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News from the Nurse by Natalie Schneider, RN BSN

I am not sure if it is just me or if others feel the same, but this school year just flew by! The year is coming to an end and the business of summer now begins. With all the activities that take place during summer, this is also the time to start planning for next school year. Please read the following information as it pertains to your child/ren.

SPORTS PHYSICALS- Be sure to schedule your sports physicals now so you have them taken care of before summer/fall practices begin in August. Any student planning to participate in sports, including cheerleading and trapshooting, must turn in a completed physical report from a medical doctor, nurse practitioner, or chiropractor, with the parent's signature on it, *before they are allowed to participate in practice*. These forms will be mailed to each household, or they can be downloaded from the Iowa High School Athletic Association website.

CONCUSSION FORMS- All student athletes must have a signed concussion form on file *prior to the first day of sports practice*. These concussion forms will be mailed to each household, or they can be downloaded from the Iowa High School Athletic Association website.

DENTAL CERTIFICATES- All students entering kindergarten and 9th grade must have a dental certificate completed before the first day of school in August.

PRESCHOOL PHYSICALS- Pre-school physicals should be scheduled and completed now, before the big rush in early August when everyone tries to get them completed before the first day of school. The physical form was included in your Preschool packet.

IMMUNIZATIONS- Student immunization records must be up to date for all incoming students. Kindergarten students need to have their 4 year-old shots completed before the first day of school, and all 7th grade students must have a Tdap booster given anytime after the age of 7 years old. Graduated seniors need to finish up their immunization series as well, before heading off to college this fall.

BLOOD TESTS FOR LEAD- All kindergarten students must have a blood test to check their lead level before starting school each fall. If your kindergarten child has not had a blood lead level checked in the past, this needs to be done at your doctor's office prior to the first day of school.

VISION SCREENINGS - All students in kindergarten and third grade now need a proof of a vision screening. This is just a screening and does not mean your child needs a full vision exam. The screening can be completed by your eye doctor, health care provider, or a community based organization.

Please inform the nurse if there have been any changes to your child's health over the summer.

As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call!

Equal Educational Opportunity Policy

The Turkey Valley Community School District will not discriminate in its educational activities on the basis of: race, color, national origin, gender (sex), sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, socioeconomic status, disability, religion, or creed. The board requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity. The board is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person will be excluded from educational activities on the basis of race, color national origin, gender (sex), sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, socioeconomic status, disability, religion, or creed. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment. Harassment or discriminatory behavior that denies civil rights or access to equal educational opportunities includes comments, name-calling, physical conduct or other expressive behavior directed at an individual or group that intentionally demeans the race, color religion, national origin, sex, or disability of the individual or individuals or creates an intimidating, hostile or demeaning environment for education.

Responsibility for equal employment and educational opportunity throughout the school rests with the Superintendent. The Board of Education has assigned the responsibility of promoting and encouraging progress in meeting the school's equal opportunity goals to the elementary principal. All grievances, questions, or requests for information should be referred to Chris Hoover, Turkey Valley School, in the district office at 563-776-6011. In our on-going quest for excellence, the Turkey Valley School District educates and empowers learners to reach their fullest potential through high student achievement, life-long learning skills, and responsible, productive citizenship.

March Board Meeting

The Turkey Valley School Board met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2015. The meeting was held in the elementary media center at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Ernie Schmitt attended the meeting but had no voice and could barely speak. Per Mr. Goltz's instruction, Leon Shatek ran the meeting and called it to order at 7:00 PM. The following Board Directors answered roll call: Renee Thronson, Don Blazek Jr., Ernie Schmitt, Jody Steinlage and Leon Shatek.

Moved by Jody Steinlage and seconded by Renee Thronson to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ernie Schmitt and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to open the public hearing for the Early Start Date Waiver at 7:01 PM. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Renee Thronson and seconded by Ernie Schmitt to approve the consent agenda items including the change of wording to the February minutes. It will now read Trap Team *volunteer* coaches not "sponsors". Carried unanimously.

Minutes from the special session meeting and regular meeting held on February 9, 2015

Financial Reports and Bills:

General Fund Bills:	\$105,998.70
Capital Bills:	\$ 1,125.00
PPEL:	\$ 11,209.34
Hot Lunch:	\$ 9,899.61
Clearing Account:	\$ 17,972.56

Appointments: Amy Larsen - Custodian, and Frank Wilson - 2014-15 Assistant Softball Coach

Resignations: none

Public Forum: none

Spotlight on Education: Mrs. Tlusty presented information in regards to the grant that she wrote and the STEM/STEAM packet which she received for preschool. STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. The preschoolers are doing science experiments and investigating the reason for the results of the experiment. These are great skills for the students to learn. The students are very excited about using this program. This program will hopefully help the students prepare for jobs and careers that may not even exist in the work world yet.

Mr. Goltz informed the board that the Future Direction of Turkey Valley Committee is very dedicated. Brian Schmitt and Nancy Franzen were voted in as co-chairs. Student representatives will be the class officers. Meetings will be the second Wednesday and the fourth Monday of each month. Future meetings will include options for Turkey Valley and a review of the district's financial profile.

Moved by Renee Thronson and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to approve contract language for

Phase II of the heating system. The board feels that it is critical to have a section shut off valve.

They have inquired about an electronic shut off on the system. Mr. Goltz will contact Vic to see if bidding information can be ready for the April board meeting. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Goltz shared a map showing three districts as an option for board elections. There would still be five board members. Each district would need to have a representative and the remaining two directors would be at large, meaning that they could be from any district. The board members would like the Future of Turkey Valley Committee to look at the information and give input back to the board.

The board discussed the budget for FY16 at length. Moved by Renee Thronson and seconded by Ernie Schmitt to approve the budget resolution for FY16 with 6% increase to the supplemental state aid, \$200,000 management fund and \$316,448 levied for cash reserve. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Renee Thronson to approve the Budget Hearing Date for April 13, 2015 for the FY 16 Budget. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ernie Schmitt and seconded by Jody Steinlage to approve the cooperative sponsorship of swimming agreement with Decorah High School. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Renee Thronson and seconded by Jody Steinlage to close the public hearing for the start date waiver @ 8:07 PM. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Renee Thronson and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to approve the start date waiver request resolution. Yeas: Renee Thronson, Don Blazek Jr. Ernie Schmitt, Jody Steinlage, and Leon Shatek.

Mr. Goltz made the Board aware of the timeline for the Instructional Support Levy. It will be on the next election ballot. This will be put on the April board agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Knoll congratulated the following: Headline Jazz Band has advanced to state and Aleah Hackman is going to state with her History Fair project. Ms. Knoll stated that a second pipe burst causing damage in the computer lab. Thanks to the Future of Turkey Valley Committee members that stayed after their meeting to help with clean up and moving of furniture. What a great demonstration of commitment from this group! If the carpet in the computer lab and / or the high school media center needs to be replaced, it will be a summer project.

No report from Mr. Goltz.

The next regular school board meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2015 @ 7:00 PM.

Moved by Jody Steinlage and seconded by Ernie Schmitt to adjourn at 9:44 PM. Carried unanimously.

March Work Session

The Turkey Valley school board held a Work Session on Monday, March 23, 2015. The meeting was held in the elementary media center at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Ernie Schmitt called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. The following Board Directors answered roll call: Ernie Schmitt, Leon Shatek, Renee Thronson, and Don Blazek Jr. Jody Steinlage arrived at 5:20 PM.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Leon Shatek to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the 15-16 fiscal year budget. The discussion centered on certified budget, staffing needs, and budget reductions. It also included a review of the Capital and PPEL expenditures for next year.

Don Blazek Jr., Leon Shatek, and Jody Steinlage attended the Future of Turkey Valley Committee meeting held in the high school media center. One of the agenda items that the committee discussed was the method of election option for school board members.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Leon Shatek to adjourn @ 7:46 PM. Carried unanimously.

April Work Session

The Turkey Valley School Board met for a negotiations work session on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. The meeting was held in the elementary media center at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Ernie Schmitt called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The following board directors answered roll call; Ernie Schmitt, Don Blazek Jr., Leon Shatek, & Renee Thronson. Jody Steinlage was absent.

Moved by Leon Shatek and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

The board held a negotiations strategy session.

Moved by Renee Thronson and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to adjourn at 9:25.

The board will hold negotiations with the TVEA on Thursday, April 9, 2015 @ 6:00 PM.

April Board Meeting

The Turkey Valley School Board met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2015. The meeting was held in the elementary media center at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Ernie Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following Board Directors answered roll call: Don Blazek Jr., Ernie Schmitt, Jody Steinlage, and Leon Shatek. Renee Thronson was absent.

Moved by Leon Shatek and seconded by Jody Steinlage to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of the audit report which was tabled until the next regular meeting. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Jody Steinlage and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to open the budget hearing for FY16 at 7:02 PM. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Leon Shatek and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to approve the consent agenda items including the change of wording to the April 1 work session minutes. It will read adjourned at 4:25 not 9:25. Carried unanimously.

Minutes from the regular board meeting on March 9, 2015 and minutes from work sessions on March 23, 2015 and April 1, 2015. Bills: General Fund Bills \$129,824.11; Clearing Account \$10748.94; Lunch \$9,229.36; PPEL \$3200.34, and Capital \$26120.45. Resignations: Susan Franzen, secretarial. The board thanked Susan for her patience and kindness to the students and for her years of service at Turkey Valley.

Public Forum - None

The Board approved proceeding with the recommendation from Mr. Amoroso of A & J Associates to receive bids for Phase 2 of the heating project, including asbestos removal. Acceptance of bids will pend on the scheduling negotiations with the asbestos removal company. Carried unanimously.

The auditor was unable to attend the meeting in April. Item was tabled until the regular board meeting in May.

Nancy Franzen, The Future of Turkey Valley Committee co-chair, presented information to the Board. Franzen invited the board members to attend a meeting so that they can share their thoughts with the committee. The FTVC members are all very vested in this project and are willing to make this huge time commitment. The Board would like to know what goals parents have for their children's education. The Board thanked Nancy Franzen for her time and for the efforts and hard work that the committee is making.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Jody Steinlage to approve 50 seniors to be tentatively approved for graduation on May 17, 2015, pending the completion of all their classes and credit requirements. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Leon Shatek and seconded by Jody Steinlage to get bids and make the roof repairs as recommended by Steve Crawford, N.E. Iowa Roof Consulting. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Leon Shatek to approve the participation in ISCAP for 2015-2016. Carried unanimously.

The 2015-2016 Fee Schedule was tabled until the

next regular meeting.

Moved by Leon Shatek and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to accept the first reading of Board Policy 501.13 Student Fee Waiver and Reduction Procedures. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Leon Shatek to accept the first reading of Board Policy 902.7 Tobacco use on School District Facilities. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Leon Shatek to accept the first reading of Board Policy 502.3 Smoking - Drinking - Drugs. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Leon Shatek to approve the final payment of \$21,485.45. to Casper Plumbing and Heating for the boiler project. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Jody Steinlage to approve the agreement with the Iowa Association of Education Purchasing (IAEP) for 2015-2016. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Don Blazek Jr. and seconded by Leon Shatek to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar. Start date will be Monday, August 24, 2015. Carried unanimously.

The Board held a FY16 budget presentation and discussion. Moved by Jody Steinlage and seconded by Leon Shatek to close the budget hearing @ 9:03 PM. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Leon Shatek and seconded by Don Blazek Jr. to adopt the FY16 Proposed Budget. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Knoll thanked all who were involved in the GALA. It was a huge success with preliminary estimates of \$40,000 donated. Mrs. Schmitt is a contestant in the "Decadent Dessert" contest sponsored by the Iowa Egg Council. Good luck to her on April 18th. Roger Dreckman adjusted the fence around the LP Tank. Ms. Knoll shared Iowa Assessment scores with the board. Each of the CSIP goals for the three core subjects were met. Mr. Wilson is working on a grant from Monsanto. It could potentially produce \$25,000 to use towards a \$100,000 STEM Lab.

Mr. Goltz shared that we will have an opportunity for operational sharing of a Business Manager with Howard Winneshiek CSD, South Winneshiek CSD and/or New Hampton. We currently have operational sharing of a Transportation Director and Operations and Maintenance with New Hampton CSD and a Superintendent with the South Winneshiek CSD. Mr. Goltz asked the Board to look at their calendars and Mrs. Busta would contact each of them in regards to a date for a special board meeting regarding budget reduction recommendations.

Mr. Goltz presented a framed picture which was taken by Paul Herold. It is a rare shot which catches a double rainbow over Turkey Valley School. It was donated in memory of Marilyn Hageman and the past, present and future staff of the Turkey Valley Community School District. This framed photograph was donated by David Anderson, Linda Anderson, Paul Herold, Joe Raymond, and Bob Vrzak. The picture is beautiful and the Board was so thankful for this generous and thoughtful gift.

The next regular board meeting will be on May 11, 2015 @ 7:00 PM. The Board will set a date for a budget reductions recommendations work session meeting.

Moved by Jody Steinlage and seconded by Leon Shatek to adjourn at 9:17 PM. Carried unanimously.

TVAB Concession Cards For Sale

With summer sports coming up the Turkey Valley Athletic Boosters will be selling punch cards good for all home game concessions. The cards cost \$25 and have \$27 worth of punches on them. The 2012-13 supply of convenience cards were not sold out so we will continue to use and accept the cards through the 2014-15 school year even though they are marked with the year 2012-13. The cards also make a great gift! Cards can be purchased at the high school office or at any of the TV concessions.

Tuesday, May 12
5:00-7:30 p.m
H.S. Media Center
Featuring Family
Consumer Science
Projects and the
Fine Arts

Turkey Valley Community School 2015-2016 School Calendar

(August 24 - May 27)

Summary of Calendar:
 Days in classroom:
 First Semester 82
 Second Semester 98
 TOTAL Calendar Days 180

CALENDAR LEGEND

- 2:15 Early Dismissal
- Holidays
- Vacation Days
- PD/Planning & Collaboration
- Compensation Day
- Quarters

HOLIDAYS:

- Labor Day (9/7)
- Thanksgiving Day (11/26)
- Christmas Day (12/25)
- New Year's Day (1/1)
- Martin Luther King Day (1/18)
- President's Day (2/15)
- Easter Sunday (3/27)
- Memorial Day (5/30)

Note: In-service Days may be classified as Career Development and/or Professional Development depending on the content of the activities being performed.

Snow Make Up Days
 March 24
 May 31
 June 1, 2, 3, . . .

Board Approved: April 13, 2015

August						Student Days
M	T	W	Th	F		
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28	5	
31						
September						
	1	2	3	4	10	
7	8	9	10	11	14	
14	15	16	17	18	19	
21	22	23	24	25	23	
28	29	30				
October						
			1	2	28	
5	6	7	8	9	33	
12	13	14	15	16	38	
19	20	21	22	23	42	
26	27	28	29	30	47	
November						
2	3	4	5	6	51	
9	10	11	12	13	56	
16	17	18	19	20	61	
23	24	25	26	27	64	
30						
December						
	1	2	3	4	69	
7	8	9	10	11	74	
14	15	16	17	18	79	
21	22	23	24	25	82	
28	29	30	31			
January						
				1		
4	5	6	7	8	87	
11	12	13	14	15	92	
18	19	20	21	22	96	
25	26	27	28	29	101	
February						
1	2	3	4	5	105	
8	9	10	11	12	110	
15	16	17	18	19	114	
22	23	24	25	26	119	
29						
March						
	1	2	3	4	124	
7	8	9	10	11	129	
14	15	16	17	18	134	
21	22	23	24	25	137	
28	29	30	31			
April						
				1	141	
4	5	6	7	8	146	
11	12	13	14	15	151	
18	19	20	21	22	155	
25	26	27	28	29	160	
May						
2	3	4	5	6	165	
9	10	11	12	13	170	
16	17	18	19	20	175	
23	24	25	26	27	180	
30	31					
June						
		1	2	3		

180 Day Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>
Aug 19	New Teacher In-service
Aug 20-21	PD/Planning & Collaboration
Aug 24	First Day of School / Begin 1 st Quarter/Semester
Sept 7	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Sept 21	NO SCHOOL - PD/Planning & Collaboration
Oct 19	NO SCHOOL - PD/Planning & Collaboration
Oct 22	End 1 st Quarter (41 days)
Oct 23	Start 2 nd Quarter
Nov 4 & 5	2:15 Dismissal/P-T Conferences
Nov 6	NO SCHOOL
Nov 25	2:15 Early Dismissal
Nov 26-27	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 23	End 2 nd Qtr. (41 days) End 1 st Semester (82 Days)
Dec 23	2:15 Early Dismissal
Dec 24-31	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
Dec 25	Christmas
Jan 1	NO SCHOOL - New Year's Day
Jan 4	Begin 2 nd Semester
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 18	NO SCHOOL - PD/Planning & Collaboration
Feb 3 & 4	2:15 Dismissal/P-T Conferences
Feb 5	NO SCHOOL
Feb 15	Presidents Day
Feb 15	NO SCHOOL - PD/Planning & Collaboration
Mar 15	End 3 rd Quarter (49 days)
Mar 16	Start 4 th Quarter
Mar 23	2:15 Early Dismissal
Mar 24	NO SCHOOL -Spring Break
Mar 25	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Mar 27	Easter
Mar 28	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Apr 18	NO SCHOOL - PD/Planning & Collaboration
May 20	Seniors Last Day
May 22	Commencement (1:00)
May 27	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL End 4 th Qtr. (49 days) End 2 nd Sem. (98 days)
May 27	2:15 Early Dismissal
May 30	Memorial Day (No School)
May 31	PD/Planning & Collaboration

Note the Change - Due to the low numbers for the morning tee-off we have moved to a 12:00 p.m. shotgun start with lunch served through out the day.

TURKEY VALLEY DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 23rd Annual Turkey Valley Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament will be held Monday, August 3, 2015 at the Jackson Heights Golf Course. This year's 18 hole "Four Person Best Shot Tournament" features a **shot gun start at 12:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served throughout the day.

Entrance fee for the tournament is **\$250** per team which includes golfing, lunch and hole sponsorship. **If you would like to make a donation and prefer not to golf you may earmark it on this registration form.** Door prizes will be accepted and are appreciated.

Pre-registration for the tournament is required by **Friday June 26, 2015.**

The Dollars for Scholars Foundation raises funds and distributes scholarship monies on an annual basis to Turkey Valley seniors who wish to pursue post-graduate educational opportunities. In 2014, 21 seniors will receive scholarship money in addition to the \$500 McGreevey Scholarship, \$500 Robert A. Lynch Scholarship, \$500 Paul Kuhn Scholarship, \$500 Mark Costigan Scholarship, \$500 Michael Schnorenberg Scholarship, \$250 Boeding and Speltz Family Dentistry Scholarship, \$1000 Joseph Brannon, \$1000 Bank Iowa, \$500 Andrew and Bernadine Tieskotter Ag scholarship \$1000, Dana A. Reicks \$500 Christopher C. Donn, \$2000 Willis M. & Patricia A. Hansen, \$1000 Keith O'Connell Memorial, \$400 Lawler Lions Keith O'Connell Volunteerism, \$1000 German Mutual/Insurance Assoc., \$1000 Michelle "Shelly" Smith Memorial, \$500 Connie and Katherine Kuennen Family Scholarship in Memory of Faith Kuennen, \$500 William & Carole Burke Family Scholarship, \$500 Delbert and Ruby Winter Memorial Scholarship, \$1250 Citizens Savings Bank Fund Scholarship, \$1000 Diane Ishmael Memorial Scholarship



23rd Annual Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament Monday, August 3, 2015



Name _____

Telephone _____

Address: _____

Tee Off time
_____ 12:00

Other Team Members: 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____

_____ \$250 Business Sponsor

Golf Carts will be reserved at Jackson Heights - fee is **\$23.54 per cart.**
Please include cart rental and we will reserve a cart for you at Jackson Heights.

Number of Carts we needed to reserve _____
Carts already leased at Jackson Heights _____
Carts bringing to the club _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TURKEY VALLEY DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Mail entry form and fee to guarantee tee-off time to:
Deb Langreck, Turkey Valley Dollars for Scholars, 27330 Rose Rd. West Union, IA 52175

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call Deb Langreck at (563) 778-2379**

TV Gala

A huge thank you to all the donors as well as those who attended our 5th annual Turkey Valley Education Foundation Gala on March 28th. Thanks to everyone it was a very successful evening. Even though we don't have an exact final tally yet it appears as though we raised a bit over \$40,000.00 this year. The students and staff of Turkey Valley directly benefit from this event and we are so appreciative of the support the area gives to this. Because of it we are able to fund many things that cannot possibly be handled by the school's budget anymore.

A special thanks to the National Honor Society members and Mrs. Milbrandt for their very professional serving of our dinners and the table clearing. They did it like a bunch of pros. Another big thank you to Mr. Bolken and the TV Headlines Jazz Band for their great contribution to the evening. Their background music was enjoyed by everyone.



Turkey Valley Education Foundation Board Members

College or Work

On Thursday, March 26, students at Turkey Valley High school and their parents were able to participate in a transition evening focused on understanding the right timing for college and work. They heard examples of why individuals chose work after high school and then went back to college to gain skills as well as why some high school students needed to go to college first. They discussed that understanding one's motivation for college was important to understand the necessity of entering college at that time. Local labor market careers were discussed such as if entering a factory position, the company might steer one towards the college education that would be needed to further advance in that career field. Parents were able to share their experiences and why they chose the path that they did. Students were able to weigh their options and the reasons why they are doing the things they do to determine if it is appropriate to move forward with that career path. Thank you to Jami Schwickerath, the students' Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation counselor, and Lanette Pint, Consultant for Keystone AEA, who were guest facilitators. The students and their parents enjoyed a meal that was prepared and served by the students. Planning and preparing the meal was a valuable opportunity for the students to work on their daily living skills. The evening was made possible through the generous funding of Turkey Valley Education Foundation.

Blue Light and Your Vision

Turkey Valley had the honor of having Dr. Chris Eiler from Eye Care Associates come in and speak to our entire student body about eye health. He first met with the Kindergarten through 6th grade students about three things each student can do for their eyes – eating healthy, getting a good night's rest, and wearing sunglasses and/or a hat. He then spoke to the 7th-12th grade students about screen time and the "blue light hazard." Dr. Eiler talked about where blue light comes from, how it affects our vision, and what we can do to prevent complications. It was a very interesting topic and one that affects each and every one of us! The students all had great questions following his presentation and he did an excellent job answering those. A huge thank you from the Turkey Valley student body to Dr. Chris Eiler of Eye Care Associates New Hampton! We truly appreciate you taking time out of your busy day to come spend the morning with us.

Turkey Valley

Gosine Gosling *Naureen Millner* *Eric Drilling* *Nicole Schmitt*
Haley Winkler *Cohanna Blyden* *Blake Buxta* *Blake Koser* *Cole Thompson* *John Jan*
Sara Fischer *Ashley Thrush* *Mike Merrick* *Justin Hackman* *Nathany Harold* *Clayton Wichonberger*
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Ryan Iyer *Andrea Baumbler* *Ethan Thordson*
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Class of 2015



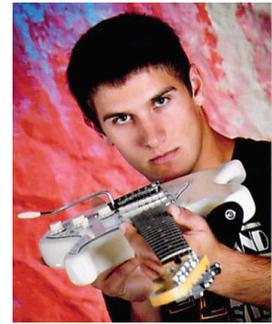
Kyle Balik

Kyle is the son of Al and Sue Balik. He enjoys spending time with friends and family, four wheeling and snowmobiling. Kyle participated in football, basketball, and baseball. After high school, Kyle plans to attend Hawkeye Community College and major in ag mechanics.



Leo Balk

Leo Balk is the son of Leo and Mary Balk. LJ enjoys being outdoors, hunting, and shooting trap. LJ likes to spend time at the shooting range with his friends. This fall LJ plans to attend NICC in Calmar for the Carpentry program. LJ also plans on helping out on the family farm as well as working construction in the summer.



Reece Barloon

Reece Barloon is the son of Don and Carol Barloon. Some of Reece's hobbies include playing guitar and working with computers. After high school, Reece plans to attend Kirkwood Community College and will major in Computer Software Development.



Andrea Baumler

Andrea is the daughter of Steve and Karla Baumler. Andrea is involved in basketball, trapshooting, and musical. Andrea enjoys being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. This fall Andrea will be attending Northeast Iowa Community College and will major in Ag Business and Beef Science.



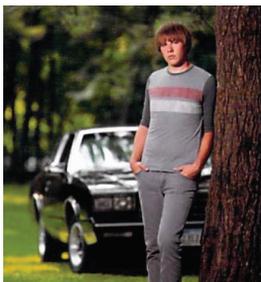
Izaack Best

Izaack is the son of Dennis and Joan Best. Izaack enjoys shooting guns, fishing, working on firearms, snowmobiling, four wheeling, and working. He is also a member of the trap shooting team. Izaack plans on working for a year after graduation, and then will attend NICC or, go into the gunsmithing field.



Johanna Blazek

Johanna is the daughter of Don and Kim Blazek. She stays busy with volleyball, basketball, track, and softball while working at the Starlight Ballroom and coaching little league. Johanna enjoys going out to eat and spending time with friends and family. She plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa in the fall and later transfer to Allen College for nursing.



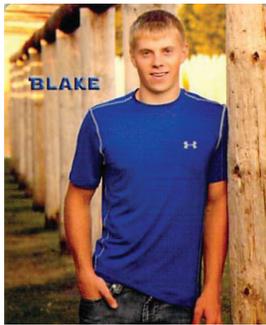
Joey Bruch

Joey Bruch is the son of Duwane and Sharon Bruch. Joey enjoys spending time working on cars, listening to music, and working at Buckys in Lawler. After High School, Joey plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio for Auto Tech.



Elizabeth Bruess

Liz Bruess is the daughter of Donny and Lynn Bruess. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends and family, shopping, napping, and playing in the band. Liz participates in the concert and jazz band, as well as the musicals and plays. She also works at Huber's Store and at the Main Street Mini Mart. After high school, Liz will attend Iowa State University.



Blake Busta

Blake Busta is the son of Joan and Brian Busta. Blake enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He enjoys playing and watching sports, as well as eating all sorts of foods. Blake has participated in football, basketball, track and field, and baseball. His plans for the future are to attend the University of Iowa to pursue the field of Athletic Training



Selena Carlson

Selena Carlson is the daughter of Carol and James Salisbury. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, listening to music and watching Netflix and YouTube. Selena participated in speech, school musicals and plays. After high school, Selena plans to attend University of Northern Iowa majoring in biology, and possibly minoring in chemistry.



Erika Cutsforth

Erika Cutsforth is the daughter of Chad and Jackie Cutsforth. She enjoys trap shooting and spending time with friends. Erika plans on attending Northeast Iowa Community College in the fall and majoring in Health Information Management.



Megan Daily

Megan Daily is the daughter of Mary Fischer and Edward Daily. Megan is an artist, collects comic books, and enjoys spending time with friends and family. Megan participated in cheerleading and has many items in the art show. Megan works at the New Hampton Fareway. This fall Megan, plans to attend The Art Institute International of Minneapolis for Animation or Interior Design.



Eric Drilling

Eric is the son of Tom and Chris Drilling. He has one brother, Evan and grew up outside of St. Lucas. Eric participated in cross country, basketball, and track. Outside of school, Eric enjoys being with friends and family and likes to fish and hunt. Eric plans to attend Hawkeye Community College for Ag Business, and later transfer to Iowa State University or, enter the work field.



Clayton Eichenberger

C.J. Eichenberger is the son of Dawn and John Eichenberger. While in high school C.J. has participated in football, baseball basketball and golf. After high school C.J. plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa where he will pursue a career in



Josie Einwalter

Josie Einwalter is the daughter of Darin and Sue Einwalter. Josie enjoys participating in softball, volleyball, cheerleading and golf. She loves being outdoors and spending time with family and friends. After high school, Josie plans to attend the University of Iowa and will major in pharmaceutical.



Sara Fischer

Sara is the daughter of Lee and Kathy Fischer, Sara enjoys fishing, hunting, and spending time with her family and friends. During her high school years, Sara participated in Softball, Play, Volleyball, Basketball, and Track. After high school, Sara plans to attend NICC to major in Business Management.



Josine Gossling

Josine Gossling is the daughter of Gary and Karla Gossling. In school, Josine has been in band, choir, drama, and golf. Josine is a member of the Colt Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps. Josine enjoys playing music, napping, and being with her family and friends. This fall Josine plans to pursue a degree in marketing at Iowa State University



Justin Hackman

Justin is the son of Dale and Bonnie Hackman. He enjoys playing sports, being outside, and spending time with family and friends. Justin participated in football, basketball, track, baseball, Student Senate, National Honor Society, and FFA. This fall Justin plans on attending Iowa State University and major in Agricultural Business.



Thomas Hansen

Thomas Hansen is the son of Michelle and Sid Gebel. He enjoys working, and spending time with his family and friends. Tom participated in Trapshooting. Tom works at Lynch Livestock and for local farmers. After high school, Tom plans to attend Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, then go back to working on the farm.



Monica Harper

Monica Harper is the daughter of Duane and Charleen Harper. She enjoys nature, preparing for the future, meeting new people, trying new things, and spending time with friends and family. Monica was involved in football cheerleading and band. She plans to attend Northeast Iowa Community College for Cosmotology.

* Mid year graduate



Nathan Herold

Nathan Herold is the son of Matt and Lori Herold. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, watching movies, listening to music, participating in dog shows and showing animals at the fair. Nathan has participated in track, cross country, band, marching band, jazz band, speech, play and musicals. After high school, Nathan plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Biology.



Ryan Izer

Ryan Izer is the son of John and Fran Izer. Ryan enjoys running, video games, shooting hoops, being outside playing any kind of sport, watching the NBA, and filling out brackets for the NCAA tournaments. Ryan will attend Coe College and participate at the collegiate level in track and cross country. Ryan would also like to get his license in coaching.



Kelsey Jencks

Kelsey Jencks is the daughter of Scott and Linda Jencks. Kelsey enjoys reading, hanging out with friends and family, and watching movies. Kelsey participated in drama and was a basketball manager. Kelsey plans to attend North Iowa Area Community College and is undecided on her degree.



Megan Jencks

Megan is the daughter of Scott and Linda Jencks. Megan enjoys hanging out with friends and family, shopping, and watching movies. Megan is involved in Choir and Signs of Christ. Megan plans on attending Hawkeye Community College and will major in Marketing.



Seth Jencks

Seth Jencks is the son of Scott and Linda Jencks. Seth enjoys spending time with friends and watching races during the summer. Seth plans to attend Hawkeye Community College for Agricultural Business and Management.



Justin Kime

Justin Kime is the son of Dann and Annette Kime. Justin enjoys hanging out with friends and family, watching and playing sports. In high school Justin was involved in football, wrestling, golf, choir and drama. After high school graduation Justin plans on playing football at Ellsworth Community College and will major in Elementary and Special Education.



Haley Klimesh

Haley Klimesh is the daughter of Steven Klimesh and Melissa Shindelar. She enjoys sleeping, movies, fishing, hanging out with her friends. She has participated in cross country, basketball, track, softball, cheerleading, and musicals. This fall Haley plans to attend Hawkeye Community College for Criminal Justice.



Jordan Klimesh

Jordan Klimesh is the son of Kent Klimesh and Shelley Zweibohmer. Jordan enjoys riding snowmobiles and four wheeling. After high school Jordan plans to join the work field and will continue his employment at Memhert Tiling in Saratoga.



Levi Klimesh

Levi Klimesh is the son of Kurt Klimesh and Amy Moudry. Levi enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with friends and family. Levi has participated in football, wrestling, and trap-shooting. After high school, Levi plans to gain employment in the area.



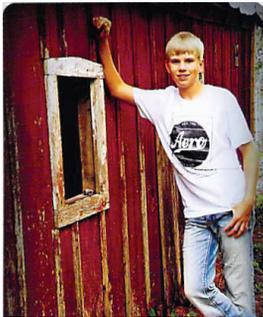
Blake Kruse

Blake Kruse is the son of Brian Kruse and Tina Villa. Blake enjoys trap shooting and having fun with his friends. After graduation Blake will attend Hawkeye Community College in the fall.



Ashley Kurash

Ashley Kurash is the daughter of Allan and Teresa Kurash. Ashley has been involved with student senate, National Honor Society, musicals, plays, band, choir, volleyball, softball, 4-H and Winneshiek County Council. In the fall Ashley plans to attend Viterbo University in LaCrosse, Wisconsin to major in Nursing and minor in Spanish.



Cole Langreck

Cole Langreck is the son of Henry and Karla Langreck. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, hunting, and fishing. He participated on the Turkey Valley Trap Team. Cole works on the family farm and hunting ranch. After high school Cole plans on attending Northeast Iowa Community College and will major in Ag. Business.



Nicole Meirick

Nicole is the daughter of Dennis and Paula Meirick. Nicole has been involved in volleyball, golf, softball, music, food & fitness, student senate and National Honor Society. Although, her favorite activity throughout her years has been wrestling cheerleading. Next year she plans to attend the University of Iowa, and begin an education in dentistry.



Brogan Mihm

Brogan Mihm is the son of Scott Mihm and Missy Weber. Brogan enjoys hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and farming. After graduation Brogan plans to drive truck and attend Northeast Iowa Community College.



Taylor Novotny

Taylor Novotny is the daughter of Duane and Jackie Novotny. Taylor is involved in volleyball, basketball, golf, softball and has participated in the schools musicals. Taylor is planning to major in business at NIACC this fall.



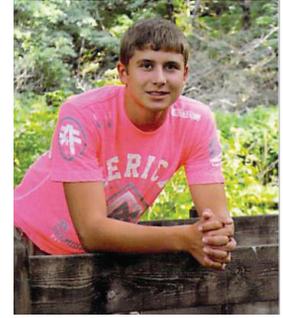
Allie Rausch

Allie Rausch is the daughter of Dan Rausch and Mindy Rausch. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, watching movies, shopping and working as a CNA. Allie participated in cross country, basketball cheerleading, golf, softball, musicals and plays, 4-H, FFA, and dance. After high school, Allie plans to major in nursing



Arianna Rausch

Arianna Rausch is the daughter of Bob and Laure Rausch. Arianna has been involved in cross country, volleyball, softball, musical, play, and National Honor Society. Arianna enjoys spending time with her friends and family. After high school, Arianna plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Kinesiology.



Thomas Reicks

Thomas Reicks is the son of Tim and Paula Reicks. Tom enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing and watching sports, being outside, and just having a good time. Tom will be attending the University of Northern Iowa for a degree in Accounting.



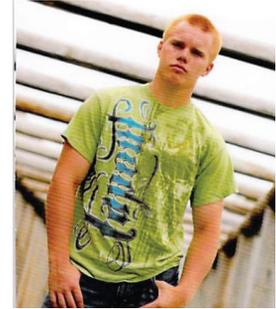
Travis Reicks

Travis Reicks is the son of Merle and Sheila Reicks. He enjoys hanging out with friends and family, being outdoors and farm life. Travis has participated in football, wrestling, golf, school musical and school play. After high school Travis plans to attend Hawkeye Community College for Ag. Business, then he plans to go come back to northeast Iowa and find a job in a agriculture related field.



Raul Rodriguez Gonzalez

Raul Rodriguez Gonzalez is the son of Raul Rodriguez and Ana Gonzalez. Raul enjoys working on old cars, spending time with friends, shopping and his girlfriend. After graduation Raul plans on moving to Austin, MN. and will get a job as a mechanic.



Tyler Sawyer

Tyler Arthur Sawyer is the son of Wayne and Michele Sawyer. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family and fishing. Tyler has participated in football, and wrestling. After high school, Tyler plans to attend to Hawkeye Community College for CNC.

Congratulations Class of 2015



Nicole Schmitt

Nicole Schmitt is the daughter of Jim Schmitt and Christie Schmitt. Nicole is involved in concert, jazz, marching, and pep bands, choir, musicals, play, speech, NHS, golf, Signs of Christ, and 4-H. Nicole plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa and will major in Communications.



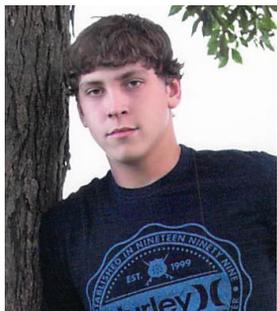
Sarah Stahley

Sarah Stahley is the daughter of Albert and Edna Stahley. She spends her time playing sports and hanging out with friends and family. Sarah is in volleyball, wrestling cheerleading, track, band, choir, and drama. She plans to attend Northeast Iowa Community College and major in Psychology.



Nathan Suell

Nathan Suell is the son of Deborah Larson and Bobby Suell. He enjoys hanging out with friends, watching movies, and playing video games. Nathan participated in cross country, basketball, track and baseball, and played in the marching, concert and jazz band. After high school, Nathan plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in Computer Science.



Ethan Thronson

Ethan is the son of Wayne and Cindy Thronson. He enjoys playing basketball, spending time with friends and family, and helping on the farm. After high school he plans to attend Hawkeye Community College and major in Ag Business Management.

Class Colors
Black and Maroon



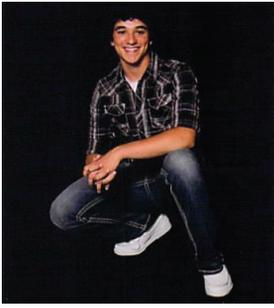
Class Flower
Rose



Jacob Vsetecka

Jacob David Vsetecka is the son of Dave and Robyn Vsetecka. Jacob enjoys spending time with family and friends, hunting, fishing and working. Jacob participated in Trap Shooting, Chickasaw County 4H, and works at Hageman Dairy. While in high school Jacob completed the CNC certificate program through NICC. After high school, Jacob plans on doing CNC machine work or welding.

The past is my heritage, the present my responsibility, the future my challenge.



Benjamin Wilkerson

Benjamin is the son of Kurt and Carrie Drilling. He has two sisters. His twin Mauranda is a senior with Ben and his 5 year old sister Kanin is a kindergarten student at Trinity in Protivin. He participated in football, wrestling, and golf. Outside of school Ben enjoys hanging out with his friends, driving around, and fishing. Ben plans to attend Hawkeye Community College.



Mauranda Wilkerson

Mauranda Wilkerson is the daughter of Kurt and Carrie Drilling and the late Maury Wilkerson. She enjoys fun adventures with her family, hanging out with her friends, shopping and super fanning school activities. Mauranda participated in football and wrestling cheerleading and band. This fall, Mauranda plans to attend Hawkeye Community College and major in Early Childhood Education.



Jenna Winter

Jenna Winter is the daughter of Steve Winter and Debra Drilling. She has participated in cross country, softball, golf, band, choir, musical, play and has been a manager for the boys' basketball team. In the fall, Jenna plans to attend Wartburg College and will major in Business Administration with a focus in the field of Management.



Jensen Winter

Jensen is the daughter of Mark and Nena Winter. Jensen enjoys participating in football cheerleading and golf at Turkey Valley. Outside of school, Jensen likes to spend time with her family, stay active in her faith, shop, and hang out with friends. Jensen plans on going to Hawkeye Community College and transfer to the University of Northern Iowa for Global Marketing and Textiles and Apparel.



Class Officers

- President:** *Nicole Meirick*
- Vice President:** *Ashley Kurash*
- Secretary:** *Justin Hackman*
- Treasurer:** *Nathan Herold*



Blood Drive

The annual Turkey Valley Education Association Blood Mobile was held on Wednesday, April 15th with great assistance provided by the Turkey Valley National Honor Society. Ninety-six pints of blood were collected with several other patrons finding themselves not able to give on this day. The canteen was managed once again by the Jackson Homemakers group and delicious treats were prepared by Mrs. Schmitt and the Family Consumer Science students. Aiding in kolache making were Becky Neuzil, Sharla Fencl, Pat Bouska, Betty Hadacek and the National Honor Society students. From this gift of life, students who've donated blood and donated time in helping organize, promote or run the drive are now eligible for Red Cross scholarships toward future education endeavors. Those providing at least 10 hours of service will also be recognized at graduation with a red cord. The TVEA wants to thank all students, staff and community members for their participation in this very worthwhile event.



Nicole Schmitt, Delaney Lensing, and Kayla Schaufenbuel registering donors for the blood drive.

2015 TURKEY VALLEY ATHLETIC BOOSTER SPORTS PHYSICALS

WHO: Student Athletes of Turkey Valley Community School

WHAT: Winneshiek Medical Center Rehab and Sports Medicine Team, Dr. Kimberly Ball, D.C., and the Turkey Valley School Nurse will offer Sports Physicals to student athletes of Turkey Valley Community School District.

- Review of previous medical history
- Cardiovascular/heart/lung assessment
- Vision screening
- Height and weight
- Scoliosis screening
- Posture exam
- Strengthening/flexibility assessment
- Instruction in injury prevention

WHEN: Monday, August 3rd, 2015 from 4-6 pm

WHERE: Turkey Valley School, Elementary Entrance

COST: \$25.00 - Checks made payable to TVAB. (Proceeds to the Turkey Valley Athletic Boosters)

Physical forms are sent to all TV athletes via the mail. Extra forms will be available at the door.

PARENTS- PLEASE HAVE THE PHYSICAL FORM SIGNED BEFORE YOUR STUDENT ARRIVES FOR THEIR PHYSICAL EXAM. THANK YOU!

Final ACT Testing/Registration Date for 2014 - 2015

Students will create an ACT account at www.actstudent.org to register for the test, make changes to their registrations, print their admission tickets, view their scores at no charge, and order additional score reports. Students receive immediate confirmation of their test center assignments and print their admission tickets right away. **The basic fee for ACT (no writing test) is \$38. The school code for Turkey Valley is 162-435.**

Test date: June 13 (May 8 registration deadline)

Save Your Money

On April 23, Rochelle Bushman and Dan Kuboushek from Citizens Savings Bank in Spillville, Fort Atkinson and Protivin visited Turkey Valley 7th graders. They did this as part of Money Smart Week which is April 18-25. They shared an important lesson on savings as part of the ABA Community Engagement Foundation's Teach Children to Save Program during Money Smart Week.

Senior Government Class Travels To...

Wednesday, April 8th the Turkey Valley Government class went to NICC to hear Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Cady speak. Chief Justice Cady spoke about his career path, how the appellate court system works, and the current state of courts in Iowa. In the semester long course, that all seniors are required to participate in, time is limited when it comes to discussing the judicial branch so having an opportunity like this is wonderful. Ms. Nystel and her students would like to thank everyone who made the opportunity possible.

Physics Olympics

The local Physics Competition was held at MFL Mar Mac High School on Tuesday, March 31st. Turkey Valley had 18 students participate in the competition. Students were allowed to participate in one or two of the following events: catapult, mousetrap car, toothpick bridge, soda straw arm, and the physics challenge problem. This year's participants included: (12th grade) Sara Fischer, Allie Rausch, Selena Carlson, Blake Kruse, Joey Bruch, Kelsey Jencks, Liz Bruess, Nathan Herold, (11th grade) Macie Njus, Delaney Lensing, Teresa Hageman, Kayla Schaufenbuel (9th grade) Will Einwalter, Kyle Langreck, Brad Kriener, Nic Shores, Cassidy Reicks, and Cale Reicks. Our top finishers were 4th place in the toothpick bridge (Teresa Hageman and Nathan Herold) and 4th place in the mousetrap car (Cale Reicks and Cassidy Reicks). Over 160 students competed in the competition and first place finishers move on to the state competition.



Bottom-Elliott Dietzenbach and Seth Huinker
Back- Kade Kruse, Dan Kuboushek, Rochelle Bushman, and Keegan Balk

Eighth Grade Language Students Hit the Kitchen

On Valentine's Day Mrs. Hageman's 8th grade Language Arts students traded their classroom for the kitchen! Each small group was responsible for baking a Valentine's Day treat that would be shared with special people in their lives. The students packaged the variety of goodies, added a heartwarming letter and delivered it to their Valentine. The students worked well together to complete this project...it was deliciously successful! Special thanks to the Turkey Valley Education Foundation for purchasing all the groceries and supplies for this project.

9th and 10th Grade Travel to John Deere

The freshmen and sophomore students were able to attend a field trip at both the John Deere Tractor Assembly plant and the Bluedorn Imaginarium. This trip is a tradition of the freshmen curriculum exposing them to future career prospects and hands-on science simulation. The Tractor Assembly tour consisted of a video and a narrated riding tour throughout the plant. The Bluedorn Imaginarium consisted of a self-guided exploration of the displays and exhibits. Since the sophomore class was unable to attend the trip last year, they were able to attend this year's trip. The sophomore's trip was on March 13th and the freshmen trip was on March 25th.

**Turkey Valley Elementary
Little Trojan Relays
Friday, May 15, 2015
Grades Kindergarten through 6th
Beginning at 11:30**

The concession stand will be open for snacks and lunch with proceeds going to the elementary fundraising account. This account enhances elementary classes by supporting activities, field trips, technology, etc. The Elementary Book Fair will be located in the Elementary Library. The book fair will be open prior to the beginning of the races and throughout the day. We encourage parents, grandparents and friends to attend a fun day at Turkey Valley Elementary.

Local Veterans Promote Flag Code and Offer Essay Contest to 5th Graders

Each year the Lawler Veterans from Post 189 give Turkey Valley students the opportunity to participate in a flag essay contest by demonstrating their understanding of flag code. Students start out by researching and reading about flag code during library instruction and then utilize language arts time to formulate an essay based on what they've learned. The veterans send the winning essay off to a state committee and hope for a state winner. Each year the local group gives monetary prizes to first, second and third place and awards all participants with a ruler displaying the presidents and the American flag.

This year third place was awarded to Jalyssa Blazek, daughter of Don and Kim. Second went to Garrett Kurtenbach, son of Craig and Jennifer, and first place was earned by Kara Reicks, daughter of Kirk and Nicole. Students will also read their essays at this year's Memorial Day ceremony held in Lawler. Congratulations to all students and thank you to our local veterans for their continued support of patriotism through education.



Fifth grade pose with Lawler veteran representatives Don Blazek Sr., Len Cutsforth, Commander David Byrne and Jack McKone. Certificate winners from left to right include Jalyssa Blazek, Kara Reicks and Garrett Kurtenbach



History Day

On Saturday, March 7, an outstanding group of 6th graders competed at the Regional Level of the National History Day competition in Decorah! The theme for this year's competition was "Leadership and Legacy in History." The students had to create a project centered around that theme. They could create a website, a documentary, a performance, an historical paper, or an exhibit. The sixth graders who competed are in order from left to right. Jesus Rodriquez (interpreter), Dani Tinajero, Hunter Bramow, Saylor Drilling, Aleah Hackman, Jaycie Byrne, Rory Kuennen, Raegan Kime, and Emma Hanson. 8th grader James Schmitt also competed with an historical paper but is missing from the photo.



Hackman to State for History

On Monday, May 4, 2015, Aleah Hackman, daughter of JR and Dede Hackman participated in the state competition of National History Day in Des Moines. Aleah competed against students from across the state with her exhibit entitled "The AAGPBL: Stepping Up to the Plate." It was about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League which became famous in the movie "A League of their Own." The keynote speaker for the day's events was Governor Terry Branstad. We congratulate Aleah on her remarkable accomplishment!

Library Happenings

We are in the final stages of the school year already and it doesn't seem possible that we could already have completed another period of learning. I want to put a special thanks out there to all our students for their reading accomplishments this year. Whether they are in preschool or all the way up to seniors, we've got readers at TV.

Our annual spring book fair will be taking place starting May 9th and culminating on Friday, May 15th in conjunction with the Little Trojan Relays. Please stop by and grab some great summer reads for your favorite younger person. The Scholastic book fair benefits us in so many ways. We gain new books right off the fair, we are given vouchers for hardcover nonfiction type reads, and we sometimes earn cash rewards too that go towards reading initiatives and bringing great authors to our school.

Jody Steinlage and Delaney Lensing recently made book donations to our library. We appreciate their thinking of us. Some of the books were shared with classroom libraries too.

We had some great events happening recently through the library. The annual Quilt Share was a huge success and each year the talent that is shown amazes me. We also have young quilters anxious to hang their work in the library too. Our local veterans were also instrumental in flag folding and offering a flag essay contest. Students busied themselves writing letters to veterans we knew of who were or are going to participate in the Honor Flight this spring and summer.

The online library catalog may be taking on a new look here next fall as we work to update the current program we have for accessing books for students and teachers. Please know that as community members you are able to borrow our books too. We encourage reading from 3 – 103 or older. Just go to the TV website and find the library tab and proceed to the library catalog to view our selection. Stop by the video archive too or visit the library web page.

It's hard to let another great group of seniors venture off into the world, but we believe they are going to do fabulous things in the world, and they are ready. Best of luck to each of them. Forever they will be Trojans.

Wishing you each a safe and reading rich summer. Plan on visiting the local libraries and seeing what each has to offer. Summer programs are well-planned events for kids and continue to be a great building block for their future success.



Turkey Valley Receives Photograph In Honor of Marilyn Hageman

The Turkey Valley School Board received a framed and matted photograph of the school featuring a double rainbow. The photograph, taken by Paul Herold, was originally given to Marilyn Hageman who in turn donated it to the Turkey Valley Gala. A copy of the original photograph was enlarged and presented to the Board at its April meeting. It was donated by Dave Anderson, Linda Anderson, Paul Herold, Joe Raymond, and Bob Vrzak. The framed work included a caption written

by Phyllis Boeding which read "Double rainbows are rare occurrences. To have captured one arching over Turkey Valley School emphasizes the importance the school has had to all the students who have attended over the decades." The photograph was presented to the Turkey Valley School Board in memory of Marilyn Hageman and honors all of the past, present and future teachers of the Turkey Valley District. The Board of Education expressed their gratitude for this remarkable and poignant gift.

Congratulations to the following students....

Kennedy Balk has been selected to cheer for the North Team in the annual **North-South Shrine Football** game to be held on July 25, 2015 in the UNI dome in Cedar Falls.

The following students advanced to **State Speech** on March 14, 2015: Nicole Schmitt, Ashley Kurash, and Issaiah Drilling.

Solo Ensemble at West Central on April 18th Turkey Valley Jazz Band received 9 Division I ratings, 7 Division II ratings, III Division Ratings. Best of Center went to Ashley Kurash for her Alto Saxophone Solo,

Congratulations to Ashley Kurash for her Division I Rating on her vocal solo.

All Conference Honors for Winter Sports

Wrestling – Tyler Sawyer, Cale Reicks and Justin Kime

District Qualifiers: Tom Reicks and Tyler Sawyer

Basketball Boy's and Girl's First Team All-Conference - Shelby Reicks, and Morgen Kuennen

Second Team – Emily Busta

Honorable Mention – Johanna Blazek, Sadie Nymeyer, Ryan Izer and Ethan Thronson

IGCA (Iowa Girls Coaches Association) All – District: Shelby Reicks

IBCA (Iowa Basketball Coaches Association) Class 1A All-Region Team: Shelby Reicks

3rd Team All State Class 1A : Shelby Reicks

When One Door Closes...

Another door opens, so the saying goes. Recently the Waucoma Girl Scouts Troop #6732 disbanded and wanted to make sure that their efforts and remaining funds were spent in a way that symbolized what Girl Scouts is all about... service to community and giving selfless examples as a way of making the world a better place for all. Turkey Valley was the recipient of a \$250 donation to be used toward the purchase of books that instill courage, confidence and character through reading. Members of the Troop worked with teacher librarian Evie Milbrandt to select books that would accomplish this task and fit in nicely with our current selection in grades K – 12. Other recipients were the Fayette County Food Shelf and the Turkey Valley Education Foundation. A huge shout out to these young ladies and their leaders for this gift to our school. Former members included: Annika Bodensteiner, Bree Balk, Jenna Thronson, Ashlyn Busta, Delaney Busta, Adysen Wurzer, Annie Raymond, Elly Reicks, Kaitlyn Schroeder, Alayna Kuennen, Cadyn Huber, Mariah Thronson, Abby Schmitt, Bailey Poor, Brianna Busta, Lillian Rausch, Haley Martin, Aleah Hackman, Emma Hanson, Kylie Wurzer, Jaycie Byrne, Rory Kuennen, Savannah Schmitt, and Shayla Kuennen.

Turkey Valley Holds Annual D.A.R.E. Graduation

Turkey Valley sixth graders recently wrapped up a semester-long D.A.R.E. course with Officer Tim Felton from Winneshiek County. Drug Abuse Resistance Education courses are taught to all county youth and help students gain decision making skills that can be used throughout life. Student essays were read. Barrett Gipp, assistant county attorney, high school student Justin Hackman and Officer Felton shared messages of responsibility, good choices and leadership with graduates and those attending. Students were fortunate to have many in attendance supporting them as they move forward in life.



Kneeling left to right: Saylor Drilling, Rory Kuennen, Raegan Kime, Hunter Bramow, Jesus Dani Tinajero Lule. Standing: Chaz Farmer, Justin Hackman, Aleah Hackman, Barrett Gipp, Emma Hanson, Jaycie Byrne, Dan Stephan, Zackary Glass, Carol Knoll, Kylie Wurzer, Chanler Farmer. Absent: Cael Wickham

Summer Sports Schedules - Subject to Change

8&9 Softball 2015			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Wed. May 27	5:00	Charles City JJV/JV/V	Home
Fri. May 29	10:00	Postville	Home
Wed. June 3	10:00	Cresco	Home
Thurs. June 4	10:00	New Hampton	Mikkelson Park, NH
Wed. June 10	10:00	North Fayette Valley	West Union
Tues. June 16	4:30	Decorah JJV/JV/V	Decorah
Wed. June 24	10:00	Turkey Valley Tournament	Home
Tues. June 30	9:30	NFV - Tournament	West Union
Wed. July 1	10:00	Crestwood	Cresco
Thurs. July 2	10:00	Decorah	Luther -Decorah

8/9 Baseball			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Wed. June 3	10:00	Cresco	Home
Thurs. June 4	10:00	New Hampton	New Hampton
Wed. June 10	10:00	North Fayette Valley	West Union
Mon. June 15	10:00	Decorah	Home
Wed. June 24	9:00	Turkey Valley Tournament	Home
Tues. June 30	9:00	North Fayette Valley-Tourn.	West Union
Wed. July 1	10:00	Crestwood	Cresco
Thurs. July 2	10:00	Decorah	Decorah

JV Softball			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Wed. May 27	5:00	Charles City JJV-JV-V	Home
Fri. May 29	6:00	North Butler JV-V	North Butler
Tues. June 2	10:00	North Fayette Valley JVDH	Home
Wed. June 3	4:00	Edgewood-Colesburg JV-VDH	Home
Tues. June 9	10:00	MFL Mar Mac JVDH	Home
Wed. June 10	10:00	Starmont JVDH	Home
Fri. June 12	5:30	Crestwood JV-V	Home
Tues. June 16	10:00	South Winneshiek JVDH	Calmar
Tues. June 16	4:30	Decorah JJV-JV-V	Decorah
Fri. June 19	11:00	Sumner-Fredericksburg JVDH	Sumner
Tues. June 23	10:00	Central Elkader JVDH	Home
Tues. June 23	6:00	Riceville JV-V	Riceville
Fri. June 26	10:00	Kee High JVDH	Lansing
Mon. June 29	4:00	Clayton Ridge JV-VDH	Home
Tues. June 30	5:30	Nashua-Plainfield JV-V	Home

JV Baseball 2015			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Tues. May 26	4:00	Nashua-Plainfield V-JV	Home
Wed. May 27	4:30	Riceville V-JV	Riceville
Tues. June 2	10:00	North Fayette Valley JVDH	Home
Wed. June 3	5:30	Charles City JV-V	Charles City
Tues. June 9	10:00	MFL Mar Mac JVDH	Home
Wed. June 10	5:30	Waukon JV-V	Waukon
Tues. June 16	10:00	South Winneshiek JVDH	Calmar
Tues. June 16	5:30	North Butler JV-V	North Butler
Fri. June 19	4:00	New Hampton V-JV	Home
Tues. June 23	4:00	Oelwein V- JV	Home
Fri. June 26	10:00	Kee High JVDH	Lansing
Mon. June 29	5:30	Cresco JV-V	Cresco
Wed. July 1	10:00	Postville JVDH	Postville
Tues. July 7	4:00	Starmont JVDH	Home

Varsity Softball 2015			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Wed. May 27	5:00	Charles City JJV-JV-V	Home
Fri. May 29	6:00	North Butler JV-V	North Butler
Mon. June 1	5:30	North Fayette Valley VDH	West Union
Wed. June 3	4:00	Edgewood-Colesburg JV-VDH	Home
Sat. June 6	9:00	Cresco Tournament	Cresco
Mon. June 8	5:30	MFL Mar Mac VDH	Monona
Thurs. June 11	5:30	Starmont VDH	Starmont
Fri. June 12	5:30	Crestwood JV-V	Home
Mon. June 15	5:30	South Winneshiek VDH	Home
Tues. June 16	4:30	Decorah Tournament JJV-JV-V	Decorah
Sat. June 20	10:00	New Hampton Tournament	New Hampton
Mon. June 22	5:30	Central VDH	Elkader
Tues. June 23	6:00	Riceville JV-V	Riceville
Thurs. June 25	5:30	Kee High VDH	Home
Sat. June 27	9:00	Decorah Tournament	Decorah
Mon. June 29	4:00	Clayton Ridge JV-VDH	Home
Tues. June 30	5:30	Nashua-Plainfield JV-V	Home
Thurs. July 2	5:30	West Central VDH	Maynard
Mon. July 6	7:00	Regionals	TBD
Wed. July 8	7:00	Regionals	TBD
Fri. July 10	7:00	Regionals	TBD
Mon. July 13	7:00	Substate	TBD

Varsity Baseball 2015			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Tues. May 26	4:00	Nashua-Plainfield V-JV	Home
Wed. May 27	4:30	Riceville V-JV	Riceville
Sat. May 30	10:00	New Hampton Tournament	New Hampton
Mon. June 1	4:00	North Fayette Valley VDH	West Union
Wed. June 3	5:30	Charles City JV-V	Charles City
Thurs. June 4	4:00	Edgewood-Colesburg VDH	Home
Sat. June 6	10:00	Cresco Tournament	Cresco
Mon. June 8	4:00	MFL Mar Mac VDH	MFL MarMac
Tues. June 9	12:00	Sumner-Fredericksburg Tourn.	Fredericksburg
Wed. June 10	5:30	Waukon JV-V	Waukon
Mon. June 15	4:00	South Winneshiek VDH	Home
Tues. June 16	5:30	North Butler JV-V	North Butler
Fri. June 19	4:00	New Hampton V-JV	Home
Sat. June 20	10:00	Gladbrook-Reinbeck Tourn.	Reinbeck
Mon. June 22	4:00	Clayton Ridge VDH	Garnavillo
Tues. June 23	4:00	Oelwein V-JV	Home
Thurs. June 25	4:00	Kee High VDH	Home
Sat. June 27	10:00	North Fayette Valley Tourn.	West Union
Mon. June 29	5:30	Cresco JV-V	Cresco
Thurs. July 2	4:00	Postville VDH	Home
Mon. July 6	5:30	Starmont VDH	Starmont
Sat. July 11	5:00	Districts	
Tues. July 14	5:00	Districts	
Thurs. July 16	5:00	Districts	
Sat. July 18	7:00	Districts	
Tues. July 21	TBD	Substate	

Turkey Valley Community School District -- May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 .Boys Track @ Starmont, 4:45 .Girls Track @ Nashua, 4:30	2
3	4 .Golf vs Edgewood Colesburg, @ Edgewood Colesburg, 4:00 Boys Track @ Monona, 4:30 Girls Track @ Edgewood, 4:30	5 .9-12 Spring Band & Vocal Concert @ 7:00	6	7 .Co Ed Conference Track, West Union @ 3:30 .Golf vs Central @ Elkader, 4:00	8 .7&8 Boys Track @ Edgewood, 4:00 .7&8 Girls Track @ West Union, 4:00	9
10	11 Boys Golf Conference Meet @ Clayton Ridge, 10:00 Girls Golf Conference Meet at Luana Tri-City GC 10:00 .School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM	12 .Young Peoples Concert (gr. 5-8) & Fine Arts Show, 7:00 PM	13 .Senior Night Awards @ 7:00	14 .Boys and Girls State Qualifying Meet TBD, 4:00	15 .Boys Golf Sectionals TBA .Little Trojan Relays @ 11:30	16
17 Commencement @ 2:30 PM	18 .Girls Golf Regionals, TBA	19 .Preschool Recognition @ 7:00 PM	20	21 .State Track .Last day of school for 3&4 yr old preschool	22 .LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 2:15 Dismissal End of 4th Qrt/2nd Sem. State Track Boys District Golf	23 .State Track
24 31	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26 .Professional Development .JV Baseball vs Nashua-Plainfield @ Home, 4:00 Girls Regional Golf	27 .Professional Development .JV-V Baseball vs Riceville @ Riceville, 4:30 .8&9-JV-V Softball vs Charles City @ Home, 5:00	28	29 .Boys State Golf .JV-V Softball vs North Butler @ North Butler, 6:00 .8/9 Softball vs Postville @Home, 10:00	30 .V Baseball Tourn. @ New Hampton, 10:00 .Boys State Golf

Turkey Valley Community School District -- June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 .VDH SB & BB vs NFV @ West Union, BB 4:00/SB 5:30 Girls State Golf	2 .JV DH Baseball vs NFV @ Home, 10:00 .JV DH Softball vs NFV @ Home, 10:00 Girls State Golf	3 .8&9 Baseball vs Cresco @ Home, 10:00 .JV-V Baseball vs Charles City @ Charles City,5:30 .8&9 DH Softball vs Cresco, 10:00 @ Home .JV-VDH Softball vs Ed-Co @ Home, 4:00	4 .8&9 Baseball vs New Hampton @ New Hampton, 10:00 .VDH SB & BB vs Edgewood-Colesburg @ Home, BB 4:00 / SB 5:30 .8&9 DH Softball vs New Hampton @ Mikkelsen Park, 10:00	5	6 .V Baseball Tourn. @ Cresco, 10:00 .V Softball Tourn. @ Cresco, 9:00
7	8 .VDH SB & BB vs MFL @ Monona, BB 4:00 / SB 5:30 .School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM	9 .V Baseball vs Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Fredericksburg, 12:00 .JV DH Baseball vs MFL @ Home, 10:00 .JV DH Softball vs MFL @ Home, 10:00	10 .8&9 DH Baseball vs NFV @ Home, 10:00 .JV-V Baseball vs Waukon @ Waukon, 5:30 .8&9 DH Softball vs NFV @ West Union, 10:00 .JV Softball vs Starmont @ Home, 10:00	11 .VDH Softball vs Starmont @ Starmont, 5:30	12 .JV-V Softball vs Crestwood @ Home, 5:30	13
14	15 .8&9 DH Baseball vs Decorah @ 10:00 @ Home .VDH SB & BB vs South Winneshiek @ Home, BB 4:00 / SB 5:30	16 .JVDH SB & BB vs South Winneshiek @ South Winneshiek, 10:00 .JV-V Baseball vs North Butler @ North Butler, 5:30 .8&9-JV-V Softball vs Decorah @ Decorah, 4:30	17	18	19 .V-JV Baseball vs New Hampton @ Home, 4:00 .JV DH Softball vs Sumner-Fred. @ Sumner, 11:00	20 .V Baseball Tourn. @ Reinbeck, 10:00 .V Softball Tourn. @ New Hampton, 10:00
21	22 .VDH Baseball vs CR @ Garnavillo, 4:00 .VDH Softball vs Central @ Elkader, 5:30	23 .V-JV Baseball vs Oelwein @ Home, 4:00 JV DH Softball vs Central @ Home, 10:00 .JV-V Softball vs Riceville @ Riceville, 6:00	24 .8&9 Baseball Tournament @ Turkey Valley, 9:00 .8&9 Softball Tournament @ Turkey Valley, 10:00	25 .VDH SB & BB vs Kee @ Home, BB 4:00 / SB 5:30	26 .JV DH Baseball vs Kee @ Lansing, 10:00 .JV DH Softball vs Kee @ Lansing, 10:00	27 .V Baseball Tourn. @ NFV, West Union, 10:00 .V Softball Tourn. @ Decorah, 9:00
28	29 .JV-V Baseball vs Cresco @ Cresco, 5:30 .VDH Softball vs Clayton Ridge @ Home, 4:00	30 .8&9 Baseball Tournament @ West Union, 9:00 .8&9 Softball Tourn. @ West Union, 9:30 .JV-V Softball vs Nashua-Plainfield @ Home, 5:30				