

The **Forum**

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Homecoming highlights week

Parades, football games, royalty, dances, cheerleaders, pep meetings, bonfires and school spirit combined together equal Corsica High School's homecoming week, September 21-25.

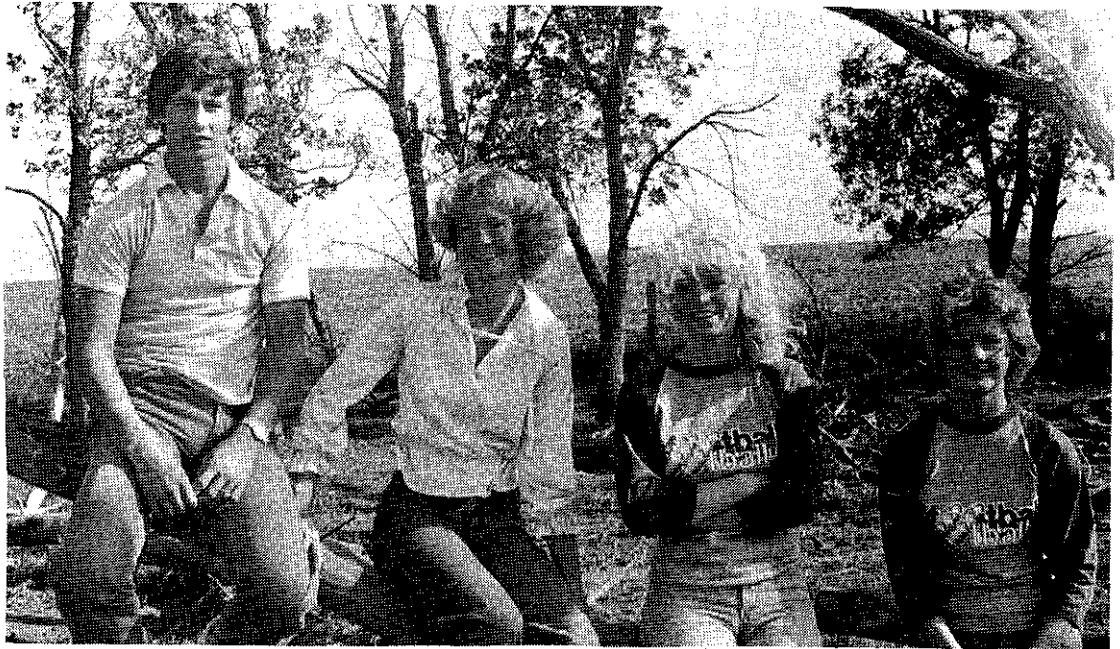
"I hope everyone will support the team and show their school spirit by participating in all the homecoming activities," said Brenda Uttecht, cheerleader. Activities planned include daily pep meetings and a schedule of "dress-up" days. The schedule is: Monday - Hat Day; Tuesday-Fifties day; Wednesday-Western day; Thursday-Hillbilly day; Friday-Maroon and White day. There will be a prize awarded by the cheerleaders each day for the "best-dressed" person according to Uttecht.

Every senior is eligible to be a candidate in the election of homecoming royalty to be held on Monday. The king and queen will be elected from the candidates Thursday morning and crowned at the coronation Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. The coronation program will be conducted by the cheerleaders and will include skits and cheers.

Following the coronation, a snake dance will run downtown, through some business places and end at the bonfire. The bonfire is sponsored by the freshmen and serves as a pep meeting.

"We need everyone to participate in pep meetings and the bonfire to make them a success," said Kathy Kredit, cheerleader. "If everyone shows their school spirit the activities will be a success," Kredit concluded.

Each class, several organizations and the business places have all been asked by the Student Council to sponsor a float in the parade to be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.



Homecoming plans are being made by the Student Council. The newly elected officers are: Todd Plooster, treasurer; Cherie Bakker president; Brenda Uttecht, secretary; Deann Gruenwald, vice president.

"We should be ready for the game," said Coach Ken Wagner, "we are a rebuilding team this year, but we are gaining a lot of valuable experience in every game."

The Corsica Comets will clash with the Ethan Rustlers in the homecoming football game on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The homecoming dance, sponsored by the Student Council, is scheduled to follow the football game. The dance will be from 9:30 to 12:00 and Stereo Town will provide the music.

"I think homecoming can be as successful or as unsuccessful as the students make it," stated Vern DeGeest, superintendent. "It is up to the students."

Fines increase, laws become stricter

Inflation and safety are the prime reasons that South Dakota is cracking down on traffic violators, according to Douglas Pugh of the Douglas County sheriff's office.

In 1974 the speed limit on a two lane road was 70 m.p.h. during the day and 60 m.p.h. at night, while on the interstate, it was 75 m.p.h. during the day and 70 m.p.h. at night.

However, through an emergency conservation act, former President Richard M. Nixon set the national speed limit at 55 m.p.h. for all roads.

This year the fines have been raised anywhere from fifteen to fifty percent higher than previous ticket costs.

Whereas the old system of fines went by a mile per hour rate, the new method is a bracket type.

Also, any arrest for speeding that exceed 100 m.p.h. can result in a charge of reckless driving.

Pugh said that a good share of drivers drive over 55 m.p.h. and into the lower sixties.

He also said that the biggest reason for driving 55 is simply that it saves lives.

Editorial:

Catch that Comet spirit

The pep rally: All the cheerleaders are doing a routine to a song the band knows by heart. No one else is really paying attention, they're just glad to have gotten out of class 10 minutes early.

Next come a cheer and then a speech. "What did he say?" Oh well, it must have been good, everyone is clapping, just clap along. After another cheer it's time for the skit--and it better be good, after all that's the high point of the pep rally, isn't it? It turns

out that everyone likes the skit, everyone, that is, but the varsity players who are now totally embarrassed and feel about 2 feet tall.

Better hurry it up though, it's almost 3:30. Just time for Greatest and the school song. That's the buzzer--time to go, school's out.

Pep rallies can get pretty predictable, and sometimes even boring, but they get people thinking about the game and that's

what they're really meant for. If no one seems very fired up at the pep rally, but everyone is going crazy at the game, the pep rally can be termed as being successful.

This week is homecoming week and you'll be getting your share of pep rallies plus all the other activities.

Make the most of this week and really get involved. However, remember to save some energy for the game.

Classes elect officers

Along with registering for classes and reading the school rules, Corsica High students elected their class representatives on the first day of school, Friday, August 21.

Officers elected for the 1981-82 school year were:

Seniors: Kathy Kredit, president; Brenda Uttecht, vice president; Sharlene Drefs, secretary; Kevin Goldammer, Student Council. Advisors are Mr. Wagner and Mr. Gray.

Juniors: Julie Gerlach, president; Donna Metzger, vice president; Sarah Spaans, secretary; Anita Olson, treasurer; Kevin Zomer, Student Council. Advisors are Ms. Gjesdal and Mr. Lien.

Sophomores: Darla Markus, president; Ben Spaans, vice president; Tim Bormann, secretary; Dan De Vries, treasurer; Shelly Bosma, Student Council. Advisors are Mr. Hagedorn and Mr. Baumeister.

Freshmen: Kristie Bakker, president; Brad Van Den Hoek, vice president; Dale Uttecht, secretary; Kurt Noteboom, treasurer; LeRoy Blom, Student Council. Advisors are Miss Boehnke and Mr. Diede.

ACT dates set

Most juniors and seniors will some time during the school year take part in the American College Testing (ACT) Program.

These tests will measure the students ability to gain a college education. The tests also help students gain admission to college as well as measuring their strengths and weaknesses in a career.

ACT's can be taken in most colleges in South Dakota and the larger high schools. The first test date is October 17. The ACT test will be given on various other dates with the next one being December 12.

If the student's composite score is over 20 they will be admitted to any state college.

School board discusses issues

A letter of resignation was received from Pastor Tom Hoogendoorn at the school board meeting held last Monday.

Hoogendoorn's three-year school board term will expire in June.

In other business there was some discussion on lighting for the high school parking lot, and whether to combine the eighth grade and high school graduations. These matters are

being looked into and will be decided at the next meeting.

An additional State Aid Transportation reimbursement of \$18,000 is forthcoming and will be placed in the 1981-82 budget for future transportation uses.

Whitewashing during homecoming week was also discussed. If it is kept under control no action will be taken by the board.

Alumni move on

Grads further education

Twenty-two of the twenty-eight 1981 graduates have gone on to post high education.

Mitchell Area Vo-Tech is the sight eight of the graduates have chosen. Brenda Buck and Edith Heber are studying for accounting, along with Brenda Zomer, Brenda Van Vuuren and Renee Peters, who are in the secretarial field. John Engelland is in construction and architectural design, and both Kevin Fey and Doug Gruenewald are studying powerlines.

Rhonda Plooster, Carla Sipma and Ardis Everson are attending the Sioux Falls College with majors in business, social work,

and special education, respectively. Ione Star is attending South East Area Vocational School in Sioux Falls with a major in computer science.

Jim Beukelman is attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion with a business major, along with Doug DeGeest and Dennis Hup, who are majoring in pre-medicine.

Laura De Vries is attending South Dakota State University in Brookings along with Julie Hoekman who has her major in journalism. Tom Dockendorf is attending Augustana College in Sioux Falls, Doug Olivier is attending Black Hills State

College in Spearfish, and Mark Olivier is taking up computer programming at Northern State College in Aberdeen.

Chuck Noteboom is enrolled in Northwestern Technical College in Sheldon, Iowa for powerlines. Bryan King has signed up for four years in the Army and is working in the area of communications.

Shelly Beukelman and Brenda Bultje are both living at home, and Renee Engelland is married and living in Mitchell. Cal Spaans is farming, and Terrance Van Maanen is working for Star Manufacturing. Rokus Vande Minkelis has joined the National Guard and spent the summer in training.

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Forum, Comet in contest

Journalists to attend convention

A full day's program has been set for the 1981 Press Convention to be held October 12 on the South Dakota State University Campus.

The journalism class will travel to Brookings in order to participate in the activities scheduled and to enter Corsica's Forum and the Comet in the 1981 Publications Contest.

The Press Convention will offer workshops on yearbooks, newspaper, and photography.

The workshop for Yearbook will include layout and design, trends and creativity in yearbooks, covering the school

year, and tips and techniques for yearbooks of 100 pages or less.

Information offered in the newspaper session will be on basic newspaper writing, finding news, and makeups for departmentals, mimeographs, and offset newspapers. Sportswriting, headline and feature writing will also be included.

The photography session will feature basic photography, selecting a camera, sports photography, darkroom techniques, and yearbook photography.

A writing contest and on-the-spot photography contest will also be featured.

The convention will include awarding the 1981 All-State plaques, naming of Top-of-Class winners, and recognition of the All-State journalists from last summer's Publications Institute. Corsica High juniors, Gina Dockendorf, Donna Metzger, and Julie Gerlach attended the Institute held at Brookings. They thought it was well worth the trip.

"It was a good experience and I learned alot," stated Metzger.

Dockendorf added, "I learned

quite a bit about developing and printing pictures."

According to Gerlach, "It is a really good institute to participate in if you are thinking of going into journalism."

Juniors

exceed goal

Junior Class magazine sales were recently completed with sales reaching the highest total ever. The class goal of \$3400 was broken by over \$200.

Anita Olson was top salesperson with total sales of \$543.70. Placing second and third were Erwin Heber and Dwayne Beukelman, respectively.

The top 14 salespersons of the class will receive special prizes which include: digital clock radio, one-step camera, calculator, headphone AM/FM radio, stuffed animals and other prizes. People who sold TV Guide, Time or Sports Illustrated will receive a Teenie Beanie.

"Without the effort of most everyone in the class we couldn't have reached our goal," said Julie Gerlach, Junior Class president.

The class will keep 40% of the proceeds from these sales which will help finance the spring Prom and Banquet expenses.

FHA looks for a busy year

A wide world of sports competition started off the FHA year. This was the first of many activities that the officers have planned for the coming year. Some of the other activities include a Halloween Cafe, a dance following FHA week, a rock-a-thon, and a car and dog wash.

Susan Bamberg, secretary, reported 37 students enrolled in FHA. This brings the total 1981-82 membership up by two members from last year's enrollment. The FHA organization is not very big, but

according to FHA president Julie Baier, this year will be better because there will be more involvement in the activities.

Building South Dakota Communities will be the theme of this year's state project. The project's goal will be to raise money for the new swimming pool fund. The FHA members along with the Jayettes will work together with a grant from the Federal Government to raise money for the fund. According to Baier, the state project will be fun because there will be more people working on it and there will be

more excitement.

The officers for the 1981-82 term areas follows: Julie Baier, president; Julie Gerlach, vice president; Susan Bamberg, secretary; Vonda Zomer, treasurer; Donna Metzger, reporter; Gina Dockendorf, historian; Kristi Wagner, parliamentarian; Kathy Kredit and Brenda Uttecht, activity leaders.

"This should be a super year, with a lot of spirit and involvement," stated Amy Gjesdal, FHA advisor.

Cheerleaders sell jackets

Approximately fifty-five jackets were sold by the cheerleaders, with help from their advisor Amy Gjesdal, to raise money to cover some of the expenses of their uniforms.

To promote sales there was a drawing on the first day in which senior Kevin Goldammer won a free jacket.

A maroon and white school jacket or a plain jacket in any color were the styles being

offered to students. These jackets are acrylic pile lined, flannel lined, or unlined. The maroon and white jackets are college style jackets with Corsica Comets printed in white along with a picture of a comet on the front.

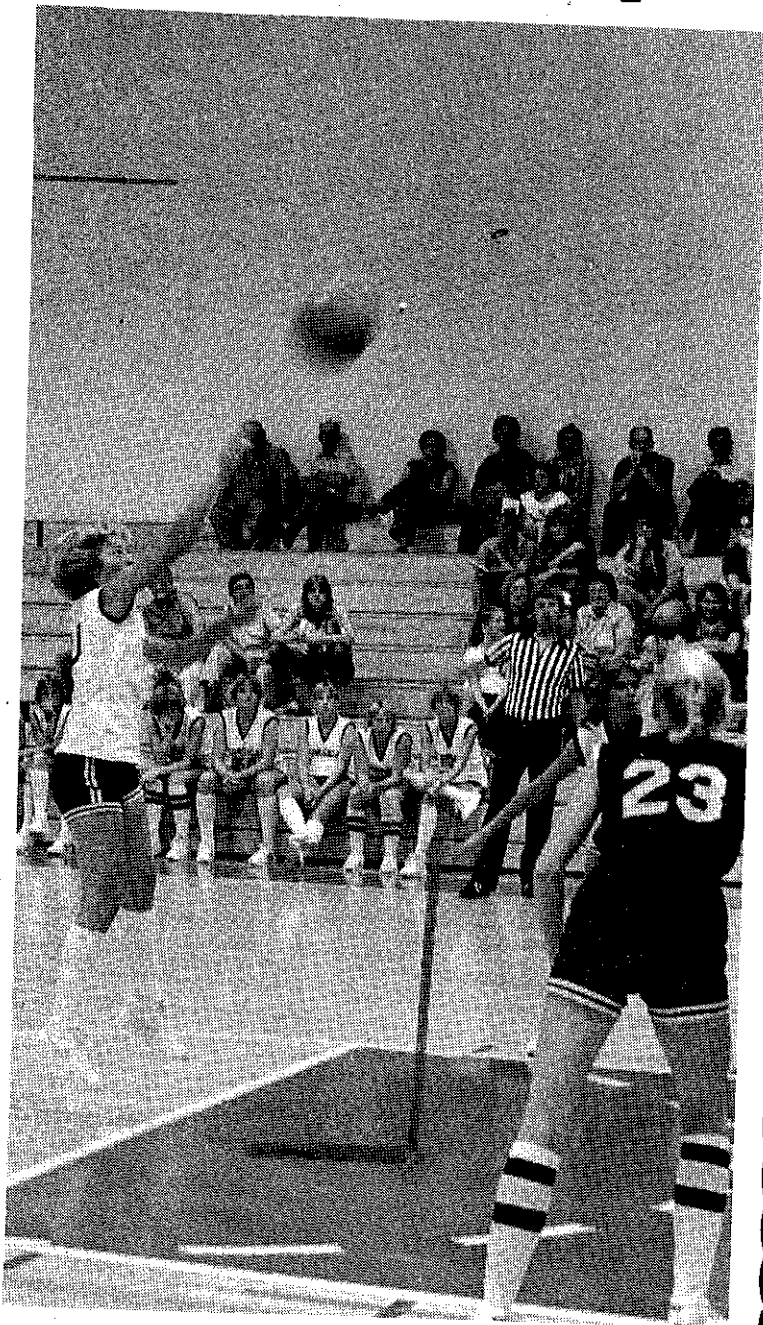
"Although the jackets have been sold before," stated Gjesdal, "we felt enough time had passed that there might be interest in buying them to promote spirit for the 1981-82 school year and years to come.



Counting the coat sales are two A-team cheerleaders, Jodie Groeneweg and Deann Gruenewald. The cheerleaders sold 55 coats.

With new coach

Girls capture first win



Sophomore Darla Markus takes aim for the basket trying to add to the Comet score. The B-team was defeated by Lake Andes in their first home game, 33-22.

"Our early season games have shown us areas we need to work extra hard on--particularly our shooting percentages," said coach Carol Boehke of the Corsica High Girls' Basketball team. "For the most part, defense has been good--especially in the Stickney game."

The Comets began their season with a victory over Mt. Vernon.

Shelly Bosma led the offense with 18 points followed by Kristi Wagner with 11 points. The Comet team shot 31 percent from the field and 48 percent from the free throw line.

Cherie Bakker led the defense with 13 rebounds.

Lake Andes slowed the Comets down by defeating them in their first home game 48-25.

Gina Dockendorf and Leanne De Vries scored ten and eight points, respectively. The Comets major downfall was shooting, only

completeing 17 percent of their field goals.

De Vries nabbed nine rebounds to lead the defensive effort.

In the Comets second CBH Conference contest, Stickney stopped them with a score of 50-36.

Dockendorf again led the offensive effort with 20 points. The Comets shot 32 percent from the field and 50 percent of their free-throws. However, Stickney outdid them from the field and shot a sizzling 91 percent from the charity line.

The Comets will journey to Geddes Monday, September 21, and to Artesian on Tuesday, September 22.

"The team has been working hard in practices and I anticipate success against Geddes and Artesian in both the varsity and junior varsity games," said coach Boehke.

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Jerry Beukelman receives blocking assistance from Comet teammates at the first home game against the Stickney Raiders.

Win first outing

Gridders open season

"I think this is a rebuilding year," said Coach Ken Wagner of the Corsica High Comets. "Hopefully we can win most of our games, providing we don't have any more injuries."

In their season opener, the Comets defeated Mt. Vernon 34-20. Jerry Beukelman and Kevin Goldammer led the Comet

respectively. "We are an inexperienced team," stated Coach Wagner, "we have learned alot in our first games and gained some valuable expereince."

The Comets were stopped short by Stickney in their second outing with a score of 6-38.

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scoring with two touchdowns apiece.

Goldammer scored on runs of eight and two yards, and Beukelman garnered points with a one-yard run and a 35 yard pass from Lowell Groeneweg. Groeneweg rounded out the scoring with a four-yard run.

Groeneweg and Goldammer also led the defensive game with eight and seven tackles,

A twelve-yard pass from Paul Beukelman to Curt Wagner was the Comets lone score.

Groeneweg again led the defesive effort with 18 tackles while Goldammer added 12 for Corsica.

"The team is looking better every day and if they play hard we will win," said Tim Hagendorn, assistant coach, but the players have to be mentally ready."

Coming Events

- Sept. 22: Girls' basketball, Artesian, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 24: Coronation at grade school, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 25: HOMECOMING, football, Ethan, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28: Girls' basketball, Geddes, there, 6:30 p.m.
- 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball, Stickney, home, 6:30 p.m.
- "B" football, Stickney, there, 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 29: Girls' basketball, Ethan, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1: Girls' basketball, Ethan, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 2: Football, Letcher, there, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5: 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball, New Holland, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7, 8, 9: SDEA, no school.
- Oct. 8: Girls' basketball, Dakota Christian, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9: Football, Plankinton, home, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12: School board, 8:00 p.m.
- "B" football, Kimball, there, 4:00 p.m.
- 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball, Armour, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13: Girls' basketball, Plankinton, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15: Girls' basketball, Armour, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16: Football, White Lake, there, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19: 7th and 8th girls' basketball, Kimball, home, 6:30 p.m.
- "B" football, White Lake, home, 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20: Girls' basketball, White Lake, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22, 24: Girls basketball tournament in Corsica.

First time ever

Buehner forms girls' choir

"More and more schools are going to girls' swing choirs. The reason is that there is little interest among the boys because swing choirs do actions and the boys don't like to work on that," said vocal director Pam Buehner.

This swing choir, the newest addition to the music program, will be doing forties and fifties style music. "Forties and fifties style music is really popular for girls' groups because it has such nice harmonies," said Buehner. "It's the new fad, the styles of that era are coming back so why not the music too."

In addition to the older music there is also a lot of new music coming out for these types of groups. "The music of today has a lot of groups that do the type of music we want to, the Pointer Sisters and Manhattan Transfer for example."

cooperation of the girls. We get a great sound and a lot of good ideas, I have a very creative group of girls."

Buehner doesn't feel that the absence of boys from the group will hinder it in any way. "I really don't think that not having boys in the group will hurt any aspect of our choir, the sound, the actions or otherwise."

Buehner would like to stress that even though there is now a girls' swing choir it does not mean there is going to be a

sacrifice made to the other choirs. "Having this choir will mean more work for all involved, but it will be well worth the effort and each group will be able to do the type of music they prefer. That should keep everybody happy."

She anticipates a very successful year and is "looking to many good musical experiences."

The first performance by this group will be September 28 for the PTO meeting.

Practice begins

Swing Choir chosen

Gospel and forties style music will be featured by the 1981-82 Corsica High swing choirs.

The members for this year's mixed swing choir are Lisa Gerlach, Jeanine Ralston, Darla Vanden Hoek, and Lori Vanden Hoek, sopranos; Leann De Vries, Joey Vander Pol, Darla Markus, and Vonda Zomer, altos; David Fey, Dale Star, Perry Van Roekel, and Paul Beukelman, tenors and baritones. Susan Bamberg is a soprano alternate.

This group will sing mainly Gospel music and will perform at church functions.

In addition to the traditional mixed swing choir, a girl's swing

choir has also been chosen. This group will specialize in the swing tunes of the 1940's.

Members include Lori Vanden Hoek, Lisa Gerlach, Darla Vanden Hoek, Jeanine Ralston, and Ronda De Vries, first sopranos; Cindy Olawsky, Leann De Vries, Laura Punt, Denise Wahlert, Holly Van Roekel, and Susan Bamberg, second sopranos; Joey Vander Pol, Vonda Zomer, Darla Markus, Lori Pickart, and Carlene Sipma, altos. Sandy Olawsky is a second soprano alternate.

Accompanying the groups will be Susan Bamberg, Holly Van Roekel, and Michelle Drefs.

Declam practice begins

Many Corsica High students are practicing for this year's oral interpretation contests which will begin in October. People will be reciting poetry, giving orations, and even acting out scenes from plays in hopes of winning state awards.

In the early 1970's, the South Dakota High School Activities Association, changed the name of "declam" or "declamation" to "oral interpretation" or "interp," because the object of interp is for the speaker to interpret the meaning that the author had in mind when he wrote the literature.

There are six divisions to oral interpretation:

1. oratory
2. humorous
3. serious interpretation of prose (a cutting from a novel or short story)
4. serious interpretation of drama
5. poetry
6. duet acting

A local contest will be held in Corsica early in October. A person from each division will be chosen to compete in the district contest in Platte on October 28th. The people who qualify form the districts will go to the divisional contest and then, if chosen, to the state contest in Huron.

So far, thirteen people have signed up to participate in interp.

It's not too late to show your talent and have some fun. If you're interested contact Mr. Baumeister as soon as possible.

'I am really enthusiastic about this year.'

"I am really enthusiastic about this year and the girls' swing choir," said Buehner. "I have the

Marching band gets underway

Marching and pep band are occupying the time of Jolene Casanova, the new CHS band instructor.

The marching band consists of 43 musicians, a majorette, and 6 flag carriers. "The flag carriers are working hard and I think the band will be ready by Friday," said Casanova. "It's been slow getting started but I feel we can be a really good band."

The band will be marching for the first time during the homecoming parade, and after the parade a street show is planned. The show is set for after the

parade rather than at half-time of the ballgame so that all the band members can be present, according to Casanova.

The next scheduled performance is in the parade competition at Blue and White Day, in Mitchell on October 10.

"There's a lot to be done this year," said Casanova. "I want to learn a lot of new pep band tunes and have everyone get involved and contribute their share."

In the future Casanova plans to organize a stage band and would

like to enter it in competition. She also would like to see a lot of students audition for all-state band.

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