

# Scholars second at league tourney

By Megan Zodrow  
Golden Plains High School

On Jan. 20 the Golden Plains High School Scholar's Bowl team traveled to Grainfield for the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament where they took second place.

The Bulldogs had only one loss by five points to Wallace County, who went undefeated. Taking third place was Dighton, and fourth was Cheylin. Golden Plains did win in points, however, with 510. Wallace County had 470.

Other teams who participated were

Brewster, Greeley County, Healy, Triplains, Weskan, and Wheatland. Golden plains students who participated were, Michael Roehl, Isaac Broeckelman, Jonathan Broeckelman, Shaun Gilbert, Lucas Phillips and Megan Zodrow.



I. Broeckelman



J. Broeckelman



Shaun Gilbert



Lucas Phillips



Michael Roehl



M. Zodrow

## On the Beat

COLBY POLICE  
Monday

4:28 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.  
4:34 a.m. - Assisted motorist in the 900 block of Brookside.  
9:33 a.m. - Call about problems with husband and children. Civil matter; provided information.  
10:50 a.m. - Dog at large in the 200 block of N. Chickamauga not found.  
12:27 p.m. - Pickup door scratched hood of car while parked at Rasure Lumber; not an accident; no report.  
2:17 p.m. - Manager of Colby House reported candy machine vandalized over weekend. Report filed; owner of machine did not want report; informational only for Colby House.  
3:34 p.m. - Accident at Walmart.  
4:31 p.m. - Car keyed at Quality Inn.  
7:05 p.m. - Report filed for child in need of care.  
9:56 p.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF  
Monday

1:59 p.m. - Transported juvenile inmate from Trego County Juvenile Detention Facility to Thomas County Courthouse.  
8:07 p.m. - Assisted vehicle broken down on I-70 at mile 58.

# Radon testing time's right

MANHATTAN - Mid-winter has settled over the nation's heartland and there's no better time to test for radon in homes and businesses than right now, said Bruce Snead, a residential energy specialist with Kansas State University's Engineering Extension Service.

On Jan. 22, Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson proclaimed January as Kansas Radon Action Month.

In a statement, Parkinson and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment urged Kansans to protect families, students, educators, employees and customers by testing their homes, schools and work sites for radon, which is an odorless, invisible gas.

"Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S., and the first in people who have never smoked," said Roderick L. Bremby, secretary of the department, in the statement. "The good news is that prolonged exposure to high concentrations of radon can be prevented."

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can emanate from soil and become a health hazard when concentrated inside a building. More than

200 lung cancer deaths per year in Kansas may be linked to indoor radon. Exposure causes no immediate symptoms, and often goes unrecognized until serious health complications arise, according to the statement.

The department stated that about one out of every three radon measurements performed in Kansas are elevated. Some areas have higher levels than others, though elevated levels of radon have been detected in every county in the state.

Snead said radon test kits are available at K-State Research and Extension county offices, as well as at local hardware and builder's supply stores.

Test results showing high levels can usually be fixed with simple and affordable venting techniques, Snead said. Homeowners should talk with a certified radon contractor if elevated levels are detected.

A list of contractors is available by calling the Kansas Radon Hotline at (800) 693-5343. Information about radon is available online at [www.kansas-radonprogram.org](http://www.kansas-radonprogram.org); [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon) and [www.engg.ksu.edu/](http://www.engg.ksu.edu/).

## Alleged car thief found playing 'Grand Theft Auto'

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Sheriff's deputies in central Florida found a suspected car thief playing the "Grand Theft Auto" video game - and later charged him with just that.

Polk County deputies investigating the theft of a 1998 Dodge Durango arrested 30-year-old Michael Ray Ekes on Thursday. They found the SUV outside a Haines

City home. Ekes was inside, playing the popular video game.

Ekes was charged with grand theft auto, burglary and drug possession. At the time of his arrest, he was out of jail on bond for another grand theft auto charge.

According to Polk County jail records, Ekes remained in custody Friday. Bond had not been set and no attorney was listed.

## Square Dance

Shooting Stars Square Dance Club will have a square dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Reed Center, 317 W. 13th St., in Hays.

Mike Turner will call the squares. Singles and couples are all welcome.

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