



# THE MESSENGER

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## WE HAVE MET THE CHALLENGES

by Shelton E. Smith, Ed. D.

Whenever business, industry, government, and the public have identified massive social or economic problems--or whenever there has been a crisis--they have always turned to the schools. Years ago, and today, too, when schools had a large influx of immigrants, the schools were given the challenge to teach them a new language. When we changed from an agricultural nation to an industrial society, the schools rose to the challenge of preparing people for a new way of life. When the space race with the Soviet Union began in the late 50's, schools were asked to emphasize science and math. When society was trying to insure a greater equality for all people, the schools were asked to make equal rights an immediate reality. In this decade of technology and marketing competition, once again, schools have been called upon to do even more. We have always been asked to solve problems. Too often, we have been asked to rise to the challenges with fewer resources. But, we can all be proud of the successes in spite of the criticisms that school districts have received. We should be proud of the accomplishments of our students, staff, parents, and patrons of this district.

With all of the demands placed on schools today, it takes a better teacher to

succeed in the classroom today than it took a decade ago. And it will take an even more skilled teacher to succeed next year than it takes this year. As professional educators, we must meet the challenge of constantly improving our skills. Why? Because the challenges of meeting the needs of children continue to change. We have to provide them with the knowledge they need---and the practice that will enable them to apply that knowledge in a variety of unfamiliar situations. Each of us must be a thinking, knowledgeable, and constantly growing teacher. And much, much too often, the role of parenting is left to the school, so we have to continue to meet the challenge of teaching the whole child.

Whatever it is that young people must learn---reading, writing, mathematics, science, technology, anger-management, character education qualities, etc.---chances are it will be learned from someone in a school.

We will meet whatever challenge comes our way. That is what schools and the people who make up the family of school district employees have come to expect. Be proud to be a school employee. You do make a difference in the life of a child.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

**Summer Safari: Let the journey begin!**

Plans are in progress for the 2005 Summer Safari. Summer School enrollment forms will be available by April 8th. The Summer Safari runs daily June 1 through June 30. Summer Safari classes for grades 5-12 will be held at the Senior High School. Pre K-4 Summer Safari classes are planned for the Primary Building.



Breakfast and lunch will be available to all students. Bus transportation will be provided for students participating in the Summer Safari. There will be one run in the morning and the afternoon.

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### Important Dates from the 2005-2006 School Calendar

August 18	First Day of Classes
November 24-25	Thanksgiving
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Christmas Break
March 13-17	Spring Break
May 23	Planned Last Day

The full 2005-2006 calendar will be published in the May Messenger.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Committee in Progress--contact the Central Office at 636-789-0060 if you are interested in working with the planning process. The committee will meet at the Central Office, #20 Hawk Drive, March 31, April 7 and April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

# Primary School News



## Dr. Seuss Night at the Primary

Hillsboro Primary School hosted “The Cat in the Hat Reads With a Hero Open House” Thursday, March 3. This event is part of the school’s Read Across America Dr. Seuss Pajama Party.

Families were invited to attend and wear their pajamas, robes, and slippers. Pillows and blankets were also encouraged. Parents and students read books or visited several locations in the building to listen to a hero read. Each child received a free book for participating. Cookies and juice were served in each classroom. Door prizes were donated by Joan Murphy from the Jefferson County Health Department.

Guest speakers included Mayor Frank Roland, Mr. Joe Hobson, President of VFW Post 38, Mr. Randy Davis, EMT, Mr. Patrick Martin, Leader Publications, Captain John Francis, Mr. Orr, EMT, Sheriff Boyer, Captain Stephan Baker, Mrs. Sheppard, LPN, Mr. Mitch Rowden, Hillsboro R-3 Security, Sergeant Woodward,

Corporal Bibb, VFW Post 3777, Mr. Colin Rumpsa, South County Police Department, and Don Marsan and John Babich from the Hillsboro Fire Department.



Capt. Stephan Baker with his daughter, Lexi.



Mrs. Fishback's Kindergarten class

## 2005 Jump Rope for Heart

Submitted by Kathy Woodham, LPN,  
Primary School Nurse

On February 9th & 10th the Primary Building participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Program. This program helps to benefit the American Heart Association for research

funding. We are so proud of our students and parents this year. They raised \$7,178.35. This is the largest total we have ever collected for this program. The children jumped rope during their PE classes. Our PE teachers, Nancy Kaalberg & Heather Abney, also had an extra incentive for the students jumping. The class with the largest participation received playground equipment along with the cool gifts they receive from the AHA. Our PE classes are also going to receive \$300 to use for equipment.



Ian Schneider, Allison Culp, Kara Dunn



## LABOR OF LOVE

Students at Hillsboro Primary took part in a “Labor of Love” to benefit survivors of the Tsunami tragedy. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, students were encouraged to bring their spare change to school in order to wear PJ’s and slippers for the day. Money collected goes to “Love Basket”, an organization that has been actively working in India for over 23 years.

The kids had a great day dressed in their PJ’s and also had the good feeling knowing that they had helped children that had suffered tragedy. The combined total from the Elementary and Primary buildings was \$1,163.93. Thank you Bank of Bloomsdale for counting all of the money.

# Primary School News

## Local Businesses Help Rugrat Classes Support our Troops in Iraq



With the generous help from parents and local businesses, five first grade classes at Hillsboro Primary have been able to offer support to our troops in Iraq. This project began last year when the five classes of Mrs. Rauls, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wornat and Mrs. Hubbard adopted two former Hillsboro graduates, Keith Schweitzer and Joe Liverar along with the uncle of one of Mrs. Rauls' students, David Goff. Through generous parent support, more than six boxes containing food, magazines, and letters from the children were sent to these

men during their stay in Iraq.

This year, these classes have adopted two of Mrs. Hubbard's brothers, Bill and Chris Hancock, who will be going to Iraq shortly and two friends of Mrs. Rauls' daughter's, one who is currently in Iraq, Jason Braun and one who is in training for his tour of duty, John Holman. Several local businesses, Wal-Mart, Staywell Health Management, a division of Daimler Chrysler, Hardees, McDonalds, Steak 'n Shake, Bob Evans, 7-11, Royal Rangers from the First Assembly of God Church in DeSoto, and the Bay-

mont Inn have been very generous in helping us with this project. As of this date, we have sent six boxes to Jason and are preparing to send two more in a couple of weeks. It is only through the generosity of our parents and these businesses that this project has been such a tremendous success.

We are hoping to put this project to a rest by next year. But if needed, the Rugrats will come through helping to bring a little bit of home to our men and women in Iraq.



## FLAG CEREMONY

Five Primary students participated in a "Presentation of Flags" given in honor or memory of military persons. On February 25, 2005, the ceremony began with a history of the flag and then the flags were presented by the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in DeSoto. Flag Presentation: In memory of Doris Johnson (accepting was Kaleb Jarnagin), in memory of Edgar Higgins (accepting was Kaleb Jarnagin), in honor of Keith Schweitzer (accepting was Ryan Schweitzer), in honor of Joe Liverar (accepting was Ryan Schweitzer), in honor of Jeremy Mehrstens (accepting was Lexi Baker), in honor of Mike Monroe (accepting was Dakota Hall), and in honor of Danny Basham (accepting was Chris Holt). Hillsboro Primary students and staff would like to thank all military personnel, past and present, for their service to our country.

# Elementary School News

## February Student of the Month



Sitting: (left to right) Kara Adams, Brooke Lammert, Sarah Roth, Priscilla Beffa, Katie Lucas, Sara Richard, Maikka Lombardo, Zoe Tajkowski  
Kneeling: (left to right) Alex Lang, Leslie Coffman, Andrew Gerstner, Paige DeVee, Micah John, Lucas May, William Benson, Matt Roland  
Standing: (left to right) Dustin Aubuchon, Josh Jaber, Katelynn Harris, Jake Moore, Kendall Basham, Alyssa Williams, Samantha Johnston, Krystal Snelling  
Not pictured: Brandon Richards, Cameron Judemann, Taylor Bridges, Clayton Schwartz

## Elementary Building Annual Art and Science Fair



The Elementary School hosted its third annual Art and Science Fair on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Over 350 science projects filled the gymnasium and artwork from every student lined the hallways and foyer. Science activity tables included demonstrations on the water cycle, using smell for identification, electricity, geology, space, and the power of air. Volunteers from the A+ program

and Alternative High School assisted teachers and parents during the fair. This year parents also had the opportunity to visit their child's classroom along with viewing the science and art projects.

The science fair was non-competitive and every student that entered a project received a participation ribbon. Those projects displaying the parts of scientific process were encouraged to enter The Mastodon Regional Art and Science Fair that is held annually at the Jefferson College Field House. Seventy-one students chose to enter their science project in this year's Mastodon Fair that is scheduled for March 18-20.

Artwork displayed included third grade dream portraits based on the work of Marc Chagall, and papier-mâché heads hung from the ceiling of the foyer and hall. Beautiful bird drawings created by fourth graders demonstrated a combination of texture and shape. Visitors also saw papier-mâché boots that were transformed into vases, teapots, trees, and various animal shapes. Thirty-two students have entered artwork into this year's upcoming Mastodon Fair.

## Elementary Reads for Dr. Seuss



It's Dr. Seuss's Birthday in the Elementary building and Reading Rox! While we promise to "read each day and each night knowing it's the key to growing up right", our elementary students' reading just keeps

getting better and better as they "read to themselves, read in a crowd, silent or out loud...putting smarts in their heads"! We celebrated in individual classes with Seuss placemat activities. Each time students scored a 100% on an AR quiz, they were rewarded with bookmarks, stickers, and tattoos. Our own "Cat in the Hat" drew a crowd wherever she traveled to promote reading. Title I Reading classes celebrated the author's birthday all week by reading some of Dr. Seuss's more popular books. The Library used the Dr. Seuss theme in classes as well sharing books and information about the author.



## 3rd Graders Jump Rope for Heart



Congratulations 3<sup>rd</sup> graders! They raised \$1,481.80 for Jump Rope for Heart. The third graders jumped rope during their PE class time, and asked for donations for friends and relatives. The money goes to the American Heart Association. The class champions Mrs. Belko's class, they raised \$228.

# More News from the Elementary School

The Mastodon Regional Art and Science Fair was held on March 18-20th at the Jefferson College Field House. Our Elementary Students faired well at the fair! In the art categories all 15 third grade students entered took home a first place medal. There were 9 fourth grade students who received first in art and the remaining 8 entered took second place.

In the science categories 2 students from each third and fourth grades earned a first place medal. Third grade had a great showing of 15 second place medals and 7 students who took third. Fourth grade earned 11 second place awards and 9 thirds. Way to go!

Andrew Kent, a fourth grader in Mrs. Fricke's class, was awarded a special presentation medal from the United States Air Force for his science project on aerodynamics. Andrew will have the opportunity to display his project at the Mastodon State Historic Site for public viewing until May 1st.

The Mastodon Art and Science Regional Fair is the largest combined art and science fair in the nation, allowing students in public, private, parochial, and home schools in grades K-12 to have their unique abilities and gifts recognized by the community. The fair was founded in 1979 by Dorothy Boyer Heinze and has grown rapidly since 1991 when nearly 250 students from only 9 schools participated to this year's fair of over 2,000 students representing every school district in Jefferson County.



## Winners from the Mastodon Art Fair

### Third Grade



**Standing (Left to Right):** Katelyn Gansman, Kaili Ezel, Michael Holland, Nathaniel Williams, Emily Weddington, Lily Stewart, Randa Mehrhoff (Received First Place Medals)

**Kneeling (Left to Right):** Ashtin Vessel, Laney Webb, Alan Koester, David Stark, Brandon Richards, Haley Davis, Dara Homan (Received First Place Medals)

### Fourth Grade



**Standing (Left to Right):** Colton Taylor, Megan Steighorst, Kimberly Troxel, Tana Brewer, Abigail Emily, Abbie Wehlermann (Received First Place Medals)

**Kneeling (Left to Right):** Stephanie Turnipseed, Kaitlyn Johnson (Received First Place Medals), Jenneifer Stevens, Daniel Virga, Sierra Swanson, Alesha Gallaway (Received Second Place Medals)

**Sitting (Left to Right):** Heather Marty, Olivia Ziegler, Savannah Peters, Amber Rainwater, Marie Vail (Received Second Place Medals)



## Winners from the Mastodon Science Fair

### Third Grade



**Standing Left to Right:** Brandon Richards, Kit Nickless, Rae Sutton, Kirstin Alexander, Shayne DePung, Mirrisa Massey, Victoria Ishaak (Received third place medals)

**Kneeling Left to Right:** Joshua Blake, Brenden Lamb, Miranda Massey, Ryan Sweitzer, Tim Bollinger, Christian Stewart, Beth Wiegert, Jacob Roney (Received second place medals)

**Sitting Left to Right:** Kaileen Boyd, Alan Koester, Lily Stewart, Ian Fishbach, Tanner Sutton, Maria Kleekamp, Samantha Darian (Rec'd second place medals)

### Fourth Grade



**Standing Left to Right:** Adam Loveland, Alexandria Davis, Megan Jackson, Danielle Frolos, Megan Steighorst, Zach Adams, Gabrielle Huber, Andrew Kent, Devin Stevenson (Received third place medals)

**Kneeling Left to Right:** Jacob Fletcher (third place), Sarah McAtee, Samantha, Friederich, Taylor Hassell, Jacob Beardslee, Andrew Reed, Jordan Vining, Victoria Urban (Received second place medals)

**Sitting Left to Right:** Zach Epple, Alexandria Benson, Samantha Johnston, Bethany Jansen, Madeline Scrivner, Cayla Rice, Shianne Barnes (Received second place medals)

# Intermediate School News



## **Citizen of the Month Hillsboro Intermediate February, 2005**

- Row 1: Logan Muzzey, Ali Copeland, Carolyn Vail, Brittany Hancock, Cristina Carver, Ashley Williams, Shannon Skaggs, Bradley Warden.
- Row 2: Trevor Grant, Brittany Reeves, Jackie Brown, Josh Kelam, Cory Coffman, Cassie Richter.
- Row 3: Sadye Ducheck, Nicole Copeland, Rebecca Gordon, Sarah Bringer, Clay Dougan, Kyle Henley, Ethan Morris.



## **Hard Working Hawks Hillsboro Intermediate February, 2005**

- Row 1: Katie Nichols, Shannon Crawford, Brett DeVee, Josh McKee, Chris Zotta, Mariah Cella, Jason Lee and Jessica Lemke.
- Row 2: Tessa Poliette, Emilie Arl, C.J. Venable, Abbey Kestermont, Mikala Torrence, Katherine Johnson.
- Row 3: Joe Brown, Michaela Hoyt, Josh Steffens, Andrea Statler, Katie Rosa, Mikayla Muzzey and Kyla Jansen.

## Intermediate Quiz Bowl—2005

The Intermediate School held an academic Quiz Bowl competition the first week of March. Each class assembled a team of 4-5 students to represent them in a grade level tournament. The final teams in the competition were Mrs. Hanewinkel's and Mrs. Harris's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and Mr. Kautzner's and Mrs. Wuest's 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. And the winners are.....Mrs. Harris's class and Mrs. Wuest's class. Congratulations to all the participants.



Pictured in Mrs. Wuest's class: Mikayla Muzzey, Ethan Morris, Mrs. Wuest, Nolan Stewart, and Gabi Schroeter.



Pictured in Mrs. Harris's class: Hannah Ethier, Logan Muzzey, Courtney Wagner, Madeline Taylor and Adam Newland.

# Junior High School News



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**Academic:** Ethan McKay (7th Gr) and Alan Woodland (8th Gr)



**Hardworking:** First Row: Zach Treat (7th Gr) and Tyler Kelsheimer (8th Gr). Second Row: Rachael Chilton (8th Gr), Savannah Dicken (8th Gr), and Alex Tucker (7th Gr).



**Most Improved:** Joey Bray (7th Gr) and Zack Gerullis (8th Gr)



**Citizenship:** Elisha Holman (7th Gr), Michael Lampe (7th Gr), and Kylie Holt (8th Gr)



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**Citizenship:**  
D.J. Woods (7th Gr)  
and  
Mary Meyer (8th Gr)



**Academic:**  
Jessica Kirkpatrick  
(8th Gr)  
and  
Jarrod Huskey  
(7th Gr)



**Fairness  
(Character  
Trait of the  
Month):**  
Drew Bubulka  
(8th Gr)  
and  
Shawnah  
Stephens  
(7th Gr)



**Hard-  
working:**  
Kaselynn  
Koller  
(7th Gr)  
and  
Jennifer  
O'Day  
(8th Gr)



**Most  
Improved:**  
Chuckie  
Jarzenbeck  
(7th Gr)  
and  
Krissy Froelich  
(8th Gr)

# More from the Junior High School



## January Hawk Awards



**January Hawk Award Group Photo:**

First Row: Jake Korte, Garrett Thompson, Grant Melton, Eric Vail, Ashley Martin, and Sami Radford. Second Row: Keith Phelps, Robbie Reese, Jacob Beck, Alex Sonsthagen, and Michael Ybarra.



**Academic:**

Keith Phelps (8<sup>th</sup>) and Grant Melton (7<sup>th</sup>).



**Citizenship:**

Jacob Beck (7<sup>th</sup>), Alex Sonsthagen (8<sup>th</sup>), and Jake Korte (7<sup>th</sup>)



**Goal Setting (Character Trait of the Month):**

Robbie Reese (8<sup>th</sup>) and Eric Vail (7<sup>th</sup>)



**Most Improved:** Garrett Thompson (7<sup>th</sup>), Michael Ybarra (7<sup>th</sup>), and Garrett Cernicek (8<sup>th</sup>)



**Hardworking:**

Sami Radford (8<sup>th</sup>) and Ashley Martin (7<sup>th</sup>)

# Hillsboro R-3 Student Highlights

## Top Honors received at Junior High Academic Quiz Bowl

Hillsboro Junior High sent a seventh and eighth grade team to the 5th Annual Scholar Quiz Bowl. There were ten schools from Jefferson County to take part. Our school has always been a contender for top honors, and this year was no exception. The seventh grade team, sponsored by Erin Folvanski and Suzette Lamb, finished third out of the ten schools. The team, made up on Lilleah Bryan, Zach Fletcher, Jarrod Huskey, Michael Lampe, Shawnah Stephens, Louren Sutton, Sarah Taylor, and Zach Treat, gave DeSoto and Sunrise quite a match. They missed second place by only one point. What a game!

Our eighth grade team, sponsored by Deborah Stuke and Dorothy Lenz, finished in FIRST PLACE. The team members, Carrie Bieser, Brianna Clampitt, Corey Fanger, John Flo, Sam Jones, John West, Sara Womack and Alan Woodland, showed their mettle. Taking the lead in the first round, they never looked back.

## MASTADON ART FAIR INTERMEDIATE WINNERS!



Congratulations to the following 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade artists that were awarded medals at the Mastadon Art Fair this Spring. First place honors go to 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Emily Orchard and Christian Hallows. Second place: Michael Dempsey, Christina Collier, Ashley Reed, Jordan Beck, Spring Goodson, Hanna Smith, Michael Myers and Kyle Adams.

Third Place: Katlen Strawhun, Connor Scott, Lauren Arnold, Tara Gallagher, Codi Hable, Rosie Jones, Kiersten Lacey, Madelin Taylor, Courtney Wagner, Kara Pochon, Sam Hanna, Morgan Johnson, Angelina Ferrara, Zach Roeder, Michelle Davison, Jackie Grounds, Keith Sanders and Taylor Turner. Art teacher, Mrs. Ashley, and the entire Intermediate Staff is very proud of these budding artists!

## Senior High Honor Roll Students

*Accidentally omitted from the January Messenger.*

Honor Roll 3.0—3.59 GPA

Brandon Christensen  
Kyle Grasley  
Kim Lammert  
Daniel Patrick  
Chad Statler  
Kara Steffen  
Steven Ziegler  
Amanda Zimmerly

## Notice to 8th Grade Parents

**Students will soon be bringing home a survey that will help the High School plan the 9th grade transition Program. Please take time to complete this with your child.**

## Sixth Grade GATE Qualifies for State Future Problem Solving Bowl

Congratulations to two 6th grade GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) teams who recently qualified for competition at the state Future Problem Solving Bowl. Students will tackle the topic of "Ocean Depletion" April 15-16 at Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri. Future Problem Solving is a six step process that requires students to study a topic, brainstorm possible challenges, select one main problem, brainstorm solutions, write criteria and choose the best solution. Students are also required to write and perform a skit based on their final action plan.

The winning team will advance to International FPS competition in June at the University of Kentucky. The 6th grade GATE students competing are: Nolan Stewart, Angel Wallach, Jordan King, Gabi Schroeder, Mikayla Muzzey, Jessica Nemeth, Jessica Lemke and Jordyn McKinney. Susan DeClue is the coach and teacher.

## Knowledge Master Open

Students in GATE 5 and 6 recently competed in the Knowledge Master Open. This academic quiz requires students to answer 100 multiple choice questions on a computer. The results are phoned in and compared to other teams from Missouri as well as the nation. GATE 5 placed 3rd in Missouri and ranked 104 out of 384 schools nationally; GATE 6 placed 4th in Missouri and scored 160 out of 423 nationally. Congratulations to both teams for a fine showing in the KMO.

## Graduation Information

Date: Friday May 20, 2005  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Hillsboro Football Stadium

*Rain Location: Hillsboro High School Gymnasium (5 tickets per student). Any overflow from the gymnasium will be moved into the commons or the theater.*

**Class Motto:** "Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." James Dean

**Class Song:** Good Riddance, Green Day

**Class Flower:** White Tiger Lily

**Class Colors:** Blue, Black, and Silver

# Senior High School News



Hillsboro High School junior, Paul Flo, was recently chosen to attend the Missouri Fine Arts Academy (MFAA). The MFAA is made up of around 200 of the most talented sophomores and juniors whom were nominated by their home school. Flo was nominated for the MFAA by his art teacher, Rebecca Moore. "I had to write two reports and make a video of myself playing guitar and singing four songs that I wrote," Flo stated on his application to MFAA. Flo commented upon his acceptance into the MFAA, "I was surprised and happy because I knew it was pretty hard to get into the MFAA."

The MFAA is a three-week program from June 5 to June 25, and is held at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield. Flo believes attending the MFAA will "improve his vocal abilities and his songwriting and guitar skills." Flo mainly uses his music to "entertain his family, friends, and most importantly the girls." Flo plans to record a cd soon. "I'll see where it goes from there," Flo stated.

## Upcoming Senior High Events

### 2005 HHS Prom



**Theme: Stairway to Heaven**

**Date:** Saturday, May 7, 2005  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.—11:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Holiday Inn in Festus



Ticket prices are \$35.00 for seniors and \$37.00 for juniors and outside dates. Tickets will be on sale from April 4 through 15 during lunches. Tickets can also be purchased from Mrs. Russell.

### APRIL 9, 2005—MR.HHS

Mr. HHS contest puts fun on the calendar

On April 9, 2005 Hillsboro High School will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mr. HHS Contest. The Mr. HHS Contest is held as a fundraiser for Project Prom. Project Prom will receive the proceeds earned from ticket sales and from entry fees for escorts.

The contest will be held at the Hillsboro High School gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. All contestants must arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. Judges for the Mr. HHS Contest are the spirit leaders from the St. Louis Cardinals. Jackie Marz will emcee the contest again this year.

The contest will consist of a several outfit changes including casual wear, swimwear, and formal wear. After the contestants showcase their outfits, the judges will narrow it down to the top ten. The top ten contestants must then perform a talent in order to narrow it down to the top five. The winner of the contest is then chosen by answering a question given to him.

There will also be performances from Paul Flo and a singing trio of Deanna Dees, Sarah Graves, and Rachel Thurman. Tickets to the Mr. HHS Contest will be sold during lunch at the high school from April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will cost \$3.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the door.

### Project Prom—May 7th and May 8th scheduled for success again this year



Hillsboro High School students will once again have the opportunity to attend Project Prom. It will be held on Saturday, May 7, and Sunday, May 8th. Project Prom will begin after prom on Saturday night and continue until 6:00 a.m. on Sunday. The evening will once again be held at River Chase in Fenton. You are not required to attend the prom in order to attend Project Prom. However, you must be a Junior or Senior, or the date of a Junior or Senior. Registration for Project Prom will be held in April.

Many activities have been scheduled for Project Prom. These activities include an inflatable "Rat Race" obstacle course, baseball Fast Pitch, Quarterback Challenge, and Tiki Island – an inflatable rock-climbing wall. The Money Cage, which was featured at previous Project Proms, will also be there. In the Money Cage students will have the opportunity to grab as much cash as they can in 10 seconds. There are many more activities planned such as swimming, basketball, volleyball, arcades, and a hypnotist. Money and prizes will also be awarded throughout the night.

Organizers have been working hard to raise funds to cover the cost so students may attend the event free. A fundraiser is planned for April 2nd in which local children will compete for the title of Little HHS Prince and Princess. The theme of this year's upcoming pageant is "Hooray for Hollywood". The couple that raises the most money will be crowned on Saturday evening, April 2, at the high school theater. The winning couple will be invited to attend prom and present crown the Prom King and Queen. Prior to the Little HHS Pageant, we will hold our Gala 2005 in the high school commons. An elegant evening has been planned with festivities beginning at 5:00 p.m. The festivities will include dinner, entertainment, a silent basket auction, and many raffles. Tickets for the Gala 2005 are available in any of the school building offices or at Bank of Hillsboro.

If you would like to make a donation to Project Prom, please contact one of the following committee members, Debbie Roberts – 797-3816, Carolyn Helms – 797-2940, or Cathy Ringo – 797-2655. If you would like more information on the Gala, please contact Cathy Theiss at 797-2347. Project Prom is also looking for more volunteers. If you would like to become involved, please contact any of the committee members listed above.

## 13th Annual Staff Recognition Dinner

The Hillsboro R-3 Board of Education hosted the thirteenth annual Staff Recognition Banquet at the Civic Center on March 10, 2005. The evening was spent honoring retirees and recognizing staff members for their years of service.

The Teacher of the Year Finalists honored were John Stephens, Primary reading teacher, Jo Saulter, Elementary special services teacher, Kelly Muzzey, Intermediate fifth grade teacher, Benna Stokes, Jr. High music teacher and Nickolyn Russell, High School math teacher. Each of these deserving teachers went through an essay and interview process. We are proud to announce that Mr. John Stephens is the Hillsboro R-3 Teacher of the Year!

Hawk Awards for outstanding service to the school and community were also awarded at the banquet. Mrs. Jeni Van Houten, At Risk Coordinator, was awarded for her never ending energy and positive attitude in helping students and families. Mrs. Sherrie Jackson, Jr. High Consumer Science teacher, was recognized for her hard work with students in and out of the classroom, her years of community service and her efforts in organizing the Hailey Bracelet Project.

**Congratulations!**

## Hillsboro R-3 District proudly announces the District Teacher of the Year, 2004-2005 Mr. John Stephens



### Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year Finalists—2004-2005

Front Row: (left to right) Nickolyn Russell, Sr. High, Kelly Muzzey, Intermediate School  
Back Row: (left to right) Benna Stokes, Jr. High, John Stephens, Primary, Jo Saulter, Elementary

### 2004-2005 Hawk Award Recipients



**Jeni VanHouten,**  
Home Support Specialist

**Sherry Jackson,** Jr. High Family and  
Consumer Science teacher

Hawk awards presented by Mr. Richard Orchard, Board Member

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### TEL LINK:

Get Connected to Better Health



TEL-LINK is the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; toll-free information and referral line (1-800-835-5465) for mater-

nal, child and family health services. The purpose of TEL-LINK is to provide information and referrals to Missouri residents concerning a wide range of health services. Callers are given referrals and then can be linked immediately with the appropriate agencies. The toll-free telephone line is operated from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Recorded messages are taken after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and throughout the day and night on weekends and state holidays.

## ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. Each month groceries are sold in a quantity that can fit in a medium size box for \$25. It consists of both fresh and frozen items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans w/o labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost to ripe. It is the same high quality one would purchase at a grocery store. One unit would assist in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month.

Angel Food Ministries is available to everyone. They also participate in the U.S. Food Stamp Program.

The local host site is Hillsboro Christian Church on Hwy. B. April distribution will be on Saturday, April 30th. You may place orders at the church (no phone orders (Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 16th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The contact person is Denise Kitts-Wadlow. She can be reached at (636) 586-9748.



## Kindergarten Enrollment Make-Up Enrollment Date



Hillsboro Primary will be holding a make-up enrollment date on Wednesday, April 6. The enrollment time is 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. At the time of enrollment the school office will schedule any additional screenings time which will need to take place. Children enrolling in kindergarten must be age 5 by July 31, present an original birth certificate, Social Security number, up to date immunization records, and proof of residency in the Hillsboro R-III School District.

### Kindergarten Enrollment Information From The Primary School Nurse

According to Missouri state law any child attending school must have the proper immunizations for DTP or DTAP, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis-B, and Varacella (Chicken Pox)

At this time there will be one change in immunization requirements for K-2nd grade for the 2004-2005 school year. This change is the addition of the (Varacella) Chicken Pox immunization. These requirements are subject to change if new state requirements become law.

When enrolling your child, please provide the nurse's office with a complete copy of your child's immunization record. Without an immunization record your child will not be enrolled in school. If your child's immunizations are not up to date, paperwork for the nurse will be completed, but the child will not be enrolled at that time. Immunizations may be obtained from your private pediatrician or the Jefferson County Health Department. The Health Department is open and will administer immunizations free of charge Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. for a walk-in clinic.

At the time of enrollment, please be prepared to provide the nurse's office with the names of any medications your child takes routinely and any medical information pertaining to your child.

The nurse's office will be doing vision screening during enrollment. Please bring your child with you to enrollment.

## Hillsboro Hawks Benefit Golf Tournament

sponsored by the Hillsboro High School Activities Program

**Saturday, April 16, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.  
Raintree Golf and Country Club**

Information pamphlets to play, donate or sponsor are available at the Central Office

For additional information contact Mr. Carl Imhof  
(636) 789-0010 ext. 1113 or (314) 749-7568



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