

TOP 10

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co-editor-in-chief, design editor. "The entire Wigwam staff deserves credit for this honor, and Mrs. Day's expert guidance was invaluable in making the book a success."
"Being awarded All-Kansas really shows that our hours of hard work and creative collaboration can turn out such great results," said Aubree, co-editor-in-chief, design editor.

Yearbook class
Mrs. Day has been teaching yearbook since the fall of 1996 so this is her 15th year.

The students are interested and eager to be a part of the yearbook staff. This is the biggest staff ever with 33 students.

The size of the room and number of computers, she said, limits the number of students per class.

"Each year my goal is to put out the best possible yearbook and DVD for our students," Mrs. Day said. "I hope to see growth in students' skills in photography, videography, design, writing and DVD editing. We are a convergent class, meaning everyone works on each aspect of the book."

This year, Mrs. Day had an additional goal and that was to attend the National Journalism Convention in Kansas City from Nov. 11 to 14. Nine delegates attended including: Mikaela Grace, Aly Marin, Aubree Schlepp, Sarah Trembly, Sarah Whitmore, Randee Grover, Lucas

Carmichael, Casey Keller and Tyler Rabey.

Aubree competed and placed in Logo Design with honorable mention at the national level.

The most difficult times for yearbook students are deadlines. If we fail to meet our planned deadlines, Mrs. Day said, it actually costs our program more money. That is a pretty motivating factor for us. Also, making sure we have raised enough money to cover the cost of printing the book is very stressful.

Aly Marin, co-editor-in-chief, design editor, said she finds the yearbook class to be a different kind of class and different kind of learning that she wouldn't trade for anything.

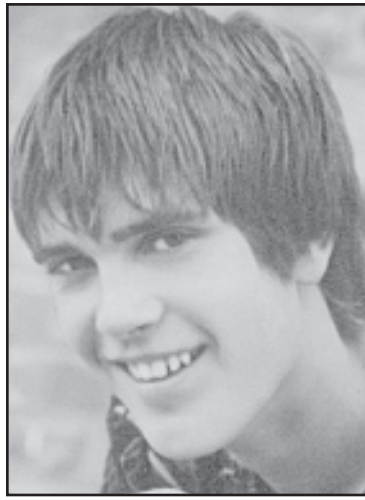
"It's creative, thoughtful, and conscientious work. It's not always a walk in the park, though, Aly said. "It's tough working with such a tight budget.

"But, outside of the money concerns, it can be tough to work with the students. It's quite a chore trying to write copy when you have no one willing to fill out a quick survey.

"It's these little challenges though that provide good learning experiences and develop work ethic. So, despite the tough times, I really enjoy yearbook."

The most rewarding aspect of advising yearbook is seeing that creative spark come to life in a student.

"Yearbook classes are an outlet



BEN NEITZEL, 2010 Yearbook co-editor.

for my creativity and a welcome break from more traditional classes each day," Mikaela said. "I've learned so much in my years on the staff, and that knowledge will surely prove valuable as I continue my education. More important to me, though, are the inseparable friendships and unforgettable experiences I've acquired along the way."

"I absolutely love being a part of the yearbook staff," Aubree said. "This class allows me and others to be completely creative, in both design and writing. Working on the yearbook during the past four years has also allowed me to help choose my college career path, by enriching my writing and allowing me to pursue a journalism-related major."

CALLERS

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Last year's top four winners in the Dead Coyote class were Jeremy Gugelmeyer, Dalhart, Texas, and Nick Peterson of Lamar, Colo., with 19 coyotes. They were also the first place winners in 2009.

Second place went to Bobby Guzman and Joel Koleman, both of Brush, Colo., with 13 coyotes; taking third were John Griswold,

Piedmont, S.D., and Sam Stoddard, Kadoka, S.D., with 12 coyotes. The fourth place team was Stan Cure, Goodland, and Joel Crisman, Highlands Ranch, Colo.

In the HEVI-Shot class, first place went to the team of Matt Brown, Wellington, Colo., and Jon Bopp, Loveland, Colo., with eight coyotes. Matt Smull and Lance Long, both of St. Francis, took second

with seven coyotes. There were four teams bringing in seven coyotes and the placing was determined by the total weight of the coyotes brought in by each team.

Third place went to Judd Kravig and Jason Kravig, Goodwell, Colo., and Laird, Colo., respectively. Fourth place winners were Victor Sampson, Wray, Colo., and Tom Hoff, Laird.

Club Clip

Auxiliary of the VFW Post 1528

The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1528 met on Dec. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the city hall. There were seven members present: Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulignot, Ruth Moore, Annette Erskin, Carol Connert, Hattie Terry and Wanda Dowdy. President Rooney called the meeting to order and they had the opening ceremonies.

President Rooney gave a report on the program for the Veterans' Day at the St. Francis Community High School.

The flags that the Auxiliary had wrapped had been handed out. There were only eight left. The Prisoner of

War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) table and its meaning were shown and this was then left to be on display at the Thrift Store for a while.

President Rooney reported that the Chaplain, Elsie Cook has been moved to Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community, 770 Wheat Ridge Circle, Apt. 146, Goodland, KS 67735. The Auxiliary will need a new Chaplain because of this.

Cade Bracelin's Essay on "Does Patriotism Still Matter" won on the Local, District and Department level for the Veterans of Foreign War and Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary Patriot's Pen. His Essay will be going

to National and the members want to congratulate him on his winning so far. Cade and his mother and father will be going to the Department Mid-Winter Convention in Manhattan on Jan. 16 - 18 in McPherson.

If anyone is eligible to join the VFW Auxiliary, the members would love to have them come and meet with them. Meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 1:30 in the afternoon at the city hall. New members with new ideas are needed as they move forward to serve soldiers, veterans and the community. They ask that you please come and join them.

CONCERNS

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Brownback. Mr. Brownback, he said, has some plans for stimulating the growth in Western Kansas. This is encouraging, Mr. Cassidy said.

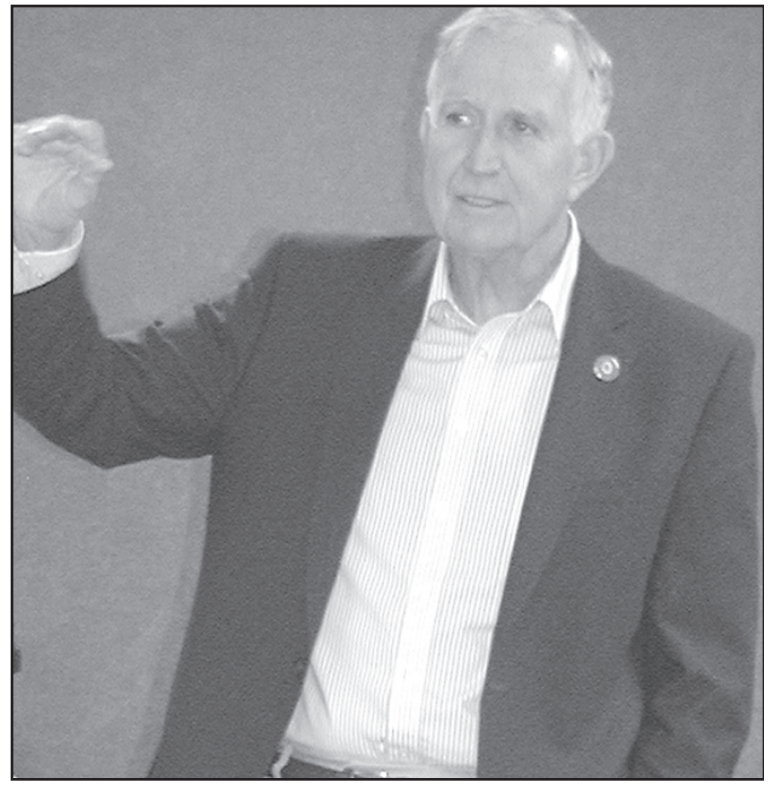
He is also working closely with five other representatives from Western Kansas. "We are on the same page, wanting the best for our districts."

As an educator as well as a representative for the area, he is concerned about the schools and feels that he will be effective. He talked about one of the legislators that thought there should be only one school per county. Three of the five counties Mr. Cassidy represents have two schools. What these people don't realize, he said, is that there are kids in St. Francis and Bird City who ride the bus 45 minutes one way.

There is also talk of shifting the school funding from the state to local. However, the state constitution reads every child is entitled to a fair and equitable education and the state provides the funding. Right now, 66.7 percent of the state's budget goes to education. If and when cuts are made, some will most likely come out of the biggest part of the budget.

Mr. Cassidy said he will be in contact with Dale Dennis with the Kansas Department of Education. Mr. Dennis, he said, is the guru of school finance and Mr. Cassidy feels that he can be a wealth of information.

He noted that he has already learned a lot about being a representative and realizes there is a lot



WARD CASSIDY, representative-elect for the 120 District, talked to a group of people in Bird City on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Herald photo by Norma Martinez.

more to be learned. However, he is happy to be representing Northwest Kansas and the residents who live there.

He was asked about answering e-mails and letters. He said he will do his best. He said his day starts early in the morning and generally runs until 9 in the evening with committee meetings filling up much of his time.

There was also discussion on illegal immigration. The conversation

ended with "illegal is illegal and the laws should be enforced."

Among the people attending the meeting were Leslie Bell, director of the Northwest Kansas Libraries, George Seaman, assistant library director, Norton, Carol Redding representative of Kansas Silver Haired Legislature, Chuck Kribs, Economic Development director, Edwin Raile, Dave and Marcia Hickert, and Darla Dible, Bird City librarian, Gloria Cassidy and Tate Busse.

KANSAS

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of Americans in Kansas Territory were abolitionists from Massachusetts and other free-staters, who attempted to stop the spread of slavery from neighboring Missouri. Directly presaging the American Civil War, these forces collided, entering into skirmishes that earned the territory the name of Bleeding Kansas. Kansas was admitted to the United States as a slave-free state on Jan. 29, 1861, making it the 34th state to enter the Union. By that time the violence in Kansas had largely subsided.

However, during the Civil War, on Aug. 21, 1863, William Quantrill led several hundred men on

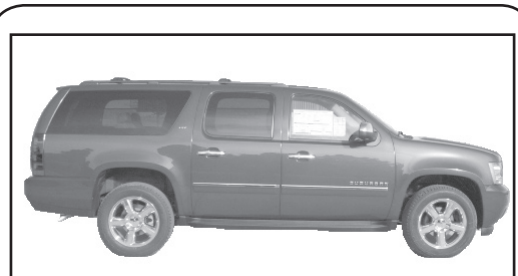
a raid into Lawrence, destroying much of the city and killing nearly 200 hundred people. Until the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, Quantrill's raid was the single bloodiest act of domestic terrorism in America. He was roundly condemned by both the conventional confederate military and the partisan rangers commissioned by the Missouri legislature. His application to that body for a commission was flatly rejected due to his pre-war criminal record.

After the Civil War, many veterans constructed homesteads in Kansas. Many African Americans also looked to Kansas as the "land of John Brown," and led by men like Benjamin Singleton began establishing black colonies

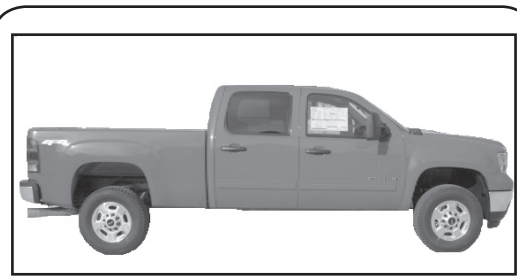
in the state. At the same time, the Chisholm Trail was opened and the Wild West era commenced in Kansas. Wild Bill Hickok was a deputy marshal at Fort Riley and a marshal at Hays and Abilene. Dodge City was another wild cowboy town, and both Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp worked as lawmen in the town. In one year alone, 8 million head of cattle from Texas boarded trains in Dodge City bound for the East, earning Dodge the nickname "Queen of the Cowtowns."

In part as a response to the violence perpetrated by cowboys, on February 19, 1881 Kansas became the first U.S. state to adopt a Constitutional amendment prohibiting all alcoholic beverages.

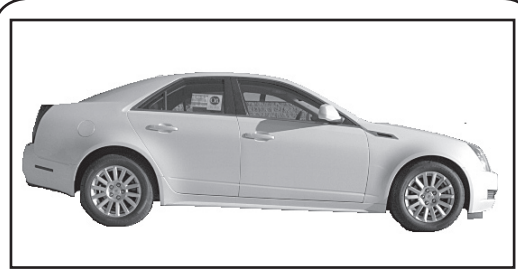
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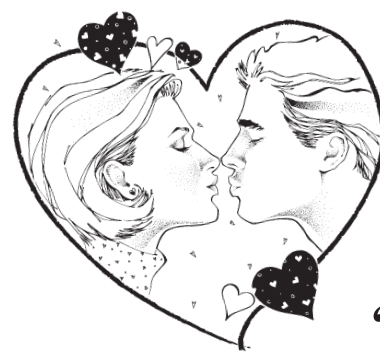
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