

Three cited for county service



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Glenda Helus (left) and Tammy Fulton were given appreciation certificates and pens Monday morning during the Thomas County commissioners meeting. Helus was recognized for 24 years of service and Fulton eight. Both work in the treasurer's office. Diana Gatz was recognized for 24 years with the road and bridge department. The awards were presented by Chairman Ken Christiansen.

Bulldog's scholars team take third at tournament

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The Golden Plains High School Scholars Bowl team began its season at home Nov. 8, taking third against teams from Brewster, Cheylin, Wheatland/Grinnell, Caylin, County, Triplains, Wallace County, Weskan and Hill City.

The Bulldogs started off the meet with a 70-20 win over Rawlins County. They defeated Hill City 40-0 and won a close match over Weskan 40-30. Cheylin squeaked by 50-40 in the fourth round, but the 'Dogs came back in the fifth round with an easy victory over Wheatland/Grinnell 70-10.

As the tournament progressed,

the Bulldog scholars lost to Wallace County 40-20 and won a close match with Triplains 50-40. After taking a break in the last round, the Bulldogs took the third-place medals with a 6-2 record.

Cheylin placed second at 6-2, while Wallace County went undefeated at 8-0 to claim first place.

Lucas Phillips, the only returning member from last year's team, which placed third at state.

"We did well for our first meet," he said, "considering that we had almost a whole new varsity team competing. We look forward to continuing to improve as we get accustomed to each others' strengths."

The team won four matches and lost four to finish in fifth place at the Oberlin meet the next day, Nov.

9. The team got up early Tuesday to compete in the math relays at Hays and hurried back to Oberlin in time for the first match.

The Bulldogs finished behind Oberlin, which went 8-0 to take first, Norton 7-1, Oakley 6-2 and Colby 5-3. Other teams were Goodland, Northern Valley, Rawlins County, and Hoxie. The Bulldogs scored 240 points.

"Our greatest areas of strength were math, where we scored 100 points, science, 50, and social studies, 40," Coach Dena Deller said.

Team members competing were Phillips, Randi Cressler, Jacob Antholz, Avery Spresser, Trey Schwarz and Devinn Ritter.

The team was to continue its season in Goodland on Monday.

Golden Plains honors top students

Here is the Golden Plains honor roll for the first quarter. Superintendent's honor roll is for those with a 4.0 grade average, while the principal's honor roll is for those with at least a 3.0 average.

Superintendent's

Seniors: Brittany Johnson, Lucas Phillips, Melissa Ritter.

Juniors: Trey Schwarz.

Sophomores: Angela Ritter.

Freshmen: Jordan Christensen, Macayla Easton, Kylie Jones, Leea Juenemann, Tristan Schwarz, Hailee Spresser.

Seventh Grade: Brittany Fringer, Kami Miller, Tayler Petersen, Madison Walz.

Principal's

Seniors: McKayla Albertson, Evelin Aragon, Breanna Blackhart, Randi Cressler, Taylor Cumbee, Aaron Emigh, Susana Galvan, Brandy Gilbert, Brady Ginther, David Hunt, Marissa Mosier, Jacy Moss, Karina Munoz, Tate Preston, Yajaira Ramirez,

Devinn Ritter, Avery Spresser, Rilee Spresser.

Juniors: Hannah Antholz, Jacquelyn Armstrong, Viridiana Beltran, Cole Christensen, Sandra Galvan, Katrina Griggs, Tyler Stevenson, Emily Wachendorfer, Ethan Walter.

Sophomores: Jose Bermudez, Haydyn Best, Andrew Jacob Luna, Camron Spresser, Colten Wachendorfer, Morgan Walz.

Freshmen: Jacob Daniel Antholz, Joshua Barnhart, Marshall Clapp, Emmy-Marie Fringer, Jacob Griffith, Tiffani Hapke, Chance Hoeting, Cheyenne Miller, Jordan Schutte, Caitlin Spresser, Grant Spresser, Zachary Spresser.

Eighth Grade: Rebecca Bange, Ana Bermudez, Shania Finlay, Lucas Hapke, Joseph Koerperich, Rachael Ritter, Taylor Todd, Brooke Wark.

Seventh Grade: KeAnn Jacobs, Brianna Stoll, Kade Wessel, Koi Wessel, Cole Ziegelmeier.

Sixth Grade: Nicholas Brown, Arianna Camacho, Joseph Griffith, Jessica Koerperich, Austin Rivera, Gabrielle Schiltz, Kellee Snyder, Dawson Spresser.

Pilgrim descendents denied spot in parade

DETROIT (AP) — Think your holiday travel plans are tough? Imagine being a Mayflower descendant who's been bumped from Detroit's annual Thanksgiving parade.

June Gorman, governor and historian of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan, said she thought Thursday's 1.5-mile trek down Woodward Avenue would be a perfect match for the non-profit group, which claims more than 500 Michigan members.

Gorman said the plan was to have eight to 10 members dressed in period garb carry the organization's banner.

Instead, she said, the group's application was denied without

reason. The group had allotted more than \$1,000 for costume rentals and the creation of a banner.

"We thought this would be a perfect match for our organization," Gorman told *The Detroit News*. "If it hadn't been for our ancestors, there wouldn't even be a Thanksgiving."

Anthony Michaels, parade president and chief executive, said the group failed to include a video and pictures with its application. He said it's not uncommon for a group to get rebuffed from the "entertainment-oriented parade," which has about 150 groups vying for 64 available slots.

"There is a large demand (for

spots in the parade)," Michaels told the *News*, "and there are tons of people who don't get in each year. In fact, we still have people calling who want to be in this year's parade."

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