

The Messenger

C.B. Vernon Middle School

Mrs. McCormack, VMS Off-&-On Teacher

Pam Perrin
I interviewed Mrs. McCormack, who has been teaching here off-and-on this year.

She has enjoyed teaching at VMS this year; she likes the students. She is, however, looking forward to vacation, and a trip to California. She has substituted at several other schools, but she has never taught a class full-time before this year. She would like to teach full-time next year at some grade level.

She decided to become a teacher because she likes working with kids, and she especially enjoys it when students learn something. She tends to like teaching social studies the best because she has always loved history and what is going on in the world. Teaching English is her second-favorite job because she enjoys the literature part of it. She has liked and benefited from teaching with Mrs. Sumner because Mrs. Sumner is fun and very helpful.

Before going into teaching, Mrs. McCormack drove a school bus and attended college.

Her hobby is reading; she learns a lot from it. Her favorite color is blue.



Mrs. McCormack, Presently Working with Mrs. Sumner

Mrs. Jorgensen Visits Social Studies Classes



Mrs. Jorgensen Visits Social Studies Class

Devan Baty

On Monday, March 28, Mrs. Jorgensen came to speak to the 7th grade social studies classes. She came to give the students, who were studying South Africa at the time, a more realistic impression of life in Africa.

Mrs. Jorgensen is not originally from South Africa. She came from Denmark, but she has lived in South Africa about thirty years. She and her husband live about 40 miles from Johannesburg, a large city in South Africa.

When asked about African schools, Mrs. Jorgensen said that South African and American schools differ greatly. For example, African schools start at 7:45 and end at 11:45, and there are "breaks" by the hour. All students must wear a school uniform (which includes the school's emblem). All students must be clean, and boys must wear white shirts and have their hair trimmed short. Another difference is that South African schools start in January and end in December, which means that there is no summer break. Everyone must attend school until the age of 16. However, South African schools and American schools are alike in the emphasis on sports and lots of homework.

Mrs. Jorgensen has traveled in other regions of Africa also. She's encountered many different races and tribes. One tribe was the pygmies, known as the "Bushmen" in Africa. Along with differences in races are differences in religions. She commented that nearly all the black women carry their groceries on their heads. They are able to maintain their balance very well.

When asked about the health conditions, Mrs. Jorgensen replied that there are lots of diseases, but that the hospitals are very good. She commented that the first heart transplant was in South Africa.

She was asked about wild animals. There are very few wild animals left in South Africa. Of course, there are lots of snakes, and an occasional leopard presents a problem with cattle herding. But most of the wild animals are found in the game reserves, where you don't get out of your car. Instead, you drive through the animals' natural habitats. One problem at these game reserves is that a visitor is required to take an anti-malaria pill before entering the reserves, as there is a risk of catching that disease.

One of the major differences between Africa and America is the television system. In Africa, there is a very short TV-viewing period, usually starting about 5:30 p.m. and running until 10:30 p.m. at the longest. It only has three channels, and the language alternates between English and Afrikaans.

The students seemed to enjoy Mrs. Jorgensen's visit, and cooperated well with her. It was hard for Mrs. Jorgensen to act as a speaker, for she has been a housewife, not a professional speaker.

Mrs. Jorgensen's daughter, Karen, was an AFS student at Marion High School during the 1973-74 year. Karen lived with Mrs. Carsten's family, and her mother enjoyed visiting Marion and attending Mrs. Carsten's daughter's wedding.

Our special thanks to her for her time, and for doing such a fine job.

Chess Club Meets For Weekly Games

Shawna Kramer

The Chess Club meetings are every other Monday. Members play chess games after school on certain other days. There are two final players-- Alicia Brisel and Kenny Heitzman-- who will play 2-out-of-three games. Their playing dates are Wednesday, May 11, Monday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 18.

Harmonica Bob Appears In Action At Assembly



Harmonica Bob in Action at Assembly

Brenda VanWey

The one-man band that travels with a group called the Harmonicats is known as Harmonica Bob. This 43-year-old man entertained VMS stu-

dents on April 28, 1983. He started playing the harmonica when he was 15 years old.

Bob brought 15 different harmonicas to the assembly. Together his harmonicas are worth \$3,000. He lives in Indianapolis, and he's been traveling full-time since 1965. Vernon was the 299th school where he has performed.

Some of the songs he played at the assembly were "Peg O My Heart," "Oh Bla Dee, Oh Bla Dah," "Overture from the Opera (theme from 'The Lone Ranger')," "The Darth Vader March," and "Big, Bad Leroy Brown."

Bob has played the harmonica on the following shows: Johnny Carson, Barbara Mandrell, and the Ed Sullivan show. He's been on the nationwide TV 80 times. He played his harmonica on "Love Boat" for about 6 minutes in 1981. He's been on many more shows, but he said they were before our time. He has made between 30 and 40 commercials.

After the assembly, Harmonica Bob gave his autograph to those who wanted it. I asked if his hand ever got tired, and he said, "No, it doesn't." He also answered any questions that were asked.

Mystery Students from Last Issue

Dave Dalton's mystery student in the last issue of the paper was Mike Peder-sen. Debbie Ludwig's mystery people were Rob Schoon and Mrs. Borg.

Eighth Grade Class Wills

Melissa Wilson and Kathy Whittemore, Associate Editor

We asked some of the 8th graders, "If you could will something to somebody what would it be, and to whom?"

Mrs. Wood--I do hereby will and be-queath the blue moon for the Spring Dance to Sean Miller, for reasons he understands

Rocky Sloan--I will Bonnie to Leroy

Jeff Gosnell--I will all my cats to Mike Cahalan

Jim Fortner--I will my moped to Terry Meister

Deliegha Tull--I will my cat's dirty papers to my dad

Karen Miers--I will the garbage that belongs to my brother be put back in his room from mine.

Tyann Thein--I will my homework to Mr. Vaske

Melissa Wilson--I will my school books, homework, and messy locker to Mr. Miller

Paul Curtis--I will my gym socks to Mr. Fowler

Tim Hansen--I will my baseball glove to Jeff Gorman

Tish Bowden--I will a way home to-morrow to my dad

Lisa Yanda--I will my zits to Bon-nie Crawford

Kristin Twachtmann--I will a house to Kristen Prosser

Shelly Trout--I will my dog Sinder to Kristin Twachtmann

Casey Keilholtz--I will a kick in the rear to T.C.

Kathy Thompson--I will funny and good jokes to Mr. Meggers

Kathy Whittemore--I will my messy locker and my language assignments to Mr. Morgan

Two Students Appear In Spec. Olympics

Chris Kroeger

Melinda Dye and Amy Bumell, two of Mrs. Sumner's students at VMS will take part in the state Special Olympics May 10 in Des Moines.

Melinda advanced to Des Moines by winning the high jump at the meet at Coe College. Amy won the softball throw, enabling her to go to the State meet.

Congratulations, Amy and Melinda.

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Melinda Dye won the State High Jump at the Des Moines meet.

VMS Students Honored For Specialties

The following students have been honored late this year: Mimi Costello: Opti-mists Club Oratorical Contest--1st in local and 3rd in zone

Kevin Bell: One of 58 participants in the State Spelling Contest in Des Moines

Chad Bisinger: Science Fair Winner--Topic: Does Cedar Rapids Have a Jan-uary Thaw? Certificate from Ameri-

can Meteorological Society, \$50 and a ribbon for winning in Class I 3rd place

Matt Good: Science Fair Winner--Topic: Economical Uses of Energy Audits. Certificate from U.S. Department of Energy, \$20 from National Wildlife Fe-deration, \$20 as a Class II winner, and \$50 from the Gulf Oil Company

Julie Keith, Janelle DeWees, Mich Bisinger, Lisa Altes, Julie Hebert, Lisa Cohn, and Paul Beebe--Certifi-cates of Excellence from the National Poetry Press, Agoura, California, for their poetry

Melinda Dye and Amy Bumell, Spe-cial Olympics awards

Jump Rope For Heart Earns \$1,764.63



Winning Jump Rope Team Members



Jump Rope for Heart Participants

(courtesy of Mrs. Thornton)
This year's Jump Rope for Heart event was the most successful ever. Seventy-two Vernon students participated, and a total of \$1,764.63 was collected for the American Heart Association.
The 7th grade class won the candy bar awards for the class with the most people at the event. Jenny Humphrey and Jayne McCalmant won the \$5.00 prize for wearing the most hearts on the day of the event. (each had more than 1,000 hearts on that day!)
Team pictures were taken.
The winning team members were Kathy Thompson, Michelle Woode, Colleen Kenneback, Karla Turner, and Tish Bowden. They turned in \$359.90 total. The individual who turned in the most money was Tish Bowden with \$202.60.
Mrs. Thornton wishes to thank her helpers: Mr. Cahalan, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Schultz (Angie's mother), Mrs. Costello (Mimi's mother), and Mrs. Hess and the 8th grade basketball cheerleaders. The cheerleaders will receive 10% of the net total for their part in promoting the

event.
The following individuals won prizes:
Team prize (sweatsuit or hooded sweat-shirt and tote) Kathy Thompson, Michelle Woode, Colleen Kenneback, Karla Turner, and Tish Bowden.
Top individual prize (hooded sweat-shirt) Dieunn Young, Shawna Kramer, and Melinda Dye
Second individual prize (tote bag) Brenda Van Wey, Nicki Meister, Anne Hansen, Penny Raue, Abby Bennett, Sherry Barrow, Ann White, Melynda Lantz, Brandon Moyer, and Alison Detling
Third individual prize (t-shirt) Holly Conway, Stacy Homing, Beth Trimble, Julie Miller, Yvette Struchen, Becky Pitzen, and Jayne McCalmant
Fourth individual prize (jump rope) Chris Willmsen, Valerie Downey, Michele Jaeger, Renee Gilds, Theresa Busse, Jennifer Humphrey, Jamie Sweet, Dena Helgens, Amie Deerberg, Carrie Snitselaar, Devan Baty, Amy Murphy, Stacy Postier, Julie Keith, and Kristen Prosser.



Vernon's Wamac Math Team

Collector's Club Meets

Chris Kroeger
The Collector's Club had a show on Open House Night, April 21, in the Media Center.
The following brought displays: Brad Mansfield--movie cards; Mark Heald--

comics and baseball cards; Mark Eichinger--football cards; Mike Kibler--stamps; Chris Kroeger--railroad memorabilia.
Many people asked the displayers about their hobbies. Mr. Steadman, the club sponsor, made this show possible.



Vernon's Walkathon Participants Three Students In Walkathon Group

Brent Crane
I talked to three people who participated in the Walkathon. Tish Bowden and Carrie Snitselaar both completed the walking route. They said they were not tired afterwards. Their favorite part of the walk was their opportunity to meet guys.

Steve Kelley also finished the walk without feeling the effects of it. He earned \$96.50. He enjoyed walking, and was happy to receive the prizes for doing it.

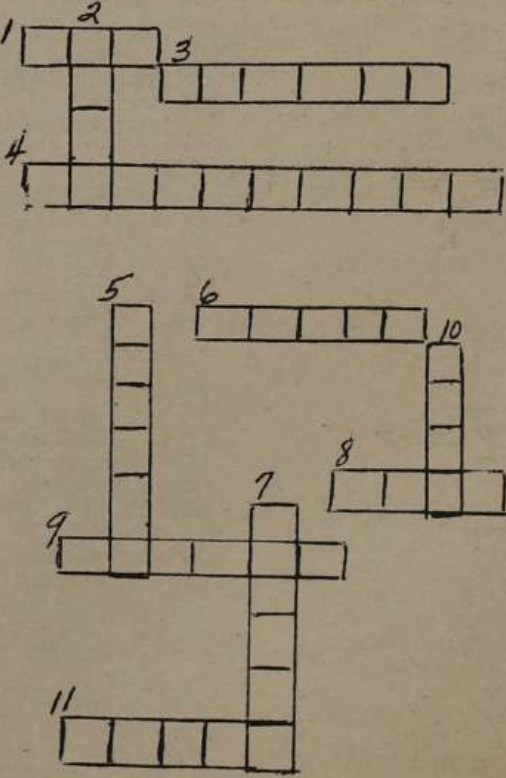
—Birthdays—

Brent Crane
SIXTH
Tiffany Ayers--June 4
Mike Kibler--June 6
Heidi Begley--June 7
Michelle Fretheim--June 13
Tricia Kocher--July 9
Sheryl Winistorfer--July 10
Katie Cunningham--July 12
Chris Tope--July 16
Renee Riggins--July 24
Brad Mansfield--August 17
SEVENTH
Tim Shaffer--May 14
Mike McGrew--May 25
Lisa Soukup--June 4
Wendy Petersen, Barry Amundson--June 5
Matt Zimmerman, Becky Lee--June 6

Kelly Hinrichs--June 22
Pam Reynolds--June 23
Denise Glubka--June 26
Steve Kelley--July 4
Kathy Hitchcock--July 7
Becky Griffith--July 9
Scott Vesey--July 10
Nikki Mercer--July 22
Dana Runda--July 28
Heidi Wilson--August 3
Terri Roe--August 6
Buddy Aschbrenner--August 9
Lawanna Schminkey--August 12
Brian Kerslake--August 16
Brent Crane--August 17
Jeff Hansen--August 24
EIGHTH
Deliegha Tull--May 31
Melinda Dye--August 4

Crossword Puzzle Corey Jordan

Across:
1. Garfield's owner
3. Beetle
4. Another cat cartoon
6. Girl in "Family Circus"
8. Winnie the
9. Frog on "Muppets"
11. Cartoon detective
Dick
Down:
2. Dog in "Garfield"
5. Dennis, the
7. Who drew "Mickey Mouse"?
10. Dog in "Beetle Bailey"



6th-7th-8th Stars At Vernon



8th Play Cast on Stage



7th Play Cast

What's YOUR Favorite?

FAVORITE ROCK OR SINGING GROUP

- 6th -

Jennifer Bednar
Kim Glawe--Olivia Newton-John
Marsha Long--Olivia Newton-John
Jay Brandt--Rex's Midnight Runners
Heather Baldwin--Michael Jackson
Angie Brende--Michael Jackson
Anne Norton--Barbara Mandrell
Shawna Kramer--Toni Basil
Anna Antons--Toto
Steve Deck--Van Halen
Renee Riggins--Stray Cats
Matt Hoskins--Hall and Oates
Jon Tracy--Men at Work
Jamie Durbin--Men at Work
Brenda Hanson--Stray Cats
Chris Woodcock--Hall and Oates,
Men at Work
Matt Wanke--After the Fire
Shanon Demmel--Hall and Oates
Beth Trimble--Hall and Oates
Brian Bemisdarfer--Rexy's Midnight
Runners
Cecilia Orend--Michael Jackson #1
Brigot Kesselring--Michael Jackson #1
Mrs. Carstens--Air Supply
Mike Connell--Michael Jackson
Mrs. Chester--The Oak Ridge Boys
Mr. Taylor--Kingston Trio

FAVORITE STORE IN LINDALE

- 8th Graders -

Ann Churchill, Editor
I recently asked some 8th grade stu-
dents and teachers, "What is your fav-
orite store at Lindale?"

Jill Neverman--The Closet
Mollie DeWoody--Paws-n-Claws
Sheryl Sutton--Lerners
Sheila Cory--Maurices
Nancy Klein--Younkers
Becky Woodard--Seiferts
Amy Hoffman--Petersens
Carrie Snitselaar--The Closet
Mrs. Wood--Knot Finished Shop,
Art Supplier
Renee Sobek--The Fly
Amy Elam--Lerners
Christie Mase--Maurices
Karla Turner--The Closet
Lisa French--Motherhood Maternity
Amie Deeborg--Pearl of the Orient
Lisa Watson--Tobacco Bowl
Jane Foster--Sears
Mr. Shultz--B. Dalton Book Store
Sheila Rotert--Photo Pro
Ron Geater--Wilsons
Lyle Lochner--Breslers
Kathy West--Nook-n-Cranny
Kerri O'Rourke--Bridal Hutch
Brenda Lowry--The Clothes Pen
Jo Hicks--Fabric Shop/Revco
Jayne McCalmant--Fanny Farmer
Shelly Ruggiero--Paws-n-Claws
Shane Wingerson--Gold Mine
Marty Brown--Zeezo's
KC Keilholtz--General Nutrition
Center
Mrs. Hess--Athletic Attic
Nancy Benkusky--Kitchen Works
Jeff Blackford--Maurices
Mark Thompson--Zeezo's
Peter Glawe--Gold Mine/Wilsons
Mr. Meggers--Petersens
Mr. Cahalan--KarmelKorn
Mr. Vaske--Sears
Mr. Singer--Revenge
Mr. Morgan--Holley's
Ms. Mudd--Younkers

FAVORITE TV SHOW

- 7th -

Janelle DeWees
I asked several 7th grade students,
"What is your favorite TV show?"
These are their replies:
Tara Butterfield--Remington Steele
Angie Schultz--Silver Spoons, Baby
Makes Five
Stephenie Akers--General Hospital
Julie Downey--Facts of Life--Silver
Spoons
Devan Baty--Leave it to Beaver
Dawn Pello--Silver Spoons
Scott Touro--Mr. Rogers, Sesame
Street
Eric Pospisil--Sesame Street
Darci John--Silver Spoons, Different
Strokes
Stacy Postier--Trapper John, M.D.
Rob McComas--Sesame Street
Susan Rogers--Magnum P.I., All
My Children
Sara Potter--Baby Makes Five,
Quincy
Julie Keith--Different Strokes, Trap-
per John, M.D.
Denise Glubka--A Team, Silver
Spoons
Mike Schmickle--Fraggle Rock
Phil Jennings--Simon and Simon,
Outdoor Life on TV
Steve McAreavy--Leave It to
Beaver, Hill Street Blues
Shelly Mackel--Bozo Show, Brady
Bunch
Marcia Buenzow--Romper Room
B.J. Punroy--This Week in Base-
ball, USA's Thursday Night Baseball
Dean Chiafos--Lawrence Welk, Mr.
Rodgers

Jodi Bushlack--Family Ties
Lisa Altes--Hart to Hart, Tucker's
Witch
Mimi Costello--Leave It to Beaver
Ron Handley--Sesame Street
Janelle DeWees--Magnum, P.I.,
Simon and Simon

FAVORITE TV SHOW

- 8th -

Tracy Naughton
I surveyed 8th grade students about
their favorite TV show.
Steve Bjornsen--M*A*S*H* reruns
Dave Adams--M*A*S*H*
Laura Hawthorne--Magnum P.I.
Travis Kasner--Fraggle Rock (Wim-
bley)
Ron Geater--A Team
Scott Bradley--A Team
Joel Robertson--M*A*S*H*
Todd Cleppe--Fraggle Rock
Carrie Snitselaar--Dr. Max
Lisa Watson--Sesame Street
Sean Miller--Mr. Rodgers
Dawn Rardon--Magnum P.I.
Dave Bliss--M*A*S*H* reruns
Scott Wilson--Captain Kangaroo
Michelle Bolsinger--Smurfs
Ray Lantz--The Lone Ranger
Shane Bonebrake--The Bozo Show
Lisa Yanda--A Team
Tami Christopherson--Magnum P.I.
Kerri O'Rourke--Voyagers
Tish Bowden--Square Pegs
Tracy Naughton--Cheers

The average U.S. worker
works 37 hours, 6 minutes
per week.



Casts for 8th Grade Plays



6th Play Cast

Peer Helpers Give Services

(courtesy of Mr. Steadman)
Peer helpers at Vernon was a group
organized to provide services to the
school and to fellow students. At this
time we have nine members. They are
Nancy Benkusky, Chad Bisinger, Shane
Bonebrake, Kevin Brauer, Todd Cleppe,
Sheila Cory, Dena Helgens, Jill Never-
man, and Kristen Prosser.
Our first activity this year was FAB
Day (Faculty Appreciation Breakfast).
The students sold baked goods to fi-
nance the breakfast, and then one dark
morning at 6:30 a.m. in November,
the Peer Helpers and their sponsors, Mr.
Steadman, counselor, and Barb Jacob-
sen, school social worker, met in Ver-
non's Home Ec room and created a
breakfast for over fifty faculty and staff
members. The teachers were very ap-
preciative, and the Peer Helpers all
said it was a great experience.
The second semester several Vernon
students were tutored by the Peer Hel-
pers. They worked with students either
before school, during the noon hour,
or after school. Both the tutors and the
students receiving help were very en-
thusiastic about the program. There is
no doubt several students profited from
the help.
Later this spring, the group gave an
anti-smoking program for the fifth gra-
ders at Starry, Emerson, and Mentzer.
One point made was that if you smoke
a pack-and-a-half a day, you could in-
stead in one year fly round-trip to Dis-
ney World, or one-way to Hawaii.
In May we again went back to the ele-
mentaries and conducted an orientation

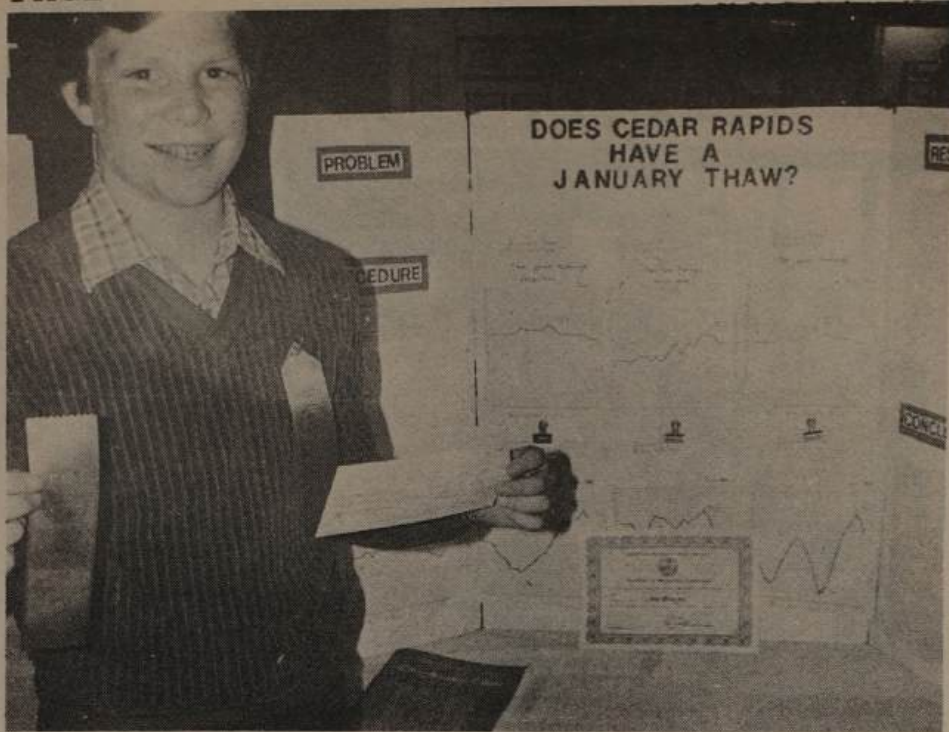
for the in-coming 6th graders. We show-
ed slides of Vernon and various activi-
ties there. We then had a question-and-
answer period. The group received a
resounding round of applause at each
building.
Our members are looking forward to
joining the Peer Counseling Program
at Marion High School.
All in all, we've had a fine year.

Spring Dance Held May 6

Steve Kelley
On Friday, May 6, VMS held its
annual Spring Dance from 7 to 9:30
in the gym. That evening approxi-
mately 125 students were present.
Music was from records, and the theme
of the dance was "Blue Hawaii".
During the evening the Outstanding
School Citizens were announced. Eighth
grade choices were Jeff Blackford, Ke-
vin Bell, Phuong Nguyen, and Kristen
Prosser. Seventh graders were B.J.
Punroy, Rob McComas, Kim Hut-
chins, and Devan Baty. Sixth grade
choices, announced during the week,
were Kristen Frasher, Teresa Dittmar,
Todd Hutchins, Jay Brandt, and John
Livingston.
One of the attractions of the night
was when Miss Ebersole danced with
7th grader Dave Dalton and when
Larry Munson danced with another 7th
grader, Kathy Hitchcock.
The homerooms of Mrs. Wood, Mrs.
Borg, Mr. Vaske, and Mrs. Hess spon-
sored the dance.



The word Colombo (Columbus) means pigeon.



Chad Bisinger with His Science Fair Project and Awards

Program Presented By Instrumentalists May 5

The following is the program of the vocal and instrumental departments presented at the Spring Concert held May 5 in the Vernon gym.

SEVENTH CHORUS

Give Me A Smile, Arr. Nowak;
Send Down the Rain, Eilers; My Music, Snyder; King George, Mayfield; America! Mayfield

EIGHTH CHORUS

Wonder What Kind of a Day It will Be, Arr. Nelson; The Wayward Wind, Arr. Crocker; Follow the Sun, Eilers; Sentimental Journey, Arr. Ades; You Must Fly, Eilers; Special Groups, The Unicorn, Emerson (Shane Bonebrake,

Burt Young, Tom Paine, Ron Handley, Brent Crane, Matt Good)
The Rose (Amie Deerberg, Sheryl Sutton, Janelle DeWees, Jane Foster, Kerri O'Rourke, Jody Clinton, Bonnie Crawford, Renee Sobek, Amy Elam)

CONCERT BAND

The Stars and Stripes Forever, Sousa/Walters; Hymn of Praise, Bruckner; Highlights from the Music Man, Willson/Reed; Hymn Fantasy for Band, Sullivan/Ployhar; Mancini's Concert Band Medley, Mancini/Warrington (Dear Heart, Charade, The Sweetheart Tree); Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Raye/Prince/Ployhar; Bill Bailey, Arr. Van Auken

EDITORIAL

BREAK-INS

Dave Adams, Editor

You have probably already heard about the two break-ins at VMS. These will probably affect the students that are in the lower grades the most. You may not realize, however, that items such as those that were stolen cannot be replaced just like that. Money to replace such items may take a while to accumulate; meanwhile, the price on such items goes up.

We should be proud of our school and the people that make it possible for us to have all the things we have.

The gym that we have, which compares favorably with several Wamac gyms, is an example of how much our community and school personnel care about our education and sports programs.

I know that it's not popular to be known as a snitch, but these break-ins are incidents that should be reported. Such break-ins not only hurt the school--they also hurt you and your fellow classmates.

No More HOMEWORK . . .

Kathy Whittemore, Associate Editor

I'm going to miss C.B. Vernon Middle School in many ways. One way is that I'm going to miss the teachers. The teachers have been really considerate to me this year. Mr. Steadman has helped me out a lot this year, and I thank him for it.

Mr. Fowler has been extremely nice to me this year, considering. I'm also going to miss Mr. Megger's weird jokes. I'm going to miss Mr. Miller as my newspaper sponsor, and as a good friend. Mrs. Thornton has helped me out and made me feel she cared throughout the year.

Mr. Singer helped me to have confidence in myself and in my homework. Mr. Cahalan was fun to be around. Mrs. Wood made me feel good when I had had a rough day. I'll also miss Mr. Vaske and Mr. Morgan; they "picked on me" when they knew I wasn't paying attention.

I also appreciate the help Mrs. Borg and Mrs. Raasch gave me on my projects. The one thing I am not going to miss is HOMEWORK.

In 1925 it was possible to buy an automobile for as little as \$260!

SCHOOL LUNCH

Kevin Brauer, Associate Editor

School lunches! Probably one of the most negative things in a student's mind. When lunch count is taken, you hear moans and groans about the lunches.

Consider this--school lunches are government-funded. The food is worth twice as much as we pay for it. We should feel lucky we don't have to pack cold lunch all the time. We can have something warm.

Education! What most kids in our community dread. Many say it is not challenging, so why go. Others say, "Who cares?"

School is very important. People who don't graduate are probably going to be in serious trouble financially in their later years. People with good grade-point averages usually get scholarships, and have the privilege of attending college. Who do you think an employer will take first--a drop-out, or a college graduate with a degree in a certain area?

I think people in school should face reality. School comes once in a lifetime. We should make the best of it.

I CAN'T BELIEVE . . .

Bonnie Crawford, Editor

It's hard to believe I'm going to be a freshman next year. I can still remember my first day of sixth grade, which only seems like yesterday.

I have talked to eighth graders who say they won't miss anything about Vernon, but I know I will. Who could forget the dances, skating parties, powder and soap fights in the locker room, and Mr. Meggers' social studies class? I know I can't.

I'm looking forward to going to High School, but I will always remember Vernon Middle School.

MORE PARTICIPATION

Lisa French, Editor

I may be speaking for quite a few 6th, 7th, and 8th graders when I support the idea of 6th graders participating in more of the general activities at VMS (dances, etc.)

They are a part of this school; perhaps they could take part in more activities. I know that this subject has been discussed in the past.



Matt with His Prize-winning Science Fair Display



Band Ribbon Winners



Ribbon Winners from Band Contest
Spring Concert Was May 10

(courtesy of Mr. Wright)

The following is the program of the final 6th Spring Concert, held in the gym on May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

SIXTH BAND

Paloma Blanca, Bouwens-Stuart; Protocol, Forsblad; New York, New York, Kander; Ode to Joy from Symphony #9, Beethoven-Schaeffer; Chariots of Fire, Vangelis-Rush

I think we might give this a try. If letting 6th graders attend dances or other activities does not work out, at least we can say we tried.

An alternate idea might be to allow one dance a year where all classes are invited.

These ideas might not work, but they might be worth a chance.

FAIRNESS! !

Ann Churchill, Editorial

I think that when the students here at VMS get in trouble or do something wrong, the teacher should take time to get the story, or even a few details

FIFTH/SIXTH BAND
Love Will Keep Us Together, Sedaka-Balant; Little March for Band, Morrissey

Mr. Wright has indicated that the summer program will begin May 31 and go through July 8 (6 weeks). This year's sixth graders will become a part of next year's Middle School Band under Mr. Shultz. Fifth graders and all new beginners will take lessons from Mr. Wright at the High School.

of what has happened. Maybe the person serving detention, spending time after school, or receiving punishment does not deserve it. I've seen teachers get after students before even realizing what has been said or done. If someone tries to tell the teacher he or she is wrong, that person may get in trouble for trying to correct a mistake.

But I must be fair. Students, do you always give teachers the benefit of the doubt, or give them a chance to explain their side? The faculty around Vernon, I'm sure, is probably one of the best, but I would really like to see an improvement in this specific area.

VMS Orienteering Team Attends Annual Meeting



VMS's Orienteering Team

Jodi Bushlack

On Monday, May 9, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade orienteering teams went to Camp Hitaga for the annual orienteering meet.

What is orienteering? Orienteering is the use of maps and compasses to try to get from one place to another. The teams are picked by recommendations from science teachers. The teachers make a list of people they think would be capable of doing a good job. The following kids have been chosen for this year's orienteering team:

6th: Mike Adams, Heather Baldwin, Rob Bowen, Alisia Brisel, Heather Canady, Julie Heald, Cory Seedorf, and Brad Simanick

7th: Janelle DeWees, Darci John, Kevin Klostermann, Amy Murphy, Terri Roe, and Matt Zimmerman

8th: Kevin Bell, Chad Bisinger, Sheila Cory, Peter Glawe, Nancy Goldsworth, P.J. Lawless, Mark McDonald, and Jill Neverman

Theater Group Visits VMS

Holly Conway

The Minneapolis Children's Theater is a theater group that recently visited VMS to work with 6th graders.

The group had three team members. They are Arthur Schwartz, who is director and head of the team, Robert Rumbolz, a musician, and Bev Sonen, a dancer.

This group works mainly in schools; it just returned from a trip to Alaska.

The activities include casual contact a form of instant theater which is fun and informational for students, and a mini-school, which is an intensive theater workshop for selected students. Student reaction has been from complete astonishment, to confusion, to great joy and satisfaction.

Students had to apply for the workshop. The directors thought that the students were very good and worked hard. On Friday, April 29, the students demonstrated what they had learned at a program. VMS students who participated were Brigot Kesselring, Andy Wright, Darrin Howe, Cara Zeiser, Tammy Roupe, Kenny Heitzman, Stacy Svoboda, John Livingston, Angie Elam, Christine Willmsen, Jennifer Bednar, Sean Nelson, Brandon Moyer, Matt Wamke, Brad Wilson, Robbie Bowen, Jamie Durbin and Valerie Downey.



Janelle Sings Her Solo at Talent Show

Before the meet, the team had to get ready--some of the things they did were as follows: 1) see a film, 2) study a packet of information 3) practice with a compass and map 4) practice on a course.

The meet has been held for three years. The first year it was held, VMS sent four team members. This year the school is sending 27 people--Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Thornton are the sponsors.

Last year's results were as follows: (No sixth graders last year)

7th-First place

8th-Near the bottom

9th-Toward the middle

I asked some former team members what they thought about the event. They said it was hard work but a lot of fun, too.

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER EASTER VACATION?

Devan Baty

I asked students what they did over Easter vacation.

Alison Detling--went to my grandmother's

Cheryl Herring--went to my grandma's Jamie Sweet--went to my grandma's Angie Eighorst--went to my grandma's house

Julie Keith--visited relatives and others Darci John--went to Bishops and to my grandma's and cousin's houses

Denise Brislawn--had my cousin stay overnight

Kelly Hinrichs--my little cousin came to visit

Jodi Pedersen--went to my grandparents and had an Easter hunt

Leeann Kos--went to my grandma's house to celebrate her birthday

Janelle DeWees--went shopping and saw "High Road to China"

Amy Murphy--stayed home

Sue Rogers--watched "All My Children"

Stacy Postier--went to Kansas City

Tara Butterfield--went bowling with Terry Cooper

Julie Grant--talked on the phone

Denise Glubka--went to some friend's houses

Kim Hutchins--stayed home

Reagen Romine--had brunch at Stouffers with the family

Angie Schultz--had some friends over; went bowling

Deana Balk--went over to a friend's house and had an Easter egg hunt

Dawn Pello--spent money at the arcades

Dana Runde--went to my grandma's

Holly Hatch--had friends stay over; went to my grandma's

Marcia Buenzow--went to my aunt's

Phil Jennings--went over to a friend's house

Jim Connell--ran around, and then stayed home

Scott Touro--nothing

Eric Pospisil--nothing

Jim Lange--nothing

Mike Schmickle--nothing



Some of Vernon's Spelling Team Members

FIRST STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

B.J. Pumroy

The first Council meeting of the quarter was held April 12. The following suggestions were made by B.J. Pumroy (Homeroom 209): be able to chew gum, go off school grounds for lunch, and have a radio station. Mr. Fowler replied a definite no to the gum chewing. "It's been tried before but failed," he said.

The School Board made the rule not allowing students to go home for lunch.

"TO SERVE WITH PRIDE"
(Optimist Club Speech Contest)

Amy Murphy

Late this spring, Mimi Costello, a seventh grader, presented an oratorical contest speech for four judges at the Village Inn Motel, where she received first prize out of three contestants. The occasion was the annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Optimists Clubs of the Cedar Rapids/Marion area.

From there Mimi went to the second round competition, held at Westminster Presbyterian Church. There she took third place out of four contestants.

Her subject, which was the same for all contestants, was "To Serve With Pride."

The Optimist Club feels that giving students a chance to talk in front of a large amount of people is a rewarding experience. Mimi will soon be receiving a medal or trophy for her first-place finish in the local contest. Congratulations, Mimi.

Zodiac Sign

- 8th -

Jody Clinton, Editor

Cheryl Bradley--Virgo

Kristi Johnson--Libra

Jill Neverman--Aquarius

Carrie Snitselaar--Libra

Tish Bowden--Capricorn

Jo Hicks--Libra

Barb Darrah--Capricorn

Scott Wilson--Gemini

Dena Helgens--Libra

Michelle Ronk--Sagittarius

Kristen Prosser--Aries

LeeAnn Gruwell--Capricorn

Amie Deerberg--Aries

Nancy Benkusky--Virgo

Christie Mase--Libra

Eric Baldwin--Leo

Lonnie Shelton--Sagittarius

Jody Clinton--Aries

Bonnie Crawford--Aquarius

Rocky Sloan--Libra

Melissa Wilson--Aquarius

Kathy Whittemore--Virgo

Scott Bradley--Libra

Sheryl Sutton--Capricorn

Marty Brown--Aquarius

P.J. Lawless--Aries

Kevin Bell--Capricorn

Ms. Mudd--Taurus

Mrs. Wood--Leo

Mrs. Jacobs--Aquarius

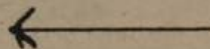
Mrs. Clauson--Gemini

Mrs. Bisinger--Pisces

Mrs. Raasch--Libra

Mr. Fowler--Pisces

GEORGE Rests At Skating Party



The radio station would be up to the Science Club.

Mr. Fowler allowed Council members to sign up for announcements during May. The group also established the date for the end-of-the-year pizza party. It will be held at Thomas Park on Tuesday, May 24.

The other and last business meeting for the Student Council was held May 5. We elected our carry-over members for the '83-'84 school year. Jody Glubka and Shane Ehresman were the sixth graders selected, while Shawn Holub and Rob McCormas were seventh graders selected.

Representatives of our Council received certificates.

Gifted & Talented Starting At Coe For 5th thru 9th

(courtesy of Mr. Steadman)

The gifted-and-talented program starting this year at Coe is for fifth and ninth grade students from Iowa. They will have a chance to meet other boys and girls who enjoy not only learning new ideas but also having an opportunity to go beyond the normal academics and to learn more about the arts.

For the full-time student the program will consist of living on campus from July 24 to August 5. This will give the students a little flavor of college.

Breakfast is at 7 a.m. and is followed by classes from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Then it is time for lunch. In the afternoon there will be two mini-classes.

The evening will consist of swimming, open gym, group rap sessions, and lights-out at 10:30.

Day students will attend from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m., going home for the evening.

Mr. Steadman, counselor, indicates that VMS has eleven students taking part. They are Amie Deerberg, Jeff Holsinger, Ken Heitzman, Mike Cahalan, Mimi Costello, Jeff Harapat, Tricia Kocher, Paul Eichinger, Steve Eidemiller, Chris Willmsen, and Alan Sweeney.

YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW

- 6th -

Dieunn Young

I asked 20 sixth graders about their favorite TV shows. They replied. . . .
Stacy Svoboda--Electric Company
Heather Baldwin--Silver Spoons
Brenda Hansen--Baby Makes Five
Kris Frasher--Football
Angie Brende--Different Strokes
Nikki Meister--Baby Makes Five
Jenny Thompson--M*A*S*H
Tina Greiner--Different Strokes
Jennifer Humphrey--Baby Makes Five
Christine Willmsen--Silver Spoons
Mike Doyle--Sports, football
Jody Glubka--The A Team
Chris Tope--V
Eric Arp--NFL football
Mickey Peterson--The A Team
Joe Fisch--Night Rider
Shane Ehresman--The Bozo Show
Kevin Regnier--Mister Rogers
Cory Seedorf--V
Jason Powers--The A Team
Mrs. Borg--All sport shows
Mrs. Shaff--Quincy
Mr. Gallagher--Ripley's Believe It or Not
Mrs. Chester--Ripley's Believe It or Not
Mr. Taylor--The A Team

"Self-control is at the root of all virtues." Samuel Smiles

Jay Knight, Artist, Helps VMS Students In Music

(courtesy of Mrs. Raasch)

Recently Jay Knight, Artist-in-Schools came to Vernon Middle School to work with students. His appearance resulted from the joint sponsorship of the Iowa Arts Council and the Marion Independent School System.

While here, Mr. Knight worked with several different groups of students. He worked with seventh grade music classes, and from these classes came a number of original songs, including some which were presented at an assembly (see additional article in this issue). Jay also took part in 8th grade physical education classes, where he worked in areas such as dance and rhythm. At another time, he showed 6th graders slides of such activities.

Mr. Knight, who might be classified as a folk artist, received his B.S. from Miami University, his M. Ed from Miami University, and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in physical education (teacher preparation).

He was chairman of the Department of Physical Education in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a Visiting Assistant Professor at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Instruction of Physical Education and Assistant Swim Coach, Miami University, and a Graduate Assistant at Miami University.

Mr. Knight's wife is a writer/editor and educator, and is presently participating in the Writer's Workshop in Iowa City. He has a daughter Liesl, 11, and a son, Darcy 4.



Students Working with Carol Taylor, Carol Taylor Guest Artist Visits VMS

(courtesy of Mrs. Raasch)

During the week of March 20-25, a guest artist was visiting our school. She was Carol Taylor from Des Moines. Her specialty is working with puppets and creative dramatics. She worked with 6th grade students while she was here. The time was spent acting out different characters and situations. Students gave special attention to facial expressions to tell the kind of character they were acting out.

Mrs. Taylor's background involves much work in the Des Moines Community playhouse. She has conducted many workshops in puppetry and creative dramatics for Des Moines area school children. During her career, she has studied with some well-known people in puppetry and theatre arts.

Mrs. Taylor's visit here was co-sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council and the Marion Independent School District.



A Group Works with Jay at an Assembly



Corev and Ron Sing with Jay



Devan, Janelle, Alison, and Jodi sing with Jay



Jay Knight, Artist-in-Schools, Performs at an Assembly

Knight Appears At Assembly

Holly Hatch

On April 15th, artist-in-schools Jay Knight came to the gym for an assembly. Earlier in the week, he had taught in the 7th grade music classes and in 8th grade phys-ed classes.

At the assembly Jay performed four songs by himself. With the help of Dave Dalton, Kyle Coghlan, Brent Crane, Mark Colton, and B.J. Purnoy, he sang the song "Vernon Vocabulary," a work which had been

created during his week's work here. Jay also sang the song "8:25 to 3:10 Blues" with Devan Baty, Alison Detling, Janelle DeWees, and Jody Bushlack. This song was also created during the week.

Finally the artist sang the song "Towa Waltz" while a few 8th graders waltzed to the music.

The Iowa Arts Council and the Marion Independent School District jointly sponsor the artist-in-schools program for our school district.



Jay Instructing in a Physical Education Class



8th Dancers at Jay Knight's Assembly

Marion Invitational Track Meet

Marion Invitational Track Meet, April 20
(7th) Linn-Mar 69-1/2, Prairie 44, Independence 33-1/2, Marion 33
100 Dash: Scott Keppler 1st
120 Low Hurdles: Tony Kautz 3rd
220 Dash: Bill Luko 2nd
440 Dash: Mark Colton 5th
880 Run: Warren McCune 5th
440 Relay: Dean Barth, Bill Luko, Tony Kautz, Scott Keppler 1st
880 Relay: Kenny Knutson, Dean Barth, Ben Gonzales, Tony Kautz 3rd
Shot: Rob McComas 2nd
High Jump: Scott Keppler 3rd
Long Jump: Bill Luko 3rd
(8th) Linn-Mar 73-1/2, Prairie 56, Marion 37-1/2, Independence 13
120 Low Hurdles: Shane Wingerson 1st (new meet record)
High Jump: Dave Cox 2nd
Shot: Dave Adams 2nd, Jeff Blackford 4th
100 Dash: Shane Wingerson 2nd, Don Spaethe 5th
Long Jump: Shane Wingerson (tie for 3rd)
440 Dash: Dave Cox 3rd
Discus: Ron Geater 4th
220 Dash: Don Spaethe 5th
880 Medley Relay: Mike Cahalan, Greg Hancox, Dave Cox, and Scott Barrington 2nd
440 Relay: Mike Cahalan, Jeff Blackford, Terry Greiner, Don Spaethe 2nd

GIRLS TRACK

Girls' Track with Prairie, April 25
7th: Prairie 67, Marion 37
Shot: Lori Spear 1st
Discus: Margaret Orr 1st
Distance Medley: Devan Baty, Stacy Postier, Theresa Huntoon, Julie Keith 1st
400 Meter Dash: Mimi Costello 1st
110 meter Hurdles: Lori Spear 1st, Holly Hatch 3rd
200 Meter Dash: Nicki Wilson 3rd
800 Meter Run: Mimi Costello 2nd, Anne Hansen 3rd
8th: Marion 71, Prairie 40
880 Relay: Lori Seeks, Kristi Johnson, Mollie DeWoody, Kathy West 1st
Medley Relay: Brenda Lowry, Nancy Benkusky, Jamie Rubel, Leeann Gruwell 1st (record)
5-Flight Shuttle Relay: Brenda Lowry, Leeann Gruwell, Kristen Prosser, Phuong Nguyen 1st
Mile Relay: Kristen Prosser, Jane Foster, Deliegha Tull, Kerri O'Rourke 1st
880 Medley Relay: Lori Seeks, Kathy West, Mollie DeWoody, Leeann Gruwell 1st
High Jump: Kristi Johnson 1st, Jayne McCalmant 2nd
Long Jump: Jayne McCalmant 1st
120 Hurdles: Phuong Nguyen 1st, Sheila Rotert 3rd
220 Dash: Nancy Benkusky 1st, Lisa Albin 3rd
440 Dash: Deliegha Tull 1st, Michelle Rundle 3rd
100 Dash: Mollie DeWoody 1st
880 Run: Melinda Dye 2nd
Discus: Shelli Trout 2nd, Kristin Twachtman 3rd
Shot: Julie Johnson 2nd

Super Shoot Out Winners

Holly Conway
The "super shoot-out" took place in the Vernon gym March 24. The contestants generally looked nervous.
6th Contestants and Points:
Jay Brandt 6
Eric Arp 6
Jody Glubka 5
Shane Ehresman 3
Duke Meader 2
Todd Hutchins 6
Roy Bowers 5
Jason Daudle 7
Jeff Weaver 7
7th Contestants and Points:
Brent Crane 4
Ken Knutson 6
Shawn Holub 7
Julie Hebert 2
Kyle Coghlan 3
Eric Pospisil 3
8th Contestants and Points:
Paul Beachel 3
Dave Bliss 8
Chad Bisinger 4
Jeff Blackford 8
Sean Miller 1
Winners:
Dave Bliss, champion, and Jeff Blackford, Second Place



Shane on His Way to a Record Performance



Don Heads Toward the Finish



Paul and Brian Line Up

Cheerleading Tryouts

Lori Walters and Nickie Wilson
The sixth and seventh grade cheerleading tryouts were held April 20 in the gym under the supervision of Mrs. Hess. The judges were Jane Speer, Caryn Frasher, Dawn Daves, and Kathy Anderson, who are senior cheerleaders, and Mrs. Sumner. The judges had to make "tough" decisions this year. These choices were for the 1983-84 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders.
7th Football: Sara Hall, Nikki Meister, Andrea Nolz, Dana Pinter, Stacy Svoboda, Lisa Sweet
Boys' Basketball: Heather Cronbaugh, Teresa Dittmar, Angie Elam, Kris Frasher, Tina Gonzales, Jennifer Thompson

Cheerleading Tryouts Held

Ann Churchill, Editor
Cheerleading tryouts for 9th grade were held at the High School Friday, March 18, was the day for learning the cheer, chant, and "Onward, Marion." The requirements were to know these along with a cartwheel, round-off, splits, two jumps, and have a locker sign.
Tryouts were on Wednesday, March 23, at the High School. Everyone, along with a partner, tried out by number. Before the tryouts, certain questions had to be answered.
As usual, tryouts made people nervous, and contestants, of course, wondered almost immediately how they had done.
Here are the results for the 1983-84 school year.
Fall Pom-pon--Mollie DeWoody

Girls' Basketball and Wrestling: Heather Baldwin, Angie Jensen, Julie Miller, Dedi Partridge, Chris Willmsen, Dieunn Young
Alternates: Angie Brende, Tricia Bucknell
8th Football: Stephenie Akers, Devan Baty, JoAnn Hale, Holly Hatch, Julie Keith, Jamie Sweet
Boys' Basketball: Janelle DeWees, Lisa Evans, Julie Grant, Kim Hutchins, Shelly Mackel, Angie Schultz,
Girls' Basketball and Wrestling: Monica Drewer, Anne Hansen, Darci John, Dawn Pello, Stacy Postier, Susan Rogers
Alternates: Lisa Cohn, Mimi Costello

KOPEK - Seventh -

Mimi Costello
I asked 7th grade students, "What would you do with a kopek?"
Kari Pietsch--give it to an Arab?
Julie Keith--bury it in the sand
Darci John--put it in a box
Mike Schmickle--eat it
Scott Touro--kill it
Steve McAreavy--sit on it
Amy Murphy--put it in a jar

JV Football--Nancy Benkusky, Dena Helgens, Phuong Nguyen, and Kristen Prosser
JV Basketball--Tish Bowden, Ann Churchill, Amy Hebert, Nancy Klein, Lisa Larsen, and Phuong Nguyen
Winter Pom-pon--Amy Elam, Jane Foster, Lisa French, Jo Hicks, Shelly Ruggiero, Renee Sobek, Sheryl Sutton, and Lisa Watson.

Track Results Given For Triangular

(courtesy of the coaches)

7th--Vinton 93-1/2, Benton 48, Marion 46-1/2, Prairie 41
Shot: Lori Spear 1st
Discus: Margaret Orr 3rd
Long Jump: Devan Baty 3rd, Theresa Busse 4th
5-flight Hurdle Relay: Devan Baty, Monica Drewer, Holly Hatch, Lori Spear 1st
100 Dash: Jody Bushlack 4th
400 Dash: Mimi Costello 2nd
200 Dash: Leeann Kos 4th
800-Meter Run: Mimi Costello 3rd
100 Hurdles: Lori Spear 3rd

8th--Marion 75, Vinton 55, Prairie 51, Benton 47
Distance Medley Relay: Mollie DeWoody, Nancy Benkusky, Brenda Lowry, Leeann Gruwell 1st (broke school record by 12 seconds)
5-flight Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Leeann Gruwell, Brenda Lowry, Kathy West, Phuong Nguyen 1st
4 x 100 Relay: Debbie Lodwig, Kristi Johnson, Amie Deerberg, Kathy West 1st
4 x 200 Relay: Debbie Lodwig, Jane Foster, Amie Deerberg, Kathy West 2nd
800-meter Medley: Kristi Johnson, Brenda Lowry, Mollie DeWoody, Leeann Gruwell 2nd
High Jump: Kristi Johnson 1st
110 Hurdles: Phuong Nguyen 2nd
5-flight Hurdles: Phuong Nguyen 3rd, Kristen Prosser 4th
Long Jump: Carrie Snitselaar 2nd, Jayne McCalmant 3rd
Shot: Carrie Snitselaar 3rd, Julie Johnson 4th
200 Dash: Nancy Benkusky 2nd, Mollie DeWoody 3rd
880 Run: Deliegha Tull 3rd
100 Dash: Debbie Lodwig 3rd
Discus: Kristin Twachtman 4th
400 Dash: Michelle Rundle 5th

L-M Tops Runners In Triangular

7th --Linn-Mar 63, Marion 42, Tipton 34
Long Jump: Bill Luko 1st
100 Meter: Scott Keppler 1st
200 Meter: Scott Keppler 1st, Bill Luko 2nd
4 x 100 Relay: Ken Knutson, Ben Gonzales, Bill Luko, Scott Keppler 1st
Discus: Ken Knutson 3rd
Shot Put: Rob McComas 4th
5-Flight Shuttle Hurdle: Steve McAreavy, Mike Schmickle, Don Royer, Tony Kautz 2nd
400 Meter: Mark Colton 2nd
4 x 200 Medley: Dave Bowser, Ben Gonzales, Ken Knutson, Mark Colton 2nd
800 Meter: Peter Gordon 2nd
120 Hurdles: Tony Kautz 2nd, Steve McAreavy 4th

8th--Linn-Mar 76, Tipton 37, Marion 27
120 Lows: Shane Wingerson 1st,
Long Jump: Scott Barrington 2nd
200-Meter Dash: Shane Wingerson 1st, Scott Barrington 4th
Shot: Dave Adams 2nd, Jeff Blackford 4th
100-Meter Dash: Shane Wingerson 2nd
4 x 200 Relay: Mike Cahalan, Jeff Blackford, Greg Hancox, Don Spaethe 2nd
4 x 100 Relay: Mike Cahalan, Jeff Blackford, Greg Hancox, Don Spaethe 2nd

Jeff Milbach--have Tom eat it
Scott Keppler--put it in a closet
Tom Paine--give it to Jeff M
Mr. Singer--fry it
Jodi Pedersen--flush it down the toilet
Alison Detling--throw it away
Monica Drewer--sell it
Mrs. Wood--put it on my head
Kathy Hitchcock--eat it
Devan Baty--put it in the zoo
Cheryl Herring--torture it
Stacy Postier--throw it away

A kopek is a minor Russian bronze coin.

YANKEE INGENUITY: The first patent granted an American invention was for a scythe-grinding machine in Massachusetts in 1645.



At the Skating Rink



Marty, Bret and Brian at the Skating Party



Getting Down at the Skating Party



Best Skaters Named

Lori Walters, Nickie Wilson, Holly Conway
 Best skaters--Tish Bowden, Dixie Axel, Brad Glick, Scott Keppler
 Most Falls--Robby Schoon
 Fastest skater--Dean Chiafos, Scott Keppler, Brad Glick
 Student couple--Josh Conway and Melissa Wilson

Best backward skater--Tish Bowden, Scott Keppler
 Best trio--Shelly Cihla, Mark Thompson, Tina Wright
 Cutest couple--Shelly Cihla and Mark Thompson, Mollie DeWoody and Dave Cox
 Best Scooter skater--Scott Keppler, Tish Bowden, Bill Luko
 Gaudiest skate covers--Scott Keppler

What's Your Zodiac Sign

- 7th -
 Stacy Postier and Alison Detling

I asked these 7th graders what their zodiac signs are:

Dawn Pello--Virgo
 Alison Detling--Libra
 Devan Baty--Virgo
 Julie Keith--Sagittarius
 Cheryl Herring--Aquarius
 Darci John--Gemini
 Mimi Costello--Virgo
 Shelly Mackel--Taurus
 Janelle DeWees--Aries
 Jodi Buchlack--Taurus
 Theresa Busse--Cancer
 Heidi Wilson--Leo
 Karlene Pietsch--Sagittarius
 Shanon Wedding--Virgo
 Diane McLaughlin--Libra
 Phil Jennings--Cancer
 Scott Touro--Sagittarius
 Amy Murphy--Aquarius
 Steve McAreavy--Aquarius
 Rob McComas--Leo
 Mike Schmickle--Aquarius
 Kelly Hinrichs--Cancer
 Denise Glubka--Cancer
 Angie Schultz--Pisces

Becky Lee--Gemini
 Becky Griffith--Cancer
 Lisa Cohn--Aquarius
 Renee Gilds--Virgo
 Leeann Kos--Taurus
 Kim Hutchins--Libra
 Julie Grant--Cancer
 Angie Eichhorst--Leo
 Troy Fuller--Libra
 Mark Colton--Virgo
 Shawn Holub--Libra
 JoAnn Hale--Capricorn
 Anne Hansen--Libra
 Tara Butterfield--Scorpio
 Michelle Bisinger--Taurus
 Michelle Jaeger--Scorpio
 Pam Reynolds--Cancer
 Cassandra Orend--Sagittarius
 Eric Pospisil--Sagittarius
 Brent Crane--Leo
 Holly Hatch--Pisces
 Lisa Evans--Sagittarius
 Marcia Buenzow--Taurus
 Tracy Hammond--Libra
 Jamie Sweet--Scorpio
 Reagen Romine--Virgo
 Dean Chiafos--Cancer
 Cory Jordan--Libra
 Jeff Holsinger--Libra

