

## *Halstead eNews*

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#### Chamber News

Wednesday is our chance to welcome SemMaterials to Halstead. The Ground Breaking Ceremony is at 3:00pm at the Industrial Park and the reception is immediately afterwards until 5:00pm at the Kansas Learning Center for Health.

The Chamber has some extra phone books. If you would like an extra copy or would like send one to a former Halstead resident contact Stacey Weesner at 835-2662 or [coc@HalsteadKansas.com](mailto:coc@HalsteadKansas.com).

#### Community News

The Harvey Interurban has some special trips planned this month. Thursday, December 15th the bus will be headed to Hutchinson for a day of shopping. The cost is \$6.00 and the driver will take you wherever the you want to go in Hutchinson. The second trip is on Thursday, December 22nd to Wichita. While in Wichita the bus will stop at a restaurant called Felipe's and then over to see the Lights On St. Paul in West Wichita. The cost is \$5.00. The Harvey Interurban is also planning a trip to the Salt Mine Museum in Hutchinson soon. Call 284-6802 for a reservation or with any questions.

#### HMS & HHS Choir News

The choral departments of Halstead Middle and High School will be performing a number of Winter Concerts before their vacation begins. The first concert will be the traditional Vespers Concert by Halstead High School on Sunday, December 18 at 3:00pm in the high school auditorium. This concert, entitled **Songs of Celebration**

**and Faith**, will feature the Apollo Club, Concert Choir, Bel Canto, and Mass Choir. There will be music ranging from traditional Christmas carols to songs from China and Brazil.

Halstead Middle School will feature its singers in a variety of ways on Thursday, December 22nd. The HMS Choir will take its annual Holiday Spirit Tour the entire day. Concerts will include a performance at Halstead Health and Rehabilitation at 9:00, caroling downtown from 9:30-10:00, caroling at ESSDACK in Hutchinson at 11:15, a feature performance in the food court of the Hutchinson Mall from 12:00-12:45, caroling at the Hutchinson SRS offices at 1:15, and returning home for a triumphant Homecoming Concert at 2:00pm in the HMS Gym. Joining the HMS Choir at the Homecoming Concert will be the HMS 5th Grade Choir, HMS 6th Grade Choir, and HMS Music Exploratory English Handbell Choir.

All concerts are free and the public is invited to attend.

#### HMS Girls Basketball News

Some great girls basketball took place last week at the Middle School Gym. Our guests were the Haven Wildcats and they were ready to play ball! Coach Vermillion comments about the games.

7th Halstead 32 Haven 14 - "This was a nice game to win, and the girls were very deserving. After a slow start, they picked up the intensity and played much better. A very balanced offensive attack was a highlight, as was solid rebounding and defense. We shoot free throws everyday at practice, but made 0 of 13 for the game. Ouch! We want to focus on the positions and keep striving for improvement. God Win girls, it was fun to watch you play!"

8th Halstead 29 Haven 27 - "It was another nail-biter! Fortunately, this time the girls came out with a victory. The difference in the game was tougher defense in the second half, as we played man-to-man and became more active. I wanted to play man-to-man earlier, but was concerned about foul trouble. Haven controlled the tempo in the 1st half and hurt us with a patient triangle game, but the adjustment defensively took that away. Free throws shooting was again somewhat an area of concern. It was a good game. and felt good to win after 3 consecutive loses."

C Team Play Halstead 27 Haven 9 - "These gals complete the triflection, as the teams ended up winning all three games. We don't have any idea, as to when the last time the girls won all 3 games in one evening. It was a nice finish to the evening! These gals had a

nice balanced offense attack, as 8 of the girls scored. All contributed defensively and played better as a team."

Monday night was another HOT night for the HMS Girls Basketball team.

7th Halstead 34 Ellenwood 10 - "This was another solid game from these girls, and 2 in a row in the victory column. The girls played good defense, moved the ball well on offense, and rebounded on both ends of the offensive end in scoring. The main thing is the girls are playing with more confidence and improving each day."

8th Halstead 31 Ellenwood 27 - "The second quarter turned out to be the deciding quarter, as the girls outscored us the other 3 quarters. Ellenwood scored on 2 more baskets from the field than we did, but the free throw line proved to be critical again, as we made 13 to their 5. Areas of concern are shooting once again, as we are getting more opportunities than our opponent, but not making as good of percentage. We have seven girls score, but need more production. Rebounding needs to improve, typically on the offensive end, if we can't make shots. Overall, it was not an impressive victory, but a victory beats a loss. Our next game is Jan. 5th See you there."

Halstead C 17 Ellenwood 2 - "We had only played two quarters but the girls had an 11-0 run in the second quarter to make control of the game, It was a nice victory."

Be sure to see the photo-journal gallery on [HalsteadKansas.com](http://HalsteadKansas.com) of the games.

### HMS Boys Basketball News

The first week of December saw the Halstead Dragons take on Moundridge and Haven.

8th grade: A wise coach once said, "Somedays I'd rather be lucky than good..." A middle school basketball game consists of 4 quarters of 6 minutes, which translates into 1440 seconds. During the Halstead – Moundridge game, the Dragons led for exactly 3 of those 1440 seconds. But they were the last 3 seconds of the game, and the Dragons came out with a come-from-behind, "you've gotta see it to believe it..." Top 10 All-time ESPN finishes for an unbelievable victory. The Wildcats started the game hitting their first 5 shots of the game and led 1 – 11. The halftime score was 15 – 25, Moundridge. The end of the 3rd quarter saw the Wildcats leading by 12. And that is when the momentum began to sway to the Big Blue. One possession at a time, both on the defensive end and the offensive end,

the Dragons started delivering. There was Michael Ashley grabbing several critical rebounds, Joey Krueger hitting a crucial jumpshot, Thomas Koehn making a “heads-up” play and scoring a layup, Cody Ratcliffe tightening the defensive screws and getting two critical steals. So, there are 34 seconds left and the Dragons had fought to within 1 point (34-35), Wildcats ball, the Dragons foul, the Wildcat player misses the FT. Ashley grabs the rebound, outlets to Jared Regehr, brings the ball down, sets up “Rocky – 3” special, 10, 9, 8, ..., Cody gets the critical pass to Regehr posting up, 7, 6, ..., Jared fakes left, goes right and scores with 3 seconds left on the clock. And the Dragon gym was going absolutely crazy. Final score: 36 – 35, Dragons! Scoring for the Dragons: Michael Ashley – 2, Thomas Koehn – 2, Joey Krueger – 2, Cody Ratcliffe – 10, Jared Regehr – 20. Leading rebounder was Ashley with 7 and steals leaders Ashley with 7 and Regehr with 6. What a finish...

8th Grade: The second game of the week sent the Dragons to the Haven Middle School home court. The Dragons were determined to learn from their last game and “unleash the fury” from the opening tipoff. And that they did. With relentless pressure both offensively and defensively, they opened up a 22 – 8 lead at the quarter and led at half, 36 – 13. In the second half, all 15 of the 8th grade players played considerable minutes and the final score was 49 – 32, Dragons. Scoring for the Dragons: Joey Krueger – 3, Cody Ratcliffe – 9, Brandon Koehn – 2, Thomas Koehn – 2, Jared Regehr – 24, Michael Ashley – 7. A solid game by all players – Dragon Basketball from start to finish.

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