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The mission of the Riverside Community School District is to prepare students to meet the challenges of the future as responsible citizens in a global society.

School and Community

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A Review of the District's Buildings—Dave Gute

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As I look over the preliminary design of a potential new PreK-12 building for the students of the Riverside Community School District and I hear the negatives about what this will do to taxes for local property owners and home owners, I ask myself, do we really need a new building? What are the issues with the three buildings we currently call our home? The high school students in speech brought a few issues to my attention that I will share with you, along with a few more about the high school, middle school and elementary. Let's start with the high school. If you go to the upstairs and look in any room along the north wall you can find the plaster crumbling down from the wall. I thought there was an issue with the roof but it is actually water coming through the mortar on the north wall. We now have enough plaster missing in the library that we can see daylight out that north wall. We are also currently operating a heating system that was put into place when the building was built in 1930. This is a highly inefficient way to heat. Some rooms are pushing 90° and other rooms will struggle to make it to 60° throughout the school day. We spend over \$5000 a month during this time of year to heat the high school. When the winter ends we just get ready for hot days with no air conditioning. These aren't the best learning environments and I know we make do, but I wonder how much more our students could do with a comfortable environment. The students currently have a lot of extremes they have to deal with on a daily basis. I don't know what the price would be to make the high school meet all the American Disability Act (ADA) codes, but what we may soon be facing a requirement to install an elevator system. We recently had to take out all of our chair lifts between floors because of the fire code. Did I say fire code issues? At the middle school we have a newer building attached to an older gymnasium, locker rooms, kitchen and art room (old shop area). I taught in the art room for one quarter and had to move to a different room because the acoustics were terrible. The locker rooms are overdue on a facelift and impossible to make ADA compliant. It is difficult to get a shower to work properly. If you do happen to find one that works, good luck getting it shut off. We have permanent guests (bats) that we have to call pest control on every fall as they can be found occasionally flying around the gym if you get to school early enough in the morning. So there are some issues with the older part of the building. What about the new part? The newer part of the middle school appears to be in decent shape, but we do have a roof leak in the commons that we have struggled to fix for several years. Every time it rains they have to get trash cans out to catch the water. This leak happens to be in the same spot the students need to walk through to get to the lunch room, office and in and out of the building. The heating and cooling systems have issues too, but at least there is a cooling system in this building. The library has some structural issues on the south wall, the surfaces of exterior bricks are starting to flake off, and all the windows in the building need an upgrade. I haven't spent a lot of time in the elementary building in my 11 years in the school district. I don't see a lot of things that need to be upgraded. I know there are issues with trying to provide power for all of the technology in the building. The current teachers and staff struggle with finding enough outlets and having enough extension cords to make everything work. We now are in the process of adding laptop computers for the 4th grade class. This will only make things more difficult on the power issues. All of the buildings need better security. People arriving at the school should have to pass in and out through the main office. Most all new buildings have this security feature. This is truly our biggest risk of something happening at school. The elementary office is in the middle of the building. Most new people to the high school can't find the office and you don't have to pass by it to be on your way in the building. The middle school could be set up like this, but it would take some major remodeling. All three buildings are landlocked with little opportunity to grow into a PreK-12 site. All buildings are struggling to meet the ADA requirements and the locker rooms at the middle school and high school will need to be remodeled in the near future to meet these requirements. We spend thousands of dollars every year and countless maintenance hours trying to correct these problems, but Father Time is not our ally in this fight. All of us have faced that moment when we realize we are spending more money and energy trying to keep something old running than it would take to buy or build something new. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss any or all these issue with anyone who would like to visit. If you would like a tour of the high school or any other building please contact me at the high school. (712) 482-6464

Bond Election in Riverside's Future—James Sutton, Ed. D

I watched the State of the Union Address that aired yesterday. They changed things up with the Democrats sitting by Republicans, a response to some degree to the Tuscan shooting. The media played it up quite a bit. Then I listened to an interview this morning with John McCain and one of the morning talk show guys. Senator McCain did say there seemed to be a difference in Congress, a desire to make things less personal and basically decide to disagree in an agreeable manner.

So what does this have to do with school? Well, it looks like the petition that is circulating about a bond issue for a new school is probably completed. That means that it will come to the Riverside Board. A special board meeting date has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th to accept it. And when the board accepts it, a date will be set for the election (Tuesday, April 5th).

Between now and then there will be a lot of printed information, meetings, letters to the editors, and thousands of daily discussions over cups of coffee, all over the question of whether there should or should not be a new school. And that will culminate with the election results. Like all school bond elections in Iowa, for a bond to successfully pass requires 60% of the voters to say yes to the question.

Of course, like everyone, I have an opinion, and I'll express at the proper time and place, but beyond the simple numbers of the election, I also have an opinion of what a successful election is all about, and it has nothing to do with whether you are for or against the new school. I would call this election a successful one if voters can be described by three adjectives: civil, informed and reflective.

First, we need to be civil. This is not personal, and unfortunately, I've seen bond elections become personal. There will be passionate opinions on both sides, but I would hope that we can express our differences in an agreeable way. Secondly, we need to be informed. Base your decisions on the facts. Take the time to read information that comes to you. Go to one or more of the meetings that will be set up to listen to the plan, and ask questions if you have them. Ask the people who know what is happening and not the rumor mill. And finally, we need to be reflective. It's important for all of us to not only understand what this bond election is about, but what it means to each and every one of us. Recently I had several visits with a member of our community to determine just what an increase of \$2.70 would mean to his bottom line. He has a large farming operation, and adding \$2.70 to his tax rate will mean that he's paying quite a bit more each year on his properties. But I listened to his perspective, and I learned some things from it. (It wasn't the first time.) And our discussions were civil, and we both became better informed.

Just like Congress, we have an opportunity to do things the right way or the wrong way. At the beginning of this school year, we, as a school district, faced a problem in the form of a series of bomb threats. One of the local television stations came out and interviewed me. He was impressed at how this school district faced the situation and how it pulled us together instead of apart. He even called me a couple of weeks ago and was thinking of doing a follow up story because of it (which never happened). But the point is, many of our challenges are opportunities to build character ---- if you let them. I'm looking forward to a successful bond election campaign, a campaign that brings out the best in each of us and our communities.

February 2011 Activity Calendar

Feb. 1	5:30	Varsity Wrestling Double Dual (Treynor, Clarinda) @ Clarinda
	6:15	JV/Varsity Basketball G/B @ Griswold
Feb. 2		Special Olympics Basketball Skills Competition @ IWCC
Feb. 3	10:30am	Late Start – Teacher Inservice
	4:15	MS Girls Basketball (Audubon) @ Carson
		MS Wrestling Double Dual (AHST, Audubon) @ Avoca
Feb. 4	6:15	JV/Varsity Basketball G/B @ Treynor
Feb. 5		State Speech Large Group Contest @ Glenwood
	11:00am	Sectional Wrestling Tournament @ Griswold
Feb. 7	4:15	MS Girls Basketball @ Tri-Center
	4:30	JV Girls Basketball (Griswold) @ Oakland
	6:15	Varsity Basketball G/B (Griswold) @ Oakland
Feb. 8		Regional Dual Team Wrestling Tournament (TBA)
	6:15	Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ East Mills (Malvern)
Feb. 9		6 th Grade Ice Skating/Bowling Trip
Feb. 10		Progress Reports MS/HS
	4:00	MS Wrestling (AHST, MV, East Mills) @ Oakland
	4:15	MS Girls Basketball @ Avoca
	7:00	Girls Varsity Basketball Regional Tournament (F-M) @ Oakland
Feb. 11		7 th /8 th Grade Ski Trip
Feb. 12	12:00	District Wrestling Tournament @ St. Albert
		Bluffs Jazz Festival
Feb. 14		Track Practices Begin G/B
		P-T Conferences (4:00 – 8:00)
	2:30	Early Dismissal
	4:15	MS Girls Basketball @ Griswold
	4:15	MS Wrestling (Underwood, T-C, Audubon) @ Underwood
	7:00	Boys Basketball District Tournament (TBA)

Feb. 15		P-T Conferences (4:00 – 8:00)
	2:30	Early Dismissal
	4:15	MS Wrestling (MV, Treynor, West Harrison) @ Oakland
	7:00	Girls Regional Basketball Tournament @ Sidney
Feb. 16		State Wrestling Tournament @ Wells Fargo Arena
Feb. 17		5 th Grade Skating/Bowling Trip
		State Wrestling Tournament
		NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-service
	7:00	Boys District Basketball Tournament (TBA)
Feb. 18		State Wrestling Tournament
		NO SCHOOL
	7:00	Girls Regional Basketball Tournament @ Red Oak
Feb. 19		State Wrestling Tournament
		All-State Large Group Speech Festival
Feb. 21	9:00am	WIC Speech Contest @ Treynor
	4:15	MS Wrestling (Treynor, Underwood) @Treynor
	7:00	Girls Regional Basketball Tournament @ Atlantic
Feb. 22	4:15	MS Girls Basketball @ Underwood
	7:00	Boys District Basketball (TBA)
Feb. 24		SWIBA District Jazz Qualifier @ Audubon
	10:30 am	Late Start – Teacher In-service
	4:15	MS Girls Basketball (Treynor) @ Carson
Feb. 26		Boys Substate Basketball Tournament (TBA)
		District Speech Contest (Individual)
		State Team Dual Wrestling Tournament (TBA)
Feb. 28		Girls State Basketball Tournament

GO BULLDOGS!

2011 Senior Class Scholarship List

Title	Due Date	Amount
USJCI Senate Foundation	January 6, 2011	\$1,000
Burger King Scholars	January 10, 2011	up to \$25,000
Grand Lodge of Iowa	Feb. 1, 2011	Varies by year
Nishnabotna Valley REC-Customers	Feb. 11, 2011	\$1,000
Nishnabotna Valley REC-Non-Customers	Feb. 11, 2011	\$500
Iowa Newspaper Foundation Scholarships	Feb. 11, 2011	\$500-\$1,000
International Assoc. Administrative Professionals	Feb. 15, 2011	\$500
Grand Lodge of Iowa-MCEC Technical Scholarship	March 1, 2011	???
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Scholarships	March 1, 2011	\$1,000
Meredith Communications-Radio Broadcasting	March 18, 2011	\$1,000
Meredith Communications	March 18, 2011	\$1,000
U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship	March 31, 2011	\$1,000
Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship	May 1, 2011	\$400
Robert D. Blue Scholarship	May 10, 2011	????
Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Car Council	April 15, 2011	4 @ \$300
Acacia Leadership-Iowa State Scholarship	April 1, 2011	\$1,000
East Pott. Co. Soil and Water Conservation	March 3, 2011	\$300-\$1,800
Dale Schroder Charitable Trust	April 5, 2011	up to \$17,000
Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education	March 1, 2011	\$2,000
Byers Environmental Scholarship	Feb. 15, 2011	4 @ \$500

Quick Announcement:

**7th and 8th grade
ski trip—Friday, February 11th,
2011**

Also: The Winter Sports Banquet will be on Monday, March 7th at 6:00 PM. It will be held at the Carson Community Center. We hope to see you there!

Box Top Competition

The first graders recently won a box-top competition. For this great honor, they received a pizza party. They also are now able to see Mr. Meek (the principal) dress goofy for a day! Congratulate your first graders for achieving such a wonderful goal. If you have any ideas as to what Mr. Meek should wear for the day, please feel free to contact Mr. Meek at either the Middle School or the Elementary School.

Middle School Honor Roll Lists

Quarter 2

Gold Honor Roll- (5th Grade) John Baker, Elayna Eggers, Jordan Hayes, Jacey Kallsen, Madison Manzer, Devyn Moore, Sydney Swope, (6th Grade) Tatum Bluml, Derek Charlet, Jace Dreyer, Morgan Golden, Austin Hodges, Alex Martinez, RaeAnn Meyer, Brent Pendgraft, Lucas Wilbur, (7th Grade) Taylor Applegate, Maddie Buckingham, Maggie Buckingham, Brittnee Chase, Kelsey Danielson, Max Farver, Jonathan Gerhmann, Grace Gleaves, William Gress, Austin Hayes, Grant Keast, Tyler Krueger, Braeton Moore, McKenzie Moore, Jake Novotny, Jonae Polinski, Sara Wede, Lindsey White, Skye Young, (8th Grade) Brooke Alff, Tucker Bluml, Carli Fenn, Taylor Frain, Sam Gordon, Hannah Hummel, Paige Kallsen, Maci Pendgraft, Sydney Raney, Liz Reynolds

Blue Honor Roll-(5th Grade) Alyssa Brink, Jami Carter, Andrew Casson, Michael Clevenger, Sara Conway, Austin Corbin, Symantha Fisher, Briteny Gordon, Jamie Hackett, Ethan Henderson, Seth Loring, Jaycee Mansfield-Gutheil, Bailey Rose, Cicily Sorensen, Katie Williams, (6th Grade) Anastasiya Andruyshyn, Amanda Applegate, Karley Appley, Austin Blakley, Eric Blakley, Isaiah Boot, Hadley Caniglia, Jasmyn Cordova, Chris Gaynor, Dean Hansen, Andrew Krueger, Otis Matejka, Coletin Moore, Austin Morris, Hannah Seifert, Taylor Sipherd, Jason Stump, Alexis Timm, Allisyn Weis, Keyton Wichman (7th Grade) Hunter Achenbach, Bri Alff, Brock Bentley, Tim Brink, William Casson, Brandy Franks, Brandon Griger, Hayley Haines, Brandon Hering, Zach McLaughlin, Faith Sauser, Tucker Simmons, Chris Wilson, (8th Grade) Michael Antunez, Hannah Boruff, Justine Brammer, Hayli Erickson, Chris Griger, Adam Hartman, Hannah Henderson, Caitlin Hughes, Trae Kelly, Sara Kemp, Zane Loring, Kennedy Lucas, Kyra Martens, Dylan McClain, Marissa Morris, Bob Reynolds, Jordyn Winget

Middle School Semester 1

Gold Honor Roll- (5th Grade) John Baker, Elayna Eggers, Jordan Hayes, Jacey Kallsen, Devyn Moore, Sydney Swope, (6th Grade) Tatum Bluml, Derek Charlet, Jace Dreyer, Morgan Golden, Austin Hodges, RaeAnn Meyer, Brent Pendgraft, Allisyn Weis, Lucas Wilbur, (7th Grade) Taylor Applegate, Maddie Buckingham, Maggie Buckingham, Kelsey Danielson, Max Farver, Jon Gehrmann, Grace Gleaves, Will Gress, Grant Keast, Tyler Krueger, Braeton Moore, Jake Novotny, Jonae Polinski, Sara Wede, Lindsey White, (8th Grade) Tucker Bluml, Hayli Erickson, Carli Fenn, Taylor Frain, Paige Kallsen, Sara Kemp, Maci Pendgraft, Liz Reynolds

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February Breakfast

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cereal Toast Juice Milk	2 Pancakes Juice Milk Choice-cereal	3 NO BREAKFAST Late start	4 Omelet 1/2 English muffin Juice Milk Choice-cereal	5
6	7 Cereal Muffin Fruit Milk	8 Breakfast Bites Juice Milk	9 Grilled Cheese Juice Milk Choice-cereal	10 Cinnamon twist Juice Milk	11 Ham & Cheese On Bagel Juice Milk Choice-cereal	12
13	14 Cereal 1/2 Bagel Fruit Milk	15 French Toast Juice Milk Choice-cereal	16 Turnover Juice Milk Choice-cereal	17 NO SCHOOL	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 Cereal Toast Fruit Milk	22 Scrambled eggs Toast Juice Milk	23 Pancakes Juice Milk Choice-cereal	24 NO BREAKFAST Late start	25 Long John Juice Milk Choice-cereal	26
27	28 Sausage & Cheese On Biscuit Fruit Milk					

February Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Hot dog Macaroni & Cheese Fresh veggies Fruit	2 Chicken nuggets Green beans Fruit crisp	3 Spaghetti Lettuce Fruit Garlic bread Late start	4 Hamburger/bun French fries Fruit Choice- Fish Sand	5
6	7 Sloppy Joe/bun Potato wedges Fruit Cooks choice	8 Corn dogs Peas Fruit Choice-Pizzaburger	9 Sliced ham Mashed potatoes Gravy Fruit Dinner roll	10 Chicken strips Broccoli/cheese Fruit Cooks choice	11 Tenderloin/bun Corn Fruit Chocolate cake	12
13	14 Chili HS & MS Chic. Ndle Soup elem Fresh veggies Fruit Dinner roll	15 Soft shelled taco Lettuce Fruit	16 Pizza Lettuce Fruit cookie	17 NO SCHOOL	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 Chicken drummies Green beans Fruit Cooks choice	22 Hot pocket Calf. Blend veggies Fruit crisp Cooks choice	23 Hot dog bar Fresh veggies Fruit Choice- Potato bar	24 Chicken and Noodles Mashed potatoes Fruit Dinner roll	25 Mr. rib/bun Potato rounds Fruit Cookie	26
27	28 Turkey melt Corn Fruit Choice- Lasagna					

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HOLD THEIR FIRST ANNUAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Riverside Middle School will be hosting their first Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday March 9, 2011 for the middle school students and public to participate in. We are inviting several businesses, organizations and people that are in the health related areas. More information will be announced later when commitments have been made. If you are interested in being a presenter, want a display table, to help volunteer or make a donation toward the fair please contact the middle school office at 484-2291.



Riverside PE Mixes Fitness With Technology

The Riverside Middle School PE classes are currently using Wiis to get fit! There are many activities that actually burn some calories such as hula-hooping, boxing, running, push-ups, snow ball fights, and many more. The best part about using the Wii is that many of the students already use gaming systems, such as the Wii, and they know how to use them to maximize the experience. The Wiis were earned when the students sold a number of poinsettias for their annual poinsettia sales.

High School Honor Roll List

Quarter 2

Gold Honor Roll—(Freshmen) Reagan Gaynor, Bailey McCready, Rachel Novotny, Brady Ryun, Brandon Sipherd, Baylee White, (Sophomore) Dallas Bane, Lexi Cleaveland, Danni Easton, Rachel Faga, (Juniors) Danyelle Achenbach, Jacie Feigenbutz, Brea Fender, Anna Hildebrand, Sam Keast, Meghan McSorley, Shayley Smith, Jenny Taylor, (Seniors) Brittney Anderson, Austin Henningsen, Krysta Hughes, Amanda Kahl, Gage McClain, Kirsten Nelson, Laura Novotny, Emily Seifert, Kasey Shriver, Tanner Todd

Silver Honor Roll—(Freshman) Gabrielle Salais, Alexa Wilber, (Sophomore) Brittany Baumfalk, Becca Hansen, Ean Patrick, Dani Turner, Rick Williams, (Juniors) John Loring, Deven Moore, Lisa Walker, (Seniors) Lacie Ford, Quintin Forrester, Alex Gleaves

Honor Roll—(Freshman) Michael Bertacini, Alex Danker, Hunter Dittus, Tanner Ford, Hannah Gehrmann, Brian Gordon, Garrett Graves, Travis Henningsen, Amber Hoyt, Kyle Klindt, Heather McCall, Austin Morrisson, Conner Rankin, AJ Seifert, Brianna Skank, Tiffany Wichert, (Sophomore) Katherine Bertacini, Katelyn Biggs, Jake Conway, Michaela England, Clay Harris, Christian Jorgensen, Alex McLaughlin, Cole Potter, Marissa Rose, Ashlie Wagner, (juniors) Cade Cleaveland, Dani Fenn, Emily Frink, John Gunderson, Kyle Hackett, Mackenzie Housman, Haley Hummel, Jill Knoke, Bianca Lopez, Daniella Martinez, Elisabeth Seifert, Kody Stowell, (Seniors) Michael Bentley, Caitlin Freeman, Adam Graham, Jessica Joy, Jocelyn Joy, Sonia Lopez, Collin O'Brien, Taylor Schoening

Semester I

Gold Honor Roll—(Freshman) Reagan Gaynor, Bailey McCready, Rachel Novotny, Brady Ryun, Brandon Sipherd, Baylee White, (Sophomores) Lexi Cleaveland, Danni Easton, Rachel Faga, Ean Patrick, Dani Turner, Rick Williams, (Juniors) Danyelle Achenbach, Jacie Feigenbutz, Anna Hildebrand, Sam Keast, Meghan McSorley, Shayley Smith, Jenny Taylor, (Seniors) Alex Gleaves, Amanda Kahl, Kirsten Nelson, Laura Novotny, Emily Seifert, Kasey Shriver, Tanner Todd

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Dawgs' Sports

PINK OUT Community Fights Cancer

On Friday, January 21st, the Riverside Basketball programs hosted AHST. That night, the teams hosted an event called "Coaches vs. Cancer." Over the course of that week, the students and faculty did different activities such as a student vs. faculty game, different themed days, and also sold cookies for the past couple of weeks. They also had a silent auction full of many valuable items donated by local community members.

The girls' basketball team lost a very close game to AHST by one point, 49-50. It was a hard-fought battle. The boys' basketball team won in convincing fashion, finishing off AHST 62-30.

The event raised more than \$3,500 to go to those who fight against cancer, and research that will help them. The goal was to raise \$2,000, so we more than exceeded our goal. That shows just what kind of community in which we live. A special thank you to the many businesses and individuals who donated; this event could not have been that successful without you.

Wrestling Scores/Tournament Updates (Varsity)

WIC Duals: Beat AHST, Griswold, Treynor; Lost to Mo Valley, Audubon, Tri-Center, Underwood

Atlantic Team Duals: Lost to Atlantic, Carroll, Denison-Schleswig, Nodaway Valley, and Red Oak

Quadrangular at G-C: Lost to Guthrie Center, Woodbine, and Tri-Center

Mt. Ayr Duals: Beat Mt. Ayr, Penney, and Durant High Schools; Lost to Martensdale St. Mary's, Shenandoah, and Harlan

AHST Triangular: Beat AHST and Thomas Jefferson

John J. Harris Tournament: Lost to Corning, JV Lost to Perry

Audubon Triangular: Lost to Logan-Magnolia and Audubon

Overall Record Thus Far: 16-26

Middle School Girls' Basketball

7th Grade:

Riverside 14 East Mills 33

Riverside 8 Shenandoah 22

Riverside 22 Underwood 20

8th Grade

Riverside 31 East Mills 40

Riverside 19 Underwood 9

Riverside 16 Shenandoah 24

High School Girls Basketball (since Last Issue)

Riverside 36 AHST 25

Riverside 43 St. Albert 47

Riverside 44 Audubon 57

Riverside 36 Stanton 65

Riverside 39 Mo Valley 61

Riverside 62 F-M 54

Riverside 46 Nishnabotna 83

Riverside 26 Treynor 38

Riverside 18 Tri-Center 39

Riverside 33 Logan-Magnolia 42

Riverside 47 Underwood 42

Riverside 49 AHST 50

Riverside 51 Woodbine 36

High School Boys' Basketball (since last issue)

Riverside 58 Audubon 62

Riverside 59 Stanton 37

Riverside 59 Mo Valley 47

Riverside 47 F-M 51

Riverside 63 Nishnabotna 56

Riverside 32 Treynor 43

Riverside 53 Tri-Center 66

Riverside 52 Logan-Magnolia 49

Riverside 35 Underwood 54

Riverside 62 AHST 30

Riverside 59 Woodbine 44

Middle School Wrestling Scores

Riverside vs. Creston—Creston Wins

Riverside vs. Shenandoah—Tie

Riverside vs. Red Oak—Riverside Wins

Riverside Youth Sports

Riverside community members have once again taken over tasks as youth coaches. Coaches, if you have anything you would like to report on in regards to your youth sports team (including wrestling, basketball, or anything else), please send any information to the middle school where the newsletter is put together.

Riverside's 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball travel team won their first game over in Avoca on Saturday, January 8th. They beat Underwood 22-19. They have lost their last two games but have played very hard. Coaches for this team are Coach Shelangouski and Deven Moore, a junior on the boys' basketball team. The members of the team are Adam Hartman, Dylan McClain, Jake Novotny, Tim Brink, Will Gress, Tyler Krueger, Max Farver, and Braeton Moore. They play on Saturdays at 11:00 AM in Avoca.

The 3rd and 4th grade girls are coached by Gene Sanny and Tim Peterson. The 5th and 6th grade girls are being coached by Alexa Brink and Jenny Reicks. The girls have two more tournaments, and they lost their first one, hosted by Riverside.

Extra-Extra!

Three Buildings of Technology, Advantages to Having One School—Jamie Meek, Elementary and Middle School Principal

One of the things that have been discussed recently is a one-to-one laptop initiative at the high school. We discuss this as we look at current technology and where we would like to see it in the future. As we look forward, one of the things we have discussed in a new building is what effect would a new building have on our current level of technology in our three buildings and the one-to-one initiative.

With the new layout of the building, we would like to work over the next couple of years to have laptops in the hands of all students from grades six through twelve. That means all students, when they enter the sixth grade, would be issued a laptop to be used in and out of school until they graduate from the Riverside School District. With those students having access to the World Wide Web and other applications to use and interact with their teachers and other students across the world, that leaves some technology from our current buildings that can be used to allow the younger students and grade levels ample time to prepare for their laptop in the future.

We currently have approximately 110 Netbooks disbursed in our three buildings. They are currently placed in mobile carts that can be moved from room to room and used by classrooms at any time during the day. There are four carts that can be used by any grade level through a checkout system for typing skills, research, academic enrichment or remediation, and other great applications to prepare students for the next level of technology. With that many Netbooks, we can have a virtual one-to-one for grades three to five. This gives opportunities to our younger classrooms to really get to know computers. For grades PreK through second, we have a computer lab at each building that we would not have use for in a computer lab setting. We would distribute to all classrooms in these grades and give them access to many applications and software on these stand-alone computers in which now they can only get through scheduling certain times. It is possible that with the number of computers in labs or in classrooms currently in the three buildings, we could have a student to teacher computer ratio that could be as low as three students to one computer. Once again, we will be setting our students up for success in our technologically driven world.

Some of the technology listed above is already in use in our district. All of that technology is spread in our three buildings, so it cannot be used to its fullest potential and used by all of our students on a regular basis. One building brings it all under one roof and allows it to be used more and more by the students on a regular basis.

5-12 Band and Choir Fundraiser

Starting on Thursday, March 10th and ending Monday, March 21st, all students involved in music from grades 5 through 12 will be participating in a fundraiser in cooperation with 'Party Time Fundraising.' The students will be selling everything from frozen breakfast pizzas to gummy bears and cheese-filled pretzels. Students will be given a brochure, along with an order form. This order form will need to be filled out with your desired goodies and sent along with the payment with the student. A percentage of the money raised will be directly used for the purchase of new high school band uniforms and choir robes, as well as to acquire new equipment at the middle school such as microphones, cables, instrument repair, and many more. The scheduled delivery date for these items will be on Wednesday, April 20th after school. That is just in time for the Easter holiday! If you have any questions about this fundraiser and/or would like to place an order, please contact a student involved in music from grades 5 through 12. They will be happy to assist you. You may also contact Mr. Austin Zaruba at Riverside via e-mail at: azaruba@riverside.k12.ia.us or via telephone at the high school or middle school. Those numbers are: (HS) 712-482-6464 and (MS) 712-484-2291. We look forward to working with you!

Bond Election Committee's First Meeting

On Wednesday, January 12th, patrons, staff and students of Riverside Schools met to discuss a future bond election. A group of about sixty people spanning a variety of ages and locations throughout the district went to work planning activities to help the communities become aware of what the plan is for a new PreK-12 building to be built on the recently purchased district land located south and east of the Fellowship of Faith Church on Highway 59. The meeting began with Riverside's superintendent, James Sutton, explaining where the building would be located and what the floor plan would look like, although he mentioned that the plan had seen its share of revisions and would, no doubt, see more. After about an hour of explaining the plan and taking a number of questions from the group, a short break was taken and the sixty plus participants were asked to choose a sub-committee that they would like to be a part of. The Finance Subcommittee is responsible for setting the campaign's budget and raising money. The Publicity Subcommittee will prepare mailings, create and distribute signs, arrange open houses, etc. The Canvass Subcommittee will make phone calls to voters, arrange for absentee voting, and direct voters who need more information about the project. The Presentation Subcommittee will help to prepare presentations for different people and determine where they can be made as well make sure that all subcommittees have the same information to share.

Each group was given a list of responsibilities that both described the committees and gave each some direction about what kinds of activities they might want to begin planning. Subcommittees were instructed to choose a chairperson, begin to make their plans, and make sure to set their next meeting. When Superintendent Sutton was asked his opinion about this first meeting, he responded, "I am very impressed. We have a healthy number of people to help. The leadership in each of the committees took care of itself, and it looks like we have a lot of excitement and energy to help us along the way." Dr. Sutton went on to say that there were a lot of people who had stated that they couldn't attend the meeting that night, but they still wanted to help. "We can't have too much help with this effort. There are plenty of ways to help. If anyone couldn't make this meeting, don't wait to be asked to help; just contact the Central Office at 484-2291, and tell them you want to be on a committee. They'll steer you to one or more of the committees."

Although the committees are working on different activities, the actual beginning of a bond election begins with a petition. This legally worded petition is used to collect an appropriate number of signatures and presented to the Riverside Board of Education. The board accepts the petition and contacts the county at least forty-five days before the scheduled election. After that, democracy takes its course. But unlike most democratic elections, it takes more than 50% of the vote to win. For a bond election to pass successfully, 60% plus one is required. One thing that is certain is that a bond election always stirs many people to express their opinions. The bond committee is making every effort to provide facts and figures that will help each voter to see the reality and benefits of a new building for the district's students.