

# February

*In the blink of an eye...*



*The larger the family, the more people there are to love.*



## Hammes 2009 Calendar

# October



### The Savages

The 1926 yearbook, entitled "The Hooder", referred to the boys basketball team that year as the "Good Warriors". The yearbook was not printed again until 1947.

In 1926, the school faculty offered a season ticket to the person selecting a new name for Sigourney's athletes. Miss Joy Street submitted the winning name of Savages. Other suggestions included Bull Terriers, Go-Getters, Lions, Golden Tigers, Golden Orioles, Hawks, Old Cold Warriors, Little Hawkways, and Specials.

The 1947 yearbook was entitled "The Savage." Indian imagery infiltrated yearbooks throughout the years to follow. The main image or "logo" associated with the name Savages centered around the images shown at left. The earliest logo found was the silhouette profile which can be seen in the photo at right (graphically simulated at top left).

In 1989, controversy arose when schools adopted a multi-cultural approach to school curriculum. The name Savages was deemed as derogatory to Native Americans as the word savage was defined in The American Heritage Dictionary as: *Not domesticated or civilized; wild. Not civilized, barbaric, ferocious, fierce. Vicious or merciless; brutal. Lacking polish or manners; rude. Faced with changing a long standing tradition versus possible legal recourse, the school compromised by dropping the Indian logo and retaining the name. A contest was run in the local paper asking the community to submit a new image which was to be "non-human and free of obscenity". Today, the name Savages still stands but no replacement logo was ever established.*



1931 Keokuk County Basketball Champions (Third Row, L to R) Fred Pfaff, Harold Mullins, Harry Mullins, Everett (Sandy) Van Fleet, Joe Davidson; (Second Row, L to R) Glen Conklin, Vincent Carmichael, Marion Safford, Roy Ingham, Lyle Jennings, Francis Crowe, Coach; (First Row, L to R) Richard (Doc) Snakenberg, Gale Hudson, Albert Oldenburg, Thornton Pfaff

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## Sigourney Schools 2009 Commemorative Calendar



1914 Sigourney High School Girls Glee Club: Back Row (L to R): Vera Moore, Rozanna Bertch, Bernice Snakenberg, Helen Brown, Hilda Fellner, Mildred Gambell, Mamie Pennell, Irene Everman, Nellie Webb, Mildred Webb, Katharine Pollack, Front Row (L to R): Iris Vorhauer, Bernice Sherlock, Grace Parkhill, Frances Pollack, Adah Mullinix, Ethel Gerner, Mabel Liechta, Louise Buehneiman, Grace White, Winnifred Spakner, Jean Follman, Irene Wertz

The information used in this commemorative calendar was compiled using historical documentation from the Keokuk County Historical Society, official documentation from the Keokuk County Auditor's Office, various newspapers of the time, and personal recollections and accounts from past students, teachers and residents. It is an approximation of the history of classes and schools in Sigourney, Iowa from 1844 to present day. Thanks to all who contributed to this valuable timepiece which represents a slice of Sigourney's history.

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