



# THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

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## Important May Dates

- May 1 - Kindergarten Screening  
- Elementary BB clinic 3:05-4:30 pm
- May 4 - Teacher Appreciation Week  
- Late Start 10:30 am  
- Elementary Field Days  
- Music Booster Banquet 5th-12th 6 pm
- May 5 - GRC HS/JV Track @ Albany 10 am
- May 6 - Senior Finals  
- Color Guard/Drum Major Tryouts 5:30-8:00 pm
- May 7 - Senior Finals  
- GRC MS Track @ Worth Co. 3 pm  
- HS Rain Date
- May 8 - GRC MS Track Rain Date 3 pm  
- 5th Grade Field Trip
- May 9 - HS Track Districts @ St. Joe Christian
- May 11 - Senior Trip(returning on the 14th)  
- School Health Advisory Meeting
- May 14 - 1st Grade Award Ceremony 6 pm  
- Finals for Grades 7-11
- May 15 - Pre-school Graduation @ 1:30 pm in Multipurpose Room  
- 3rd & 4th Field Trip  
- Finals for 7-11
- May 16 - HS Track Sectionals @ Albany
- May 17 - HS Graduation 2 pm
- May 18 - BOE Mtg 8 pm  
- Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 pm  
- 8th Grade Graduation 7:30 pm  
- All Sports Mtg 6th-11th @ 1:20 pm
- May 19 - Last Day of School-Out at 11:30 am  
- Elementary Awards Assembly 8:45 am in the gym  
- 7th/8th Grade Assembly 8:45 am in Multipurpose Room  
- 7th-11th Grade Awards Assembly 10:00-11:30 am in gym
- May 22-23 - HS State Track @ Jefferson City
- May 26 - Summer School Starts
- May 29 - FFA Area Leadership Conference & Rituals CDE
- May 30 - Andrew Zeikle Basketball Tournament

## From the Elementary Principal

by Mrs. Beverly Deis  
*Elementary Principal*

As the regular school year is coming to an end, most students are anticipating a wonderful summer adventure, "History in your own Backyard" held at the Polo School. If you have not received information about the summer school program, please give the school a call.

Many great things have happened recently at Polo Elementary. Several students have participated in the Orrick Math Contest, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball games, Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest, Pee-Wee Wrestling, and MAP testing, Stanford testing; plus all students have participated or will be participating in Gates-MacGinitie Testing and STARR Reading Tests. Many students will also be attending field trips this spring.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar include:

- May 4 – Late Start and Field Days for K-6
- May 8 – Fifth Grade Field Trip
- May 14 – First Grade Awards, 6:00 pm
- May 15 – Preschool Graduation, 1:30 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- May 17 – Graduation
- May 18 – Kindergarten Graduation, 6:30
- May 19 – Awards for grades 2-6 at 8:45 am, School Dismisses at 11:30.
- May 26 – Summer School begins

## Hats Off Awards Celebration

by Mrs. Beverly Deis  
*Elementary Principal*

Polo R-VII School District was invited to attend the "Hats Off Awards Celebration" for receiving the Annual Distinction in Performance Award in 2008-2009. The celebration was held on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University on April 20, 2009. Attending the celebration banquet were Mrs. Linda Pugh, special education director, Mr. Allen Henry, board member, Mrs. Lisa Fultz, board member, and Mrs. Beverly Deis, elementary principal.

## Polo Idol

by Haley Hurd  
*Staff Writer*

The Annual Polo Idol contest was held on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Student Council has held Polo Idol as a fundraiser for the past three years. Each student is charged \$1 to watch their fellow classmates compete for the grand prize of \$100. Each year, three teachers are chosen as judges to determine the three winners of the contest. The Polo Idol contest was a huge success once again this year. The students that chose to attend the contest watched a total of seven performances with a unique encore at the end. The judges, Coach Johnson, Mrs. Thrasher and Mrs. Pfanmiller had a hard choice between all the contestants. The winners were..... 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Alex Holland, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Kaitlyn Taylor and 1<sup>st</sup> place- Logan Bolling.

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### Annual Induction Ceremony

by Mitch Huntley

Staff Writer

Polo High School's National Honor Society Chapter held its Annual Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in the school library. Principal Jason Snodgrass welcomed the guests and congratulated the NHS members and its new inductees. President Lance Snodgrass followed with an introduction and Vice President Kyle Stith explained the meaning of the NHS emblem and motto. Then members Kyndra Stith, Mitch Huntley, Kelsi Pile and Alan Vassmer described the four guidelines of society, which are scholarship, service, leadership and character.

The new members were then inducted; inductees include, seniors Brittany Flowers, Austin Okorn, Adryan Overstreet and Spencer Snodgrass, juniors Ashliegh Jones, Linda Pilger, Karlie Schafer and Andra Young, sophomores include, Nichole Junco, Madison Misel and Alex Templeton.

Certificates and insignias were handed out to the new members, and a reception followed. Students who have completed at least three semesters of high school and have had a grade point average of 3.0 or above are eligible to apply. The Faculty Council then reviews the applications and only those who excel in scholarship, leadership, character and service are admitted.



Above: The new members inducted into the National Honor Society.



Polo National Honor Society Chapter



### Senior Citizens Prom Wild West 2009

by Mrs. Ashley Arth

FBLA Sponsor

The Polo FBLA once again held their annual Senior Citizens Prom on Saturday, April 4, 2009. The event was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2009, but had to be postponed a week due to the ice and snow storm that came in to the area.

We had approximately 60 guests attend the event. We began the evening with a delicious meal of barbequed beef, potato salad, baked beans, and cole slaw cooked by Samara Wormsley and served by the FBLA members. The FBLA members provided the desserts. Beki Bolling, of Timeless Photography, provided the guests with portraits to capture the evening. Curtis Floray provided the musical entertainment for the evening. After dinner, the king and queen were crowned. The 2009 Senior Citizens Prom King was Bob Grove and Queen was Darlene Peoples. They were presented with a commemorative sash and the queen wore a tiara and the king wore the Wild West sheriff badge. Throughout the evening, we had a silent auction with items donated from various businesses and individuals in the area. "I really didn't know what to expect since this is my first year, but all in all everything worked out for the best and went smoothly. I think the guests enjoyed their evening, as well as the members, and myself," said Mrs. Ashley Arth, FBLA Sponsor.

The FBLA chapter would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions to the event:

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This event could not be possible without their generosity!!

Left: Guests at the Senior Citizens Prom enjoy social time and dinner. Below: Guests bid on items at the silent auction. Right: Queen Darlene Peoples and King Bob Grove.



## FBLA Members Travel to State

Even though they had a long evening and morning of Prom and After Prom, Karlie Schafer and Paige Ahart set out on Sunday, April 19, 2009 with Sponsor Ashley Arth, to attend the State Leadership Conference. Karlie qualified to compete at State back in February by placing first in the Word Processing II competitive event at Districts. The word processing II event consists of a skills test and a written test. Karlie completed the skills test approximately two weeks prior to SLC. She was given a packet to complete as much as she could in the allotted sixty minute time frame. This packet contained 10 jobs including a business letter, memo, table, mail merge, and other business documents. This was then sealed and sent to Columbia for scoring. Sunday evening at 8:30, Karlie took her written word processing test. Paige attended SLC as a voting delegate representing the Polo chapter. Early Monday morning, the girls listened to the candidates for the state offices give speeches and perform skits to influence the voting delegates to vote for them. Then they casted their votes for the primary election. They attended leadership and motivational workshops and gained very valuable experiences. But not all the time was dedicated to hard work and seminars, Karlie, Paige, and Mrs. Arth enjoyed themselves in Columbia, taking a little time to shop and relax. The girls attended a dance on Monday night, while Mrs. Arth was in an advisor's meeting. On Tuesday morning, the awards ceremony was held to recognize all the participants and their chapters for all their hard work and dedication at SLC. Even though, Karlie did not place at State in her event, we are still extremely proud of her and thank her and Paige for representing Polo at SLC. National Leadership Conference will be held in Anaheim, California on June 25-28, 2009.



Left: Juniors Paige Ahart and Karlie Schafer at State FBLA.

## 2009-2010 Cheerleading Squad

by Haley Hurd

Staff Writer

The Cheerleading Squad held tryouts for all who were interested in joining the squad for next year's football and basketball seasons. The tryouts were held the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Everybody worked very hard and the judges had some very tough decisions to make. The squad for the upcoming football season is . . . .

(Upcoming) Seniors:	Haley Hurd Ashleigh Jones Karlie Schaffer Paige Ahart Rachel Utt
(Upcoming) Juniors:	Nikki Junco
(Upcoming) Sophomores:	Jonna Stotlemeyer Carlie Powers Emily Tempelton
(Upcoming) Freshman:	Kasey Bolling Missy Cawthon

On Wednesday April 22, the new squad held a meeting to vote for captain and co-captain. Ashleigh Jones was voted cheer captain for the 2009 football season and Haley Hurd was voted co-captain.

The squad for the upcoming basketball season is . . . .

(Upcoming) Seniors:	Haley Hurd Rachel Utt
(Upcoming) Sophomores:	Malorie Rood
(Upcoming) Freshman:	Savannah Cline Kasey Bolling Missy Cawthon

## Starry Night in Paris

by Spencer Snodgrass

Staff Writer

On April 18, the Polo junior class had the junior/ senior prom. This year the theme was a Starry Night in Paris and the prom was held at the Shoal Creek Country Club. The night began with all of the kids arriving and they were looking good. Next was the Grand March, which was announced by teacher/ DJ Curtis Floray, with everyone walking under the beautiful trellis of lights for all of the parents to take pictures. Next the candidates were called up to the front to announce the prom king and queen. The king candidates were Alan Vassmer, Mitch Huntley, and Tyler Scobee. The queen candidates were Adryan Overstreet, Kim Odell, and Kyndra Stith. The final King and Queen were Alan Vassmer and Adryan Overstreet. After that the parents were kicked out and that's when the lights were shut off and the party really began. DJ Coach Floray cranked up the jams and everyone started dancing. Throughout the dance, Beki Bolling took pictures of all of the couples and whoever else wanted pictures. The night went on with dancing and Seniors Mitch Huntley and Spencer Snodgrass and Sophomore Logan Dixon putting on their best Chippendale Dancer impressions by taking off their shirts and wearing only the tie and vest. "It was a fantabulous prom," said Senior Kyndra Stith, "It was easily the best dance of the year."

Prom ended at 11 p.m. and the kids all left to get out of their nice clothes and get dressed for the After-prom party that was held at the school by the parents. After-prom had a redneck theme this year and was filled with games and other things for everyone to enjoy. For every game people played they were awarded tickets, which they could use to buy any of the fabulous prizes in the prize room. There were also drawings every half hour where people won prizes. "After-prom was pleasurable, electrifying, and fanatical," said junior Andra Young. At 3 a.m. everyone was told to go to the lunch room for some biscuits and gravy and the drawing for the junior and senior prizes. Naturally, the senior prizes were a little bit better consisting of many nice things including mini-fridges, a flat screen TV., and a laptop. Everyone was hoping to win the big prizes. The laptop was won by Kaitlyn Taylor. After the prizes were given out everyone went home to finally get some sleep after a Starry Night in Paris.

## Panther's Track

by Spencer Snodgrass

Staff Writer

The Polo Panther track teams have been practicing and competing for about a month now and are training for district competition and beyond. The Panthers have gone to meets in Rockport and in Stanberry so that they would compete against more of their district and sectional competition and they competed well. Both girls and boys teams have high hopes for qualifying out of their district and on to sectional competition.

The girls team has competed well. Led by seniors Kelsi Pile and Courtney Cawthon and junior Brittney McGinley, the Lady Panthers always manage to be close to winning when the final standings come out at the end of meets. These three are real leaders for the team and seem to make everyone around them compete better. The girls recently competed at the Brookfield Invitational Track Meet, where they compete annually and lost by one point due to some injuries and unnecessary scratches. The girls have enough to compete in every event but have been hurt by the injury to senior and 3-year state qualifier Tiffiney Hufford. With Tiffiney healthy again, the girls will be looking strong in their open events and relays heading into district competition.

The boys' team has also been competing well. The boys have 9 seniors and have very solid relay teams. The boys are led by sophomore jumper Logan Dixon, Junior hurdler Dalton Rardon and Senior runner Spencer Snodgrass. All of these guys are on relays and work to make themselves better and to push everyone else around them. The boys also competed in the Brookfield Invitational Meet and they too lost by only one point. With the strength in the boys relays and the jumping and running by Dixon, Rardon, and Snodgrass, the boys will be looking to compete for their 6<sup>th</sup> straight District title.

With the constant track meets, the Panthers have been hard pressed for practices and their conditioning has been hurt because of it. Luckily in the weeks before the conference and district track meets, the Panthers will be able to get in some good, hard practices to prepare them for crunch time when they go to compete in order to make it down to the State Track meet.

## Agriculture News!

by Alan Vassmer

Staff Writer

Quite a bit has happened in the Polo Ag department since the last article. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, we had nine members travel to Columbia for the Missouri State FFA Convention. Members consisted of state degree recipients Mitch Huntley, Spencer Snodgrass, Kyle Stith, Kyndra Stith, and Alan Vassmer. This ties a chapter record for number of students receiving the state degree, which is shared by the class of 1994. Other students traveling to the convention were Lance Snodgrass, Nikki Junco, Madison Misel, and Zach Tormey, who competed in the Agronomy contest, in which they received a group II rating. As well as the state degrees and the contest team, four individuals competed for state proficiency awards. These members consisted of Mitch Huntley, Spencer Snodgrass, Zach Tormey, and Alan Vassmer. When asking junior Zach Tormey what he thought of State Convention he replied, "I thought it was super fun and I had a great time."

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 59<sup>th</sup> annual Polo FFA Banquet was held in the Multipurpose Room at the high school. The banquet started off with the 2008-2009 officer team doing the opening ceremonies followed by the invocation, which was presented by Lance Snodgrass. After that members and guest were then treated to a meal, provided by members and meat that was provided by the chapter. The chapter had a presentation of awards that members had received through out the year. Some of the more coveted awards presented during the night were the Leadership Awards which were given to Freshman Ashley Ross, Sophomore Logan Dixon, Junior Lance Snodgrass, and Senior Kyle Stith. The Chapter Star Farmer was Kyle Stith, Chapter Star Agribusinessman was Alan Vassmer, and the Chapter Star Greenhand was Bobby Thompson. The banquet concluded with appreciation awards to State Degree Recipients parents and a special surprise award given to Mr. Farmer from the senior members. Then the chapter had the installation of new officers which included President Lance Snodgrass, Vice President Haley Hurd, Secretary Linda Pilger, Treasurer Paige Ahart, Reporter Alex Templeton, Historian Conagher Glasgow, and Sentinel Nikki Junco

The new officers wrapped up the banquet with closing ceremonies. All in all it proved to be a good banquet and as Senior Kyndra Stith said, "This year's banquet went really good. I am definitely going to miss being a part of the FFA, which I think all the seniors feel the same way."

## Choir travels to Worlds of Fun

by Alan Vassmer

Staff Writer

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the first year choir from Polo High School traveled to Worlds of Fun for a music competition. Students all met up at the school at 11am, where they all enjoyed a brief lunch together before warming up and running through their songs that they would perform later on in the evening before boarding the bus. They arrived at the park around 1pm, where they had time to roam about the park and enjoy themselves before their performance, at about 8:15 pm. Senior Kim O'Dell, who had never been to Worlds of Fun before or had never ridden a roller coaster said, "I had a blast, at first I was a little nervous about riding all of the rides, but in the end, it was great and I can't wait to go back again this summer".

Eventually, the members met back up so they could get ready for their performance. They were in the practice room by 7:55 pm and they were all ready to walk on stage to wow the judges. The performance was amazing and everything went off without a hitch. This was a great experience for the choir and they are looking forward to the future.

## Orrick Math Contest

by Mrs. Beverly Deis

Elementary Principal

Polo R-VII students in grades 4 – 8 recently participated in the OrrickMath Relays. Those participating were: Tiffany Pimental, Garret Thomas, Lauren Alden, Joely Hicks, Adriana Segar, Alissa Wood, Emily Fickess, Madison Curp, Brittney Sheppard, Austin McKenzie, Parker Smith, Skylar Howe, Kelsie Gallion, Logan Stump, Eric Johnson, Duncan Parker, Avery Snodgrass, Mason Misel, Sammie Jo Copeland, Missy Cawthon, and Megan Rood. The Math Sponsor is Mrs. Guerriero.



## PAT on the Back

At the recent Board of Education meeting on April 21, PATs on the Back were given to three students for winning medals at the Orrick Math Contest on April 4. Those receiving the PATs on the Back were Tiffany Pimental – second place in Geometry, Lauren Alden – third place in Computation, Adriana Segar – third place in Computation, and Alex Johnson – third place in Geometry. Adriana Segar and Alex Johnson are not pictured



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## Polo Students Shine at Local Art Contest

by Mrs. Lorie Fickess

Art Teacher

What an exciting weekend April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> was for the Polo Schools Art Department! Polo students had the opportunity to compete in the first county-wide art contest and show sponsored by the *Caldwell County Arts Association*. Students competed in the categories of Drawing, Painting/ Watercolor, Sculpture/ Mixed Media, Ceramics, and Printmaking. Competitors ranged from Kindergarten to High School and included participants from Polo, Breckenridge, Hamilton and Mirabile, with a total of over 260 entries. Places were awarded in each category for age groups K-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Middle School and High School. The Event was held at the Polo Community Building April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and all the students preformed outstandingly, winning ribbons in almost every category.

These are the results for Polo R7 students,

**K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Drawing:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Marisa Fickess, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Mariah Clevenger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Merci McNabb, 4<sup>th</sup> Place-Alex Arthur and Honorable Mention-Shelby Copeland. **Drawing 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Jenna Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Caleb Bolling. **Drawing High School:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Ambrielle Hicks and Honorable Mention-Kassi Carr and Logan Dixon.

**Painting K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Camryn Tomlison, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Ashley Foster. **Painting 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Emily Fickess, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Mason Misel, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Jennifer Rash. **Painting High School:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Best of Show-Kaitlyn Taylor. **Mixed Media/ Sculpture 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Mikayla Reavis and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Jenna Johnson.

Mrs. Fickess would like to thank the *Polo People Who Care Organization* for all of their help and for cooking and serving biscuits and gravy Saturday morning and running concessions and the city of Polo for the use of the Community building. Thanks also go to Lori and Darren Hicks and students Kaitlyn Taylor, Ambrielle Hicks, Megan Yates, Nick Gunn, Monica Fickess, Kassi Carr, Braden Chastain, and Kolton Roark for all of their help tagging, sorting, labeling, loading, show set-up and take-down. Thanks to Judy Stone of the *Caldwell County Arts Assoc.* for organizing and sponsoring the show, and to art teacher Ms. Kaela Welliever of Hamilton Schools and her High School Art Club, who with Polo Art Club students judged the elementary entries. None of this would have been possible without the wonderful community we live in.



## Senior Officers Thank You

by Mitch Huntley

Staff Writer

As the year winds down, many seniors are looking forward to senior trip, graduation, summer and of course, college. In the mist of all the end of the year excitement, there are a few seniors who would like to say thank you to the people who have supported, motivated, challenged and helped them over the years.

Vice President: Cody Hicks- "I would like to thank my mom and dad for raising me with a strong Christian lifestyle, and all the support they have given me through school and sports. I would also like to thank Mr. Guerriero because he is an awesome Canadian who has taught me a lot."

Secretary: Kelsi Pile- "I want to thank my parents for all the support they have given me my entire life and for going to all my sporting events near and far. Second, I would like to say thank you to Mr. Guerriero for challenging us and preparing us for college."

Treasurer: Alan Vassmer- "I would first like to say thank you so much to my parents for everything they have done for me in the past 18 years, and also I would like to say thank you to the cooks and janitors, for all the hard work they do, that often goes unnoticed, or unappreciated."

President: Mitch Huntley (Me) - "I am greatly thankful of my parents for everything they have done, for always being supportive, for always being there for me through good times and bad, and for teaching me to always do my best in whatever I set out to do. Also I would like to thank Patty Dixon and Jill Rardon for all their support, and for being almost my second and third mothers. I would like to thank Clint Kloopping for challenging me on and off the mat, and for motivating me to work hard at sports as well as schoolwork. Finally, I would like to give a huge thanks to Jason Snodgrass for staying with this senior class all through high school, and a personal thanks for your letter of recommendation to Mizzou, if it wasn't for you I might not have been able to pursue my dream of becoming a Physical Therapist at MU with my brother Matt, Thank you so much to all of you!"

Finally from the senior class of 2009, THANK YOU to the entire staff and faculty for all the hard work you have done, thank you to our sponsors Jim Sterner, Jennifer Lukens, Joe Guerriero and Linda Guerriero, for staying up late working on hall and float decorations, and for being a major part of the senior class. Finally thank you to all the parents for all that you have done it has truly been an incredible chapter at Polo High School and none of it would have been possible without you.

## Mother's Day

by Kelsi Pile

Staff Writer

Nearly everyone celebrates Mother's Day, but not many people know where the holiday came from and lots of people do not know when it is celebrated. Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis, as a day for each family to honor its mother. Mother's Day in the United States is celebrated on the second Sunday in May every year. In 1912, Mrs. Jarvis trademarked the phrases 'second Sunday in May' and 'Mother's Day', and she created the Mother's Day International Association. The holiday is now celebrated all over the world, not just in the United States; although not every country celebrates on the same day.

Many families have traditional Mother's Day events, and some just wing it from year to year. But one thing that nearly everyone has in common is they either buy something nice or do something nice for their mom, or they at least go home and spend the day with their mothers.

Senior Brooke Byrd makes her mom a homemade gift every year, and makes her dinner and desert. Talk about dedication.

Senior Phil Casey takes his mom out to eat each year, then they spend the evening together and either go to see a movie or go camping.

Junior Andra Young and her younger sister Maddy get her mom a gift and take her out for dinner.

Mother's Day is one of the most important days of the year to many families, because it is a day for many individuals to show appreciation for a person who made a huge impact on their lives. Although there is only one day set out of the year to celebrate mothers, everyday should be a day to be grateful for your mom.

# 2009 POLO SENIORS



Brooke Ann Byrd



Brittany Nicole Flowers



Brandon Ray Hurd



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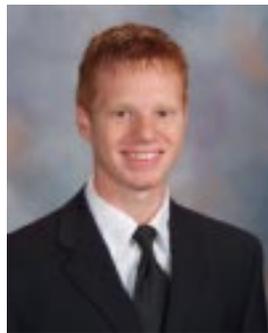
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Adryan Lynn Overstreet



Kyle Robin Stith



Cody Ray Drew



Mitchell James Huntley



Kelsi Lynn Pile



Kyndra Kae Stith

# Everyone is invited.....



Kaitlyn Norene Taylor



Brandt Austin Tidwell



Alan Michael Vassmer



Megan Elizabeth Yates



Daniel Edward Zeikle

**Polo Graduation**  
**Sunday, May 17th**  
**2:00 pm**  
**High School Gym**

## AZ 3 on 3 Basketball Shatto Milk Company Tournament

by Ashliegh Jones

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Staff Writer

As many of you know Andrew Zeikle went to school at Polo High school and is the brother of one of our very own students, Daniel Zeikle. Two years ago, there was a tragic canoeing accident in the summer and Andrew Zeikle passed away. However, instead of mourning his loss, the school is planning a basketball tournament in Andrew's memory.

Andrew was a basketball player here at Polo throughout his high school career and he loved the game so it is only fitting that we have this tournament. Any proceeds that come from the tournament will be going to the Andrew Zeikle Scholarship fund started by Andrew's family.

As a student here at Polo, I encourage each and every one of you to enter the tournament or at least attend to support the cause on May 30th. I know that any donations given will be greatly appreciated and will go to a very fitting student in our area.

Recently the Pre-school class took a field trip to Shatto Milk Company in Osborn Missouri. For those of you who haven't heard of Shatto Milk Company, Shatto is a milking plant that bottles its own milk in glass bottles. However, their milk is not just any other milk and this isn't just any other dairy farm. Shatto provides the consumers a chance to see where their milk comes from by providing tours through out the farm.

During the tours, the children get to taste the five varieties of milk (sometimes more if Leroy has experimented), try the ice-cream made by the dairy's own cream, try the butter churned in the dairy plant, see the milking plant where the milk is bottled, pet and bottle feed the baby calves, and see the milking barn where the cows are hooked up for milking twice a day.

Shatto has far more milk flavors than any other dairy company the flavors consist of chocolate, strawberry, banana, orange dream, and root beer. Leroy, the owner of Shatto Milk Company, has experimented and come up with a cotton candy milk and coffee milk and continues to invent more. Many people but steer clear of the root beer and orange dream milk because it's different but after some convincing, they finally try it and to their surprise one of those two becomes one of their favorites.

## In Preparation for the MAP

by Mrs. Beverly Deis

Elementary

On Monday, March 30, students in grades K-8 were entertained by elementary staff members including the principal, Mrs. Deis, and the superintendent, Mr. Newhart. The staff performed a skit to the tune of "Monster Mash," but changed it up to become "Monster MAP" in preparation for the MAP tests which began March 31. Staff members have been doing yearly skits to help students learn the importance of the tests and to give them ideas of how to do their very best on the test. Some of the helpful hints or ideas include: erasing answers completely, using only a #2 pencil, get a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast, restate the question, read carefully, and many more. The posters with the hints are then displayed in the hallway so students can see them on a daily basis. The MAP tests were given March 31 through April 17.

## Junior High Cheerleaders

Your junior high cheerleaders for the 2009-2010 school year are Madison Curp, Jessica Conner, Jessica Barnes, Skylar Howe, Cati Boruch, Adriana Segar, and Sidney Copeland.

## May 2009 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Kindergarten Screening *Elem. BB clinic 3:05-4:30 pm	2
3 *Teacher Appreciation Week	4 *Late Start 10:30 am *Elem. Field Days *Music Booster Banquet 5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 6 pm	5 *GRC HS/JV Track @ Albany 10 am	6 *Senior Finals *Color Guard and Drum Major Tryouts 5:30-8:00 pm	7 *Senior Finals *GRC MS Track @ Worth County @ 3 pm *HS rain date	8 *GRC MS Track rain date 3 pm *5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip	9 *Varsity Track Districts @ St. Joe Christian
10	11 *Senior Trip *School Health Advisory Mtg.	12 *Senior Trip	13 *Senior Trip	14 *Senior Trip *1 <sup>st</sup> grade Award Ceremony 8pm *Finals for 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	15 *Pre-School Graduation @ 1:30 pm in Multipurpose Room *3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Field Trip *Finals for 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	16 *Varsity Track Sectionals @ Albany
17 *High School Graduation 2 pm	18 *BOE Mtg. 8 pm *Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 pm *8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:30pm *All Sports Mtg. 6 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:20 pm	19 *Last Day of School Out @ 11:30 am *Elementary Awards Assembly 8:45 am in the gym *7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly 8:45 am in Multipurpose Room *7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> grade Awards Assembly 10:00-11:30 am in gym	20	21	22 *Varsity State Track @ Jefferson City	23 *Varsity State Track @ Jefferson City
24	25	26 *Summer School begins	27	28	29 *FFA Area Leadership Conference & Rituals CDE	30 *Andrew Zeikle Basketball Tournament

## May 2009 Menu

Menu is subject to change.  
Each meal includes one milk.  
Lemonade and orange juice are available for 30¢.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Sweet and Sour Chicken, Broccoli, Fruit
4 Late Start—NO BREAKFAST K-6— Sack Lunch(Field Day) Biscuit and Sausage Gravy, Hashbrown, Fruit	5 Cereal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit	6 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	7 French Toast, Ham, Fruit King Ranch Chicken, Green Beans, Fruit	8 Donuts, Sausage, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Fruit
11 Cereal, Toast, Fruit Corn dog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	12 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Corn, Fruit	13 Muffin, Ham, Fruit Riblet on Bun, Green Beans, Fruit	14 French Toast, Ham, Fruit Ham and Cheese on Bun, Glazed Carrots, Fruit	15 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Tuna or Bologna Sandwich, Peas, Fruit
18 Cereal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit	19 Donut, Ham, Fruit Last Day of School — NO LUNCH	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

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