

THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

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The Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence Celebrates "WILD ABOUT EDUCATION"

Hold the presses! Mark your calendars. PLAN TO ATTEND!! Come be part of the action! The Board of Directors of the Cardinal Foundation has selected **Saturday, April 2**, as the date for the Second Annual Endowment Dinner and Auction. The theme for this year's social event which will again be held at the Rolling Hills Wildlife Refuge is "Wild About Education". The social hour and silent auction will begin at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with the endowment auction starting at 8:00.

The Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence was established to provide scholarships to teachers and sponsors for special classroom needs and activities not provided in the district budget. At a time when the State of Kansas has had to make massive cuts in school funding, the Cardinal Foundation has become even more important in the educational support of our students. Previous scholarship awards have been presented to support such activities as the bullying prevention program at both schools. Hands on math manipulatives were purchased for the elementary school to help young students better understand new math concepts. When the wildlife management class was established at the high school, funds were used to purchase taxidermy equipment. Robotics materials have been purchased for use in high school science classes and Science Olympiad activities. The number of projects funded each year is determined by the amount of money that has been generated. To date, over \$25,000 has been spent by the Foundation to further the educational opportunities of Ell-Saline students.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-February but everyone is invited. The invitation list is NOT limited to the alumni of Ell-Saline. It is open to businesses, Foundation supporters, family members of past and present students, friends, EVERYONE that wants to enjoy a fun evening and support the Ell-Saline schools! However, seating capacity is limited to a maximum of 136 participants, so you will need to get your tickets and reserve your seating soon. Individual tickets are available for \$35.00 each, which includes the meal and gains entrance to both the silent and live auctions. A table of eight can be purchased by a business or a group for \$250.00, amounting to a \$30.00 savings.

Those wishing to donate an item for the auction should contact one of the Foundation Board members soon. Ideas for the auction are limitless and could include such items as: quilts, furniture, group parties, catered meals, game or concert tickets, an overnight stay at a bed and breakfast,

college or pro sports paraphernalia, theatre tickets, gift baskets, etc. If you, your family, your business, or a group of friends would like to donate an item for the auction, that would be great. Cash donations will be combined to purchase auction items.

Contact any Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors member for tickets, information, or to make a donation. Members include Jamie Bradley, Chairman, Larry Laas, Secretary, Kathy White, Treasurer, Delbert Armbrust, Nikki Davenport, Mitch Drees, Michelle Griffin, Tom Omli, and Superintendent Jerry Minneman.

This will be a fun-filled evening you WON'T want to miss!!

BOARD REPORT

January 27 (postponed January 10) Board Meeting Report

Cheryl Higgins and Jamie Bradley were absent. Action taken was on a 5-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

8:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD
None

REPORTS

BOE – Delbert Armbrust reported on the KASB Annual Convention that he attended and that he did not file to run again for the board. Marty Kramer reported on possible signage options for the Brookville campus.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: Dual Credit classes; AdvancEd accreditation preparation; MTSS; and Rachel's Challenge presentation and student activities following it.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: state and NAEP student assessment activities; staff having visited area schools to gather information on Schoolwide Reading programs; the Title I Schoolwide Leadership Team has begun to meet in preparation of filing our application; and a list of activities.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: construction update; BOE filing deadline; state funding; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Board Goals—The Board Goals as revised at the December meeting were approved. A copy of those follows.
Fall Sport Supplemental Positions—All current MS and

HS fall sport coaches were approved for next year.

Superintendent's Contract—Mr. Minneman's contract was extended for another year to run through the 2012-2013 school year. He remains on a 2-year contract.

Accept Resignation—Brenda Wikoff's retirement/resignation effective August 1 was accepted.

There were two Executive Sessions (Negotiations and Personnel). No action took place following either of them.

The Business meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Geena Kejr, Vice-President Jeff Parker or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

Board of Education Goal Statements

1 The **curriculum** will provide an effective, aligned and integrated education that is monitored and modified to meet the needs of all students as well as local, state and national outcomes.

2 **Technology** will be utilized to enhance instruction and to prepare our students for life in a technologically advanced society.

3 **Facilities** will be created that ensure a safe and inviting environment that will enhance the educational activities for all students.

4 The **professional development** program will provide staff training and education to our teachers that prepares them to establish an inviting and challenging learning environment where all students succeed in gaining the information needed to live and work in our society.

5 Activities will be created and communicated to the patrons of the district that will **involve parent and community members** in the planning, operations, and assessments of the district schools.

6 **Extra-curricular activities**

Adopted 1/27/11

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010

The Ell-Saline Elementary School Improvement Council met Dec. 7, 2010, in the Art Room. In attendance were: Dana Sprinkle, Robyn Parker, Margaret Shaver, Kathy Randolph, Kim Parks, Robbyn Anglin, Melissa Wessel, Mitch Drees and Pam Dodd. Robyn Parker opened the meeting at 6:00 o'clock and turned the meeting over to Dana Sprinkle. First on the agenda was a quick update on the School Wide Plan. Dana reported that the Ed. Flex Waiver was approved and the leadership team was in place. Their first meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 13th. It is projected for the team to have a plan ready for approval by April 15, 2011.

Second on the agenda was to update the Parent Involvement Plan. The council collectively used a scoring template to assess the status of our current practices. This evoked much discussion and will need to be finished at the

next meeting. However, enough was completed for the leadership team to begin working on.

There is still place on the council for parent members. Anyone interested contact Robyn Parker or Dana Sprinkle.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 6:00 p.m. in the Art room. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Pam Dodd, Recording Secretary

ELL-SALINE GRADUATE INDUCTED INTO SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Jessica Walters Ohlde, 2001 Ell-Saline High School graduate, was recently inducted into the Baker University Sports Hall of Fame. The press release follows. Congratulations Jessica!



BALDWIN CITY, Kan. - Six former Wildcat standouts — Bob Courtney, Bill White, Fred Purvis, Brad Roepke, Terry Roepke and Jessica Walters Ohlde — were inducted into the Baker University Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 22, during a ceremony at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, Kan.

Jessica Walters Ohlde, '01, is regarded as one of the greatest female athletes in University history, excelling in volleyball and track. Ohlde was a first-team all-HAAC performer in 1998 and 1999. She was honored as the team's Most Valuable Player in 1999, when she led the NAIA in kills per game with 5.2. In track, she was a conference champion in the triple jump and was named the track and field's Most Valuable Performer in 2000. She was a two time All-American (you must place in the top 6 at the NAIA National track meet). In 1999 she was 6th in the heptathlon, and in 2000 she was 4th in the indoor pentathlon. The main track events Jessica competed in were the pentathlon (indoor track & 5 events) hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump and 800 meters & heptathlon (outdoor track & 7 events) which included, hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 meters, long jump, javelin, 800 meters. She also competed in the triple jump, 4X4, and 4X1 and occasionally the discus. In one track meet she actually competed in nine events...the above heptathlon events minus the 200, plus the two relays and discus. Quite a feat!!

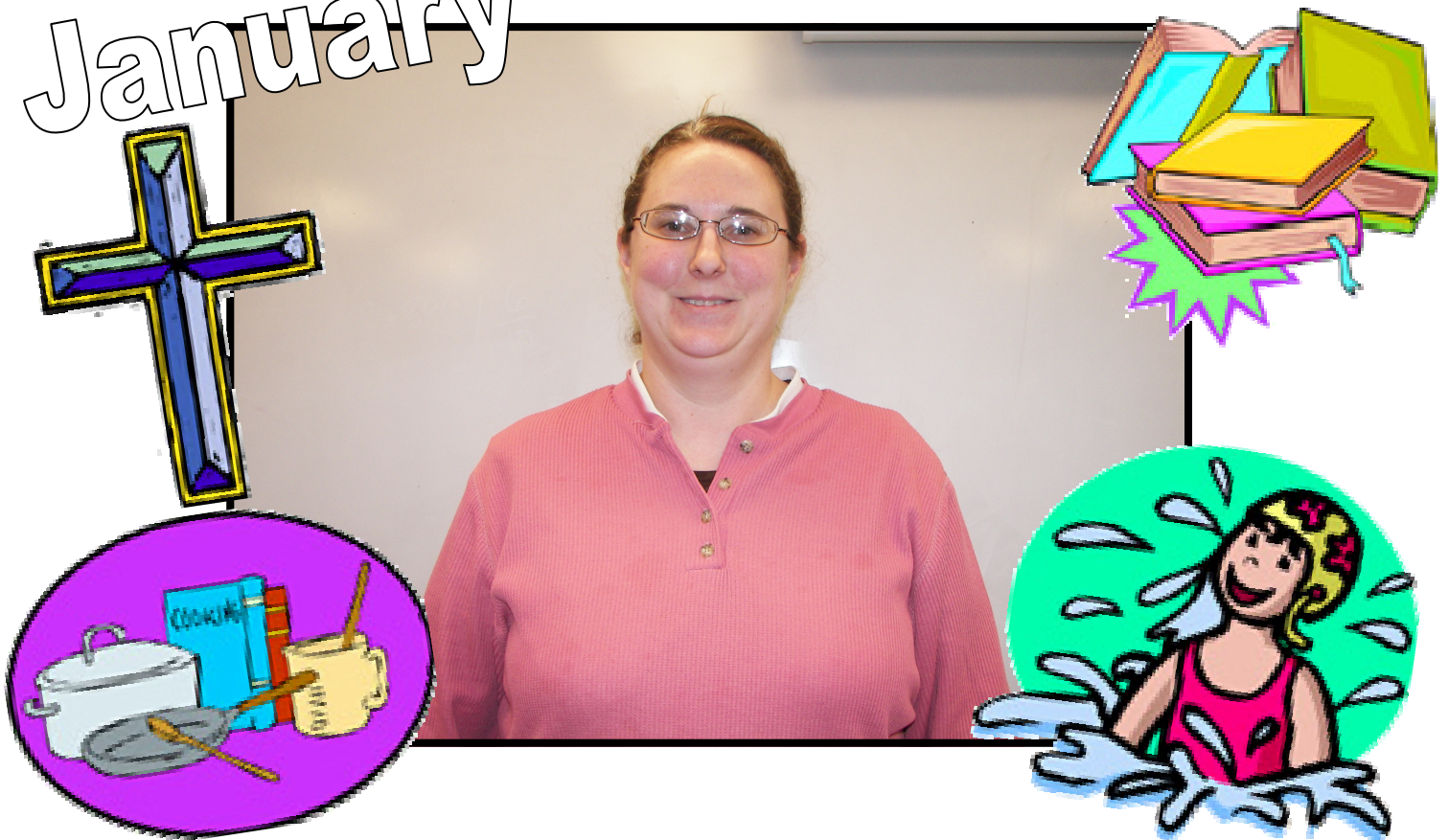
"Jessica is hands down one of the best female athletes to ever come through this University," said Athletic Director Theresa Yetmar. "Jessica sets the standard for what all our student-athletes dream of achieving."

Founded in 1977, the Baker University Athletic Hall of Fame is one of the oldest athletic halls of fame in Kansas. The Baker Athletic Hall of Fame and induction procedure have been used as a model by other colleges who want to preserve their sports tradition and history.

More than 100 men and women have been selected from thousands of former athletes for this honor. These inductees represent nearly every sport played at Baker from nearly all eras of competition. Inductees have been members of professional sport teams, successful coaches and meritorious contributors to the University's athletic programs and to their communities.

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

January



Ami Allison

Ami Allison is the staff member of the month. This is her first year helping students as a Para Educator. She has two children, Mia, 16, and Johnathon, 5. Outside of school, Ami attends Emmanuel Church. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, walking, reading, and cooking for others. She also enjoys reading books to children and watching movies with her family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

- Feb. 1 4:30 HS BB @ Inman
- Feb. 3 3:30 HS Regional Scholar's Bowl @ Osborne
- Feb. 3 TBA MS BB HOA League Tourney
- Feb. 3 6:30 WR @ Minneapolis
- Feb. 4 4:30 HS BB @ Bennington
- Feb. 5 9:00 WR @ Phillipsburg
- Feb. 5 TBA MS BB HOA League Tourney @ Bennington
- Feb. 5 ACT Test Date
- Feb. 7 TBA MS BB HOA League Tourney @ Bennington
- Feb. 8 MS Science Olympiad @ Hays
- Feb. 8 4:30 HS BB Marion @ ES (Parent Night)
- Feb. 9 FFA @ Manhattan
- Feb. 9 4:15-8:15 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 10 NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 10 7:00am-7:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 10 HS Science Olympiad @ Hays
- Feb. 10 TBA MS BB HOA League Tourney @ Bennington
- Feb. 10 6:30 WR Beloit @ Minneapolis
- Feb. 11 NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 11 4:30 HS BB Remington @ ES (MS/HS Pep Band, Sweetheart Night)
- Feb. 11 Sweetheart Dance (following the game)
- Feb. 12 12:00 HS State Scholars' Bowl @ Moundridge
- Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 14 4:00 MS Scholars' Bowl @ Bennington
- Feb. 14 5:30/7:00 HS JV BB Tourney @ ES
- Feb. 14 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 Elementary Spring Pictures
- Feb. 15 4:30 HS BB @ Moundridge
- Feb. 15 6:30-8:00 Elementary Skating Party **Come and "Rock-n-Roll...and Roll...and Roll" all evening with your classmates and friends! ESE is looking to see YOU there! Let's have fun with your family and fellow ESE Cardinal Pride friends! "Let's Get Ready to SKAAAATE!!!!!"**
- Feb. 16 MS/HS Spring Pictures
- Feb. 17 5:30/7:00 HS JV BB Tourney @ ES
- Feb. 18 4:30 HS BB @ Ellinwood
- Feb. 18-19 TBA Wrestling Regional @ Beloit
- Feb. 19 FFA @ Ellsworth
- Feb. 19 1:00/2:30 HS JV BB Tourney @ ES
- Feb. 20-26 National FFA Week
- Feb. 21 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary School
- Feb. 21 President's Day
- Feb. 22 4:30 HS BB @ Trinity Catholic
- Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday
- Feb. 24 4:00 MS Scholars' Bowl @ Inman
- Feb. 24-26 KMEA State
- Feb. 25-26 TBA Wrestling State @ FHSU
- Feb. 28 FFA @ Minneapolis
- Feb. 28 BSB/SB/Track Practice begins
- Feb. 28 4:00 MS Scholars' Bowl @ Canton-Galva
- Feb. 28 HS BB—Sub-State—Boys
- Mar. 1 HS BB—Sub-State—Girls
- Mar. 1 6:00 ESIC Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary School
- Mar. 2 6:00 MS/HS Site Council Meeting
- Mar. 3 HS BB—Sub-State—Boys @ Mankato/Rock Hills
- Mar. 3 End of Quarter
- Mar. 4 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday (8:00-12:00)
- Mar. 4 ACT Registration Deadline
- Mar. 4 HS BB—Sub-State—Girls @ Mankato/Rock Hills
- Mar. 5 HS BB—Sub-State—Finals @ Mankato/Rock Hills

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