106 high school students sold magazines this year. I would really like to thank the following students for being a part of this fundraiser which we use to help keep the cost of the yearbook down, reeds, valve oil, and sheet music for the band and choir. Those students are: Seventh Grade: Ryan Sommerhalder, April Morris, Eighth Grade: Amber Wehrbein, Kenneth Slater, Freshmen: Brandy Saathoff, Trevor Jasa, Adam Frerichs, Charli Tremain, Susan Sisco, Sophomores: Bonnie Sisco, Carissa Wenzl, Skylar Kagy, Juniors: Erica Thomas, Seniors: Jerrod Sisco. There were also six students who turned orders in a little later than the deadline, and they deserve a thanks too.

I did fill out postcards for all of the patrons in the district just in case you weren't contacted by one of the students, and I'd like to thank you in advance for taking the time to look over the list and renewing a subscription or ordering a new subscription. Every little bit helps with the cost of the above mentioned items. You can also order online by going to www.qsp.com and using our school code 425004341.



Art Classes

We are busy working on a variety of different projects in the art classes here at Lewiston. Students are working on radial symmetry projects, acrylic paintings, Molas, and block printing projects. We will be beginning a pottery unit in mid-October.

Computer/Technology Classes

Keyboarding class began the year learning proper techniques and fingering. We have advanced to timed tests and several of the students are doing a good job of remembering the difference between keyboarding and texting or instant messaging.

Computer Graphics students have been working on learning tools and their functions. They have created personal time lines, business cards, brochures, and are currently working with Excel spreadsheet projects.

Multi-media students are working on claymation and stop frame animation projects. We have some extremely creative students in this area-and it's fun to see them so enthused about their projects.

Lewiston's second graders were surprised by a special visit from some of the U.S. Olympic Team. Well at least I got your attention, actually we WERE part of the Olympic Team for Theme Day of Homecoming Week. My class decided to dress up as some of the favorite U.S. Olympic gold medalists. We have Michael Phelps and Jason Lezac from the swim team, beach volleyball favorites, Misty Mae and Keri Walsh and let's not forget Americas favorite basketball player Kobe Bryant. We even had a manager for our team. I was the coach!!



On Friday, September 26, the First and Second graders went to The Roca Berry Farms. It is difficult to describe the joy one feels when seeing and experiencing the excitement through the eyes of a child. If you have young children there are a lot of fun things to do. I believe the Haunted Castle was the favorite, but Candy Land and the Trike Trail were also very popular! The hayrack ride to the pumpkin patch was also a hit. We finished off the day with picking our very own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. The weather was beautiful. It was a great day to be in Mrs. Little's or Mrs. Hardin's class.

Living History Day Pictures



**Lewiston Consolidated Schools
School Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Lewiston School Board District 69 was held on Monday, September 15, 2008, at 7:35 P.M., such meeting being open to the public and preceded in notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order and the Open Meeting poster acknowledged by President Steve Knoche. Roll call found the following members to be present: Bacon, Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas. Absent: none. Also present: Nancy Barr, Jean Kwiatkowski, Mary Robison, John Robison, Dan Parks and Bruce McCoy.

Moved by Thomas and seconded by Lovitt "to approve the minutes of the August 18 regular meeting." Those voting in favor of said motion: Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

The treasurer's report was presented by Scott Thomas and Dr. McCoy went over the monthly claims. Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Bacon "to approve the September treasurer's report, September payroll and the September claims in the amount of \$39,022.37." Those voting in favor of said motion: Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon, Dvorak. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

The NASB area workshop was next discussed. Five members will attend. A discussion was held on meeting with Pawnee City's board to discuss sharing ideas. The meeting was confirmed for Monday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Thomas and seconded by Lovitt "to adopt the budget of receipts and expenditures for the 2008-09 fiscal year, with a budget of expenditures of \$2,674,815.00, a budgeted cash reserve of \$325,185.00, a budget of receipts of \$3,000,000.00 and a total property tax requirement of \$1,616,000.00 for the general fund and \$24,000.00 for the special building fund." Those voting in favor of said motion: Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon, Dvorak, Husa. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Husa "to adopt the resolution to modify the preliminary property tax levy certified by the county clerks for this school district, and set a new property tax levy for this school district for the 2008-09 school fiscal year at .93670001 for the General Fund, .01391139 for the Special Building Fund and .95061140 for the Total Property Tax Levy." Those voting in favor of said motion: Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon, Dvorak, Husa, Knoche. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion was then held on the Fall NASB/NASA Conference to be held in Omaha November 19-21. Attendees will be finalized at the October meeting. Dr. McCoy announced that the school auditors would be here on October 16. The policy committee reported that they had reviewed several sets of policies but had made no revisions. Discussion was then held on several ideas regarding upgrading the look of the exterior of our school buildings and making some building improvements. Dr. McCoy will do some research and report back on these topics at the October meeting. Mr. Parks then reported on various topics related to the start of the school year and on the State of the Schools report. A lengthy discussion of pre-school was then held, following which Dr. McCoy distributed information regarding pre-school costs to date and also some information in relation to our propane contract for the 2008-09 school year. He also presented a bid on resurfacing our parking areas around the school and reported on some upcoming meeting dates. There being no further committee reports, it was moved by Dvorak and seconded by Lovitt "to go into executive session at 9:15 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Thomas, Bacon, Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Lovitt and seconded by Thomas "to come out of executive session at 9:39 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Bacon, Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Dvorak and seconded by Bacon "to adjourn at 9:40 p.m." Those voting in favor of said motion: Dvorak, Husa, Knoche, Lovitt, Thomas, Bacon. Those opposed: none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next regular meeting was set for Monday, October 13, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Bruce McCoy
Board Secretary, Dist. #69

NEWS FROM THE TIGER'S DEN

--by Dr. Bruce McCoy, Supt.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES---on Thursday, October 2, we will have Parent-Teacher Conferences from 2:30-7:00. As usual, elementary conferences will be held in the regular classroom, while secondary conferences will take place in the old gymnasium on an as needed basis. If you want to bring your child(ren) and have them take part in the conferences, please feel free to do so. But please don't bring them and allow them to run unsupervised through the building, outside on the playground or in the new gymnasium. We would hate to have any accidents occur due to them being unsupervised.

FALL ACTIVITIES---our fall sports program has had modest success to date. Our varsity volleyball team presently has a 5-6 record heading into a September 30 match at Falls City Sacred Heart. The varsity football team has played an extremely tough schedule to date and has an 09-4 record. Their next three games at Diller-Odell, at home agiasnt Southeast Consolidated and then at Lincoln Parkview Christian look to be much more competiitve games. The junior high volleyball team split with Diller-Odell and lost to Pawnee City and plays Sterling on October 1. They also host our annual invitational tournament on Saturday, October 11. The junior high boys football team lost 28-14 to Pawnee City and plays Sterling on October 1. If you get a chance, come support our teams! Athletic wall poster and pocket schedules are available in the office at school.

ACTIVITY DISCOUNT TICKETS--the school office has discount tickets for this year's home activity events. Admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students so passes save you money. Adults may buy a 20 punch pass for \$55.00 and a 10 punch pass for \$30.00; while students may buy a 20 punch pass for \$35.00 and a 10 punch pass for \$20.00. Senior citizens age 60 who reside in the school district may also get a free lifetime pass to all Lewiston home events. If you still have one from last year, it is still good.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS AT HOME EVENTS--it has become a bit of a problem at our home events to have students running the hallways, wandering around the building and going outside. The purpose of having these events is to showcase our performing students and we are hopeful that all parents and other students who are in attendance would want to be in the gymnasium showing that support. Since that has not been happening as it should, we will now be locking the gates to the hallways until the events for the evening are over, we will not allow students to go outside and come back in during events, and we will expect them to remain seated in the gymnasium, unless they are going out of the gymnasium to go to the concession stand or to the restroom.

We also are having a few problems with students who simply stay after school in order to attend a night time event. We will be having these students report to a designated location in the future, as we cannot allow them to be unsupervised in the gymnasiums, running around on the playground, or going down the halls and in and out of classrooms. This can lead to problems that none of us want. Please talk to your children about your expectations of them if they stay after school pending a night time event and also about your expectations of them while they are here during an event. Let's all work together to make this the best situation that we can for all of our students, staff and patrons. Thank you.

