

# The Messenger

C.B. Vernon Junior High



MESSENGER Editors, from left, John Huber (sports), John Stuelke (events-city), Barb Dollinger (senior editor), and Ken Waters (organizations)



Vernon's Honor Band Members, Jon Foege and Cathy VanGorp

## Two Students Attend Honor Band

By Bill Webster

Mr. Shultz is the band instructor for C.B. Vernon Jr. High. I asked him for information concerning the two Jr. High students who attended the Honor Band Meet at Independence Saturday, December 6.

Cathy Van Gorp and Jon Foege, our representatives, play the cornet and tuba respectively. They worked long hours,

but they enjoyed themselves.

There were about 150 students at the Honor Band Meet, representing 67 junior high schools in eastern Iowa.

I asked Mr. Shultz how they performed and he said, "They did a swell job!"

I asked him how they were chosen and he said, "I pick eight from my band and send their names to the judges, or, as they are also called, the committee."

## Thanks For Clock

The students of Vernon Jr. High School should be aware of something that has happened lately. The Marion Athletic Booster Club became aware recently that the Jr. High would not have a gym that was in all ways new. The school would have to be satisfied to use the scoreboard from the old gym, a timeclock that has had a series of illnesses over recent years. As one of its projects, the Booster Club set out to buy a new clock for Vernon's gym. They have now done so. (Recently the Club purchased for the Marion District the new scoreboard at the football field.)

What is the Booster Club? It is a group whose goal is the encouragement of student participation in athletics. Related goals include sponsoring good sportsmanship and encouraging strong efforts from students in their schoolwork. The group works on projects which relate to the needs of the district as expressed by coaches and personnel of the district.

The president of the Booster Club is Gary Knapp, vice-president is Ray Fuller, Jim Galligan, treasurer and Mrs. Kleis, secretary.

The group is interested in other projects that will benefit the Jr. High.

We at the Jr. High salute your efforts, support, and gift.

## Student Council

By Pat Grady

The Student Council meeting was brought to order on Dec. 1 at 12. No members were absent, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Fowler presented the treasurer's report and commented that the school made \$1,700 on the magazine sales.

It was discussed and decided that the Christmas dance would be sponsored by the Student Council in joint cooperation with the cheerleaders, that all profits would go to the cheerleaders, and that the dance will be held Dec. 12, in the Mentzer gymnasium.

New business included inquiries about the sale of Marion Indian Folders at the office; the response was no. Inquiry about the sale of ice cream was answered by the fact that Federal guidelines would not allow this.

The east wall of the gym will have Mr. Gaede's silk-screen print of an Indian Head on it.

A special meeting was scheduled for Wednesday with the cheerleaders.

The special meeting on Wednesday was brought to order at 12.

Nineteen Student Council members, 15 cheerleaders, Mr. Fowler, and Miss Engelbarts were present. Discussion about the dance determined that dress jeans would be required, and admission was set at 50¢.-- (from notes by Kim Galligan).



## Mrs. Brooks, Art Instructor

Mrs. Brooks is the Junior and Senior High School art teacher. Mrs. Brooks' interests are sewing, playing the piano, tennis, and water skiing. She has one unusual interest, scuba diving. Mrs. Brooks said she went on a trip once and scuba dived.

Mrs. Brooks, who was born in Waukon, Iowa, and grew up in McGregor, Iowa went to Mar Mac and St. Mary's High School. She went to Viterbo College and University of Northern Iowa.

Mrs. Brooks' favorite food is liver and onions. She also likes Mexican foods; her favorite restaurant is the Boar's Head in Cedar Rapids. Her favorite color is green.

Her favorite singer is Barbara Streisand. Her favorite games are pinball machines and cards.

When the reporter asked Mrs. Brooks what her likes and dislikes were at the Jr. High, she replied, "I like the bright colors. I also wish I could spend more time over here."

Mrs. Brooks was also asked how the Junior High and Senior High compare. She said the Junior High students are more enthused and the High School students sometimes get bored.

Mrs. Brooks presently lives in Iowa City with her husband.

## Letters To The Editor

Letter to the Editor:

I just can't understand why people don't obey the laws our government makes. Our representatives know what's best for our area, and they should be voting accordingly. If they think a law is necessary for our health or economy, it must be.

Why do so many people disobey the 55 mile-an-hour speed limit? Just wait until fuel gets really scarce and prices go sky-high. People will be complaining about why the government didn't do something about conserving fuel now.

But people must not be looking ahead. They just "keep on truckin'".

By Lori Busse

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Letter to the Editor:

Fifty-five to 70 or Fight! This has been a very strong issue since the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit was set. Many say they can't get anywhere, or it takes too long going 55.

But on the other hand, the 55-mile-per-hour limit has saved thousands of lives. The most important reason may be to save our country's gas! This supply of fuel must be preserved for the economy of our vastly-growing nation.

By Steve Tranmer

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Letter to the Editor:

I believe there should be a bike path along 8th avenue. If you are a bike rider, and you ride west along the avenue, there are parked cars on your right most of the way, and it is very dangerous when you try to go around them. Even while traveling east, the traffic sometimes becomes bad, and it is hazardous to ride.

Riding on the sidewalks is not the answer to this problem, for it gets to be a nuisance when you have to get off your bike and walk it up the curb at every block.

I also strongly believe there should be a stoplight at the intersection of 10th street and 8th avenue. There is a 4-way stop there now, and it becomes very confusing for anybody, especially a bike rider or walker, to cross there.

By Lisa Stuelke

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## Social Security

Students should apply early for a social security number. Students getting a social security number for the first time should apply at least several weeks before they'll need it.

Applications from students who don't recall having had a social security number before generally are screened against social security central files in Baltimore to make sure a second number isn't issued to the same person.

Screening takes several weeks, so students should apply for their social security number early so they'll have it when they need it--when they get a job covered by social security, or apply for a driver's license.

Letter to the Editor:

Bicycle education is important. Children should learn to ride on the right side of the street. Every bike should have a lock, reflectors, and a light if needed. Every elementary school should have tests of riding bicycles the right way. Bicycles should have safety features such as proper seats, handlebars, brakes, and chains, and be right-size bicycles for the child. Children should not ride bicycles after dark unless they have a bright light. Parents should teach their children the right way to ride. The bike is not a toy to play with; it is a means of transportation!

By Michelle Woodson

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Letter to the Editor:

Everyone likes to have fun in the snow in winter, sledding, skiing, and especially snowmobiling.

Snowmobiling is good recreation, but it can also be dangerous. Many people get killed each year on snowmobiles. I think snowmobiling along the road should be against the law, especially in places where traffic is heavy. In case of a snowstorm, when other vehicles can't get through the streets, it could be used as an emergency vehicle. Snowmobiling is good recreation only if you do it safely.

By Janet Fortner

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Letter to the Editor:

I think that snowmobiling people should have the right to use the city streets. We would follow the same laws as the cars and motorcycles. We would have the courtesy to use the streets during reasonable hours.

The State Commission recommends that towns establish routes through town for snowmobilers.

We don't yet have the right to use the streets, but the motorcyclists have the use of just about any city area.

Children 16 and under have more laws to face for snowmobiles than for motorcycles. The snowmobile is just as safe, if not more safe, than the motorcycle.

It costs \$6.50 for snowmobile registration and \$5 for motorcycle registration. Motorcycles are allowed to use the public areas freely, and snowmobiles are restricted from just about every area. Why must we pay more for less? The only area, just about, open to snowmobilers, is a person's own private property.

If we were allowed to mark some trails for snowmobiles, we would try to abide by the laws set for us. Don't just always sit and think about it; let's get some action!

By Denise Vosseller

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## ADVERTISEMENT

Mini-bike frame for sale. Best reasonable offer. 377-7204. Zack or Matt.





Mr. Steadman in Action

## What Are You Doing Over Christmas Vacation?

By Therese Tharp and Julie Larsen.

Mr. Schley: Visit his family in Clinton a few days before Christmas. Having all 3 sons and their families over for Christmas dinner. Play cards, rest, and watch football.

Mr. Miller: Getting together with family. Visiting friends in Madison, Wisconsin. Goofing off. Going to Des Moines for a couple of days.

Mrs. Wood: Sleep late, see a lot, but nothing in general.

Mr. Eygabroad: Take a vacation to Reno, Nevada. Visit relatives in hometown.

Mr. Holden: Rest, go hunting, finish college course.

Miss Ebersole: Sew, go shopping, visit friends, go to some movies, relax.

Mrs. Moore: Be gone for part of the time. Enjoy winter with sleigh and horses.

Mrs. Raasch: Be with family, lots of books.

Mr. Gaede: Art work that people want him to do. Water color painting.

Mrs. Engelbarts: spend it with family.

Mr. Dolinaj: Going skiing in Colorado.

Mr. Meggers: Go to Bellevue to visit son who is teaching there. Spend Christmas eve at daughter's. Paint living room. Watch TV.

Mrs. Hoppes: Doesn't know.

Mrs. Reed: Going skiing.

Mr. Margaretz: Work on house.

Mr. Campbell: Visit relatives, relax at home.

Michele McAreavy: Go to hospital and have operation on arm.

DeeAnn Matteson: Eat, open presents.

Kenny Waters: Going hunting and going to PowWow wrestling tournament.

Cathy Van Gorp: Eat, sleep, watch TV.

Barb Dollinger: Sleep

Danny Jacoby: Going to New Mexico.

Mrs. Borg: Going to Florida.

Mrs. Dunn: Going to stay home and enjoy her family.

Mr. Brainard: Loaf, watch a lot of football.

Mrs. Carlson: Going to Los Angeles to be with parents.

Mr. Taylor: Going to Chicago for a wedding. Spend some time at school, relax.

Mr. Schultz: Don't know. Take a trip or paint and work around the house.

Jeff Busse: Go to Grandma's and open presents.

Mark Evans: Going to Colorado skiing.

Mike Galligan: Going to Minnesota fishing.

Scott Reid: Go to Michigan and a bunch of other little things around house.

Tracy Evans: Going to Georgia.

Laurie Phillips: Going to Florida.

Kim Frederickson: Going to California.

John Warner: Going to Arizona.

Jessie Shannon: I don't know.

Irvy Johnston: Talk to Santa Claus.

Doug Convey: unwrap presents.

Lori Painter: open presents.

Karen Mangold: open presents, go sledding.

James Nolz: I don't know.

Brian Fairbanks: hibernate.

John Crowley: Eat and sleep

Mark Berg: Go hunting

Randy Frasier: Do nothing.

Lisa Hall: Open presents.

Tammy Herb: Have fun, go to grandparents'. Go snowmobiling.

Mr. Vaske: Working on my house, possibly in the basement

Mr. Cahalan: Going to Florida.

Dave Rae: I don't know.

Jeff Plummer: Going sledding.

Scott Dolley: Going trapping, hunting, going to Decorah, Iowa.

Pat Freilinger: Going to PowWow wrestling tournament.



Kids Line Up Before the New Kitchen Area



Mrs. Borg's Girls at Work



Science Students Plotting The Sun



Physical Ed. Boys Limbering Up

## Birthdays

### EIGHTH GRADE

By Tracy Burke

Jan. 2--Robin Arnold  
Jan. 4--Todd Schmitz  
Jan. 11--Brenda Hildebrand  
Jan. 12--Dave Murray  
Jan. 12--Marlon Tope  
Jan. 28--Tammy Dirks  
Feb. 8--Chris Cox  
Feb. 10--Kim Galligan  
Feb. 12--Ken Regnier

### 7th grade birthdays---jan -feb.

By Mark Evans

Jan. 5--Scott Ford  
Jan. 7--Lana Cieslek  
Jan. 18--Bill Webster  
Jan. 23--Todd Parman  
Jan. 24--Stephanie Tipton  
Feb. 8--Tad Lawrence  
Feb. 8--Pam Cannoy  
Feb. 9--Lisa Morehouse  
Feb. 13--Mike Horstman



Mr. Cahalan Inspects His New Shop Quarters





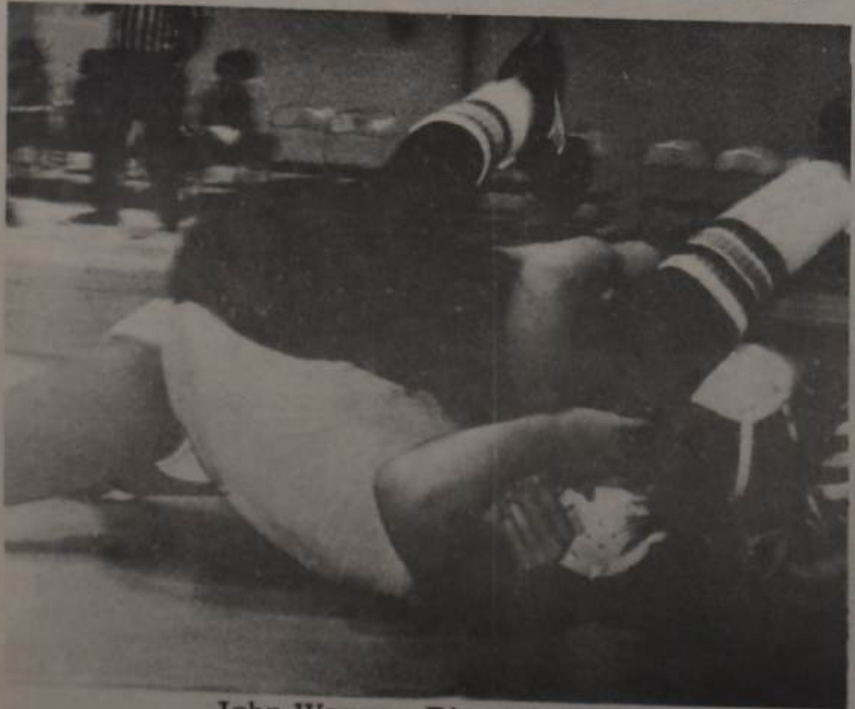
Out For a Break



Pat Clears Things Up



The Eighth Grade Winter Cheerleaders at Work



John Warner Pins His Man

## TV VIOLENCE????????!!!!!!!

By Pat Grady

In today's society, TV plays an important role. One of our local newspapers prints a TV Listings Section. In one week of programming these words were present.

These were read to Mr. Miller's English class when in the church. We thought you would be interested. The following words are those present in TV programming for the week of December 6-12. The (2) indicates the word appearing twice.

FIRE, COMPULSIVE THIEF, TRACK DOWN, ROBBERY, HOMICIDE (2), HELL, CONVICT, ANGER, MURDER (2), EX-CONVICT (2), VAMPIRE, BUSTED-UP, CORRUPT, SHADY, INVASION, EVIL, MURDERED, VENGEANCE, DEATH (2), DANGER, ROBBED, CROOKS, CAPTURES, SPY, KILL, KIDNAPED, RANSOM, RUN-DOWN, HIT-AND-RUN, DESTROY, REBELS, GUNSLINGER, GANG, HELLIONS, PRISON (2), ESCAPE, CRIME, INSANE, SCANDALS, GUNS, WAR (2), UNSTABLE, HELPLESS, SEIZE.

## Puzzles

Submitted by Mrs. Dunn

How do Jane, Joan, June and Jean range in age, from oldest to youngest, based on the following clues:

Jane: "I am older than Jean and younger than Joan."

Joan: "I was born one year before June."

June: "My oldest sister, Jean, has just turned 18."

Jean: "Joan is one month my senior."

ANSWER:

Age from oldest to youngest---Joan, Jane, Jean and June

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What ship. . .

1. Is head of the group?
2. Is in church?
3. Deletes or suppresses?
4. Is associated with someone else?
5. Denotes nationality?
6. Is possessive?
7. Is always studying?
8. Precedes marriage?
9. Is companionable?
10. Likes to write?

ANSWERS:

1. leadership, 2. worship, 3. censorship, 4. partnership or relationship, 5. citizenship, 6. ownership, 7. scholarship, 8. courtship, 9. friendship, 10. penmanship

## We Asked, They Answered

What would you do with a CVIHAAOR-IMTRSSASTN?

they answered-----

By Charles Resewehr

Mr. Eygabroad: Give it to my friend, Mrs. Dunn.

Vaughn Klopfenstein: Eat it!

Mike McKem: Give it to Dave Suppel.

Mike Galligan: Flush it down the toilet.

Lori Painter: Give it away.

Miss Ebersole: Wrap it up and give it to a friend.

Dale Milota: Stick it up Lori Painter's nose.

Gail Hallock: I wouldn't do anything with it.

Todd Roehr: Throw it in the trash.

Steve Miller: Give it to Jerry Nibeck.

"CVIHAAORIMTRASSASTN" unscrambled spells "CHRISTMAS VACATION."

## A POEM

By Charles Nove

A Story of A War

Have you heard of the Civil War?

If you haven't, listen,

Or you'll never know

What you're missin'.

It was fought a long time ago,

North against South,

Abolitionists against plantation owners,

When news was spread by word of mouth.

Sometimes brother,

Fought brother,

One was Northern,

The other Suth'ner.

Lee fought Grant,

And Grant fought Lee,

In one of the greatest

Wars in history.

Such battles were fought

As Fredricksburg,

Chancellorsville, Antietam,

And Vicksburg.

The war ended after

Four years of war,

And the Blacks were

Slaves no more.

After the war,

There was a time,

known in the South

As Reconstruction Time.

I wonder if the war

Had any worth,

For Blacks are still judged

Inferior from their birth.



Dave Hard at Work



Vernon Girls Tear 'Em Up





Vernon Wrestlers and Their Coaches, Mr. Margaretz and Mr. Cahalan

### Wrestling-Monticello

By Vaughn Klopfenstein

The Little Indians of Vernon Junior High won their fourth straight wrestling meet November 20. The meet against Monticello was at the High School gym in Marion. The Indians beat the Panthers 69 to 48.

Steve Morrow's pin of 13 seconds won him the "King Pin" award. Others scoring pins were Roger Woodsmall :19, Dave Edwards :27, Dennis Bums :47, Randy Frazier 1:41, Dae Rae 1:53, Tim Taylor 1:57, and Dave Suppel 1:58.

Wrestlers winning by decision were Mark Lembke 9-0, Ross Kent 7-0, Jeff Griffin 4-0, Jerry Nibeck 4-1, Ken Adams 2-0, Dennis Deeney 2-1, and Lindsey Butterfield 3-2.

### Wrestling-Vinton

By Max Factor

On Nov. 24, the seventh and eighth wrestling team had a meet at Vinton and won by the score of 47 to 13.

Kevin Thomas got the "King Pin" in the time of 1:32. Also scoring pins were Ken Waters, in 2:40, and John Warner in 2:54. Robbie Bolyard won by default.

Mike Offerman, Mike Donald, Mark Lembke, Craig Canavan, Doug Peyton, Vaughn Klopfenstein, and Dave Long won by decision.

### 7th Girls' BB-Monticello

By Mary Bright

On Nov. 25, the 7th Grade's "A" and "B" girls' basketball squads played Monticello at Mentzer School.

The first game played was the "B" game, which Marion won 21-8. Mary Bright was high scorer with 6 points. Others scoring points were Elaine Ozburn, Kim Frederickson, Tammy Fuller, Jamae Trittle, Terri Grussendorf, and Lisa Nove.

Marion also won the "A" game 29-22. Kim Frasher and Lori Painter each scored 10 points, Leslie Gibson 5 points, and Sandy Stalkfleet 4 points. Both squads played defense.

Scoring points for Monticello were Bohlken, McDonough, Covington, Postel, Saupe, and Hein.

### 8th Girls' BB-Vinton

By Kitty Olseon

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, the Marion 8th grade girls' basketball team played Vinton here, winning 49 to 21.

Players who made points for the "A" squad were Roxanne Jackson 20, Michele McAreavy 10, Mychelle Kos 8, JoAnne Thomas 6, and Lori Leytem 5.

Marion also won the "B" game 12 to 8. The only scorers were Roxanne Ridenour and Anne Luzem, each with 6 points.

In the third squad game Marion defeated Vinton 20 to 9. Scorers were Lori Miller 2, Sue Barker 2, Angel Covington 2, Julie Rathje 4, and Sue Rathje 4.

Mrs. Moore said the guards did a good job, and the forwards are beginning to get games together.

## Library Club

By Therese Tharp

On Thursday, November 13, the Library Club held its first meeting at 3:15 in the Study Hall. This being the first meeting they elected representatives. Barb Dollinger was elected president, JoAnne Thomas was elected vice-president, Pam Oltmann was elected secretary and Therese Tharp newspaper representative.

Also at this meeting the work schedule for workers in the library was distributed. The next meeting will be held on the second Thursday of December, which is the 11th.

Mrs. Raasch would like to thank all Vernon students who helped move books and materials into the new media center.

### Wrestling-Prairie

By Morrie Fleming

Prairie skinned up C.B. Vernon Junior High's record last Dec. 4 at Prairie. The meet slipped out of Vernon Junior High's hands, and they lost 75-50.

People who posted pins on the point scale included John Warner, with the "King Pin" award in 29 seconds. Other pins were scored by Dave Rae in :53, Kevin Thomas in 1:19, and Scott Dolley in 2:37.

Wrestlers who won by decision were Kent Mahurin 8-0, Brad Mundorf 8-0, Greg Hoffa 6-3, Max Factor 4-2, Ken Waters 3-0, Mike McAreavy 3-0, Joel Brokaw 2-0, and Dennis Deeney 1-0.

Ken Adams added two points by tying his opponent.

### 7th Girls' BB-Independence

On Nov. 4 Vernon's 7th grade girls' basketball team took on Independence.

Marion's "A" lost to the Mustangs 23-19. Debbie Harris was the game's high scorer, with 11 points. Leslie Gibson added 6 points and Kim Frasher 2.

Linda Folkers, Linda Freilinger, Debbie Floyd, and Connie Pedersen all saw a lot of action in the guard court.

K. Emberton of Independence scored 10 points.

The "B" team fared better, winning 18-6. Lori Painter and Traci Grussendorf had 6 and 4 points respectively, while 4 other players scored the remaining 8 points. A strong defense held the Mustangs to only 6 points total.

### 7th Girls' BB-Linn-Mar

By Mimi Glessner

On Dec. 2, Marion and Linn-Mar 7th grade girls met on the Linn-Mar floor. Three games were played.

In the first, the "C" squad game, the score was 12-10, in favor of Linn-Mar.

The high point scorer was Pam Oltmann with 4 points. Cindy Morrow, Tammy Tranmer, and Lisa Nove each added 2 points.

Marion's "B" squad also lost by one basket, the score being 14-12. Tammy Fuller and Tammy Knapp were the high scorers with 2 baskets each. Kim Frederickson and Jamae Trittle both had 2 points.

In the "A" squad game the score was 33-27, Linn-Mar. Lori Painter was the high scorer with 19 points. Leslie Gibson and Kim Frasher had 4 points between them.

### 8th Girls' BB-Monticello

By Mychelle Kos

The Vernon Junior High 8th grade "A" squad girls' basketball team beat Monticello with the score 49 to 40. The game was played there, on Nov. 25.

Roxanne Jackson brought in a high score of 25 with Michele McAreavy following with 16. Mychelle Kos brought in 5 and Lori Leytem 4.

Coach Brainard stated that all guards played well. Guards were Lisa Hall, Cathy Van Gorp, Barb Dollinger, Kim Galligan, Julie Christensen, and Laurie Sueppel.

Monticello's high scorer was Blokern with 29.

The 8th grade "B" squad got beaten by Monticello, the score 14 to 6.

Tracy Cole, Julie Rathje, and Lori Miller each scored 2 points.

Monticello's high scorers were Malmberg and Katenbrink, with 6 each.

The "C" squad beat Monticello with the score 13 to 10.

Angel and Lori Covington both brought in 4 points with the help of Martha Baster, 3, and Monica Maltby, 2.

Monticello's high scorer was Gillmore with 8.



More Members of Vernon's Wrestling Team



8th "A" Girls' Basketball



Mrs. Moore and the 8th "B" Squad



Coaches Campbell and Eygabroad and Their 7th Girls' Basketball Teams