



# Golden Plains students perform holiday concerts

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The Golden Plains Music Department has been celebrating the holidays by sharing their talents with parents and community members. The elementary students presented their Christmas concert on Dec. 3. The fifth grade band played several Christmas songs to start off the evening. Following the band, singers presented a variety of holiday tunes.

The fourth grade class played the bells for "Silver Bells" while they performed skits and danced to other favorites including "The

Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Must Be Santa," "Mister Santa," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree," "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow," "Small Star" and "Home for the Holidays."

Following the program, all the students invited the audience to sing "Happy Birthday" with them for Superintendent Darrin Herl's birthday.

The middle and high school have also been preparing for the holiday season. On Dec. 7, Jacob Antholz and Caitlin Spreser participated in the Northwest Kansas Honor Choir in Hays along with

Kami Miller who participated in Honor Band.

The band and choir have been hard at practice for the middle school and high school Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Rexford.

The choir will also perform their holiday songs for the Sheridan County Long Term Care Center in Hoxie on Friday and will share their music at Golden Plains Elementary in Selden the same day. The community is welcome to come to the grade school for this performance.

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-tholz was named a 2013-2014 High School Honored Educator by the Kansas Music Educators Association this month.

# Golden Plains music teacher earns honor from state

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Golden Plains School is proud to have their music teacher, Janell Antholz, named 2013-2014 High School Honored Educator by the Kansas Music Educators Association, Northwest District.

Antholz received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Fort Hays State University in 1986, adding an instrumental

music endorsement in 2006. She also holds a master's in music education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Her over-20-year career includes teaching positions in Bonner Springs and Springfield, Mo., before coming to Golden Plains. She has taught music at Golden Plains Middle and High School for the past nine years, recently expanding her responsibilities to the elementary school. During

that time, she has inspired many Golden Plains musicians to pursue post-secondary musical endeavors, including inspiring two students to follow in her footsteps to become music educators.

In addition to her school duties, Antholz has served as a church choir director, is a member of the Golden Plains Community Outreach board, the Western Plains Arts Association, the Kansas Music Educators Association,

National Association for Music Education, and is a member of the Praise and Worship Team for the College Drive Assembly of God Church in Colby.

Her choirs sing the national anthem for volleyball and basketball games at the school and at area and state playoff tournaments. Her musicians qualify and perform at the state music festival every spring.

Antholz believes that music

education is necessary for the development of students into expressive human beings.

"Music develops students intellectually as well as emotionally," said Antholz. "Skills such as self-discipline, teamwork, time management, and problem solving are taught through music." Antholz, a Golden Plains graduate, is the daughter of Mary Ann Juenemann and the late Lawrence Juenemann of rural Selden. She lives in Rex-

ford and has two children, Hannah and Jacob.

"We are pleased to have Janell as a member of our staff here at GPHS," said Travis Smith, administrative assistant. "She is dedicated to the music program and works tirelessly both in and out of the classroom to help students develop their talent to achieve their goals. She is very deserving of this award."

## Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Duane Neal Brown, 58, Colby, Nov. 8, failure to appear, probation violation, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, Oakley Police Department/Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Dec. 10 to treatment facility.
- Juan Antonio Vargas, 43, Yucaipa, Calif., Nov. 9, possession of a narcotic drug with intent to sell, using communication facility to arrange sales or purchase, Kansas Highway Patrol, released last Monday to other agency.
- Jalene Christopher, 52, Oakley, Nov. 18, parole violation/assisting other agency (Grayson County, Texas), Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services, released

Dec. 10 to other agency.

- Jon Steven Strickland, 51, Garden City, Nov. 19, possession of a narcotic drug, possession of drug paraphernalia (two counts), no proof of insurance (two counts), possession of depressants (Morton County), identity theft, speeding, Highway Patrol, released Dec. 5 on recognizance.
- Clifford Leon Bartley Jr., 21, Colby, Nov. 21, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, criminal threat, Colby Police Department, released Dec. 4 on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- Leonard Malcolm Ramsey, 37, Nov. 22, theft (two counts), criminal damage to property, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Dec. 4 on \$25,000 appearance bond.
- Walter Ray Gariffo, 26, Colby, Nov. 24, criminal threat, aggravated assault, domestic battery, Colby Police, released Dec. 5 on bond.
- Benjamin Lincoln Bohall, 25, Winona, Dec. 5, driving without a license, Logan County Sheriff, released same day on bond.
- Jared Scott Harrell, 32, Russell, Dec. 5, possession of hal-

lucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.

- Shianne M. Moore, Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 5, possession of a narcotic drug with intent to sell, conspiracy, using communication facility to arrange sales or purchase, Thomas County Sheriff, released Dec. 10 to other agency.
- Jacqueline Dovie Shandy, 47, Colby, Dec. 5, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Bonnie J. Wood, 37, Grainfield, Dec. 5, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on bond.
- Matthew Allen Hayes, 38, Colby, Dec. 6, failure to appear, Colby Police, released same day on bond.
- Thoreau Alexander Kornis, 28, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 6, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released same day with charges pending.
- Matthew Garrett Hankin, 25, Colby, Dec. 7, driving under the influence, exhibition of speed, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.

## Local dealerships recognized

Reinke, a pivot irrigation manufacturing company, has recognized its Hoxie and Colby dealers for high sales and long service to the community.

Colby Ag Center received a Bronze Reinke Pride Award and a Reinke Longevity award from Reinke Manufacturing Co. of Deshler, Neb. Hoxie Implement got a Gold Reinke Pride Award at the firm's annual convention from Oct. 20 to 22 in Omaha.

Ed Heim, sales manager at Hoxie Implement, and Charles Query, irrigation salesman at Colby Ag, were at the convention.

The two businesses, which are under the same ownership, were the fifth-highest selling dealership out of the 29 in Reinke's west central territory. They sell center pivot, lateral movement and swing-arm irrigation equipment, along with parts and services.

"We've been doing it for 20 years," Query said to the longevity award. "I didn't realize it had been that long."

Colby Ag's only Reinke salesman said has been working there for eight years. The job involves

a lot of competition in this area, where many businesses sell different kinds of irrigation equipment.

"Colby is inundated with places to go buy a center pivot," he said. "It's a rather saturated market; let's put it that way. We're not making millions."

Farmers in this part of Kansas were among the first to start buying pivots during the early 1980s, Query said, when the industry experienced a booming business. Now most fields with wells nearby already have a pivot, so farmers rarely need to buy another one.

Query pointed out that Colby Ag and Hoxie Implement only sell

Reinke irrigation equipment.

"It was very rewarding to get a sales award and know that all the people in our organization contributed to that," Heim said.

He sells Rainke equipment in Hoxie along with Kevin Schoendaler, and has been working at Hoxie Implement since before they started selling the equipment in 1983. Hoxie Implement has gotten several awards from

Stacey Bowers, domestic irrigation sales assistant for Rainke, said more than 650 people came to the convention, "so it was quite a turn out this year."

## Llama on lam for six months

HOLLY TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - A llama spotted wandering for nearly six months in Michigan has been captured and is getting a new home.

Mlive.com reports (http://bit.ly/18wtPD) the llama that Kathy Kuzma calls "Dolly" was found Saturday in Oakland County's Holly Township, about 40 miles northwest of Detroit.

Kuzma has been on the lookout for the animal, which had been wandering her neighborhood. On Saturday, Lisa Davenport came to Kuzma's house to get a look at the llama. Davenport has three llamas of her own along with other animals at a Michigan farm.

The women walked into a field to give the llama some food, and Dolly stood still instead of being her usual skittish self. They then coaxed the llama into a barn.

Davenport plans to take the llama back to her own farm.

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