

Golden Plains scholars finish sixth in Goodland

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The Golden Plains High School varsity Scholars Bowl team finished sixth in a meet at Goodland on Nov. 15 and took second out of five teams in Grainfield on Nov. 22.

The Bulldogs beat Tribune and Quinter at Goodland but lost to Hoxie, Rawlins County and Colby. The team's strengths at the meet were in math, social studies and science. Lucas Phillips led the scoring with 110 points, David Hunt added 60 and Avery Spresser chipped in 20.

The varsity and junior varsity teams both competed at Grainfield. The varsity won one close match over Wallace County, but lost to Weskan, Tribune and Quinter. All the matches were close - within one or two questions.

The team's strengths were in math, social studies and fine arts. Hunt led the scoring with 35, Phillips added 30, Spresser scored 20, and Randi Cressler 10. Devinn Ritter also competed.

"There were a lot of teams at this meet," Hunt said. "The varsity did not do very well at all. It was a confusing meet. Sometimes you get good questions; sometimes you don't."

"We tried our hardest and did the best we could." The junior varsity squad split two matches, beating Quinter but losing to Weskan. This placed them in a three-way tie for the semifinals. Due to some confusion in how to deal with a three-way tie, they were not allowed to advance. On a later review of the rules, it was determined that they should have, but it was too late to make the change.

The junior varsity's strengths at the meet were math, social science and language. Trey Schwarz had a team-high 160 points. Chance Hoeting scored 30 while Kylie Jones and Andrew Luna each scored 10. Also competing were Haydyn Best and Viri Beltran.

"There was some confusion on the margin of victory," Schwarz said. "We should have been in the semifinals. We were glad to have beat Quinter."

The Scholars Bowl season continues at 4 p.m. Monday at Colby High School.

Hoxie piano player releases newest album

Twila Bainter of Hoxie says she knew from a young age she had a gift of music, especially playing the piano by ear. But it wasn't until her mid 20s, after accepting the Lord in her life, that she decided to begin playing, not for herself, but for Jesus.

Now, nearly 40 years later, she is putting the music she composed and played into compact discs in hopes it will bring others to know the Lord more fully.

Newly released is a two-CD set entitled "Twila's Favorites" with 36 piano pieces, most written by Bainter. Also included are traditional favorites such as "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art."

"I just enjoy creating an atmosphere of praise and worship," Bainter said. "I believe this music is anointed by the Lord and should be used to honor him."

Bainter said the Lord has especially blessed her because she is able to play after an accident that crippled her left hand.

The accident occurred at sunset 18 years ago, as Bainter's husband, Jim, just returned from flying his friend's plane. The friend wanted Jim to park the plane in a different hanger, and Twila was rushing up to the plane to tell her husband this when she ran right into the propeller, not knowing it was still turning.

Doctors did not think they were going to be able to save two of her fingers, but after a six-hour surgery and eight weeks of therapy, Bainter sat back down at the piano and the notes followed.

She played "Amazing Grace" and sent a recording to her sur-



Hoxie pianist Twila Bainter practices at her piano. Bainter recently released a new album with 36 piano pieces.

geon, whom she said was amazed she could ever play again.

Anthony Pfeifer, owner of the Tone Group, produced the new album as well as her earlier "Love and Adore."

"Twila's playing is amazing," he said. "When we recorded, she just played 36 songs right through. She is a perfectionist

and an accomplished pianist." The CD set sells for \$20 at Hoxie Office Supply or Ray's Pharmacy in Quinter. It also is available online at ToneGroup.com or by contacting Bainter at (785) 675-2211 or jimtwila@ruraltel.net.

Also available are Bainter's two earlier CDs.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Sunday

12:54 a.m. - Security check at the B-Hive.

12:54 a.m. - Subject reported vehicle being egged. Report filed for disorderly conduct.

2:30 a.m. - Subject reported vehicle taken from Twister's. Located vehicle at Fifth and Mission, returned to owner.

8:42 a.m. - Employee at 1085 Golf Club Drive had damage again today.

9:23 a.m. - Unattended death report filed.

1:57 p.m. - Man asking for food at 470 S. Mission Ridge. All OK; spoke to subjects.

2:22 p.m. - Employee at 1715 W. Fourth reported birds thrown away last two days into trash can. Information provided to reporting party.

2:47 p.m. - Possible phone harassment. Spoke to subject; no report wanted.

6:08 p.m. - Report filed on vehicle taken without permission.

6:28 p.m. - Subject driving erratically, possibly intoxicated, in the area of the 500 block of W. Summit. Unable to locate.

8:01 p.m. - Minor in possession report filed.

8:51 p.m. - Subject reported purse had been left at Wendy's

Restaurant on Friday. Purse had been stolen before returned to owner. Report filed.

9:46 p.m. - Welfare check on possible suicidal subject. Everything OK.

9:59 p.m. - Illuminated object laying in wheat field on N. Sewell Avenue across from Fairview Apartments. Report filed.

10:52 p.m. - Subject reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Monday

3:32 a.m. - Subject reported a man pointed a gun at him. Report on file.

7:40 a.m. - Subject reported dead dog by Motor Town. Taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

8 a.m. - Subject reported non-injury accident at Range Avenue and Fourth Street Officer reported no damage, no report.

8:24 a.m. - Subject reported non-injury accident at Franklin Avenue and Fifth Street. Report on file.

8:31 a.m. - Civil standby.

10:20 a.m. - Funeral blocks.

10:52 a.m. - Subject came to law enforcement center to report hitting light pole. Report already on file.

11 a.m. - Subject reported someone writing checks on her account. Report on file.

12:22 p.m. - Spoke to subject on

the phone about welfare check.

1:35 p.m. - Walk-through at Colby Grade School.

1:44 p.m. - Removed trash can from street at Court and Walnut.

3:31 p.m. - Welfare check.

5:02 p.m. - Report filed for theft.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Tuesday

10:49 a.m. - Employee reported broken crossing arm at Kyle Railroad tracks. Spoke to reporting party. Report done earlier.

11:19 a.m. - Funeral lead from Colby United Methodist Church to Beulah Cemetery.

12:15 p.m. - Traveler's assistance.

1:20 p.m. - Served warrant on Bruce T. Herman.

1:20 p.m. - Served warrant on Pedro Galicia.

1:27 p.m. - Sheridan County Sheriff advised of stranded motorist on U.S. 24 about 10 miles east of Colby. Contacted Highway Patrol.

5:58 p.m. - Vehicle hit deer on County Road 11 between roads H and G. Report on file.

6:51 p.m. - Vehicle hit cow on Manchester Road one mile west of Brewster. Report on file.

'Half-baked decision' riles public

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) - Some parents in a New York City suburb are upset because a local politician called police on two 13-year-old boys for selling cupcakes and other baked goods without a permit.

The *Journal News* in Westchester County reported Monday that New Castle Councilman Michael Wolfensohn had called police last month on the boys.

Andrew DeMarchis and Kevin Graff had a brisk

business selling cupcakes, cookies, brownies and Rice Krispie treats in a Chappaqua park.

Kevin's mother, Laura Graff, says the teens are "good kids" who were scared by the police call. She said Monday they haven't set up shop anywhere since.

Wolfensohn says rules are rules, but he concedes calling the police might have been a half-baked decision.

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