

Scales Mound School Newsletter

March 2012

On Tuesday, February 21, a Scales Mound School District bus slid into the ditch and struck a raised entrance to a field, causing students to be injured. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the injured students and their families.

This unfortunate accident could have been much worse if not for the prompt and highly professional response from emergency personnel. We are blessed to have such a caring and conscientious emergency team in our area. We can't thank them enough for the care they gave our children. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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W.Y.S.E. Guys (and Gals) Strike Again!

The Scales Mound W.Y.S.E. (World Wide Youth in Science and Engineering) team was one of six teams in division 300 that participated in the regional competition at HCC on Thursday, February 9. The first place team was Galena High School with a score of 472.8 points, River Ridge came in second with a score of 471.6 and Scales Mound was third with 460.0 points. The first two teams advance to the sectionals at NIU.

Scales Mound was one of 35 teams competing for the "wild card" spot to advance to the sectionals. They placed second and thus did not advance as a team. Lauren Winter placed first in Biology and first in English. Abigail Davis placed second in Engineering Graphics, and they both advance to the sectional at NIU on Tuesday, March 6.

Others placing for Scales Mound at the Regional were Greg Cox--third in both Biology and Math; Leah Holland--fourth in Physics; Kevin Dieschbourg--fourth in Math; Jenny Calvert--fifth in Chemistry; and Taylor Bechtold--fifth in Engineering Graphics.



Pictured Front Row: Mia Nottrott, Jenny Calvert, Nikki DuBord, Corrine Stoewer, Lauren Winter and Abigail Davis.

Back Row: Coach Keith Hesselbacher, Kevin Dieschbourg, Taylor Bechtold, Greg Cox, Leah Holland, Melissa Meyer, Rachel Schiess, and Melinda Anderson.



Jake Timp Advances to Telegraph Herald Spelling Bee on January 26

Scales Mound participated in the Washington Middle School Dubuque Spelling Bee. Participating were fourth grader Chelsey VanRaalte and seventh graders Cole Anderson and Jake Timp. Sixty-one spellers from area schools competed for the top ten places to advance to the Telegraph Herald Bee. Chelsey and Cole did a great job staying in the bee for a couple of rounds before being eliminated. Jake spelled his way to tie for third place, earning him a spot in the next bee.

Jake will now spell in the Telegraph Herald Bee on March 3 at Clarke College. The winner of the bee will receive a free trip to Washington D.C. to compete in the National Bee. The speller's family is also included in the trip. Great job to all of our spellers, and good luck to Jake!

Junior High Skills Lab

During the week of February 13, junior high students participated in skills lab classes during their KSL time. Students chose between a variety of classes including sewing with Mrs. Stayner-Dittmar, cooking with Mrs. Wentz, trick-shot basketball video making with Mr. Williams, drama with Mrs. Rice, scrapbooking with Mrs. Wilhelm, vacation planning with Ms. Dobson, and wood shop with Mrs. Werner. These classes (and maybe more) will be offered again in March so that students will have the opportunity to practice different skills.

The junior high staff would like to invite our talented community members to give us a call. We would love to expand our class offerings to include more life skills. For example, during this week in February, Denis Vondran helped the wood shop students make pine end tables. He taught them how to drill Kreg jig holes, how to use the cordless drill and power sander, and how to screw

the pieces together to make the tables. If you have a skill to share such as knowledge of the stock market, a knack for knitting, or even a talent like tap dancing, please let one of the junior high teachers know. We would love to have you come share your special skill with a small group of students from 11:30-12:00 during the week of March 6-9.

We hope to hear from you!



TECH TREK



On February 13, Scales Mound High School participated in the thirteenth annual Tech Trek competition at Highland Community College. The students' task this year had four parts: designing, constructing, composing technical writing, and selling the finished product, all to be done in a three-hour time frame. The product is unknown until students are given the paper upon their arrival. This year the product to be made was a mobile media center suitable to fit into a college dorm room. The team was not to produce an

actual media center, but a prototypical model using various materials.

The team came in **FIRST PLACE** in **TECHNICAL WRITING** which consisted of an operations manual, bill of materials and a business plan. What a great job, team!

The team consisted of (pictured above from left to right) Jacob Fox, Claire Conrad, Taylor Bechtold, Lauren Winter, Garrett Hillary, Mr. Virtue, Meghan Davis, Brittany Davis, and Jack Peart.

ILLINOIS TESTING DATES

- The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) for grades 3-8 are March 12-23, 2012.
- The Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE, required for all IL. HS Juniors) is scheduled for April 24th & 25th.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Please see the school district staff website for Mr. Banfi's e-board that lists several scholarships which are still available. Many of these scholarships are due by the end of April to Mr. Banfi. If you have any questions or need an application, call Mr. Banfi at 845-2215, ext. 114.

N.W. ILLINOIS TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The fourth annual N.W. Illinois Occupational & Technical Training Expo (Tech. Expo) will be held Wednesday March 21, 2012. Area high schools will schedule to come during one of three sessions at Highland Community College West Campus in Elizabeth, IL. The scheduled sessions begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m.

Nine regional schools will bring a combination of more than 600 sophomore, junior and senior students who have occupational, technical, or undecided career training fields in mind.

The mission of the Technology Expo is to provide students with the opportunity to contact vocational and occupational training facilities or agents to gather information and learn about opportunities they may have after high school. The Expo seeks to feature career-focused certificate programs, associate degrees, apprenticeships and other related occupational training centers in a variety of occupational areas.

Schwan's Fundraiser

On March 7, the freshman and junior classes will be kicking off their spring fundraiser through the Schwan's company. All Schwan's orders placed through the students and the school will help these two classes earn funds toward their senior trip.

You can visit the Schwan's website at www.schwans.com to view their current product offering. A copy of the order form will be available on the school website. Orders are due on March 26, please include payment to Schwan's at the time of order. Please note there is no mark-up on the products over what you currently pay through your salesperson. Orders can be picked up on March 29 at the school during parent/teacher conferences from 3-7 p.m.

Thank you for helping the students earn funds on products you may already purchase!

Solo and Ensemble Contest

Congratulations to all junior high music students who competed in solo and ensemble contest this past weekend at River Ridge HS.

Our school had a total of 38 entries, and we received 22 first place ratings, fifteen 2nd place ratings, and one 3rd place rating.

Congratulations to the following students:

1st place:

Erin Winter, Sonja Townsend, Lauren Sigafus, Kyle Bruscato, Morgan Cocagne, TJ Forsberg, Rylie Baker, Allysa Anderson, Hannah Edmonds, Skye Bultemeier, Kelsey Wienen, Ben Davis, Jacob Townsend, Ryan Schiess, Kaitlyn Pingel

2nd place:

Kelsey Wienen, Kaitlyn Pingel, Skye Bultemeier, Zack Stadel, Padric Timp, Adam Curtiss, Ben Davis, Ryan Schiess, Cole Anderson, Jake Timp, Cassie Fox, Nicole Pavino, Morgan Cocagne, Sonja Townsend, Charlie Koester, Maddie Cocagne, Kristy Kruger, Hannah Edmonds

3rd Place:

Hannah Edmonds

Keep up the good work musicians! And good luck to the HS musicians who travel to Stockton next weekend to compete at solo and ensemble contest!

Scales Mound FFA to Sponsor Blood Drive March 12

Ever wish you were rich enough to build a hospital or fund the research that would cure a disease? Well, you don't have to be rich to help save lives. In fact, you have the power to save three lives with just one blood donation. Your blood is something money can't buy, and only something you can give.

Together, we can save a life at the American Red Cross Scales Mound School Blood Drive on March 12 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

This year the American Red Cross is sponsoring a scholarship to the Scales Mound FFA senior students. You have an opportunity to help determine the amount, which is directly dependent on the units of blood gathered at this blood drive. Our goal is 45 units – please help our students earn money for college through your generous donation. If you are unable to donate, you can still help make a difference by encouraging friends and family to give blood. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767.



Corner of Character



Muhammad Khatib is the kindergarten person of character this month. Muhammad is a very friendly student who always comes to school with a smile. He follows the rules and encourages others to participate in activities and games, never excluding anyone. Muhammad has worked hard this year to become successful at staying focused during class and avoiding distractions from others. Keep setting a great example, Muhammad!

James Plath is our first grade person of character. James enters the classroom prepared and ready to work. He has made a great effort to read Accelerated Reader books and be set for a test three times a week. I can count on James to be responsible for his weekly classroom job. He is also a good friend to others.



Being trustworthy is one of Ben Werner's strong traits. He is always honest and is very responsible. Ben can be depended on to follow through with any task or job he is given. He is not a quitter and sticks with his work without complaining until it is done correctly. Ben often sees things that need to be done and does them without being asked. Yay, Ben!



Emily Hurlburt is a respectful, responsible third grader. Emily works extremely hard to complete classroom tasks and work beyond her Accelerated Reader goal. Emily is willing to help others during group work whether it's with answers, questions, or ideas. Emily is respectful of classroom rules and follows them each day. She brings a smile and a kind character to the third grade classroom. Emily is a positive third grader and a great friend.



Kaelan Shetler is the 4th grades person of character. Kaelan is an individual that students really look up to. He is good at sports and math and is always in a positive mood and has a smile on his face. In the classroom, you will find Kaelan helping his classmates with math and any other subject he feels confident in. He is also patient and helpful when working in groups. Thank you Kaelan for being a good role model for others and demonstrating good Character Counts qualities.



Nicholas Davis is the 5th grade person of character for citizenship. He is a good neighbor to sit by and work within the classroom. Nicholas keeps his work area neat and picks up after himself. Honesty is a quality Nic displays everyday, and he expects the same of others. He is always pleasant and can be counted on to set a good example.



SCALES MOUND TEACHERS HONORED



Anderson-Weber Toyota Sales and Service has announced Karlyn VanGelder, a teacher at Scales Mound Elementary School, as the February 2012 Teacher of the Month. Every month Anderson-Weber Toyota Sales and Service honors a local teacher that goes above and beyond to help our youth succeed in the classroom with the Teacher of the Month program. Teachers who receive this honor receive the use of a new Toyota Prius for the month, and Anderson-Weber Toyota Sales and Service donates \$250 to their school in the teacher's name.



The Illinois High School Association recently recognized Angie Winter for being named the Volleyball State Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The NFHS is a national organization that oversees athletic competition for most high school sports and activities in the United States. Over 17,000 high schools belong to associations that are members of the NFHS. The NFHS recognizes a handful of outstanding coaches each year for their contribution to athletics and as role models and leaders in their school district.

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Scales Mound School

March 2012 Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Egg Sandwich or Bagel, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	2 French Toast or Waffles, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice
5 No School	6 Donut Day, Fresh- Fruit, Milk, & Juice	7 Pancakes and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	8 Pancakes and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	9 French Toast or Waffles, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice
12 Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	13 Donut Day, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	14 Pancakes and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	15 Pancakes and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	16 French Toast or Waffles, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice
19 Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	20 Donut Day, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	21 Pancakes and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	22 Pancakes and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	23 French Toast or Waffles, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice
26 Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	27 Donut Day, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	28 Pancakes and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	29 Pancakes and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Milk, & Juice	30 No School

March 2012 Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Tacos Green Beans Bread & Butter Apple Crisp Salad Bar	2 Cheese Pizza Corn Fruit Cookie Salad Bar
5 No School	6 BBQ or Corn Dog Chips Peas Jellocake Salad Bar	7 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit Sub Bar	8 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Carrots Fruit Salad bar	9 P-5 Bosco Sticks 5-12 Dunkers Corn Lettuce Fruit Bars Salad Bar
12 Hamburger or Cheeseburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Salad Bar	13 Tacos Corn Fruit Apple Crisp Salad Bar	14 Chili or Chicken Noodle Muffins Fruit Sub Bar	15 Chicken or Fish French Fries Green Beans Fruit Salad Bar	16 Fish Sticks French Fries Corn Coleslaw Salad Bar
19 French Toast Sausage Hash Browns Apple Sauce Salad Bar	20 P-5 Hot Dog 6-12 Nacho Supreme Corn Fruit Salad Bar	21 Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuits Salad Bar	22 Subs Chips Corn Fruit Salad Bar	23 Potato or Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese
26 P-5 Chicken Nuggets 6-12 Chicken Strips Baked Potato Corn Fruit	27 BBQ or Ham & Cheese French Fries Green Beans Fruit Cookie Salad Bar	28 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Corn Dinner Roll Sub Bar	29 Tacos Corn Apple Crisp Salad Bar	30 No School

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26	SUN	27	MON	28	TUE	29	WED	1	THU	2	FRI	3	SAT
4	SUN	5	MON	6	TUE	7	WED	8	THU	9	FRI	10	SAT
		No School - All Day Casimir Pulaski Day	All Day FFA Envirothon	All Day Schwan's Fundraising Sales Begin	All Day FFA Ag Mech and Science Fair	7:00P FFA Banquet	8:00a Morning Pre-K 11:30a Early Dismissal	7:00P FFA Banquet	8:00a Morning Pre-K 11:30a Early Dismissal	8:00a Morning Pre-K 11:30a Early Dismissal	8:00a Morning Pre-K 11:30a Early Dismissal	All Day H.S. Solo & Ensemble TBD JHGBB vs Conference Tournament @ Benton	All Day H.S. Solo & Ensemble TBD JHGBB vs Conference Tournament @ Benton
11	SUN	12	MON	13	TUE	14	WED	15	THU	16	FRI	17	SAT
		Daylight Saving Time Begins	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 3:00P Blood Drive	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 2:00P FFA District 1 Proficiency Awards	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 6:00P FFA/4-H Bowling	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 6:00P FFA/4-H Bowling	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 6:00P FFA/4-H Bowling	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 6:00P FFA/4-H Bowling	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 6:00P FFA/4-H Bowling	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 6:00P FFA/4-H Bowling
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		All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 4:00P JHAB at East Dubuque 7:00P School Board Meeting	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 4:00P HSGSB @ Prophetstown High School 5:30P HSGSB @ Prophetstown High School	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 10:15a Grandparent's Day (2nd Grade)	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 4:00P HSGSB @ Prophetstown High School 5:30P HSGSB @ Prophetstown High School	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 4:00P HSGSB @ Prophetstown High School 5:30P HSGSB @ Prophetstown High School	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 10:15a Grandparent's Day (2nd Grade)	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 10:15a Grandparent's Day (2nd Grade)	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 10:15a Grandparent's Day (2nd Grade)	All Day ISAT Testing for Grades 3-8 10:15a Grandparent's Day (2nd Grade)
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		All Day Schwan's Fundraising Orders 4:00P HSGSB @ Forreston High School 5:30P JHAB at Warren 5:30P HSGSB @ Forreston High School	All Day Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30P	All Day Ag Legislative Day 4:00P JHAB at Galena	All Day Schwan's Order Pickup 3:00P Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30P HSGSB vs Shullsburg High School 4:30P	All Day No School	All Day No School	All Day Schwan's Order Pickup 3:00P Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30P HSGSB vs Shullsburg High School 4:30P	All Day Schwan's Order Pickup 3:00P Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30P HSGSB vs Shullsburg High School 4:30P	All Day No School	All Day No School	All Day Schwan's Order Pickup 3:00P Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30P HSGSB vs Shullsburg High School 4:30P	All Day No School

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Scales Mound Community Calendar

The Scales Mound PTO is excited to have the opportunity to take over the responsibility of the community calendar this year. Plans for the 20th annual community calendar are under way. Funds raised will be utilized for academic, athletic, and extra-curricular needs for our students.

If you are interested in ordering one (or more) and/or placing listings, now is the time! Please fill out this sheet and return it along with your payment by **May 10**.

No orders will be accepted after that date, so do not delay! Send in your order today!

Return to Scales Mound School, 210 S. Main St., Scales Mound, IL 61075

Questions? Call Staci Duerr at **815-541-0195**.

Calendars will be ready no later than September 1, 2012 and will include most school events.

Name	
Address	
Phone #	

No. of Calendars _____ x \$6.00 each = _____

No. of Listings _____ x \$0.25 each = _____

TOTAL: _____

Listing Types
B= Birthday
A= Anniversary
R= Remembrance

Check here if you would like to use ALL the same listings you placed last year.
(Call 815-541-0195 with questions about last years' listings)

How would you like us to get your calendar to you? (Please indicate or circle below)

1. Send it home with _____ (Grade Level _____)
2. I will pick it up in the office

Date	New Listings (or additional listings)	Type (Circle)
		R A B
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(Please attach a separate sheet for additional Listings)