

Halstead eNews

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Chamber News

The Sems Materials groundbreaking is Wednesday, December 14th at 3:00pm at the Industrial Park. The reception will be immediately following at the Kansas Learning Center for Health. Join us in welcoming Sems Materials LP to Halstead.

The Chamber hosted two ribbon cuttings last week for Triple Check and Shakey's. Both businesses impressively renovated the buildings. Triple Check is open and ready for business and Shakey's will be open soon.

Alan Weber and Stacey Weesner are still collecting materials for the welcome packets. Call them if you would like to include brochures, flyers, coupons or imprinted items in the packets.

Community News

The Kansas Learning Center for Health hosted a tourism meeting sponsored by the Kansas Department of Travel and Tourism and the Travel Industry Association of Kansas (TIAK) on December 6th. Mayor Bill Ewert gave a welcome to those attending and Larry Williams welcomed visitors to the Learning Center. Presenters were Steven Koranda, President of TIAK, Dick Carter, Executive Director of TIAK, and Becky Blake, Director of the Kansas Department of Travel and Tourism. Each presenter shared developing plans for improving the travel industry in Kansas. They were very interested in hearing from those involved at the grass roots level and addressed many concerns. Those attending included representatives from Halstead, Winfield, El Dorado, Lindsborg, Hutchinson, Newton, Kechi, Edwards County and the Kansas Sampler Foundation in Inman.

Monday the Blood Mobile will be in town from 2:30pm to 6:30pm at the Halstead United Methodist Church. To make an appointment call 1-800-GIVELIFE.

Main Street Spotlight

Looking for a great place for that special someone this Christmas? Shop no further than Main Street Halstead and Mabel's Mercantile!

Mabel's is now owned and operated by Brenda Koehn. It's not just another shop. You will find nearly 300 individually packed bulk and organic foods along with gift items including inspirational, candles, lotions, kitchen goods plus much more. Come discover what Mabel's has for your Christmas. 128 Main Street Halstead Kansas.

Hunting News

Fall brings beautiful colors in Kansas and in our local area, grass foliage brings great hunting for sportsmen. Few are aware of Mike Koehn and his local business Kisiwa Hunt Club. "We offer sportsmen an opportunity to participate in some of the Midwest's finest hunting for both pheasant and quail. Our area offers the best combination hunting for limits on both wild pheasant and quail to be found in the state. We also hunt hard flying chukar partridge, Rio Grande Wild Turkey and trophy whitetail deer hunting. Hunting begins September 1st and continues through March 31st for pheasant, quail and chukar partridge", says Mr. Koehn.

When asked about the season thus far and the results of hunting. Mr. Koehn said, "Plenty of spring rain with good weed growth and plenty of insects made for excellent hatching success and survival for the pheasant and quail chicks this season. We have been seeing good numbers of both pheasant and quail however the early part of the season was unseasonably warm which made for tough hunting for both hunters and dogs. We did find good numbers of birds however it was necessary to carry good quantities of water for both hunters and dogs to prevent over heating. The dry conditions also made scenting conditions very tough with the best hunting to be found very early in the day with the morning dew making it easier for the dogs to catch gamebird scent. The recent cold weather has been a great help as it has put the birds back into the heavy CRP grass making them much easier to hunt and now holding well for the pointing dogs. We are seeing most of the birds now in the CRP cover edges near the grain fields in very good numbers as they are more concentrated, particularly in

the morning and evenings. It is common to get limits of both pheasant and quail (with lots of shells and/or good marksmanship!) on our full day hunts when the weather is cold enough to concentrate the birds near feed fields."

If your interested in inviting family members or friends to Halstead for a hunt, several hunting packages are available and they include everything - guide, dogs (or bring your own), bird dressing and packaging for the trip home, refreshments and a noon lunch on full day hunts. You can learn more about the Kisiwa Hunt Club at www.HalsteadKansas.com

HMS Basketball News

7th Grade: On November 28, the Dragons took their first road trip of the year to the land of the Swedes, Lindsborg. The 7th grade forgot to get off the bus until midway through the first quarter as Lindsborg went ahead 10 – 0. The Dragons started playing Dragon basketball after that and ended up with the final score: 28 – 33, Swedes. Scoring for the Dragons were: Dakota Becker – 8, Simon McKee – 17, Ethan Rodenberg – 3. The Dragons were playing at a distinct disadvantage as Coach Willis was unable to be there that evening.

8th Grade: The 8th grade team learned from watching the 7th grade game and slapped the Dragon intensity on the Swedes from the beginning. The Dragons jumped out to a 9 – 2 lead, and finished the game in full control: 42 – 23, Dragons. Scoring for the Dragons were: Michael Ashley – 14, Brandon Koehn – 2, Thomas Koehn – 2, Joey Krueger – 1, Cody Ratcliffe – 6, Jared Regehr – 13, and Kyle Sooter – 4. An impressive stat for this game was the 11 steals and 13 assists by the young Dragons. Playing together and “sharing the pumpkin” is really a thing of beauty.

C Game: The C team game was played as a combined 7th and 8th grade game. The boys started out slow and were behind at half 10 – 12. In a hotly contested second half, the Dragons fell, 18 – 22. Scoring for the Dragons: Tanner Powell – 2, Jeral Toler – 1, Nick Skiles – 7, David Murphy – 1, Tanner Bradfield – 2, Derek Knapp – 3, Ryan White – 2.

7th Game: On December 1, the Dragons took their game on the road to the Hillsboro Trojan Den.

8th Game: The 8th grade game was once again “David vs Goliath” as the Trojans had a big team, including a 6’5” center. All year, the smaller Dragons have had to rely on their intensity, defense, and court-savvy. In the first quarter, the score ended 9 – 8, Dragons. At halftime the score was

19 – 10, Dragons. Final score was 47 – 32, Dragons. The Dragons really played well together as they had 13 assists on their 18 field goals. Getting assists were Michael Ashley – 2, Joey Krueger – 2, Jared Regehr – 7, Brandon Koehn – 1, and Cody Ratcliffe – 1. Scoring for the Dragons: Joey Krueger – 2, Cody Ratcliffe – 12, Brandon Koehn – 3, Thomas Koehn – 2, Jared Regehr – 21, Michael Ashley – 10.

C Game: The C team game was played as a combined 7th and 8th grade game. The first quarter ended with a score of 7 – 5, Dragons. In the second quarter, the Dragons tightened the defensive screws and held the Trojans scoreless. Halftime score was 17 – 5, Dragons. The second half more good things continued to happen as three possessions in a row – Knapp from the top of the key for 3, then Skiles from the wing for another 3, and then Bradfield from the deep corner for another 3. Sometimes, the stars just line up perfectly and this was one of those nights for the Dragons, sweeping the Trojans in their house. Final score: 36 – 12, Dragons. Scoring for the Dragons: Ryan White – 4, Seth Jankord – 2, Alex Wells – 4, Dylan Farmer – 7, Nick Skiles – 6, Brandon Gamache – 3, Derek Knapp – 3, David Murphy – 2, Jerel Toler – 2, Tanner Bradfield – 3, and the highlight of the game was Jake Livingston going “coast to coast” for his first points of the year.

HHS Basketball News

The Dragons win their second game in the Salina Sacred Heart Blue and Gold Classic Tournament Wednesday against Minneapolis, 60-54.

The Dragons season stands at 2-1 and will play the winner of the Benninton/Southeast game for the championship Friday night. Coach Gerber said "It was a big win, they guys played well." Halstead took control of the game at the start, but mistakes cost them late in the second quarter, sagging behind at half 23-31.

Halstead come out and scored on their first eight possessions of the third quarter breathing fire into the Dragons desire to once again control the game. The Lions came back with in two points with 4:44 remaining. The Dragons came back and scored on two possessions to win the game.

Come cheer the Dragons on Friday at the Salina Bicentennial Center at 8 pm. You can see the Dragons at play on HalsteadKansas.com!

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