



The Hurricane



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Albert City-Truesdale Community School Newsletter

April/May 2006

Little Hurricane Relays

By: Tyler Bovero

The Little Hurricane Relays are for grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. They will be held on May 3rd. The point of this is to have fun and to test their endurance and energy. Some of the events for 3rd through 6th will be held between 1:30 – 3:00. These are some of competitions: Long Jump, Football Throw (Boys), Softball throw (Girls), 50, 75, 100, 200, and 440 yard dash/hurdles. The younger kids will start earlier in the morning. It goes on from 9:30-10:30. Some of the events that they will be participating in are the 50 yard dash, Shuttle Run, Ball Kick, and the Obstacle Course. We are all looking forward to having a good time.

NCAA-Children's Miracle Network

By: Jared Hanson

In March we had the Final Four teams and they were LSU, Florida, UCLA, and George Mason. The fourth grade came around with buckets for the Final Four and the kids could put in money for the team they wanted to win. The two losers' money would go into the two winning buckets. The teams who won were Florida and UCLA and the losing teams were George Mason and LSU. If we went over a thousand dollars for Children's Miracle Network or the team with the most money won it all, Mr. Baker would shave off his mustache. We went over a thousand dollars and Mr. Baker had Tyler and Casey shave off his mustache in front of the kids. We had a great time but the big winners are the kids who will benefit from our money!



The fourth – sixth grades are putting on a musical in May. It will be on some of the old School House Rock songs, here is an example: Interjections. That is my favorite

song. We will be singing and dancing your favorite songs. The date is May 8th at 7:00pm at Sioux Central School and May 11th at 7:00pm at AC-T. By: Cassie Elmore

D.E.A.R.

On the Thursday before Easter Break we had a special D.E.A.R. time. D.E.A.R stands for Drop Everything and Read. Mr. Baker started out



reading 'Twas the Night Before Easter to the elementary at 1:20 in the Lobby. Then some of the grades went to the Old Gym and read around the campfire while munching on Smores



cereal. While pretending they were at the beach, other classes went outside to enjoy a good book and licking on freeze pops. Later that day the younger classes went to the classrooms

and read to their favorite stuffed animals and older kids read in the dark using a flashlight. Everyone had a good time. By: Natalie Jensen

5th Grade Observes Swan Release

On Friday, March 31, the 5th grade class, accompanied by Mr. Baker, student teacher Ms. Cain, and Mrs. Bruns, traveled to Swan Lake just west of Laurens to watch the release of a trumpeter swan cob and pen. County Naturalist Clay Steele and Conservation Director Brian Reis told the class about the largest waterfowl in Iowa and fielded questions before releasing the pair. The students were allowed an up-close look at the swans, and were able to pet them before they were released into the water. Trumpeter swans were once common in Iowa, but disappeared due to over hunting and the demand for their feathers used on women's hats as adornment. The swans didn't appear in Iowa again until 1998, thanks to the efforts of Iowa's Conservation Commission. The release fit perfectly into the 5th grade unit of threatened and endangered animals. Trumpeter swans are still rarer today than the bald eagle.



A Swan Ready to be Released!

6th Grade Guests

Recent Visitors in the Sixth Grade Classroom



We've had two interesting visitors in the sixth grade room recently. During our study of Central America, Mrs. Rosalinda Nehring talked to our class about the country of Mexico. Mrs. Nehring grew up in Texas but has visited Mexico many times. She showed us some native Mexican costumes and danced a Mexican dance for us. She also made authentic Mexican food for our whole class to taste. We really enjoyed her visit.

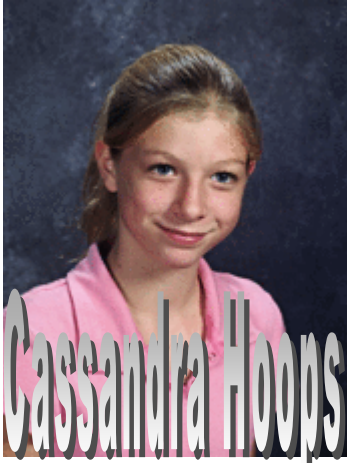


Mrs. Beth Wenell, who has a degree in Geology, came to talk to the third and sixth graders about rocks recently. Beth brought many samples of different rocks and explained how geologists determine what type of rock they are. We learned that rocks are classified by color, bedding thickness, grain size (we got to see the chart they use to determine this), grain roundness (also on the chart they carry), how well it's sorted, and composition. Beth also shared some of her log books that she would take on trips to write about the rocks she would find.

Karen Requist of Storm Lake will be sharing with the class about Conservation for a week during science class. This class will culminate in the outdoor classroom the students will attend on May 9th at Peterson Park.

News from the 6th Grade

Get To Know Our Sixth Graders



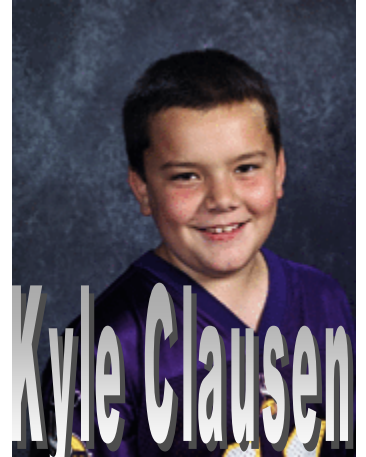
Cassandra Hoops

Cassandra Hoops is a 6th grade student at AC-T her favorite lunch is chili and cinnamon rolls. She is the daughter of April and Richard Brown. She enjoys playing with her dog and her brother Jamie.

Cassandra loves to go to her grandmother's house on weekends and especially likes playing on her computer.

Cass and her family will be moving this summer and she will probably be going to Aurelia next year. We will miss her. By Becky Martens

Kyle is the son of Kent and Deb Clausen. He has one sister named Kara. Kyle's favorite foods are pizza, spaghetti, and he also likes to eat breadsticks. His favorite sports are football, baseball, and basketball. His favorite teams are the Vikings, Cubs, and the Timberwolves. His favorite hobbies are flying planes, paintball/air crafts, PS2, and watch T.V. I bet one of his most memorable moments was his trip to Disney World with his family this winter .By: Natasha Garrett



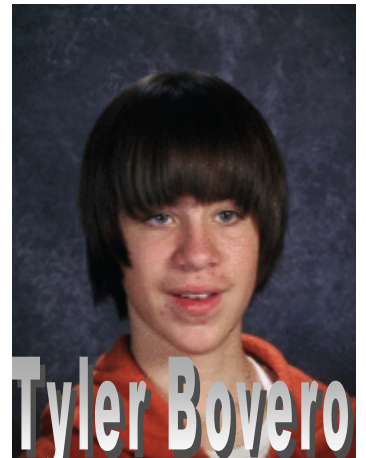
Kyle Clausen

Jared Hansen is a 6th grader at AC-T and his favorite school lunch is chili and cinnamon rolls. He enjoys playing football at recess. He is the son of Lynette and Norman Hansen He also has two brothers, Jessie and Josh. He is 12 years old and he is going to Sioux Central next year. His favorite movie is XXX STATE OF THE UNION and his favorite book STAR WARS EPISODE VI RETURN OF THE JEDI. His favorite special is P.E. He also likes small group because he has his favorite teacher. He likes to play his play station. By Callie Buske



Jared Hansen

Tyler is in the 6th grade at Albert City Truesdale and he is 12. He is the Vice President of 6th grade and this will be his last year at AC-T. He graduates this year and will be going Sioux Central. His favorite hobbies are football, basketball, baseball, and track. He also is in a band with his dad and plays the drums. His favorite food is pepperoni pizza. Tyler's favorite football teams are the Dallas Cowboys and the Iowa State Cyclones. His favorite basketball teams are Los Angeles Lakers and Iowa State Cyclones. Tyler is the son of Steve and Malinda Bovero. He is the youngest of the 5 children. By: Jared Hanson



Tyler Bovero

Natasha Garrett is in 6th Grade and loves being in Mrs. Wenell's class. She loves hanging out with family and friends. Natasha loves doing sports, she wanted to go out for softball this year but she is going on vacation to Tennessee to see her cousins. Her favorite thing in school is P.E., Art, and Music. During the summer her family loves to go swimming and also loves walks. Natasha's favorite football team is Iowa State. She plans to go to school there. By: Karissa Erickson



Natasha Garrett

5th and 6th Grade News Bowl by Laura Sievers, K-6 TAG

Albert City - Truesdale Students TAKE PART IN NEWS BOWL 2006 NAT
(NEWS ACHIEVEMENT TEST) NATIONAL CONTEST

AC-T recently participated in the News Bowl 2006 NAT (News Achievement Test) Spring National Contest. News Bowl is a state and national current events knowledge competition open to grades 3 through high school.

Fifth and sixth grade students reviewed current events in their classrooms during the months of January and February. Each week the classes competed in a short jeopardy - style contest. The final contest was administered by computer and tested student knowledge of current events from January and February. Teams competed in their own grade level division. The contest was administered in the individual schools in March. Approximately 2000 teams took the high-profile challenging test!

The objective of the News Bowl NAT Spring Contest is to provide a quality educational program which will enhance current events education, lifelong learning and increase proficiency in citizenship skills. Students were then tested by a multiple choice question test covering all aspects of the news.

The sixth grade team of Tyler Bovero, Jasmine Nehring, and Katie Sievers placed 5th in the state and ranked 45th nationally out of 315 teams.

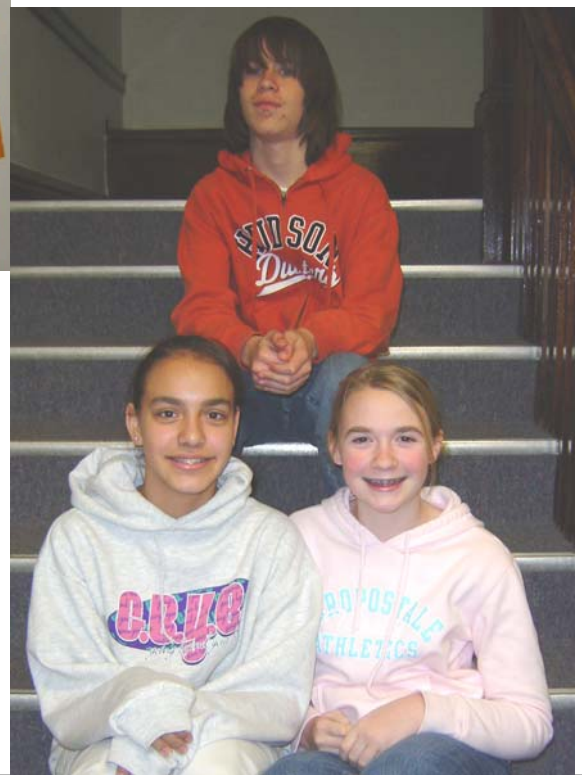


The fifth grade team of Isaac Richter, Kyle Johnson, Justin Romo and Alex Terry placed 6th in the state and 91st nationally out of 323 teams.

The public is invited to check out News Bowl for the Family at www.newsbowl.com. Click on the house and play the daily Question of the Morning.

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6th Grade Graduation

By: Jasmine Nehring

This year the 6th graders are graduating!!!! Next year most of us will be off to Sioux Central. Some of us are happy to be going, but some of us will miss being little Hurricanes. Next year we will be in 7th grade and will be in Jr. High, soon off to college, but we will take it one step at a time. The date of our graduation is: May 22, 2006 at 7:00 in the New Gym.

Iowa History Quilts By: Cassandra Hoops

The 6th Grade is making Iowa quilts. They have the State Rock which is the Geode, the state flower which is the prairie wild Rose, the oak tree, and the American Goldfinch. Mrs. Bean has been helping us all a lot to get our work done. She lets the 6th graders take their blocks home so that they can get them finished. We hope you will be able to see our finished quilts at graduation.

6th Grade Montages By: Chandler Johannsen

In our class we are assigned to make a *Montage*, which is practically our life story. A *Montage* is a poster that tells observers all about you. You may include your family, your church, your recycling center, your favorite activities, even a list of people whose last name is the same as yours in the phone book! To really add to your display, you choose photographs, drawings, maps, etc. to tell about yourself and your community. A *Montage* is basically a "picture" of pictures and writings. The 6th Grade *Montages* were due 4/19.

Quiz Bowl By: Katie Sievers

On April 22, 2006 there will be a quiz bowl in Mallard, Iowa. Five sixth graders from Albert City-Truesdale will be attending. They are Jasmine Nehring, Chandler Johannsen, Katie Sievers, Abby Samuelson, and Kyle Clausen. They will be practicing for the competition by using the 2006 World Almanac for Kids. They will be learning about music, birthstones, presidents, state information, and many other things.

Power Points By: Sven Nielson

The 5th and 6th Graders are working on Power Points in their Keyboarding classes with Mrs. Bjork. We are learning how to animate, scan photos, and make a family tree. The kids did this to learn how to set up a slide show for a class. This is a fun thing to do. When we're all done we will show them to the class. This is basically an autobiography of our lives using technology. It has been a great project to work on!

Fieldtrips By: Kyle Clausen

Before the end of the year the 6th grade is going on 3 fieldtrips! We are going to Des Moines, the Living History Farms, the State Capital, the State Historical Center, and possibly more. We are also going to Sioux Central to ease some of our worries. We will get a tour of the school and have lunch with other kids our age. Last but not least, we are going to Peterson Park for B.V. County 6th grade Conservation Day. It is looking like a lot of fun!

Baby Bjork! Written by: Abby Samuelson

Our keyboarding teacher, Mrs. Bjork, is going to have a baby in May. The baby's name will start with M and have 7 letters. We do not know if it will be a boy or a girl. I did a survey for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. In the survey I asked them whether they thought it would be a boy or a girl, what they thought the weight and length would be, and they also got to guess the name. We had some crazy names and some normal names. Twenty-five people thought it would be a boy and 25 people thought it would be a girl. Weight varied from 1 lb. all the way to 10lbs. Length varied from 12" to 22". The top 3 names for boys were Mitchel, Michael, and Matthew. The top 3 names for girls were Michele, Mellony, and Madison. My personal favorites were Makenzy and Maxwell. 50 students including teachers and subs voted on the survey.

Hair Off!



I'm Jasmine Nehring and it has been 4 years since I donated 21 inches of my hair to Locks of Love.

My goal was to be able to beat 21 inches from 4 years ago, but I'm a lot taller now, then when I was in second grade. I thought I wasn't going to reach my goal, but I did!

I want to dedicate my big day, May 13th, and my 21 inches of hair, to these special and wonderful people that have been a part of my life, and have touched my heart with their courage and strength to overcome their illness.

To my Grandma Jan, and all my teachers that have been with me since my kindergarten thru sixth grade years: My hair is dedicated to you survivors.

Hair off, for all of you!!! Love, Jasmine Nehring



AC-T is proud of 21 Soil & Water Conservation Poster Winners!

Front Row (L to R): Nick A. Honorable Mention, Brad A. 1st Place, Madelyn B. 1st Place, Devin G. Honorable Mention, Dalton D. Honorable Mention, Jordan S. Honorable Mention, Sydney R. 1st Place, Tabitha D. Honorable Mention, Kara H. 5th Place, Hannah J. Honorable Mention.

Second Row (L to R): Evan B. 6th Place, Mallory B. Honorable Mention, Olivia T. Honorable Mention, Mercedes D. Honorable Mention, Chandler J. Honorable Mention, Natalie J. 1st Place, Jared H. Honorable Mention, Cole G. Honorable Mention, Isaac R. Honorable Mention, Judy V. 2nd Place, Lacey R. Honorable Mention.

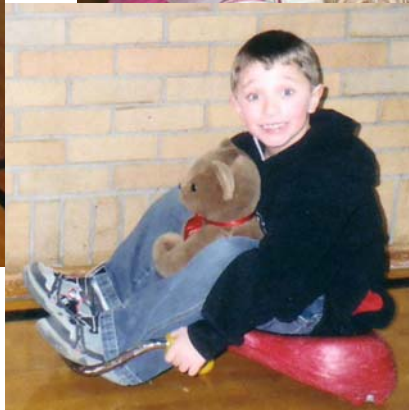
After School Club Update

It's hard to believe that the year is about to come to an end and its time for a summer break. The time has gone by so fast! Total enrollment for After School Club for the 2005-2006 school year totaled 29 children ranging from grades Pre-K to 5th grade.

At After School Club this year we have several new things. The favorite thing is our new Legos. These were made possible with a grant for the Iowa After School Association. We also received funds for two balance boards, too. They were both wonderful additions to our room.

Another part of the grant was funds for me to attend the National After School Alliance Conference February 24-25 in Louisville, KY. It was two days packed with information on a variety of topics. Personally, I attended sessions on "What's Going on in Kid's Minds" by the University of MA, "Using Variety with Drama", "Fun-Creat-Learn", by Katrina Dixon, "Nutritious Meals and Snacks" by the USDA, "Working Together, Principal and Coordinator Collaboration" by Amy Berg, "Improv and Skits" bringing drama to the program by Craig Lawrence with the YMCA. Those are just some of the sessions I was so happy to be able to attend. It always helps to get the ideas of others that were in attendance, it was pretty amazing to run into others from Iowa and share ideas. Over 2,500 after school professionals, advocates, researchers, and other supporters gathered to network, and discuss after school care. The NAA conference is a true reflection of the growth and importance of quality after school programs.

After School Club covered a vast area of topics and below you will be able to see a pictorial review of some of the things we have done. We talked about helping birds during the winter months, families and doing our part, shapes and colors around us, healthy snacks and foods, yet to come will be how insects can be friends, and "una 'fiesta' el ultima dia".



Buena Vista County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Grants Received by AC-T Teachers!

Four Albert City-Truesdale teachers have each received a \$200 grant from the Buena Vista Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom project. There were eleven such grants given out in Buena Vista County. This is a statewide project.

Mrs. Spragg, the third grade teacher, plans to use the money to purchase books. The books will be about rural areas, crops and livestock. Those items will compliment the social studies unit on farming in her classroom.

Ms. Dirks, the fourth grade teacher, is purchasing videos and classroom books to enhance the study of the regions of the United States in her social studies class.

In fifth grade, with Mrs. Bruns, there will be new videos and books about livestock, life, and crops of the colonial time.

Mrs. Wenell's sixth grade class will use their money to take an overnight field trip to visit Iowa's capital and the Living History Farms in Des Moines. This is a culmination of studying Iowa History.

These teachers are to be commended in finding additional resources to promote agriculture. This helps to enforce the fact that agriculture is a vital part of America, whether it was in the past, present or in our future.

Andrea Bean, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, Buena Vista County