



# News From the Hill

MAY 2013

## What a Busy Finish to the Year By Jim Stanton

First and foremost, we wish the best of luck to our retiring teachers. The education community is suffering a great loss as Mr. Phelan, Ms. Klinefelter, and Ms. Purdy retire at the end of this school year. Feel good knowing that you have touched the lives of countless students as you have been in the classroom sharing your knowledge and your kindness. You will be missed by all; administration, students, staff, parents, and community members. You have earned a special place many hearts!

Yes, we are once again moving forward and are working to finish eight of the rooms on second floor of the new building, as well as the hallway, stairwells, the bathrooms, the elevator, and support areas. This will come at a cost of about \$1 million. We will be using existing bond and statewide penny money to complete the work. This will allow us to get all of our 7 – 12 core classrooms out of the 1921

building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and over to the new building. We will move Ms. Klinefelter's English room, Mr. Heuer's Math room, Ms. McCamant's English room, Mr. Krueger's Social Studies room, Ms. Wacker's Business Education room, Mr. Kuntz's special education room, Ms. Koenig's special education room, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor computer lab all out into the new building. We are able to start this project a little ahead of schedule because of bond money left over from the first project, and state-wide penny revenues were a little better than projected this past year. That's right; no general fund money will be used to complete this phase of the project. Our target completion date is July 31, 2013 and we will start to move the classrooms over after that. It is exciting to see the growth continue and to hear the students and teachers getting excited about moving into their new surroundings next year. Construction is well underway, and

the nasty weather we experienced in early and mid-April has put us ahead of schedule because the contractors would much rather work inside on those cold, blustery, rainy days than outside. Working conditions inside the building were perfect and the contractors took full advantage of that controlled environment to get a ton of work done. If you want to stop in and take a look at how things are progressing, just stop by the Central Office and we will arrange for a tour.

The class of 1963 scholarship that we have been talking about has gone through the roof. The original intent of the scholarship was to provide one \$500 scholarship to a deserving student. It has grown to two scholarships with one being worth \$1,000.00, and the other over \$600.00. The scholarships were presented on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This was a great idea that was brought to fruition by the Class of 1963.

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Their hope was to raise money for a scholarship to give to one deserving senior in the class of 2013 as a legacy of their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Well, low and behold it has gone beyond everyone's wildest dreams to over triple that amount. Congratulations to the Class of 1963, and we hope the Class of 1964 can do the same!!! Any Class of 1964 graduates that want information on how to establish their scholarship fund should contact me or Kim Fettkether to see how easy it is to set this up through the Dunkerton Schools Foundation.

As many of you probably know, we have an awesome fitness center here at the school in Dunkerton that is not only for student use, but community members can also buy a membership. Memberships are dirt cheap: Yearly single person (age 13 – 59) membership is \$50.00, Family Membership (ages 13 – 59; only children living at home between the ages of 13 - 18 qualify as family) is \$75.00, and Single Senior Citizen memberships are only \$35.00.

The fitness center is available 24 hours a day (outside of school hours) and 7 days a week by obtaining a key fob at the office. Remember, these are yearly memberships; most people pay that much to belong to a gym for a month. The reason we are campaigning to get new members is because we need the support to buy new equipment. The equipment that is in the fitness center is 12 years old, and we need to start replacing some of it, but without paying members, that is not possible. If we can get the support of the community, either through memberships or donations, we can maintain the equipment and replace some of the more aging pieces of our inventory. The thing to remember is that we can't just show up at Sears and buy equipment off the floor, it has to meet certain specifications, and most recreational and home use machines do not meet those specifications. Thank you in advance for your support of the fitness center.

It truly is an awesome facility, and we hope to maintain it for future use.

Looking ahead, registration is on August 01, and the first day of school next year is on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Copies of next year's school calendar are available on the school's website, which is currently under some construction, and we appreciate your patience with us while we continue to work on that.

Notice: May 21, 22, 23, & 24 are now school days. It is always fun to get those snow days, but never fun to make them up!

Thank you again for helping to make Dunkerton a great place to live, and Dunkerton Schools a great place to be a kid!

Stay in touch, and as always, feel free to get in contact with me: [jstanton@dunkerton.k12.i.a.us](mailto:jstanton@dunkerton.k12.i.a.us), or via telephone: 319-822-9456, ext. 100.

# New Opportunities for the 13-14 School Year

By Justin Urbanek

It is with much excitement that Dunkerton Community Schools is moving into trimesters for the 2013-2014 school year. What are trimesters, you may wonder. Trimesters will break the school year into three sections instead of two. This will offer more opportunities for students to take classes that they are interested in. We will have fewer periods, so the class times are extended in order to offer more instructional time. Core classes are offered during the first and second trimester, leaving the third trimester for elective classes that offer opportunities for students to take classes they are interested in. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 319-822-4295, ext. 104 or email me at [jurbanek@dunkerton.k12.ia.us](mailto:jurbanek@dunkerton.k12.ia.us).

## Record Breaking News from the Music Department

By Carla Ramsey

It has been a very busy spring in the music department. We have had many students receive honors, high ratings, and have put on many successful concerts. Here is a snapshot of how our school year wrapped up...

April...

On Saturday, April 13, the high school band and choir traveled to Don Bosco for the IHSMA State Solo and Ensemble Contest. The band and choir came away with the most Division I ratings we have had since 2007! Receiving Division I ratings were:

Sharice Schnell - Vocal Solo  
August Magee - Vocal Solo  
Andrew Winkers - Vocal Solo  
Brittaney Pfatusch - Tenor Sax Solo

Brittaney Pfautsch & John Davis - Sax Duet  
Mackenzie Segebarth - Clarinet Solo  
Christy McClain - Timpani Solo  
McKenna Boeschen, Rylie Stanton, Alex Garbes, John Davis - Sax Quartet

On Tuesday, April 23, several of our JH Choir students participated in the NEICDA Honor Choir in Oelwein. Those participating were: Jessica Cox, Hannah Jacobsen, Hannah Johnson, Noah Christians, Charlie Magee, Mitchell Winkers, and Dawson Holien.

On Tuesday, April 30, several of our elementary students participated in the NEICDA Honor Choir in Oelwein. Those participating were: Bradley Manahl, Ellie

Magee, Will Fettkether, and Brooke Best.

May...

On Friday, May 1, the high school band and choir traveled to Grundy Center for the IHSMA State Large Group Contest. The choir earned a Division II rating, and the band earned a Division I, their first Division I since 1990. Great job to all involved!

On Thursday, May 9, Mitchell Winkers participated in the All-Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band in Des Moines. Mitchell auditioned and was accepted for this band back in December. He is the son on Michael and Paula Winkers and plays flute, alto sax, and percussion.

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## Music Department Makes a Trip to Des Moines

By James Healy

On the 26th and 27th of April, the Dunkerton High School Band and Choir made the trek to Des Moines for two days of education, performance, and fun. The choir performed in a one-on-one clinic at Drake University with the university's choral director, Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier. The students were polite, attentive, and made tremendous

strides in their music in a short amount of time.

That evening, many students elected to attend the Broadway musical, "Rock of Ages" at the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines. A musically intense score (comprised mostly of 80s rock hits) coupled with an equally compelling storyline made for a great night of electric guitar, great singing,

and a plethora of leopard print.

On the final day of the trip, the band started its morning off with a performance in the state's most difficult concert band competition. Judges critiqued their performance and awarded them a divisional rating, readying them for State Large Group competition, held the following week.

## State Large Group Music Results

By James Healy and Carla Ramsey

On Friday, May 3rd, the Dunkerton High School Band and Choir competed at State Large Group Contest in Grundy Center. The choir had a strong showing and received straight Division 2 ratings, the scores of which were the highest in 6 years. The band had a stellar performance, earning a high Division 1 Rating, the first Division 1 Rating in 20 years.

Thank you for all of your support of the Dunkerton Music Department!!

Below: Mr. Healy and Mrs. Ramsey congratulate the Music Department on a great show.



Mr. Steve Phelan giving a speech at the HS Awards Ceremony

## High School Awards Ceremony

By Denise Durant

On May 15th, Dunkerton School held their awards program in the auditorium. High school students, faculty, parents and community members were in attendance.

Presenters from the Iowa Bar Association, the Army ROTC, area organizations, and others were there to present to deserving seniors scholarships and recognition for all the hard work they had completed as high school students.

Our valedictorian, Connor Pollock, and our salutatorian, August Magee, were also recognized. Many awards were given to well deserving seniors and we also awarded academic awards to our 9th thru 12th graders as well.

## That's Entertainment! By Paula Winkers

Choral director Mr. James Healy opened the 2013 Fine Arts Night with a comment about the abundance of talent at Dunkerton Schools, and for those in attendance on May 14 that fact soon became quite evident. From beginning to end, the program was brimming with young talent.

This special event is set aside each year to spotlight and celebrate seniors participating in Art, Band, Chorus, Drama or Speech. The evening started with a showing of the Large Group Speech Movie. Following the film were several solos and small ensembles that had won Division I ratings and/or had gone to State contest. Seniors August Magee and Sharice Schnell sang their solos "The Vagabond" and "Amazing Grace". Senior Brooke Leavell performed a prose piece called "Tang" that took her to State Speech.

As junior high school students served desserts and drinks to guests, the entertainment continued with more vocal and instrumental solos and even a musical theatre piece. Melissa Boeschen, Andrew Rubenbauer, and Joyce Stout were musical accompanists for the program. The high school choir and band were the last to perform, and the evening ended with the presentation of Fine Arts awards.

Fine Arts Boosters would like to thank everyone who helped make the evening a memorable one, especially our Fine Arts teachers and coaches: Traci Wolfensperger (Art), Carla Ramsey (Band), James Healy, (Choir) Olivia Hauptly (Drama), and Johannah McCammant (Speech). What a blessing it is to have your help in discovering and fostering the talent in the students of Dunkerton. If you were unable to attend, be sure to join us for next spring's event.

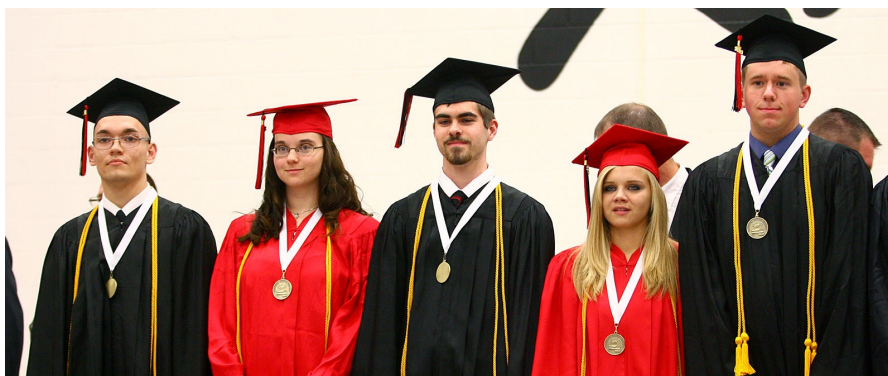


**Andrew Winkers performing his musical theater piece "I'm Not That Smart".**

## Congratulations to the Class of 2013

The entire staff at Dunkerton High School wishes the graduating class all the best in their future plans. There is so much talent in this class that is impossible to think that you will be anything but amazing.

**Connor Pollock, Amanda Phillips, August Magee, Alivia Littlefield, and Rylan Johnson face the future.**



# Graduate Plans

STUDENT	COLLEGE/WORK	MAJOR/JOB
Dillon Anderson	Wartburg College	Sports Management/Basketball
Jason Bedard	Coe College	Business/Sports Manage/Baseball
Leeann Bienfang	Hawkeye College/UNI	Accounting
Kelsi Block	Hawkeye College	Medical Lab Tech
Morgan Boeschen	Hawkeye College	Gen. Eds.
Mitch Cox	Iowa Western College	Aviation Mechanic/Football
Cassie de Neui	Iowa State University	Kinesiology & Health
Hayley Dodge	University of Iowa	Marketing/Psychology
Mike Eldridge	Hawkeye College	CNC
Brandon Fish	-	work
Aubrey Fisher	Hawkeye College	Photography
Andrew Gallmeyer	Hawkeye College	undecided
Lexee Gamerdinger	University of Iowa	Pre-Med
Robby Gibson	University of Iowa	Sociology/Army ROTC
Alec Graham	Hawkeye College	Gen. Eds.
Michelle Gray	-	find a job
Hunter Heideman	Hawkeye College	CNC
Kim Jessen	Hawkeye College	AA degree
Rylan Johnson	University of Northern Iowa	undecided
Brooke Leavell	University of Northern Iowa	Secondary Educ - English
Alivia Littlefield	University of Northern Iowa	Social Work/Psychology
Daniel Loftus	National Guard	
August Magee	University of Iowa	Cinema & Performing Arts
Brooke Miller	Hawkeye College	Ag Business Management
Amanda Phillips	Wartburg College	Secondary Educ. - English
Connor Pollock	Dartmouth	Physics
Kenzley Ricklefs	Hawkeye College	CAN/Radiology
Ryan Roquet	Hawkeye College	CNC
Janelle Rottinghaus	Hawkeye College	Elementary Education
Sharice Schnell	Missouri Valley	Health Science/Wrestling
Tyler Scribner	Hawkeye College	Police Science
Jacob Sickles	Hawkeye College	undecided
Toby Sires	Hawkeye College	CNC
Justina Snyder	Hawkeye College	Police Science
Tyler Sommerlot	Hawkeye College	Welding
Kaylie Strauss	University of Northern Iowa	Art
Olivia Tissue	Hawkeye College	Photography
Hawkeye College	Hawkeye College	Diesel Mechanic
Austin Marovets	undecided	

## Gratitude By Marcia Klinefelter

In the spring of 1979 I was interviewed by Ed Shank for a secondary reading and English position here in Dunkerton. Never did I imagine that I would have such a wonderful career in this community of wonderful people! I have so enjoyed teaching here. I enjoyed coaching JH cheerleading, directing 12 years of school plays, organizing the amazing four year trips, and working with a phenomenal faculty and staff, and of course, teaching what I love so much, literature and English classes. To all of the people in this dear community: I have loved getting to know you. I have loved teaching your children and your grandchildren! I can't believe how the years have flown and that it is really time to retire. I hope that I can keep in touch with many of you (I'll still be in Shell Rock). Dunkerton has been a truly wonderful part of my life and I will cherish so many memories. Thank you!

# Record Breaking News from the Music Department

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On Thursday, May 9, the JH Band, JH Choir, and the Elementary Bands and Choirs gave their final concert of the year.

On Tuesday, May 14, the High School Band and Choir, Speech, and Art students presented their accomplishments at our annual Fine Arts Night Awards and Desserts. We also honored our senior music students and recognized their accomplishments during their four years. Senior band and choir members are: Leeann Bienfang, Morgan Boeschen,

Cassie de Neui, Connor Pollock, Amanda Phillips, Brooke Miller, Scharice Schnell, Hunter Heideman, Lexee Gamerdinger, Janelle Rottinghaus, Hayley Dodge, August Magee, Kim Jessen, and Brooke Leavell.

As we look forward to the summer and a new school year in August, the future for the Music Department is bright. We have eager 8th graders joining the band and choir who are anxious to make their mark on the music department. While we are sad to see our seniors go, we are excited to see what the future holds for DHS Music.



## Dunkerton Senior Recognized by Governor By Linda Pollock

Connor Pollock was one of many seniors honored Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the 11th Governor's Scholar Recognition ceremony. This event is sponsored by the Iowa Athletic Association and Farm Bureau of Iowa. Valedictorians from each school in Iowa were invited to attend and meet the governor and lieutenant governor and to have cake and punch with them afterwards.

