



# Bobcat

A monthly publication of ISD news

## Bobcats

### Undefeated

**Congratulations to this year's football team and coaches Mark Murray and Dave Borgaila on their undefeated season! They won the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf championship. Two other teams plan to nominate ISD for the National Deaf Championship; this title will not be known until late November.**

## Freshman Collect Winter Wear

Collection boxes are now around campus for winter coats, gloves and other winter wear.

The ISD freshman class needs your donations that are clean and in good shape as part of their service project.

Residents of the Open Door Mission will benefit from your generosity. Contact

freshman class sponsors Carmen Doughman or Kristi Wills for details. Collections will be accepted until Nov. 18.



## Regent Miles

### Discusses Budget Cuts

#### ISD to Reduce Budget by 10%



When Iowa Governor Chet Culver announced an across-the-board state budget cut of 10%, the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, sprung into action. Regent David Miles, current president of the Board of Regents, offered the following comments and proposed a priority list for the three universities and two special schools which are governed by the Regents. The comments were made in a special Regents meeting held telephonically and open to the public, Oct. 8. The following excerpts do not include all of Regent Miles' comments.

“Iowa’s public universities and special schools face one of the most difficult financial environments in our history... The cumulative cuts of \$59.8 MM mean that state appropriations to the Regents institutions have

declined to levels not seen since 1998. And on a real dollar basis – that is, adjusted for inflation – state funding of Iowa’s public universities and special schools has been rolled back at least 18 years, to 1990 or before. **More on back cover**

#### Are you a quilter? Skilled hobbyist? Show talent when working with yarn, pottery, stained glass or other art?

Your talents are needed to make and donate the fruits of your quality work for the CEASD Conference silent auction fundraiser this April. Iowa School for the Deaf will host this national conference. (See last *Bobcat* for details.) Not talented? Perhaps you know someone who is. Thank you for considering donating your time and talents for this cause. For more information, contact [cangeroth@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org](mailto:cangeroth@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org) or call 712.366.3213. ■



# Life on Campus

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## Teens Perform at Deaf Festival

**Submitted by ISD Freshman Johanna Scherling**

I worked as a volunteer at Omaha Children's Museum on Oct. 3. Because I was volunteering all day, I moved from one position to another every two hours. Performances were given by many deaf and hearing people during the day. In between volunteering, I participated in plays along with the members of Junior National Association of the Deaf. I was with them in one performance about Deaf Robin Hood. Carly (Weyers) and I also gave a performance about deaf hazards. Scherling and Weyers are shown at right.



The purpose of the day was to show the public what deaf culture is all about in Nebraska. I am very lucky to be able to be involved in events like that. We are ecstatic, and ready for next year!

## ISD High School Dorm Tastes Colonial Times

Without an electric mixer, refrigerator, or even running water, young girls living during the Colonial Times baked and performed other domestic chores.

ISD high school girls got a literal taste of the times, when they prepared homemade Johnny Cakes and butter. According to Brenda Chappell, who works in the high school girls' dorm, the girls watched the *American Girls: Felicity* movie. It described life in the Colonial period and at the time of the American Revolution.



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The girls learned to make Johnny Cakes, a corn bread pancake. They also made butter by shaking heavy whipping cream in a container with a lid. "They didn't realize it was a lot of work just to shake the container," said Chappell, noting it took 20 minutes to shake the cream into butter. ■

### Johnny Cake Recipe

**1 cup cornmeal**

**1 tsp salt**

**1 tsp sugar**

**Whisk in 1 1/2 c. boiling water.**

**Prepare as you would pancakes, using plenty of grease or cooking spray.**

# Elementary & Middle School News

happening in grades preschool through eighth grade

## Sitting Tall at the Orchard



Sara Planck's preschool class visited Ditmar's Apple Orchard Oct. 9, on one of the few sunny days offered last month. Kynnedi Anderson,

Draven Peterson and Aiden Gaines (above) enjoyed the play area. The trio rode the tractor behind a tractor to see the apple trees. Students were able to pick two apples each. Later, the group had apple cider and popcorn. ■

## Holiday Party

Boys Town National Research Hospital invites the Deaf Community and their families to join them for a luncheon and social followed by a holiday party for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The event is Saturday, Dec. 12, with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the party at 1 p.m. Festivities will be held at the Lied Learning & Technology Center, 425 No. 30th St. in Omaha. Signing Santa will attend! RSVP to Melinda Brown at [brownm@boystown.org](mailto:brownm@boystown.org) or videophone 402.682.7070 by Dec. 4.



## Red Ribbon Activities in the ISD Elementary/Middle School

Students in the ISD elementary/middle school participated in the following theme days to reinforce a drug-free life:

**Oct. 23 – Team Up Against Drugs:** Students wore sports team clothing and everyone received a ribbon.

**Oct. 26 – ISD Drug-Free Campus:** Students decorated campus with red ribbons, wore Bobcat shirts and received paw buttons.

**Oct. 27 – Be Me, I'm Cool, I'm Drug-Free:** Students wore beach clothes.

**Oct. 28 –** Students wore red clothing, signed drug-free paw cards and posted them on school walls.

**Oct. 29 – Paws-itively Drug-Free; Pencil Out Drugs:** Students received pencils.

**Oct. 30 – Don't Get Tricked By Drugs:** Students dressed up for Halloween and received healthy snacks.

## New Student



The ISD Middle School welcomes **Brianna Vargo**, a seventh grader from **Hawarden, Iowa.** ■

# High School News

happenings in grades nine through 12 and 4PLUS

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 12 High School Final Exams
- Nov. 12 ICN Workshop: Expressing Emotion
- Nov. 13 High School Final Exams
- Nov. 13 End of First Trimester
- Nov. 16 Travel Day
- Nov. 25 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- Nov. 26/27 Holidays
- Nov. 29 Travel Day
- Dec. 3 ICN Workshop on Deaf Culture
- Dec. 18 Holiday Break; 11:30 a.m. homegoing
- Jan. 3 Travel Day
- Jan. 4 Classes Resume

### Basketball in November

| Date    | Opponent | Place | Time   |
|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| Nov. 30 | Treynor  | Home  | 6 p.m. |

### Basketball in December

| Date    | Opponent           | Place | Time           |
|---------|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| Dec. 5  | Wisconsin          | Away  | Neesam Classic |
| Dec. 6  | Wisconsin          | Away  | Neesam Classic |
| Dec. 11 | Kansas             | Away  | TBA            |
| Dec. 12 | Kansas             | Away  | TBA            |
| Dec. 14 | Hamburg            | Home  | 6 p.m.         |
| Dec. 15 | St. Peters Cleaver | Away  | 6 p.m.         |
| Dec. 17 | Underwood          | Away  | 6 p.m.         |

**Test Time** – High school students will have final exams Nov. 12 and 13. We ask that you not schedule appointments during that time. We try to give your child the best possible testing situation to accurately assess their knowledge and progress. Please help your child do his or her best by getting plenty of sleep.



**Hey students! The high school library has extended its hours for you! Come check out books or study from 7-7:30 a.m. and 3:05 -3:46 p.m. Be sure to get a pass!**

Congratulations to the Lady Bobcats who wrapped up their volleyball season! They had 11 wins, 12 losses and one tie.

## Striking a Win



**Left to right: Eyer, Coach Lechner, Helms, Wilson, Nguyen, Kofoot, Shipley and Janendo. Not pictured: Matthew McArthur and Brian Johnson.**

ISD Special Olympic Bowlers celebrated success in knocking down pins Oct. 7 during the Southwest Iowa District Bowling Tournament at Thunderbowl in Council Bluffs. Athletes who won a blue ribbon at the tournaments have a chance to compete at the state tournaments in November. Special Olympics Coach Karen Lechner offers a thank you to all the staff who helped, and especially Tricia Tighe “for setting it all up.” **Results:** First places: Erin Eyer, Jenna Helms; second places: Ali Janendo, Matthew McArthur; third places: Brian Johnson, Trever Kofoot, Weston Shipley, fourth place: Carmita Wilson; participant: Binh Nguyen. ■

# High School News



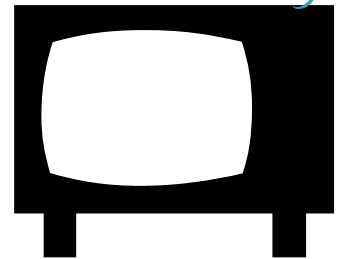
**Does the high school principal seem transparent lately? Plastic wrapped bodies made in Cindy Soppe's art class could be found throughout campus in October. Shown here, one portrays high school principal Rebecca Gaw with her glasses. Across the desk sits another plastic wrap body, wiping teary eyes with a tissue.**

## Get Ready to Raffle

Preliminary plans for the senior class raffle are getting under way. Chris Adams (right) works on a new wrought iron planter project. Plans for the raffle include the planter, a table, candle holders and a branding iron, all made of wrought iron.



## Captions Increase Literacy



I recently found an interesting article in *Book Links*, a magazine published for librarians/media workers. The article, "Family Literacy," was written by Terrence E. Young Jr. of New Orleans. Young is suggesting that while watching television at home, "The simple task of **turning on a television's closed-captioning feature can subtly increase a person's literacy.** As viewers watch a television show, the connection between hearing and seeing the words will increase and improve vocabulary." He suggests that parents "...turn off the volume about half-way through the show, and students will have to read in order to learn how the program ends."

While turning down the volume isn't necessary for our students, turning on the captioning is. Whether your kids at home are hearing, hard of hearing or deaf, all can benefit from the use of Closed Captioning. Please remember to use it.

— Cindy Romey

ISD Certified Library/Media Aide

# Budget Discussion continued from front page



**Regent Miles**

“... The presidents of Iowa’s Public Universities and the superintendents of our Special Schools have undertaken

comprehensive reviews of their very complex operations, developed new ideas and approaches, and made difficult choices. And, I want to commend and thank the faculty, staff and students of our institutions for their unwavering support during this challenging time.

“This latest cut creates an extreme hardship for our universities, **but it is truly devastating for the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.** While our universities

have alternate sources of funding, our special schools do not. The recent cuts will strain the ability of the Iowa School for Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School to maintain vital services to some of our most vulnerable young people.

“...At the conclusion of our discussions each institution head will be asked to work together with the Board office staff to prepare a plan to close their portion of the budget gap.”

*The Regents planned to discuss proposals by the universities and special schools to meet the budget requirements at its scheduled meeting in late October. ■*

## Staff News

We extend our condolences to Mike Grandick, high school, whose mother passed away last month.

## Science Center Fundraising Update

As of this *Bobcat* printing, There is \$247,399 yet to be raised for the new science center project. Detailed information regarding the new center is available at [iowaschoolforthe deaf.org](http://iowaschoolforthe deaf.org).

## PTSSA NEWS

### Notes from the Parent/Teacher/Student/Staff Association

**W**e had a meeting with Strength in Numbers on Oct. 17 after the football game. Food was great! We had fun activities for the younger kids.

We had one older student come so we did not do charades or bingo. That student helped the younger kids with their activities. The young kids benefit so much from mentoring by the older students.


**Subway cards:** Wow, this has been a far more difficult venture than first planned. We have now registered twice, and are hoping to get the cards by the first basketball game. It sounds like we will have a few cards preloaded and sell them for that amount, and then there will be those to hand out and load on your own. These would make great Christmas presents for family and friends! ISD receives a small percentage when you use the cards to pay for your food. Please let LeeAnn Bradley know how many cards to send you, or come pick them up at the basketball games.

**Next meeting** to be announced in the near future.

**Questions? Comments?** Contact LeeAnn Bradley at [lbradley@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org](mailto:lbradley@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org)


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**Got IEP Questions?**



Have questions about the Individualized Education Program/Plan process? Attend a special IEP session Nov. 8 from 4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. at the Scheman Center on the Iowa State University campus in Ames. Cost is free for this session. Contact [juls\\_hawk@yahoo.com](mailto:juls_hawk@yahoo.com) for details.