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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

October/November 2006



3rd/4th Grade presents

“The 21 Best Things about Grandparents”

Grandparents' Day by Cole Moens

The pre school-6th got to invite their grandparents to Grandparents day on Friday, September 15th. Students got to sing some songs and recite poems and stories for their grandparents in the old gym. Hopefully they all liked it.

Afterwards, grandparents and grandchildren got to go in the cafeteria and enjoy cookies and juice provided by the PACT group. Hopefully they enjoyed the cookies and juice, but most importantly enjoyed the day together with grandparents and grandchildren.

The 2nd Grade reciting a choral reading



Can You Help?

Volunteers are needed to transport the 5th and 6th Grade Pop Cans to Storm Lake on a monthly basis. Please contact Mrs. Wenell or Mrs. Kady if you are able to help out!
Thanks!



AC-T Volunteers Honored by Governor

The PACT (Pride of AC-T) was formed to assist the school with needs above what the school is able to provide. These volunteers spend hours assisting teachers with activities in the school. Some of their projects included: honoring community veterans, promoting homecoming activities to involve elementary children, and maintaining the school playground. Members of the PACT conducted fundraisers that allowed teachers to purchase materials and equipment for the benefit of the children of AC-T. They are community members that care about the local school. Pictured above L to R: Jill Sievers, Lisa Amendolare, Tanya Moens, Lieutenant Governor, Deb Clausen, Kris Beckman.

Rosalinda Nehring goes above and beyond to serve the children in the Albert City-Truesdale communities. She is employed as a teacher's assistant in the AC-T School District, but uses her free time to assist any student needing help, including interpretation for Spanish-speaking students. Anytime someone is needed to sponsor students, which might involve an overnight trip, Rosalinda steps forward. The Boys and Girls Scout groups depend on her leadership. Rosalinda is dedicated to making a positive difference for children in her community.





Children's Miracle Network

By Justin Romo

The children of the Albert City Truesdale-School are doing a program called Children's Miracle Network. It is to raise money for children who are extremely ill. We will start raising money on Monday, September 25, 2006. We took part in this program last year. This year we will try to raise more money than we did last year. Last year we raised over one thousand dollars and our goal this year is to raise more than one thousand dollars.

AC-T Welcomes New Students by Casey Eberle

There are a lot of new students this year at Albert City-Truesdale. A lot of them have come because their parents work at the ethanol plant.

There are four new students in kindergarten. Their names are Trenton Brown, Enrique Gutierrez, Star Hartley, and Alexis Amendolare.

There is one new student in the class of Mrs. Ellis. That is Alyen Urias.

The new student in second grade is Grant Brown.

There are two new students in third grade. They are Maria Gutierrez and Eric Ulchinsky.

There are three new students in the class of Ms. Dirks. Their names are Cheyenne Buenrostro, Bertha Gutierrez, and Tina Ulchinsky.

There are only two new students in the class of the new teacher Ms. Sporrer. Their names are Itzel Urias and Lesly Urias. There are no new students in the class of Mrs. Wenell.

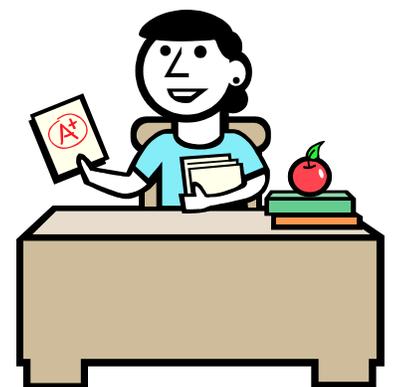
We welcome all the new students to Albert City-Truesdale and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The New Teacher

By: Nathan Marcose Peterson

We have one new teacher, Katie Sporrer, at Albert City-Truesdale this year. Miss Sporrer teaches seventeen 5th graders.

Miss Sporrer graduated from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. She is twenty-two years old. She chose to come here because she was familiar with the area and she student taught in Laurens. Her favorite thing about AC-T school is that she likes the students and the co-workers.



Welcome to AC-T Miss Sporrer.

News from the 6th Grade

Get To Know Our Sixth Graders

Dallas James Olson Heuton

By Cole Groszkrueger

Dallas enjoys long walks on beaches, hanging out with friends, sports, King crab legs, and heavy metal like Metallica or Slipknot, punk rock like Green Day or Hinder. He got to like some of these kinds of music from his friend Cole Groszkrueger. Dallas was born in Storm Lake, Iowa, on May 24, 1994, and is currently 12. Dallas likes to hang out anywhere with his friends. Dallas does what he does because "You're only young once so if you get into trouble just don't get caught". Dallas also likes World War II because once again Cole Groszkrueger got him hooked on it in second grade and ever since we've been obsessing about it. Dallas likes to challenge his friends on play station 2. He probably wins too but one time there could be an actual challenge.



Alex Terry

By: Isaac Richter

Alex Terry was born April 9, 1994 in Ohio. Alex has lived in 6 states such as Wisconsin, Washington, Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio, and good old Iowa. This is his second year at AC-T school. His favorite thing to do is to play football in his free time. His favorite food is Mexican food and anything his dad makes him. He likes this because it is excellent and perfect. He has one sister in 5th grade, Olivia Terry. His parents are Jennifer and Steve Terry. His dad is the coach of the 6th grade football team. Alex likes to work with dogs too. They raise English bulldogs and Germany short hairs. They also have labs and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers.



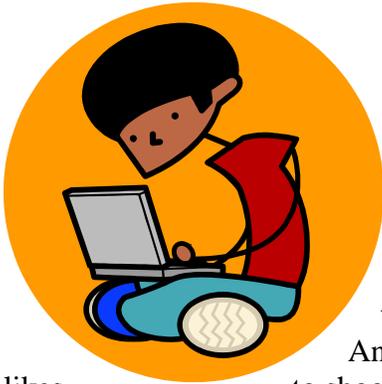
Cole Moens

By Robert Taylor

Cole enjoys sports like football and fishing. He has two sisters Caitlyn and Cassie. His dad's name is Brent. He is on the school board. His mom's name is Tonya and she is the president of the PACT GROUP.

Cole lives in the country. He is eleven years old and was born on November 6, 1994 in Storm Lake, Iowa.





All Boy Class

By Kyle Johnson

I am writing about our all boy class in 6th grade. We think it is the first time in the history of AC-T School that there has been a class with only boys. I am going to tell you every boy in the class and two things they like to do. I am going to start with Justin Romo. He likes to play football and get on MSN Messenger.

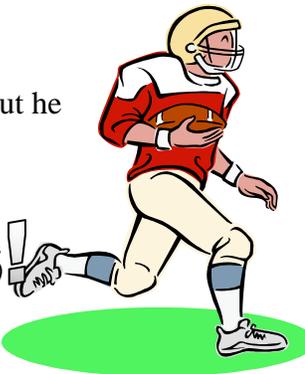
Anthony Eberle likes to climb trees and ride his bike. Next is Nate Peterson. He likes to shoot his air soft gun and skateboard. Casey Eberle likes to go to the library and play Rune Scape on the computer and go to friends' houses and play. Isaac Richter likes to drag race his Jr. Dragster and drives his four-wheeler. Alex Terry likes to hunt small game and play football. Dallas Heuton likes to blare his stereo and play football with his friends. Cole Groszkrueger likes punk rock and heavy metal. Cole Moens likes to play sports and watch TV. Robert Taylor likes to skateboard and play with his friends. And finally me, I like to hunt and play sports. That is what class likes are and we also like to learn most of the time.

Sixth Grade Football

By: Alex Terry

The high-school football team is doing great right now, but you might not know that the little league program is booming. The coaches for the sixth grade football team are Steve Terry, Brent Moens and Dave Miller and the water girls are Olivia Terry, Caitlyn Moens and Jessica Johnson. The sixth grade football team has 13 players which are:

- Offense/Defense
 - C/MLB-Braden Baily #25
 - LT/DE-Cole Groszkrueger #99
 - LG/LT-Colton Miller #4
 - LTE/-Anthony Eberle #0
 - RG/LT-Robert Taylor #22
 - RT/DE-Tanner Archer #44
 - RTE/LLB-Dallas Heuton #2
 - QB/RT-Justin Romo #10
 - FB/RT- Kyle Johnson #14
 - RB/RLB- Cole Moen #7
 - RB/CB-Alex Terry #28
 - Cornerback-Casey Eberle #12
- Ashton Anderson was injured but he will be with us soon.
Hope to see you at the game!!
Have a great season!!



Go Rebels!

THE HAWKEYES AND THE CYCLONES

By Dallas James Olson Heuton

The IOWA and IOWA STATE rival is big in our small town. It is usually about who is going to win, but in my point of view IOWA always comes out on top.

It all started years ago with two well-known teachers Mrs. Wenell and Mrs. Sievers. Mrs. Wenell graduated from Iowa State and Mrs. Sievers graduated from Iowa. Both disagreed on who would win the rivalry game.

Miss Sporrer and my class had a big rival between the teams this year. We all got to color pictures of mascots from our favorite teams, we did a cross word puzzle, a bunch of trivia questions, and a dress up day. It takes place right here in our school but the games are played in Iowa City or in Ames. The IOWA and IOWA STATE rivalry will carry on forever!

Football Fever!





Share the Love of Reading With AC-T First Grade Students

For many years, parents and community volunteers have shared the love of reading with AC-T first grade students during library time. We are looking for volunteers this year so that each of our fourteen students has a turn to read a book they check out during library time with a volunteer. Volunteers can help by reading to students, listening to students read words they know, and by sounding out difficult words with them! Many volunteers have enjoyed watching students grow in their reading over the year!

First Grade Library Reading Volunteer Highlights

- Have patience with kids as they develop their reading skills.
- Share about 30 minutes 3-4 times a month from 2:05 -2:45 in the AC-T library by the south entrance. We have library every 6 days so volunteers will be given a schedule of the library days for each month.
- If you have a commitment on a scheduled library day, that is okay too. Our goal is to have enough volunteers for students to take turns with other volunteers.

These are scheduled library days for first grade up to the beginning of November:

Friday, October 4
Monday, October 16
Tuesday, October 24
Thursday, November 2
Friday, November 10

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ms. Olney or Mrs. Ellis at AC-T School by calling 843-5416.

Kindergarten News by Mrs. Bobolz

This year's kindergarten class is off to a great start. Each day goes by so quickly. It is hard to believe October is upon us!

We are really working hard in reading. We are just amazed at the wealth of books we have in our room! We are never at a loss for finding books to compliment our learning, challenge our needs, and satisfy our curiosity. Our studies have included phonemic awareness activities, which is hearing sounds in words, and phonics, which is identifying the letters sounds make. We have begun learning some high frequency words and are thrilled to recognize words around us. We are also learning reading strategies and will soon be in guided reading groups at our early levels.

We have also found excitement in math. Areas of study thus far include shapes, comparisons, problem solving, and patterns.

We are looking forward to activities in October. A study of community helpers seems fitting for this month. Fire Prevention Week creates anticipating for a visit to the fire station and a ride on the fire truck. Our annual visit to Pleasant View Nursing Home at Halloween gives us a chance to share the excitement of the day with the residents.

PARENTS: Reminder that breakfast is served starting at 7:45. Children may come into the building at 7:45. Children may go to their classrooms at 8:05 with classes starting at 8:15. Children are dismissed at 3:20 with buses leaving at 3:30. Thanks for your cooperation! Questions? Please contact Mrs. Kady.



News from the AC-T Superintendent – Dr. Marlin Lode

Perhaps you heard of the discussions taking place in area schools regarding a study of a regional high school. At this point in time this is only a study – no decisions or commitments have been made by any of the participating schools. The goal of this study is to provide useful information to help area schools think long-term.

The Albert City-Truesdale Board of Education remains committed to its sharing agreement with Sioux Central. The two districts have a ten-year agreement for whole grade sharing with each other. Honoring that agreement is the pledge of the AC-T Board.

Here are some questions and answers regarding the study of a regional high school:

What is a regional high school?

A regional high school is a single high school that serves any number of school districts. Districts would maintain their lower grades and funnel their high school students to the regional high school.

What purpose would a regional high school serve?

Declining enrollment causes a decrease in school funding, which affects educational opportunities for students. Therefore, individual school districts could combine their high school students and resources to ensure a high school that is large enough to offer a good variety of courses and activities. It would also provide a high school within a reasonable driving distance.

Which area schools are participating in this study?

Albert City-Truesdale, Laurens-Marathon, Newell-Fonda, Pocahontas, Pomeroy-Palmer. The superintendent and two board members from each these districts serve on a steering committee to oversee the study.

Who will conduct the study?

The steering committee is seeking proposals from a number of third party companies and the Department of Education to do the study.

What information will citizens receive when the study is completed?

The steering committee expects to receive responses that address the following (partial

- How would quality of education be impacted?
- What is the expected enrollment?
- What is the most feasible location of the high school?
- What are the transportation issues?
- What are the building needs and how would they be financed?
- What are the tax implications?
- How can the information best be conveyed to citizens?
- What kinds of co-curricular and athletic programs could students expect?
- Is there a sufficient population in the area to sustain a high school well into the future?

list):



Once the study is completed, are participating schools under any obligation?

No. Information gleaned from the study can be used by any of the schools and communities as they see fit.

Steering committee participants hope to receive an initial report of the study in January 2007. The members of the AC-T Board believe the results of this study will provide valuable information that can assist area schools and communities plan for their futures.

Brent Moens and Doug Rebhuhn Elected to AC-T Board

In the regular school board election held on September 12th, Doug Rebhuhn and Brent Moens were voted in for another three-year term on the AC-T board. Congratulations to Doug and Brent!

During their September meeting, board members elected Brent Moens President and Shelly Buse Vice-President of the AC-T board for the 2006-07 school year.

Enrollment Expected to Increase

Although the official count will not be taken until October 2nd, enrollment in the Albert City-Truesdale School District is expected to be slightly higher than the count taken in the fall of 2005. As of September 18th, the number of resident students was 248 compared to 238 last year. The number will likely dip after completion of the ethanol plant, as some of the students enrolled in our schools are children of construction workers involved with building the plant. Some of these families will be leaving our community around November 1st.

Vote to be Taken on Extension of Local Option Sales Tax

In their regular meeting of September 18th, AC-T board members adopted a resolution to ask voters if they wish to extend the Local Options Sales Tax to end on December 31, 2022. Currently the tax is in effect until 2014. All Buena Vista County residents will have an opportunity to vote on the measure. If approved, the one cent sales tax will be in effect through 2022. Revenue from the tax can be used by school districts for limited purposes including: reduction of property tax, maintenance and repair of buildings, new construction, large equipment items, and transportation equipment.

The AC-T board adopted a resolution to use the funds for the aforementioned purposes. The goal of the board is keeping buildings, grounds and school busses in good condition. If the infrastructure fund balance reaches a level that provides for emergencies, the revenue will be used for property tax relief.

The measure will likely come up for a vote in December. Please check with local media for date, time, and location of the election.

Board Discusses Moving the Playground

In their meeting on September 18th, school board members reviewed options for construction of a playground on the north side of the block on which the school building stands.

Principal, Barb Kady, and Superintendent, Marlin Lode, outlined options for consideration by the board. The initial plan calls for moving some of the existing equipment and purchasing a few pieces of new equipment. The new playground would be accessible and meet safety regulations. It would also eliminate the need for children to cross the street and closing the street during recess times. The board asked administrators to gather input from staff, students, and citizens to design the playground. The actual move would likely take place in the summer of 2007.

Storm Lake-Pilot Tribune Named Official Newspaper

The AC-T school board named the *Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune* as the official newspaper for the school district. The *Pilot-Tribune* provided the low bid for publication of legal notices.



Principally Speaking... by Barbara Kady

The 2006 – 2007 school year is off to a great start! The P-ACT Back to School Carnival was a great success. It is wonderful to see such a high level of parent and community involvement at our school. Thanks to each of you who supported this fun way to kick off the new school year!

We also enjoyed hosting the Grandparent's Day Program at school in September. We had a great turnout! Thanks to those of you who were able to attend the program either as a Grandparent or as a substitute Grandparent for students whose grandparents could not attend the program. We look forward to seeing many more of you at the various special events and activities that will be held at school throughout the year.

I am happy to serve as the principal of such a wonderful school. The staff is exceptional. From the teachers to the custodians to the cooks and the para-professionals, we are blessed with a dedicated group of professionals who are constantly focused on meeting the needs of our students.

The community can be very proud of the young people attending Albert City – Truesdale Elementary School. I was immediately impressed with the politeness of our students. I am also very pleased with the effort our students put forth to do their best at school.

It is wonderful to live and work in a community that places such a high priority on providing its students with a quality education. Community support for its school is evident among Albert City – Truesdale residents.

These things combined – a dedicated staff, motivated students, and parent and community support form a powerful educational team. We see evidence of a strong educational system in the scores of the achievement tests taken by our students. We see further evidence of a strong educational system in the strong bond between the school and the community. This is truly a village that works together to raise its children in positive surroundings.

Thank you for playing such an important role in helping our young people to succeed.