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- Friedrich Nietzsche

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USD 361 Board, Teachers Head to Fact Finding Hearing

STAFF REPORT

Negotiations between the USD 361 Board of Education and the Harper County National Education Association will now go before an independent fact finder, after the two sides were unable to come to terms during negotiations.

The hearing is scheduled for Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Chaparral High School. It will be an open meeting and the public may attend.

The school board and teachers

have tried to come to terms on items such as salary increases, contributions toward health insurance and other benefits. Back in November, a number of teachers, students and community members attended the USD 361 board meeting that month, to show support for teachers during the negotiations.

The board of education made a public announcement about what the district was willing to offer teachers at the time, but the teachers needed to vote to accept

the proposal.

According to the Harper County NEA, the association and the school board have had 10 bargaining sessions and mediations with a federal mediator but have been unable to reach a conclusive agreement. The teachers have rejected the board’s latest offer, the county NEA wrote in a press release, and the board has been unwilling to alter it.

“The impasse is centered around the crucial matter of fair compensation,” the Harper Coun-

ty NEA wrote in the press release. “Teachers, the dedicated individuals shaping the future of students, firmly believe in deserving equitable compensation for their relentless efforts in education, which is vital to the success of our community.”

During the fact-finding sessions, both the county NEA and the USD 361 board of education will present statements and their facts and rationale. From there, the fact finder will prepare a comprehensive report for both parties

based on what is presented.

“This open meeting provides an opportunity for the community to gain insight into the negotiation process and understand the pertinent issues at hand,” the Harper County NEA wrote in the press release.

Prior to the November meeting, two teachers spoke to *The Harper Advocate* and indicated that the costs for the fact finding session would be split between the district and the Kansas National Educators Association.

County Leadership Group Tours HCT2C Facilities

BY STEPHANIE JUMP

Staff Writer

Harper County Leadership held its monthly meeting in Attica on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Memorial Building.

The group meets once per month in various locations in Harper County throughout the year. Anthony, Harper and Danville have all hosted the group made up of individuals who work and/or live in Harper County according to Shelly Hansel.

Hansel said the group, funded by grant monies and organized by herself and managed by Dollie Mathes, will have an overnight meeting in Topeka in February and then will conclude the year with meetings at Patterson Health Center and Chaparral for the final sessions.

The group’s purpose for the day in Attica was to see and hear about what good is happening in town, according to Hansel.

The group started the day hearing from Attica Mayor Angie Alexander and Harper County Economic Development Director Kari O’Reilly. During the day the group toured the automotive and welding programs with Britt Hedlund, director of the Harper County Transition to Career Program.

Hedlund spoke with the group about the HCT2C Program and then guided the



STEPHANIE JUMP / The Advocate

A Chaparral High School student explains to members of the Harper County Leadership Group about the lessons that students receive in automotive classes during a tour of the Harper County Transition to Career Program’s mechanic shop at a meeting held in Attica last week.

tour of the joint effort of Attica USD 511 and Chaparral USD 361 schools’ automotive and welding programs.

Hedlund said these programs expose students to careers and allow them to experience real-world learning opportunities in the community.

“We get a lot of kids, some do want to go ahead and be mechanics, a lot of them honestly get in here and ‘we don’t want to be a mechanic, we don’t want to work on computers’ which is funny for our techie students,” said Hedlund. “This is such a great skill for them

to have.”

Hedlund explained that some of the activities the automotive program does such as field trips to big automotive shops in Wichita and the “girls only” day where girls come into the automotive shop to learn about basic car maintenance.

Hedlund said the automotive program has also partnered with the bus barn and the students have experience working on buses for USD 361.

Welding instructor Bobby Waldschmidt said the two year program, if done correctly, can give students

around 24 hours of college credit in welding that can be transferred to other schools.

The welding program is partnered with Pratt Community College. Waldschmidt said one of the benefits

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Presidential Preference Primary to Be Held in March

STAFF REPORT

Kansas voters will select their presidential candidates through a Presidential preference primary this year.

In the past few elections, the presidential candidates were selected through caucuses, in which people would get together for a uniform vote. In a primary, every member of a political party gets to vote for the candidate of choice of the member’s party.

The state of Kansas has not held a primary since 1992. The state will be covering the costs for each county to hold the primary.

The Presidential primary will take

place Monday, March 18, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the same polling locations for other elections. Democrats and Republicans will both have candidates to decide upon.

A person who isn’t affiliated with either party but wishes to vote must declare to be a Democrat or Republican and may then vote for that party’s candidates.

The filing deadline for the Presidential primary was noon Friday. Democrat candidates who filed to run are current President Joe Biden, Jacob Michael Palmer, Dean Phillips and Marianne Williamson. Republican candidates who filed to run are former

President Donald Trump, Nikki Haley, Ryan Binkley and Ron DeSantis, though DeSantis announced on Sunday that he is suspending his campaign.

Advance ballots will be mailed to registered voters on Feb. 28, with Feb. 20 the last day to register to vote for the Presidential preference primary.

The primary for Congressional, state, county and township offices will still be held Aug. 6. The filing deadline for candidates to run in that primary is usually June 1, but because that date falls on Saturday this year, the deadline will instead be Monday, June 3, at noon at the county courthouse.

Patterson Health Center to Survey Community Needs

PRESS RELEASE

Patterson Health Center is working with area community leaders over the next few months to update its 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

PHC is requesting community resident input regarding healthcare delivery and unmet needs to complete this 2024 report update. VVV Consultants LLC, an independent research firm from Olathe, has been retained to conduct this countywide research.

The goal of this assessment update is to understand progress from past community health needs assessments conducted in 2021, 2018 and 2015, while collecting up-to-date



community health perceptions and ideas.

A brief community survey has been developed to accomplish this work. You can participate in several different ways. You may scan the QR code above, visit the PHC website or Facebook page or visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHNA2024_PattersonHealth_Online-Surveyor.

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Harper County Residents Urged to Donate Blood

PRESS RELEASE

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood

in 20 years. The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels across the country, and blood donors are urged to make a donation appointment to

help alleviate the shortage and help ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not put on hold.

Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating

blood to the Red Cross has fallen by about 40 percent. When fewer people donate blood, even small disruptions

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NEWS/SPORTS

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Jason Jump at (620) 896-7311 or email jjump@theharperadvocate.com

KSHSAA OKs Trial Run for High School Shot Clock

STAFF REPORT

The Kansas State High School Activities Association Executive Board earlier this month approved a trial run for a 35-second shot clock for high school basketball games. Member schools will have the option to utilize the shot clock for their home games at the varsity level. The trial will start with the 2024-25 basketball season and will only apply to the regular season. Schools that choose to participate must use the shot

clock for all boy's and girl's varsity games that they host. Chaparral head boy's basketball coach Corbin Hostetler said he didn't have strong feelings either way about utilizing the shot clock. He said he hasn't yet talked to others at CHS about whether or not the school may wish to utilize it. "It's one more thing for high school kids to think about," Hostetler said. "If that's what we do, we'll adjust. It throws in another dynamic."

Norwich head boy's basketball coach Nick Kyle said he doesn't mind the shot clock but does see it affecting strategies at the Class 1A level in particular. "I think it will certainly lend itself to teams with talent and will really force teams to have to be fundamentally sound basketball players," Kyle said. "That is obviously the goal of each team and coach but I do see how it can be painful for some teams that are strugg-

ling or having a down year at smaller schools." He added that he sees it helping to push the sport of basketball in the right direction in the long run. Also, Kyle said, fans should see a better basketball product across the state. Kyle said he hasn't talked to other coaches yet to get an idea about what the Heart of the Plains League might want to do, but he looks forward to hearing what others have to say.

Martha Vail DAR Learns About Boston Tea Party

ORGANIZATION REPORT

Members of the Martha Vail KSDAR who met at the Anthony Public Library for their monthly meeting were treated to the reading of "The Boston Tea Party" by Russell Freedman presented by Karen Younce. Though written for children it was equally enjoyed by adults, reminding us of the lessons we had learned in school about the reasons our forefathers protested and fought for our independence. The Boston Tea Party was a political protest that occurred on Dec. 16, 1773, at Griffin's Wharf in Boston. American colonists, frustrated and angry at Britain for imposing "taxation without representation," dumped 342 chests of tea, imported by the British East India Company into the harbor. The event was the first major act of defiance to British rule over the colonists. It showed Great Britain that Americans would not tolerate taxation and tyranny and rallied American patriots across the 13 colonies to fight for independence. Karen Younce, Bette DeMeritt and Phyllis Anderson hosted a "Tea Party" for members featuring fresh brewed tea, scones, and cucumber sandwiches. If you would like more information about DAR, call Deniese Fawcett at (620) 842-2528 or email denfaw44@yahoo.com

Chaparral Wrestlers Attend Nickerson Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Chaparral wrestlers sent some of their younger competitors to the Nickerson tournament on Friday. For the boys, Michael Kirkpatrick competed at 138 pounds. He lost by fall to Bishop Carroll's Noah Brooks in 4:50, lost by fall to Halstead's Reggie Newman in 1:02, pinned Circle's Gabe Duncan in 3:07, lost by fall to Maize's Jaxon Hufford in :02 and won by medical forfeit over Nickerson's Connor White. Anthony Patterson competed at 144 pounds. He lost by fall Haven's Dustin Loughrie in 1:15, lost by fall to Nickerson's Koltyn Giles. In :23, lost by forfeit to Circle's Mason Walker, lost by fall to Maize's Josiah Johnson in 1:27 and lost by fall to Bishop Carroll's Parker Carson in 1:10. Skyler Smith competed at 165 pounds. He pinned Circle's Brodie Coslett in 1:27, won a 17-6 major

decision over Nickerson's Riley Spurlock, lost by forfeit to Ellinwood's Cason Merritt, won by medical forfeit over Haven's Jacob Myers and pinned Halstead's Brandon Chege in 3:14. Johnny Reyes competed at 190 pounds. He lost a 12-9 decision to Ellinwood's Nathan Hammeke and lost by fall to Bishop Carroll's Leo Doerger in 1:00. Hunter Hall competed at 190 pounds. He lost by fall to Ellinwood's Nathan Hammeke in :35, won by medical forfeit over Stafford's Dylan Brozek and lost by fall to Nickerson's Atton Nelson in :50. Sergio Reyes competed at 215 pounds. He lost by fall to Ellinwood's Nick Miller in 2:30, lost by fall to Nickerson's Daniel Pride in 1:17, lost by fall to Maize's Brayden Bailey in 1:27, pinned Bishop Carroll's Brayden Everett in :50 and pinned Circle's

Canyon Anderson in :26. For the girls, Cadence Countryman competed at 105 pounds. She lost by fall to Circle's Alexis Moore in 1:15, lost by fall to Russell's Madison Raybern in :37, lost by fall to Hoisington's Bailey George in 1:35, pinned Haven's Piper Schroeder in :42 and lost by fall to Hoisington's Bailey George in :56. Daniela Mendoza competed at 170 pounds. She pinned Salina Centrals Izabella Hall in 3:34, lost by fall to Salina Central's Kodi Waite in :29, pinned Hoisington's Alexis Orocco in 2:23 and lost by fall to Circle's Lily Hamel in :18. Ella White competed at 235 pounds. She lost by fall to Halstead's Zandri Watkins in 1:55, lost by fall to Salina Central's Cendric White in 1:49, lost by fall to Hoisington's Amerie Hinz in 3:06 and lost by fall to Salina Central's Scheyla Bledsoe in 1:35.

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to the partnership is the program has equipment that would not be possible without the connection. One of the virtual welders that the program has now is from the college and would run about \$85,000 alone. "We have a lot of the equipment," said Wald-

schmidt. "Thanks to Britt and the Harper County Community Foundation, most of the welders we have out there (in the shop) are owned by the transition to careers program because they have been pretty amazing getting us the money to start up." Waldschmidt said it was a two year program that not only work on welding skills but also people skills such

as shaking hands and having conversations. Hedlund said the community foundation also provides every student with a bag that includes a welding jacket, helmet, pliers, and anything the student would need to start the program. Waldschmidt said that the students who complete the program are allowed to keep their gear bag and that the

students do a good job of caring for the equipment. Waldschmidt explained about the partnerships with private businesses that have allowed student who have completed the program to go into the "real world" and find success in the welding field. "Kids that were never going to leave Harper County," said Hedlund. "And they are going and finding success."

BLOOD

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to blood donations – such as the nearly 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations the Red Cross experienced between Christmas and New Year's Day alone – can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion. Blood products are currently going to hospitals faster than blood dona-

tions are coming in, and in recent weeks, the Red Cross has had to limit distributions of type O blood products – among the most transfused blood types – to hospitals. "One of the most distressing situations for a doctor is to have a hospital full of patients and an empty blood bank without any blood on the shelves. Doctors often can't operate without blood available to make surgeries, medical procedures and treatments possible," said Dr. Eric

Gehrie, executive physician director for the Red Cross. "More challenges lie ahead as the potential for severe winter weather and seasonal illness may compound the dire blood supply situation. Donors of all types – especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets – are urged to give now." To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-

733-2767). The Red Cross and the National Football League are partnering this January, during National Blood Donor Month, to urge individuals to give blood or platelets and help tackle the emergency blood shortage. Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Super Bowl.

SURVEY

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Surveys will also be distributed throughout Harper County. All community residents and business leaders are encouraged to com-

plete this online survey by March 8. In addition, a CHNA Town Hall meeting to discuss the survey findings will be held over dinner on Thursday, April 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with more information to come.

NEWS BRIEFS

ANTHONY THEATRE TO HOST FREE MOVIE JAN. 27

The Historic Anthony Theatre is screening the John Wayne film "McLintock!" on Saturday, Jan. 27. This Western comedy, released in 1963, is considered one of Wayne's best films. Wayne portrays a wealthy rancher, George Washington "GW" McLintock, who uses his influence and stature in the territory to keep the peace between farmers, land-grabbers, Indians and ranchers, along with a few corrupt government officials. Maureen McCormick also gives a memorable performance as Wayne's wife, Katie, in the film. It is well-known in trivia circles that this movie was based loosely on William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." The doors open at 6 p.m., and the movie starts promptly at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RIDES AVAILABLE

The Public Transportation Service assists all Harper County residents of any age to stay independent with transportation to work, medical appointments, shopping, errands, Patterson Health Center and locations less than 70 miles away. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Every Harper County resident can ride with public transit regardless of age or mobility. Rides are first come, first served. Equal access is provided to the public. Call (620) 842-5104 for ride reservations and rates.

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A Blast of Bitterness, Cold

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Despite living my entire life in Kansas, I've never fully acclimated to the blasts of polar weather we occasionally receive. I'm fully prepared for cabin fever to set in these next few days as another round of bone-chilling cold sweeps across the landscape.

Thankfully for wheat and other plants trying to survive the Arctic air, there's a warm blanket of snow to provide some protection. Of course, warm is a relative term when actual temperatures are below zero.

Brief bouts with the cold are expected in winter, which is also why January trails only February as the worst month in Kansas. The heat and humidity of August ranks it a distant third. I'd much rather deal with sweating when walking outside than the routine of bundling up and still feeling the cold seep in.

Maybe I'm still slightly miffed about not being able to sleep in and watch "The Price is Right" on snow days when I hit high school. On the days it was too dangerous to drive 2 miles to school but perfectly acceptable to traverse 6 miles to the ranch.

The work wasn't really the issue, it

was the amount of time the cold added to simple tasks. Tractors took longer to start even with block heaters. Gate latches took longer to undo with thick gloves and the frozen hinges took more effort to free. Removing the twine from frozen bales was its own adventure, as was navigating snow-packed gravel roads. The one benefit, if you want to call it that, is there is no mud, but frozen ground is only a slight consolation.

One particular polar event that still stands out didn't involve more than an inch of snow, but it was so cold school was canceled. It was one of those days where the high was negative something and the wind chill was instant frostbite.

As usual the tractor took longer to start, the gates took longer to open and the haybales were frozen solid, but the day didn't end once all the cattle had been fed, with some extra hay for bedding.

The rest of the day was spent checking and rechecking ponds to ensure cattle had access to water. It took about an hour to make the rounds, which included using a double-bit axe

to chop holes through the iced-over ponds. We managed to take short breaks in the house between rounds, but we repeated the process four or five times throughout the day to make sure access to open water was always available.

Caring for cattle and other animals doesn't stop because it's cold out. I appreciate all the farmers and ranchers who have endured the recent polar weather. It's understandable to be disgruntled with the cold, but the work must be done.

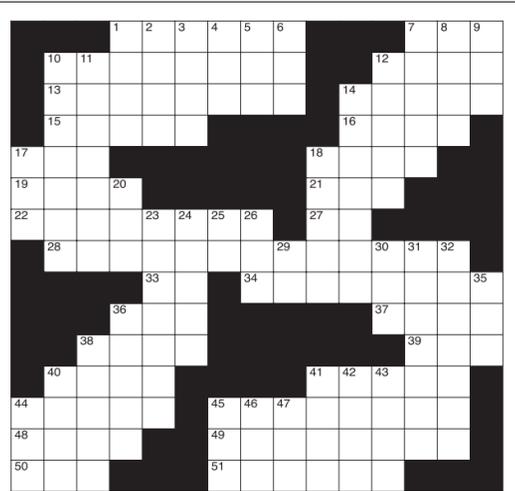
For those of us who don't have to open gates or chop ice, the freezing temperatures offer an opportunity to get ahead on some work as well, especially inside. Whether it's organizing an overstuffed closet or simply reading a book that's been laying around for too long, being productive can alleviate the cabin fever that comes with being stuck inside.

Whether the weather slows your work or simply forces you inside, this blast of biting air will eventually pass. Until then, I'm looking forward to the relative warmth of normal winter temperatures without being too bitter.

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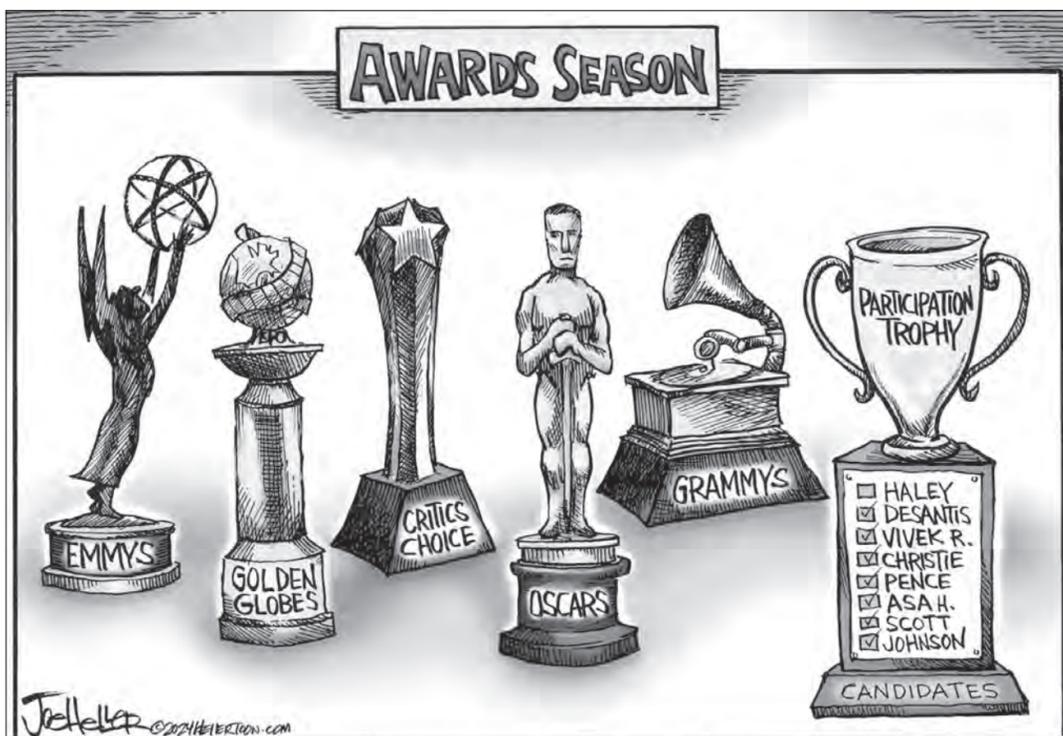


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Winged nut
- 7. ___ Humbug!
- 10. One who sets apart
- 12. Circle above a saint's head
- 13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh
- 14. Expressed pleasure
- 15. Feminine given name
- 16. Company of badgers
- 17. Popular Dodge pickup truck
- 18. Witty sayings
- 19. Leader
- 21. Autonomic nervous system
- 22. Premolar
- 27. Atomic #28
- 28. Holiday decorative item
- 33. Exclamation of surprise
- 34. Rusk or cracker
- 36. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- 38. Eat
- 39. Marxist economics theory (abbr.)
- 40. Ceases to exist
- 41. Male Arabic name
- 44. Series of ridges on an organ wall
- 45. Places where bees are kept
- 48. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
- 49. Church office
- 50. Single lens reflex
- 51. Pieces of fibrous tissue

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Classify
- 2. Dismounted
- 3. Produced
- 4. Consumed
- 5. Director Howard
- 6. The products of human creativity
- 7. Thai monetary units
- 8. Away from wind
- 9. Builder's trough
- 10. Relating to Islam
- 11. It can sometimes ache
- 12. Small quantities (Scot.)
- 14. Poisonous plant
- 17. Laugh at
- 18. Vogul
- 20. C. European river
- 23. Type of cat
- 24. Exclamation of disgust
- 25. Stephen King novel
- 26. Without armies
- 29. Expression of sympathy
- 30. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 31. Previously
- 32. Illegal drug
- 35. Kiloelectronvolt
- 36. Large, flightless birds
- 38. For smoking
- 40. Binary
- 41. Competition
- 42. Mark resembling an arrow
- 43. Containers
- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. Commercials
- 46. I.M. ___, architect
- 47. 007's creator



A Mom's Musing

By Stephanie Jump

This cold weather has me all kinds of wishing for spring. I used to really like cold weather, but as I get older, the less and less it seems to thrill me. Don't get me wrong, I love a snowy day while I am at home under a blanket. After the city council meeting, which

I had to leave early due to deteriorating weather conditions, I like it even less after getting stuck driving in it.

It was quite the trip home from Harper. What should have taken about 25 minutes took me over an hour. My nerves were shot, my arms were sore from gripping the

steering wheel and my body had all kinds of tension knots.

Thankfully, the girls had made it home from school and activities before the weather turned on us. I would have hated for our middle daughter, a senior, to have to drive in that mess. It

was hard for me and I grew up in Colorado.

I know sunny days are around the corner, but right now it feels like the winter blues are hitting harder than ever. Hopefully, we see a warming trend soon and we can make this another winter to remember.

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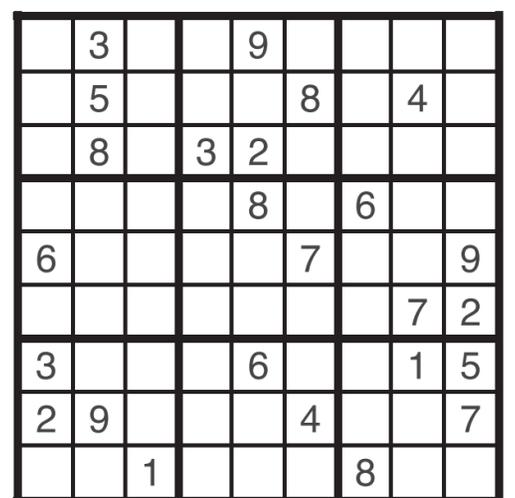
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ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$4,491.82	\$3,900.00	\$757.24	\$1,349.06
State of KS NEU	\$5,188.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,188.72
RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$2,047.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,047.50

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LEFT: Chaparral's Ty Hadsall drives for a layup during the seventh-place game of the Roadrunner Classic against Belle Plaine Saturday. RIGHT: Chaparral's Jack Walker hits the jumper during Saturday's game against the Dragons. After dropping the first two tournament games, the Roadrunners closed out with a 68-39 win against the Dragons.

Roadrunners Close Home Tourney With Win

STAFF REPORT

The Chaparral boy's basketball team went 1-2 at its home tournament this past week.

The Roadrunners lost to Circle in the first round Wednesday 71-31, then lost a close game on Friday to Reno County 42-39 in overtime. On Saturday, the Roadrunners beat Belle Plaine 68-39.

Head coach Corben Hostetler said that the Circle Thunderbirds put a lot of defensive pressure on the Roadrunners and the boys didn't handle it well.

"When a team is more athletic and can put pressure on us, we struggle with it," Hostetler said, adding that the Thunderbirds shot the ball well.

He said that the Roadrunners had their chances in the Reno County game and it came down to the final posses-

sion but the Roadrunners didn't finish.

But against the Dragons in the seventh-place game, Hostetler said the boys seemed to be more relaxed and they executed well.

"Our shooting made the difference," the head coach said, adding that he had the players focus on taking high-percentage shots, in which they got set, squared up and ready to shoot.

Hostetler added that the boys did a good job capitalizing on Belle Plaine's turnovers.

Against Circle, Daxton Hostetler had 6 points, Tyce Pfaff and Jack Walker each had 5, Connor Hostetler, Carter Hostetler and Dalen Blair each had 4 and Ty Hadsall had 3.

Against Reno County, Walker led scoring with 14 points, Conner

Hostetler had 13, Daxton Hostetler had 8, Blair had 7, Pfaff had 4, Daniel Schmidt had 2 and Jordan Baker had 1.

Against Belle Plaine, Walker led with 13 points, Conner Hostetler had 10, Pfaff, Carter Hostetler, Kale Greve and Blair each had 8, Baker had 7, Schmidt had 4 and Hadsall had 2.

Conner Hostetler won the three-point contest and Carter Hostetler won the free-throw shooting contest.

The Roadrunners (2-10) also had a make-up game against the Belle Plaine Dragons Monday night and won 62-43.

Walker led scoring with 19 points, Conner Hostetler had 10, Pfaff and Carter Hostetler each had 8, Schmidt had 5, Blair and Daxton Hostetler each had 4, Baker had 2 and Hadsall and Lincoln Watts each had 1.

Lady Roadrunners Get Past Conway Springs

STAFF REPORT

The Chaparral girl's basketball team beat Conway Springs 57-50 at home last Tuesday, Jan. 16, in a game that had been postponed about a week because of the weather.

Kaylee Swartz came away with a double-double, scoring 20 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Paige Swingle added 9 points and five rebounds.

The Lady Roadrunners (6-5) opened the Sedgwick tournament on Monday, losing 56-30. They will continue the tournament with games on Thursday and Friday.

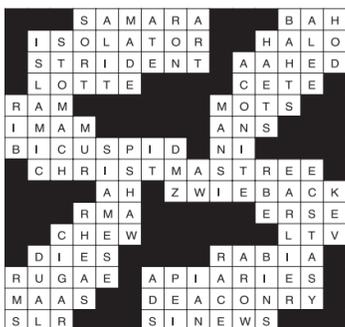
After the Sedgwick tournament, the Lady Roadrunners will resume Central Plains League play. They will be at home against Medicine Lodge on Tuesday, Jan. 30, then they will be at Cheney on Friday, Feb. 2 to face the Lady Cardinals.



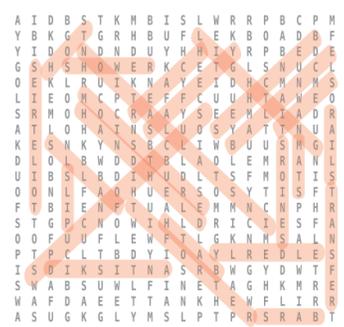
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Chaparral's Paige Swingle puts up the perimeter shot during the Jan. 16 game against Conway Springs. Swingle scored 9 points and had five rebounds in the Lady Roadrunners' 57-50 victory.

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