

FoundAlion

Serving Fremont's Children Through Philanthropy

★ Fremont Public Schools ★ ★ Prepare for Growth ★ ★ Bond Issue Planned ★

The mission of the Fremont Public School Foundation is to support the Fremont Public Schools by:

- ★ Raising funds to support programs for the enhancement and enrichment of public education, which would not be possible through local tax funds.
- ★ Recognizing excellence in Public Education.
- ★ Enhancing the quality of education for all students.
- ★ Reinforcing positive relations within the community.
- ★ Enriching the quality of life for the Fremont Community.

Annual Campaign Reaches Goal

Increased giving by Fremont Public School supporters put the first annual sustaining fund campaign over the top of its \$40,000 goal. **In addition to providing for the operational expenses of the Foundation Office, the successful campaign will allow funding to be added to the Creative Teaching Endowment Fund.** According to Foundation Board Chairperson, Jane Dugan, giving came from a variety of sources including alumni, faculty, area businesses, and friends. For the first time this year teachers and staff were also given the opportunity to utilize the payroll deduction plan to make donations to the Foundation, and responded generously to help the Foundation reach its \$40,000 goal. Thanks to all who contributed to this successful campaign! ★



Fremont Financial Institutions played a key role in helping the Foundation to reach its goal. Pictured from left: Chuck Johannsen, President, First State Bank; Bart Qualsett, President, Fremont National Bank; Jane Dugan, President, Fremont Public School Foundation; and Toni Vering, Vice President, American National Bank.

It is no secret that Fremont's location places it in the next circle of growth for the Metropolitan Omaha Area. As the building boom has marched steadily west along Dodge and Maple Streets, Fremonters have watched as Elkhorn grew from a small community with a Class D school system, to one that now surpasses Fremont in terms of the number of students being served. Recent reports indicate that Elkhorn is growing at the rate of 350 students per year (nearly the equivalent of a 3 section elementary school). That expansion has now moved west across the Elkhorn River, and platted and approved subdivisions west of Valley leave no doubt that Fremont will soon feel profound effects from the expansion of the metropolitan community. Even with the recent opening of Kindergarten through 3rd grades at Archbishop Bergan, Fremont's enrollment grew by 47 students this year.

With these signs of coming growth, and with the knowledge that the growth projected during the 2000 bond issue has taken place on schedule, the Fremont Public Schools Board of Education on April 21st voted to provide to voters a plan for meeting the present and future needs of the District to as far out as 2015. Enrollment projections indicate that district enrollment will grow by approximately 700 to 800 students to a total of 5400 students over the next 7 to 10 years, creating the need for additional instructional space at all levels.

The current plan, known as Phase II, has been under study and development since the last bond issue passed in 2000, and continues the process of maintaining current facilities, and allowing for

(continued on page 2)

From the Executive Director's Desk



Dr. David Pinkall, Executive Director

Readers may have noticed that the "Cornerstone" is coming out a little later than usual this fall. Tragedy struck the Fremont Public Schools in late summer when one of our elementary principals, Wes Lamberson, was killed in an accident days before the opening of teacher workshops. As a result, I returned to active duty for the first quarter of the school year and served as interim principal of FPS's Platteville Elementary School, delaying my work on the fall "Cornerstone." I was glad to be able to help out, and it gave me the opportunity to again experience first-hand the excellence that defines Fremont Public Schools. This is the excellence that our Foundation seeks to preserve and grow, and it reinforced for me the importance of having a strong foundation to support the Fremont Public Schools in these difficult times.

(continued on page 2)

61 State Championship Team Contributes to Technology Project

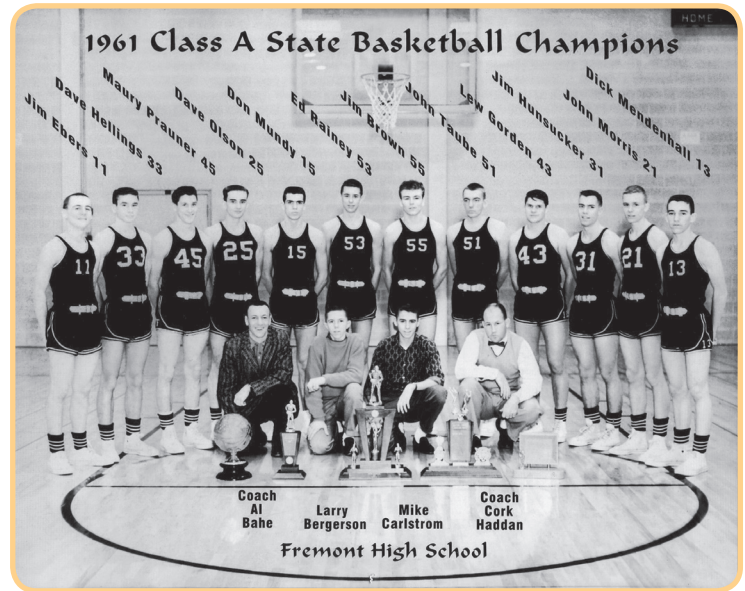
The State Champion Fremont High School Basketball team of 1961, has stepped forward to provide a projector in support of Fremont Public School's technology upgrade project. Fourteen team members donated to the cause, raising the necessary \$2100 to equip a classroom with an LCD projector. **The donation is being made in memory of deceased team members Dr. Ed Rainey, Dr. John Taube and Coach Al Bahe.** The goal of the FPS technology upgrade project is to equip each classroom in the Fremont Public Schools with a projector that will enable teachers to use classroom computers as a teaching tool.

Even with the \$100,000 grant for this project from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, and a \$187,000 contribution from the school district budget, the project is still in need of funding for projectors for 238 classrooms or \$499,800.

The School District has developed a sequential plan for the purchase and installation of the projectors based on educational priorities. Ideally, all projectors would be purchased and installed at once, but funding the entire project from district funds must necessarily be spread over several years.

Donations such as the one from the 1961 basketball team can push the project ahead so that all Fremont students can have access to the same current technology immediately.

It is the hope of the 1961 basketball team that other individuals and groups will follow their lead, and support this important project by providing funding for a classroom projector. ★



Fremont Public Schools Prepare for Growth Bond Issue Planned (continued from page 1)

the orderly absorption of new growth in the District. Phase II calls for the following:

- Take down the old two-story section at Linden and replace it with single-level structure of approximately 15,000 square feet and replace the boiler. The plan retains the existing single story structure and additions to Linden approved in 2000. The proposal will add to the existing single-story sections of the school.
- Add 7,500 square feet of space to Clarmar, remodel space for student services, upgrade the media center, replace the boiler unit and improve the front entry area.
- Improve the front entry areas of Grant, Howard and Washington schools.
- Build a new facility of approximately 98,000 square feet for grades 5 and 6.
- Add approximately 11 classrooms and a commons area to the high school totaling approximately 23,000 square feet. Remodel the Family and Consumer Science classrooms/lab.

According to FPS Superintendent, Dr. Steve Sexton, The proposed plan can be accomplished for a cost of approximately \$22 to \$24 million **without raising the tax levy in the debt service fund**, and will provide adequate facilities to 2010 to 2015, depending on the District's rate of growth. The addition of the 5/6 center will create space in every elementary building and the current middle school, thereby avoiding the cost-prohibitive issue of adding space to all schools and building a new one as well. The proposed plan will also require fewer boundary adjustments than other possible solutions.

Sexton noted that the same standards of management and oversight that enabled Phase I to be completed on time, within budget and for less cost than similar projects, will be applied to Phase II. The exact date of the 2009 bond election will be set by the Fremont Board of Education at their January meeting. ★

Foundation to Provide Bond Account

The FPS Foundation Board has voted unanimously to provide an account for the accumulation of funds for the support of the Phase II Bond Issue. Those wishing to utilize this opportunity can make checks to the Foundation, and earmark the donation for the bond campaign fund. Because the Fremont Public School Foundation is a 501[c]3 organization, donations are tax deductible.

From the Executive Director's Desk (continued from page 1)

In the mean time, the Fremont Public School Foundation has experienced a banner year. Our first sustaining fund drive reached its goal, we increased our endowment fund, we received a \$100,000 grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation for technology upgrades in all schools, and, as noted elsewhere in this newsletter, groups and individuals are responding to this technology need through the FPS Foundation. We now have a new principal at Platteville, and I'm glad to once again be working on foundation issues. It is my hope that more groups and individuals will follow the exemplary lead of the 1961 basketball team, and help the Foundation to fully implement the technology upgrades for all Fremont Public Schools. ★

Foundation Webpage to Highlight Projects

One of the issues wrestled with by the FPS Foundation, is how to make it possible for interested FPS supporters to provide support for individual building projects. Coming early in 2009 will be an addition to the Foundation webpage that will allow interested supporters to view building-level proposals from all Fremont Public School buildings. Not only will school district patrons be able to read about projects in need of support, but they will be able to then directly provide support for the project through tax-deductible donations to the Foundation.

This project is the brainchild of two members of the Fremont Board of Education, who learned about the concept at a recent School Boards Association Convention. Sandi Proskevec and Dan Moran were looking for ways to increase the involvement of community members in the Fremont Public Schools. When they saw this concept, they felt it provided the opportunity for increased involvement, and also has the potential to provide funding for deserving classroom projects that otherwise are not implemented due to a lack of funding.

The FPS Foundation website is located at <http://www.fpsweb.org/foundation/foundation.html> Recent editions of the Cornerstone Magazine are available there electronically, and soon access to a list of deserving school projects will be available as well. Watch for this helpful addition to the website. ★

Perfect Day, Hole-In-One Highlight Golf Outing - Date set for 2009

Great weather and great playing conditions made for a great day of golfing and fellowship at the annual Fremont Public School Foundation Golf Tournament. The event was staged at the Fremont Golf Club on August 8, and was played in near perfect weather by a record number of golfers. Teams made up of alumni, business supporters, and friends of the Fremont Public Schools vied for prizes in a 4-person team scramble. Every player received a gold golf shirt, compliments of the FPS Foundation and RL Fauss Co.

The highlight of the day was a hole-in-one on hole number 17 by Fremont Public School supporter Dale Olson. Olson used an eight iron to score his ace, the fourth of his career. For his efforts, Olson won a stereo radio-CD player. **The date for next year's event has been set for July 31st at the Fremont Golf Club.** It's never too early to mark your calendar for this fun event! ★

Stones & Mortar

The Board of Directors of the Fremont Public School Foundation is pleased to publicly acknowledge the following businesses and individuals who have made financial contributions to the foundation in the past 6 months.

Annual Sustaining Funds Donations:

Cornerstone - \$5000

The Allyn Foundation Inc.
Sid Dillon Cadillac-GMC-Mazda-
Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac, Inc.
Fremont National Bank

Pathfinder - \$2500

Blake & Tanya Dillon
American National Bank
First State Bank

Patron - \$1000

Sid & Patty Dillon
Bill & Jane Dugan
John & Lori Sajevic

Benefactor - \$500

Investment Management Group
Russ & Jennifer Peterson
Gordmans
Harry E. Stevens, Jr.
OfficeNet, Inc.
Jim & Sherie Ebers
Wal-Mart
Lynette Oakes
David & Kathleen Pinkall
Fremont Education Assoc.

Investor - (\$250)

Mark H. Yost
Inspro Insurance
Steve & Celeste Samuelson
Mike & Pam Draemel
Gary & Denise Bolton
Paula Baack
Joe Sajevic
Steve & Diane Sexton
Don Peterson & Assoc.
Dodd Engineering

Friend - (\$100)

Krisane Olson
Dave & Barb Hanen
Tom & Carol Waring
Mary Michaelson
Mary Culp
Fred & Kay Brown
Tracia Strasburg McDougall
John Greene
Dick & Jan Pineda
Erik Therien
Sondra Upham
Dick & Paula Hendriksen
Ron & Nerita Getzschman
Steve Schneider
Thomas Milliken
Eloise Kriz Carter
Joe & Kristin Henkenius
Dale & Fern Olson
Steve & Debbie Riley
Steve & Peg Pribnow
John Spangler
Pathfinder Co.
Craig Ronhovde
Cindy & Dale Tranmer
Patrick Swanson
Lloyd & Betty Brooks
Vicki Schneider Edwards
James Young
Doug & Julie Krenz
David & Cynthia Christensen
Ken & Sharon Marsh
John & Norma Edloff
Peggy Mackey
Carolee Cronin
Joanne Lehman
Sherryl Longacre

Pam Murphy
Cathy Schmaderer
Dave & Jill Sellon
Ginny Wojtkiewicz
Senator Ramon Janssen
Terry & Janet Snyder
Vic Rader Photography
Jayhawk Boxes, Inc.
Christensen Lumber
Emanuel Printing Inc.
Horace Mann-Gerry Gdowski

Tiger (\$50)

Meg Zarybnicky
Virgil & Eleanor Post
Diane Adolphson
Bev Meritt
Marcia Fouraker
Jeff & Amy Graver
Richard & Joan Paschal
Jerry Ebers
Linda & Keith Chapman
Jill Thomsen
Annette Larson Vaughn
Joanne Kohn
Mark & Kathy Justus
Susan Waring Rebein
John & Jean Rinde
John & Michele Larsen
G. P. Bahle
Douglas & Betty McCabe
Matt Poling
Lyman Heine
Carol Chapman
Marie Robb
Ed Buch
Dan & Sue Anderson
Bob Rhodes

Jim Lindgren
Preston Hancock
Joann Ebers Collins
Mike & Kellee Rasmussen
Randall Emry
Sally (Norman) Von Meyer
John & Holly Goldsberry
Paula Walla
Earl & Mary Robertson
Ken & Judy VonSeggern
Scott Brannon
Oshel Family
Dan Cox
Julie Higgins
Joel Kerkman
Lori Kisby
Theresa Muhle
Joe Hamilton
Mary Wachter
Susan Richards
Linda Schlapfer

Black & Gold (Other)

Mike & Michelle Schleicher
Jayne Nick
Karen Kortan
Carol Gdowski
Lynn Bleck
Kathy McKelvey
Lorrie Griffey-Cobb
Mike & Lynda Raasch
Nancy Meier
State Farm Ins.-Gaylord Mussman
Jenny Christensen
John Christensen
James & Patricia Blake
Vicky Wilkinson (Veverka)
Morris Hilgenkamp

Bob & Michele Missel
Steve Haiar
Lillian Carmody
Marjory Hanson
Curt & Patti Batten
Jeanne Clark
Pam Leeper
Pete Maiker
Doug & Jill Hartman
Tom Weaklend
John & Joyce Norman
Lydia Stuenkel
Bill & Jeanenne Malmberg
Diane Stuenkel Lourens
Mel & Jo Schwanke
Cynthia & Dave Christensen
Bruce Robinson
Lisa Robertson
Kris Lindgren
Deb Wallman
Lynn Fuchser
Rita Christianson
Russ & Quenna Koch
Weldon & Sandy Terry
Rose Ogborn
Wilma & Frank Veverka

Golf Tournament Sponsors:

Patron
R. L. Fauss Builders Inc.

Benefactor
First State Bank
Fremont National Bank

Investor
OfficeNet
Fremont Contract Carriers

Stones & Mortar (continued from page 3)

Christensen Lumber
Inspiro
Eagle Distributing
Sidner Law Office
Senator Ray Janssen
D.A. Davidson & Co.
Heartland Orthopaedic
Diers Ford
Sid Dillon Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac
Perry, Guthery, Hasse & Gessford
South Side Press
Nye Senior Services
Fremont Eye Associates
American National Bank
Fremont Family YMCA
Dell Computers

Friend

Rod & Cyndy Koerber
Getzschman Heating
Steve Pribnow
Bill & Jane Dugan
David & Kathy Pinkall
Shaw Hull & Navarrette CPA's

Black & Gold

Edward Jones - Jake Reilly
Quest
Embroidery Connection
Centris Federal Credit Union
Fremont Golf Club
Alltel

In Memory of:

Jim Schlapfer

Sid & Hazel Dillon
Tim & Trish McKibbin
Diane Vyhldal
Jim & Nancy Becher
Jim & Pat Campbell
Lori Johnson, Paige & Claire Meyer

Eric & Kris Lindgren
Linda & Catherine Schlapfer
Employees of
Moser Memorial Chapel
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School
Nick & Cheryl Lamme
Fremont Education Assoc.
Doug & Linda Watson
Clarmar PTA
Doug & Jody Sheppard
Kirk & Karen Kavan
Ron & Joyce Johnk
Bob & Joan Holt
Meg Zarybnicky
Pam & Glenn Kalisek
Bev & Dale Meritt
John & Joyce Norman
Marilyn Silhacek
Mike & Jan Guilliatt
Ron & Karen Kortan
Ron & Sue Kranz
Joanne & Brock Lehman
Steve & Cindy Sick
Byron & Roma McCune
Linda Frey

Susan Betten

Mike & Jan Guilliatt

Dale Meritt

Fremont Education Assoc.
Kirk & Karen Kavan
Doug & Jody Sheppard
Peggy Mackey

Moe Dritley

Doug & Jody Sheppard

Joan Emmons

Sandra & Weldon Terry
Mary Oshel
Janelle Kruger
Maggie Peters

Joe Alcorn

Fremont Education Assoc.

Alice Hento

Fremont Education Association
Mac & Maggie Peters

Tom Sebade

Linda & Larry Frey

Chuck Durham

Bill & Jane Dugan

Wes Lamberson

Fremont Sr. High Faculty
Pat & Pam Murphy

Susan Russell

Sandy McDuffee

Ken Shotbolt

Bob & Modene Realph

Linnea Dick

Sandy McDuffee

Mary Bigelow

Delta Kappa Gamma

Joan Thew

Charles Thew

Hazel Root Barry

Linda Barry Keim

Marijo Kruger

Joe & Kristin Henkenius

Leo Jugler

Ann M. Jugler-Coles

Don Williams

Bill & Jane Dugan

Shirley Kounousky-Florance

Ervin O. Florance

Eugene Ronspies

Fremont Education Assoc.

Art Peterson

Robbie & Janet Bohling
Bill & Jane Dugan
Todd & Ronda Niehaus
Linda Rohlfs
Don Longacre

Al Bahe

Dave & Jill Sellon
Joe & Kristin Henkenius

Leona Nielsen Wiysel

John R. Wiysel

Grandma Mueller

Mike & Katherine Gillogley

Betty Roh

Tim Roh

Dan Barrett

Chris Dille

Alberta Lamme

Henry & Nanette Missel

Peggy Dorsett Bloch

Harriet Wibbels West

William Pelley

Jean P. Bay

Alice Schenzel

Don Schenzel

Larry Sheppard

Sam Baker

Grace Smith

Douglas Smith

Gladys Mueller

Merle Burkholder

Roy Rodaway

Nora & Randall Schenk

Rhonda Klabunde DeButts

Lynda Beatty

Nell McPherson

Richard McKenzie

Mr & Mrs Leroy Kramer

Kathy (Kramer) McNair

Dick Tegt

Mrs. Dick Tegt

Roger Rohlfs

Bill & Jane Dugan

Floyd & Lenore Feild

James Feild

Art Ronhovde

Jill & Doug Hartman

In Honor of:

Bonnie & Neil Schilke

Bill & Jane Dugan

Mark Shepard

Cathy Pieper
Trish & Joe Guinan

Class of 1941

Nell M. Holmberg-Mawrence

Dr. Rhonda Gdowski

Nancy & Roger Beckman

Sally Ganem

Cathy Pieper

Gary Bolton

Joe & Trish Guinan
Nancy & Roger Beckman
Cathy Pieper

Jon Appleget

Dave Neubauer

Annette Holtam

Nancy & Roger Beckman

Mr. & Mrs. Chester Koza

Pat Osborn

Don & Barbara Johnson

Jane (Eberspacher) Flanagan

Madison Helget

Janice Gall

The Bell Field Staff

Fred & Barb Pyle