

## Superintendent's Corner

by Larry Harnisch



At the February 11<sup>th</sup> school board meeting it was decided to hire Raymond Michael Davis Jr. as their new Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Davis is currently the superintendent at Anselmo-Merna Public Schools and will be taking over on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be coming to Sterling with experience as a Vocational Agriculture teacher, principal and superintendent. Please welcome him to Sterling and give him the support that you have given me. When I came to Sterling five years ago I had no intention to stay as long as I have; however the time has flown by and now it is time for someone else to lead the district. I will miss the smiling student faces, dedicated school board members and staff that

I've had the privilege to work with at Sterling. *Go Jets!!*

## From the Principal's Desk

by Ryun Theobald



Well, it appears as if I put the jinx on the weather when I was putting together my newsletter article for last month. I was commenting on how nice of a winter we have had to date, but apparently Punxsutawney Phil and I neither one are much good at forecasting the weather. I probably should just stick to my day job and leave the weather forecasting to the experts. With that being said, here are a few items that I would like to touch on:

**1. Students of the Month.** Our high school student of the month for the month of January is Chris Wenzl. Chris is the son of Jim and Sonja Wenzl. Our middle school student of the month is Cameron VanGroningen.

Cameron is the son of Dan and Brenda VanGroningen. These two students are both very respectful young men who work very hard at everything they do.

**2. Student/Athlete Success.** Congratulations to Ryan Zuhlke for being selected to participate in the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska 8-Man All-Star Football Game. The game will be played June 15<sup>th</sup> in Hastings, NE. Ryan will be representing the East All-Stars. I would also like to add that not only is Ryan an outstanding football player, he is also an excellent student here at Sterling. I had previously mentioned that Michael Lucas is an NSAA Believers and Achievers award winner for this year. I would just like to update all of you that Michael will be receiving his award during halftime of the Class A Girls State Basketball final on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. That game is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m., so if you get a chance, tune in to see Michael get his award.

**3. Spring Testing.** MAPS and NeSA testing will begin later this month. Our MAPS testing window opens March 18<sup>th</sup> and the NeSA window opens March

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## From the Principal's Desk continued

25th. We traditionally try and complete the MAPS testing for students prior to beginning the NeSA, as it gives our students a "warm-up" for the high-stakes NeSA assessments. This also allows our teachers to look at the data from the MAPS assessments so they can tweak their instruction to better prepare our students. We will do our best to keep an updated testing schedule on the school webpage. This will allow you as parents/guardians to ensure that your students are getting enough rest and are well prepared for these tests. We as a school understand that the NeSA assessments are only a one-time snapshot of how are students are doing, but with the new NePAS system, they will ultimately be used to compare our students to students across the state. We have great kids here at Sterling and we want them to have the best possible opportunity to be successful.

**4. Read Across America.** Students in grades PK-5 will be participating in the NEA's Read Across America Day, which will be on Friday, March 1st, 2013. Former Sterling teacher Peggy Parde has been busy organizing an afternoon of reading activities for our students. Peggy has been working with several other retired educators, who live in the area, to help with this activity. In addition to the Friday activity, our students will be encouraged to participate in some themed dress-up days for this week. Most of the days have some connection to Dr. Seuss. Tuesday will be "class T-shirt" day, Wednesday will be "wacky" Wednesday, Thursday will be "silly sock" day and Friday will be "hat" day. This should be a fun week for the elementary as we promote the idea that reading is fun.

As always, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call or shoot me an email.

**GO JETS!!!**

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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

*by Jill Shea*



### **Girls' State, Boys' State, and Junior Law Cadet**

#### **Cornhusker Girls' State**

Cornhusker Girls' State applications are due by Friday, March 1. All junior girls are encouraged to apply for this experience. Girls' State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. Since the inception of the Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works. High school girls, who have completed their junior year, spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary sponsored Girls State programs in every state. They learn how to participate in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens. This year's Girls' State will be at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln city campus from June 2-8, 2013.

#### **Cornhusker Boys' State**

Applications are currently being accepted for Cornhusker Boys' State. This annual citizenship

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER CONTINUED

program sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion is designed to provide youth with a better understanding of how city, county, and state governments operate. Each boy is sponsored locally by an organization such as an American Legion Post, or by some other patriotic, civic, fraternal, or religious group in cooperation with the local American Legion Post.

American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51<sup>st</sup> State" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, take part in band and chorus, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program. They will set up their own state government and draft bills.

All junior boys are eligible to apply for Boys' State. This year's session will be from June 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Deadline for application is **March 1, 2013**. See Ms. Shea for application.

## 2013 Junior Law Cadet Program

Nebraska Department of the American Legion

Basic Requirements:

- \* High school junior in good health & able to participate in physical activities.
- \* Must possess a positive attitude & display respect for law enforcement.
- \* Good grooming, average or above average scholastic record, & able to share the knowledge gain through the program.
- \* Must possess a valid Nebraska operator's license or learner's permit.

This program gives students the chance to: drive a State Patrol car; learn to fire a service weapon, learn self-defense, pressure point control tactics, and assault prevention measures; and interact with law enforcement officers.

Two sessions offered – one for boys and one for girls. The program now takes place at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island.

Girls' session – June 10 – 14, 2013

Boys' session – June 17 – 21, 2013

Deadline: **March 10, 2013**

Application Available at [www.nebraskalegion.net](http://www.nebraskalegion.net)

## 2013 ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

TEST DATE	REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE FEE REQUIRED
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 9-22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4-17, 2013
<b>TEST FEE: \$35.00</b>	<b>TEST w/WRITING: \$50.50</b>	<b>LATE FEE: \$22.00</b>

# BAND AND MUSIC TRIP ITINERARY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After all of our planning, selling and fundraising the time has finally come for our music trip to Denver, Colorado! We will be leaving early on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and returning on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The total cost for the trip will be \$440 per student. If you need to know your students balance please check with the office or Mrs. Renninger. Our final payment for the trip is due on March 1 requiring all students to have this amount in their accounts. Students also have to be academically eligible to participate in this trip---this trip is not graded nor is it a requirement therefore it should be looked at as a privilege that could be taken away if their grades are not high enough to be eligible.

Enclosed with this month's newsletter you will find a detailed itinerary for the trip. On the schedule, you will find the name, address and phone number of the hotel we are staying at should you need to contact us in the event of an emergency. You will also find websites for most of the events and attractions we will be attending. This will give you an idea of what your child will be doing at any given time.

If you have not returned your students medical release form please do so by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need a new copy please email or call Mrs. Renninger. I'm really looking forward to traveling with this group of students, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call the school or email me.

Angel Renninger-Music Director  
Sterling Public Schools

## **Sterling High School Band and Choir Tentative Itinerary to Denver and Colorado Springs, CO**

### Thursday, March 14 -

6:00 AM Load bus at the high school

6:30 AM Depart Sterling--Meal and rest stops in route (on your own)

3:30 PM Arrive in Denver at the hotel/check in

Drury Inn  
9445 East Dry Creek Road  
Englewood, CO  
303-694-3400

4:30 PM Transfer to Heritage Square Music Hall

5:30 PM Dinner (included)

7:00 PM Show (TBA)--After the show, return transfer to the hotel

### Friday, March 15 -

Continental breakfast at the hotel (included)

8:00 AM Depart Denver

9:00 AM Arrive in Colorado Springs at the Garden of the Gods visitor center

Drive through the park

Shopping at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post

10:30 AM Transfer to the U.S. Olympic Training Complex

# Band and Music Trip Itinerary continued

11:00 AM Tour of the complex

12:00 N Time at the U.S. Olympic Spirit Store

12:30 AM Transfer to lunch (on your own)

1:15 PM Transfer to Colorado Springs Senior Center

2:00 PM Band and choir performances

3:30 PM Return to Denver

Dinner stop in route (on your own)

6:30 PM Arrive at the Pepsi Center

7:00 PM Denver Nuggets vs. Memphis Grizzlies Basketball Game

After the game, return transfer to the hotel

## Saturday, March 16 -

Continental breakfast at the hotel (included)

7:45 AM Transfer to Eldora Mountain

8:45 AM Arrive at Eldora Mountain Ski Resort (included)

Check in/equipment fitting

Day of Skiing

4:00 PM Return rentals/load bus

4:30 PM Depart Eldora Mtn.

5:30 PM Arrive at the hotel / change

6:30 PM Transfer to Casa Bonita Mexican Restaurant

7:00 PM Dinner (included)

9:00 PM Return transfer to the hotel

## Sunday, March 17 -

Continental breakfast at the hotel (included)

8:00 AM Check out/load bus

8:30 AM Depart Denver

Meal and rest stops in route (on your own)

7:15 PM Arrive in Sterling

## **MAILING LIST FOR NEWSLETTER**

The mailing list for this school newsletter is constantly being updated. Our goal remains to keep all patrons of the district informed of the happenings at their school. If you know of someone wanting to receive this newsletter (grandparent, neighbor, friend, or patron) who is not on our mailing list, please call the school office at 402-866-4761 so their names can be added OR have them look at the district website for a copy.

# From the Desk of the Athletic Director

by Brent Heusman

As of this writing the winter sports season has wrapped up for everyone except for varsity boys basketball team. The boys have entered post-season play and we hope to be cheering them on at the State Basketball Tournament March 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. High school track practice began February 25<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> meet is scheduled for Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The speech team just completed their Conference meet this past week. The District speech contest is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, @ Deshler, and the State competition will be held on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ UNK. Check for results in an upcoming newsletter.

## **Varsity Girls BB (18-8)**

### Pioneer Conference (1-2)

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock (W 44-28)

Sterling vs. Diller Odell (L 28-37)

Sterling vs. Friend (L 33-36 OT)

Sterling @ Freeman (L 44-52 OT)

Sterling @ Tri County (W 50-43)

### Sub-Districts (1-1)

Sterling vs. Lewiston (W 50-30)

Sterling vs. FCSH (L 29-47)

## **Varsity Boys BB (18-7)**

### Pioneer Conference (2-1)

Sterling vs. HTRS (W 52-32)

Sterling vs. Pawnee City (W 62-58 2OT)

Sterling vs. FCSH (L 45-60)

OCA @ Sterling (W 51-44)

Sterling @ Freeman (L 39-54)

### Sub-Districts (2-0)

Sterling vs. Parkview Christian (W 37-33)

Sterling vs. FCSH (W 42-41)

## **Junior High Girls BB (3-8)**

### Freeman Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Lewiston (W 27-21)

Sterling vs. Freeman (L 25-42)

Lewiston @ Sterling (W 26-9)

Diller-Odell @ Sterling (L 23-52)

Sterling @ FCSH (L 24-42)

### Lewiston Tournament (1-1)

Sterling vs. Meridian (L 8-23)

Sterling vs. Lewiston (W 38-24)

Sterling @ Freeman (L 17-29)

Sterling @ NCL (L 14-33)

### Johnson Brock Tournament (0-2)

Sterling vs. Pawnee City (L 18-24)

Sterling vs. Johnson Brock (L 20-27)

## **JV Girls BB (6-10)**

Lewiston @ Sterling (W 24-9)

Sterling @ Freeman (L 23-36)

Sterling @ Tri County (L 18-24)

### Diller-Odell Round Robin (0-2)

Sterling vs. Diller-Odell (L 18-22)

Sterling vs. Tri County (L 14-16)

## **JV/ 9-10 Boys BB (16-7)**

Sterling vs. FCSH (W 38-31)

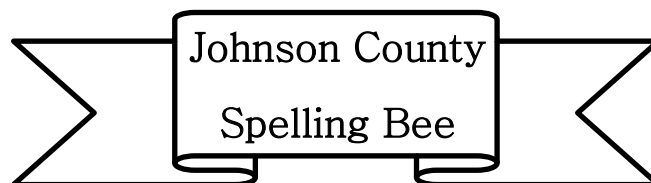
### Diller-Odell Round Robin (1-1)

Sterling vs. Diller-Odell (L 25-28)

Sterling vs. Tri County (W 31-24)

OCA @ Sterling (L 46-49 OT)

Sterling @ Freeman (L 23-36)



### 4th Grade

3rd Place – Isabella Haner

### 5th Grade

1st Place – McKayla Vermeer

2nd Place – Diego Sterkel

### 6th Grade

3rd Place – Malayna Wingert

### 7th Grade

1st Place – Heidi Eckhardt

2nd Place – Sheanna Stolz

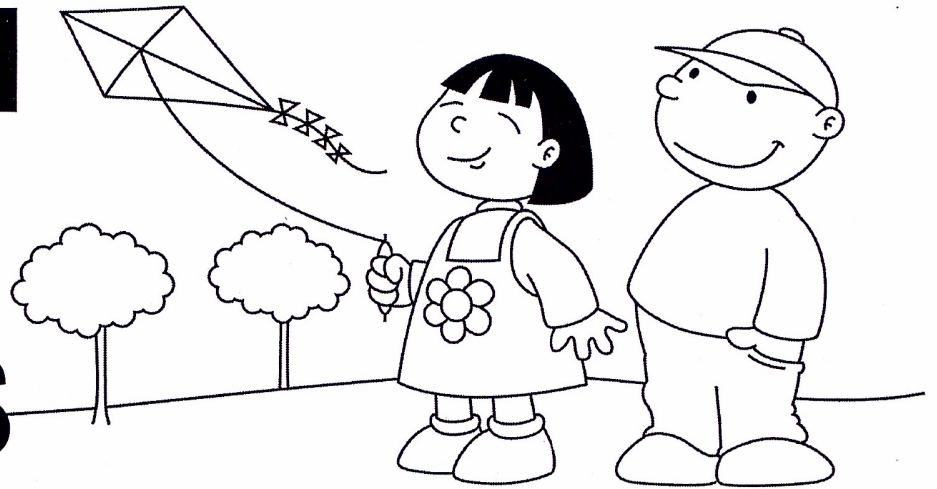
### 8th Grade

3rd Place – Tyler Vermeer

### Overall

3rd Place – McKayla Vermeer

# MARCH 2013 MENUS



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Menus subject to change without notice.</i>	<i>WG – whole grain Swt. ff – sweet potato french fries</i>	<i>Extra Whole Sandwich .90 Half a sandwich .45</i>	<i>All meals include half pint of milk and two kinds of fresh vegetables.</i>	<b>1</b> B-Scrambled Eggs, Toast or Cereal/Toast, juice, milk L- Tuna & Noodle Casserole, peas, muffin, mixed fruit
<b>4</b> B-French Toast Sticks or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L- Nachos, peas, celery w/peanut butter, peaches	<b>5</b> B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, milk L- Chicken Noodle Soup, sandwich, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges	<b>6</b> B-Donut, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L- Chicken Patty on WG Bun, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears	<b>7</b> B-Breakfast Bar or Cereal/Muffin, juice, milk L- Ham & Cheese on WG Bun, green beans, ff or swt. ff, mixed fruit	<b>8</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>11</b> B-Sausage Gravy Over Biscuits or Cereal/Biscuit, juice, milk L- Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, pears	<b>12</b> B-Egg Taco or Cereal/Muffin, juice, milk L- Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, apple	<b>13</b> B-Cereal, Toast, juice, milk L- Tomato Soup, cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, peaches	<b>14</b> B-Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L- Chicken Gravy Over WG Biscuit or WG Bread, peas, black bean salad, pineapple tidbits	<b>15</b> B-Garlic Cheese Toast or Cereal/Muffin, juice, milk L- Fish, ff and/or swt. ff, coleslaw, mixed fruit
<b>18</b> B-Breakfast Burrito or Cereal/Muffin, juice, milk L- Chili soup w/cheese, lettuce salad, cinnamon roll, pears	<b>19</b> B-Donut, Yogurt or Cereal/Yogurt, juice, milk L- Tacos, corn, celery w/peanut butter, pineapple tidbits	<b>20</b> B-Waffles, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L- Submarines, ff and/or swt. ff, gelatin, apple	<b>21</b> B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, milk L- Potato Bake, ham or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, mandarin oranges	<b>22</b> B-Toaster Pastry or Cereal/Muffin, juice, milk L- Pizza, green beans, mixed fruit
<b>25</b> B-Breakfast Pizza or Cereal/Muffin, juice, milk L- Sloppy Joes, ff and/or swt. ff, baked beans, pineapple tidbits	<b>26</b> B-Cereal, Toast, Fruit, milk L- Chicken Fajita, peas, rice, peaches	<b>27</b> B-Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L- Vegetable Beef Soup, lettuce salad, cheese breadsticks, applesauce	<b>28</b> B-Egg Taco or Cereal/Muffin, juice, milk L- Goulash, green beans, tea roll w/jelly, mixed fruit	<b>29</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Spring Break

# 2013 Sterling High Track Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 21	Thursday	Pioneer Indoor	Concordia (Seward)	9:00
March 26	Tuesday	Turkey Creek Relays	Friend	10:00
April 3	Wednesday	Mustang Invite	Friend	10:00
April 6	Saturday	MUDECAS	Pawnee City	9:00
April 9	Tuesday	Lewiston Invite	Auburn	9:30
April 16	Tuesday	Irish Invite	Syracuse	10:00
April 23	Tuesday	Pawnee City Invite	Pawnee City	3:00
April 27	Saturday	Pioneer Conference	Auburn	9:00
April 30	Tuesday	Freeman Invite	Doane (Crete)	9:00
May 8	Wednesday	Districts	Auburn	11:00
May 17-18	Friday-Saturday	State Track	Omaha	3:00

*Updated February 1, 2013*

## **Very Important Yearbook Information**

Dear Parents and Patrons;

The 2012-2013 yearbook is now on sale. Orders for the 2013 yearbook are being taken now and through March 15, 2013. The cost is \$35.00. Limited numbers will be printed, so it is very important to order your family's copies at this time. If you decide to wait until the books are out in the fall, the cost will be \$45.00, and you will run the risk of not getting a copy.

Please fill out the attached order form (and send it and the payment back to school with your child. The orders and payment may be given to the office, or to Allison Zwygart (azwygart@sterlingpublicschools.com)

Checks may be written out to Sterling Public School.

### **NEW THIS YEAR \*\***

Families and/or businesses that are interested in being a yearbook booster may also indicate what level of booster they want and send this payment and information in as well. Boosters and their level of sponsorship will be published in the 2013 yearbook. The costs of being a booster are follows:

**White Booster – 25.00**

**Maroon Booster - \$50.00**

**Gold Booster- \$100.00 – this includes a free yearbook**

Thanks for your support and your orders!

Sincerely,

*The Sterling Public Schools Yearbook Staff*

**Please fill out the Order form in this newsletter.**



# 2012-2013 Sterling Public Schools

## Yearbook Order Form

Fill out form Send back to school with payment by March 15, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

1) I would like to order:

\_\_\_\_\_ 2012-2013 Yearbook - \$35.00

AND/OR

2) I would like to be a:

\_\_\_\_\_ White Booster - 25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Maroon Booster - \$50.00

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PRINT NAME AND/OR NAME OF COMPANY AS YOU WANT IT PRINTED IN YEARBOOK ON

THE BOOSTER PAGE or SEND A BUSINESS CARD WITH YOUR ORDER

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ADDITIONAL FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

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We have extra of the following yearbooks for sale for \$25 each. They are available on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Allison Zwygart at [402-866-4761](tel:402-866-4761) or at [azwygart@sterlingpublicschools.com](mailto:azwygart@sterlingpublicschools.com).

2007-2008 39 Copies  
2008-2009 5 Copies

2009-2010 43 Copies  
2010-2011 11 Copies

2011-2012 9 Copies

# Specials Things Happening at Sterling Public Schools

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**Monsanto  
Presents Two Checks  
One to Sterling  
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& One to Sterling  
Community Assoc-  
for \$2,500  
Thanks to the  
Janssen Family**

# Activities for March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>The calendar is subject to change.</i>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Daylight Savings Time</b> Remember to Spring Forward 1 hour	School Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. in Library	Lifetouch Spring Pictures - 8:15 a.m. Art Field Trip - Linc. Annual Staff selling Yearbook Advertising	District Speech @ Deshler	Pioneer Conf. HS Quiz Bowl @ D/O	Jr. High SkillsUSA Convention - Omaha 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Alumni Basketball Tournament Weekend School Gym
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Pioneer Conf. Jr. H. Quiz Bowl @ Southern 1 p.m.	MUDECAS Music @ Johnson-Brock	MUDECAS H.S. Quiz Bowl @ Beatrice - SCC 10 a.m.	Pioneer Conf. Indoor Track Meet @ Concordia-Seward 9 a.m.	HTRS Grades 6-8 Band Competition @ Table Rock State Speech @ UNK	All State Band @ UNK - Kearney
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Music Trip</b>	Capitol Forum @ Lincoln	Turkey Creek Relays @ Friend - 10 a.m.	ESU HS Quiz Bowl @ NC Lourdes 2 p.m.		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Good Friday	
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## Important Dates in March

- March 8 - **NO SCHOOL** - End of 3rd Quarter
- March 10 - Daylight Savings Time - Spring forward 1 hour
- March 12 - Spring Lifetouch Pictures - 8:15 a.m.
- March 13 - District Speech at Deshler
- March 14-16 - AG Econ. Trip to Chicago
- March 14-17 - Music/Band Trip to Colorado
- March 16 - Alumni Basketball Tournament
- March 19 - MUDECAS Music @ Johnson-Brock
- March 21 - Pioneer Conference Indoor Meet at Concordia Uni. - Seward - 9 a.m.
- March 23 - Class D All State Honor Band at UN-Kearney
- March 29 - **NO SCHOOL**