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November 2015

GOLD STAR

**Kudos****2**

Our students have tremendous talents – read about some of their accomplishments.

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Business and marketing classes seek to give students real-world experiences through projects and competitions

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Chetopa's Kansas Reading Roadmap gives K-3 students the opportunity to improve skills.

505 Now:**Building for Sale, Member Resigns**

Notes from meeting held Nov 9, 2015:

Disposal of Real Property: The Board voted to contract with wood-Dulohery Real Estate for sale of property at 101 N. Elm Street in Chetopa. The building, which previously housed the pre-school program, will be listed for \$59,900.

Resignation of BOE Member: The Board accepted the resignation of Bobby Hawthorne as District 2 representative and adopted a resolution to fill the position until the expiration of his term in December 2017 (see related story p. 4).

Intercom System: The Board discussed replacement options for an intercom system at St. Paul Schools. Costs for the system range from \$14,000 to \$18,000.

Donations: With great appreciation, the Board accepted donations of a dust collection system for SPHS Ag shop from the Stein Family (value, \$650), \$5,000 from the Mike Giefer Fund for trees at the

St. Paul baseball field, \$3,000 from Industrial Crating for equipment and supplies for the SPHS Ag shop, and \$500 for student services (coats, clothes, etc) from an anonymous donor for Chetopa schools.

Other Action: Approved the removal of a tree at 101 N. Elm, Chetopa; accepted the resignation of Mike Ferraro as CHS volleyball coach; approved secretary job description; approved Rick Haney as SPHS head basketball coach; approved State minimum graduation requirements for a SPHS student due to extraordinary circumstances.

Other Discussions: The Board also discussed website updates and changes to summer drivers' education program including the possibility of increasing tuition or elimination of programming.

Thank you: The Board acknowledges the donation of labor from the City of Chetopa in the removal of a tree on school grounds.

**Go Math!
FIX**

Often, parents know how to do the math, but struggle with how to get the topic or concept transferred to the student's mind. GoMath! provides a website that has math help tips from GoMath! Academy, arranged by grade levels for easy navigation. The website also offers a video library with a free trial period. The video library offers lessons that are taught by expert math teachers who deal specifically with GoMath! Topics.

The URL is:
www.hmhco.com/GoMathHelp/Help/Math-Help-Tips-Home

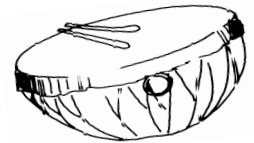
A quick reminder from last month's issue is that basic fact practice is key to successful problem solving. **Keep using your math facts flashcards!**



Pictured top to bottom, left to right: St. Paul FFA volunteers at Prairie Mission; Chetopa marketing class studied seasonal product marketing; Chetopa 1st grade used math to estimate the number of seeds in a pumpkin; St. Paul XC qualified for the State tourney with the girls' team earning 3rd place STATE honors!



BUZZ & BEAT



Chetopa First Grade: First grade used estimating to guess how many seeds were in the class pumpkin; then, the student cut it open, cleaned out the seeds, and counted them. The cooks roasted the seed for the students, several of which had never eaten pumpkin seeds and discovered they were a tasty snack and a great source of the mineral zinc.

St. Paul Veterans Day Program: St. Paul students, in conjunction with the Alumni Association, hosted a veterans day program where local veterans were given a special reception and recognition followed by lunch at the Parish Hall.

Chetopa Canstruction: Students will participate in Canstruction, a unique way to host a canned food drive. Students will use math to create colossal structures made out of full cans of food. After the structures are built, the cansculptures will be on display for the public and then donated to the local food pantry.

High School PSA: High school students on both campuses made public service announcements during the month of

October. The videos, focusing on drug/alcohol awareness and bullying prevention, were shared with elementary and middle school students to stimulate discussion.

St. Paul Charity: St. Paul students are hosting two different drives for the holiday season. On Nov 12, SPHS chemistry class will host a non-perishable items drive to send to our troops overseas. Student Council will collect non-perishable food items on Nov 24 in what they are tagging as a "door block;" classes who successfully block their teachers' classroom doors will be rewarded with a fun activity. Items will be donated to St. Francis Parish.

Chetopa Marketing: Marketing students studied the use of different types of economic utility designed to add value to products. They focused specifically on time utility, or making products available during a certain time of year to increase sales, specifically pumpkin. It was a fun, unique adventure to see all of the products that "go pumpkin" this time of year.

St. Paul State

Cross Country: Jenny O'Bryan earned 1st Place, which made her a 3-time Champion; Sarah O'Bryan medaled 7th place. Completing the first ever girls' team and helping earn the 3rd place trophy were Kyndra Spielbusch, Kylee Kennedy, and Lexie Thomas! Justin Petty placed 41st out of 92 1A boys.

Chetopa FCCLA Blood Drive: FCCLA sponsored their annual blood drive in late October.

St. Paul FFA: Freshmen members of SPHS FFA spent time at Prairie Mission assisting residents with craft projects.



St. Paul fifth graders and their pre-school buddies shared a day at the pumpkin patch that included toy tractor rides, cow milking station, and, of course, hunting the perfect pumpkin.



505 Live Highlight:

FBLA

SPHS marketing students sell advertising in local sports programs; as a thank you for continued support, students carved pumpkins to share with the local businesses. Pictured counter clock wise are Chloe Casey, Koby Spielbusch, Hunter Pollman, and Guilherme Bassi.

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Angie Durborow (Chetopa) & Jennifer Meigs (St. Paul)

St. Paul FBLA is sponsoring a coin war the last week of November for the March of Dimes. This is the tenth year SO FBLA has supported the March of Dimes.

The ultimate goal of the business program is to introduce student to the real world of business systems and decision-making strategies and to help prepare them for post-secondary studies and life in the real world.”

Ms. Durborow, Chetopa

Students interested in business, marketing, financial and wealth management, and entrepreneurship often belong to Future Business Leaders of American, the student organization for these Career and Technical Education pathways that offer real world experiences through job shadowing and competition. Performing well and showing interest during a job shadow can result in an after school job and/or internship during college. Superior performances in competition can lead to a trip to National competition, held in Chicago in 2015.

Local program goals are to continue to grow by offer greater and more meaningful learning

experiences to students. Because the business world touches every person, it is a practical, interactive experience. In order to be effective, productive citizens, every person must be able to apply basic financial and business concepts – even if it is just for personal use such as managing a household budget.

“The goal of the program is to prepare learners for careers and/or continuing education opportunities in planning, managing, and performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives such as brand management, professional sales, merchandising, marketing communications, and market research,” added Mrs. Meigs, St. Paul

Both CHS and SPHS programs have articulation agreements with a local community college, which allows students the opportunity to earn Kansas tuition scholarships to continue their work toward a post secondary degree.

The two programs serve 74 students, with Chetopa enrolling 40 students and St. Paul at 34.

Kansas Reading Roadmap After School Program: Improve Skills While Having Fun in Chetopa K-3

Acting, drawing, play-dough, shaving cream, and markers . . . if this doesn't sound like reading to you, you haven't visited the Kansas Reading Roadmap after school program in Chetopa.

Each day, the students have a snack, Healthy Kids' physical activities, learning activities center around reading.

Although traditional reading activities such as silent reading, read aloud, and listening are used, students also have the opportunity to demonstrate comprehension through a range of fun activities that are generally limited only by one's imagination.

Physical activities also stimulate achievement by activating both sides of the brain, something most don't do in everyday work. Activities, such as bouncing on balls, engage virtually all muscle groups and stimulates the brain, increasing learning. Other physical activities might include

badminton, golf, giant volleyball, bowling, noodles, and jumping ropes.

Students are given rewards for good behavior and attendance, and 100% on AR tests.

The program currently serves 26 students but has room for more. Chetopa parents with children in grades K-3 may contact the school office to enroll.

Board of Education Resignation in District 2, Appoint Soon

The Board of Education will appoint a new member to the District 2 seat vacated by Bobby Hawthorne.

Interested individuals should contact the District Office for an application prior to the January 5, 2016

Give your time, not just your treasure

A message from Dr. Bobbi Williams

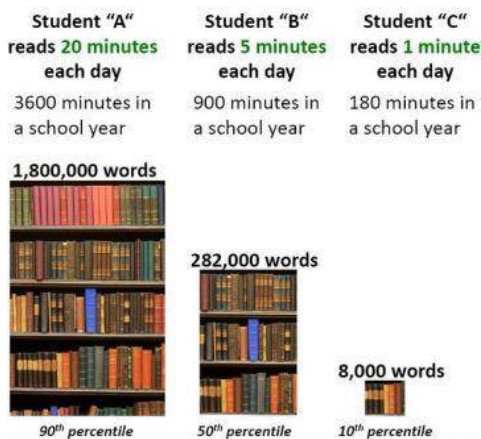
As we prepare to enter the holiday season, it is important to reflect on our personal good fortunes. I have been blessed with a large, close-knit family consisting of seven siblings and their spouses, 22 nieces and nephews, and 21 great nieces and nephews – not to mention a wonderful husband, three self-sufficient, intelligent children with their spouses, and mother and in-laws still in good health (my father passed years ago). When we gather together, it is a house full of noisy conversations, good-natured teasing, and fellowship. Each generation brings with it its own set of expectations for the event, but one we all share is that we will eat . . . and eat well we do. We usually gather around a table filled with a variety of tender meats, fresh vegetables often drenched in butter but always seasoned to perfection, homemade breads, and a selection of desserts that would make the best pastry chef salivate.

Although we have a wonderful time together and recognize how truly blessed we are, we also recognize that this was not always the case and many are not as fortunate as we now are. This is the time of year that we all give to food pantries, buy an extra item for a child in need, and give our spare change to those less fortunate than ourselves – all very noble and charitable acts; however, this year, let's also remember the less tangible needs. Many of our children don't have someone to read to them, make them do their homework, say their prayers with, or simply talk with at night.

As you count your blessings this holiday season, try not to get caught in the commercialization but instead remember the spirit of thanksgiving, charity, and love. Maybe you could "adopt" a child who needs a caring adult; when you do, your blessings will be greater than his.

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Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)