

The Hugoton Vex teams competed in Lawrence over the weekend. Pictured in back from the left are Mrs. Mariette Gerber, Aiden Evans, Sophie Tower, Raymond Lamatsch, Paitan Schobert and Matisyn Newmon. In front are Lucas Williams, Skyler Mason, Alanna Peachey and Bella Newmon. *Photo courtesy of Mariette Gerber.*

Hugoton's robotics teams compete in Lawrence

Hugoton's two high school robotics teams competed in the Leep 2 the Pinnacle of Robotics competition this past weekend at the KU Engineering Complex in Lawrence. The event began at 8:00 a.m. and concluded with the closing ceremony at 5:00 p.m. Each team competed in eight qualifying matches, along with participating in judging interviews and individual robot skills matches.

In the qualifying rounds, 52558B - Stripped Screws placed eleventh and 52558A - Hugotrons placed thirty-third out of 40 teams.

Hugoton placed in the Alliance rounds, but did not progress through to the final elimination rounds.

Both teams competed with determination at this high-level event, facing established programs with more than six years of experience in the high school VEX league.

Team 52558B - Stripped Screws consists of Aiden Evans: Coder; Skyler Mason: Driver; Bella Newmon: Engineering Notebook and Team Manager; and Lucas Williams: Builder.

Team 52558A - Hugotrons consists of Sophie Tower: Coder; Matisyn Newmon: Driver; Paitan Schobert: Builder and Team Manager; and Raymond Lamatsch: Builder.

Mrs. Mariette Gerber said "I am proud of our students' hard work, teamwork, and willingness to take on challenging competition. Each event provides valuable experience and helps them strengthen their robot designs, programming, and competition strategies."

"A special thank-you to Diane McDaniels and Travis Dale for chaperoning and helping with driving this weekend. Your support made a real difference! Parent and community involvement is essential to managing the many responsibilities of our robotics program, and I am grateful for your time and dedication." continued Mrs. Gerber.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Hugoton robotics program!

Sports Schedule

November 19
4:00 PM MS Girls Basketball @ Ullysses
November 21
9:30 AM MS Boys Wrestling @ Ulysses Tournament
November 24
5:00 PM HS Basketball Boys Jamboree @ Dodge City
5:00 PM HS Basketball Girls Jamboree @ Home
November 30
4:00 PM MS Girls Basketball @ Guymon
December 1
4:00 PM MS Boys Wrestling @ Home (Double Dual)

HMS basketball teams have busy week

Tuesday, November 10 the middle school girls basketball hosted Hooker, Ok. The seventh/eighth grade B-Team lost 8-22. The eighth grade A-Team won 32-29 and the seventh grade A-Team won 38-4.

Thursday, November 12 the middle school girls traveled to Holcomb. The seventh/eighth grade B-Team lost 14-17. The eighth grade A-Team won 26-11. The seventh grade A-Team lost 20-28.

Boys wrestling team hosts tournament

The middle school boys wrestling team hosted a tournament Thursday, November 12. Results were Tucker Craig 1-1; Kevin Alvarado 1-1; Kaiden Lewis 2-0; Hunter McMahon 0-2; Eithan Cervantes 1-1; Osmar Hernandez 0-2; Liam Fitzgerald 2-0; and Jorge Correa 2-0.

Esports team competes in the KSSE Fall State Esports competition

Friday, November 13 the high school esports team competed in the KSSE Fall State Esports competition. Results were Aislee Austin, Brandon Lopez and Joe Zambrano competed in Fornite and received State Runner-Up.

Gavin Araiza, Caiden Mason and Bronson Kolb competed in Fortnite and placed third.

Justin McDonald competed in Pokemon Champions and placed third.



IdeaTek cuts the ribbon for its new business in Hugoton last Wednesday in front of the Hugoton Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development building. Pictured from the left are Amy Bickel -Senior Marketing and Communication Manager, Ron Honig, Nicole Kinser, Amber McMurray - Community Relations Manager, Thomas Garrett -Vice President Business Development, Lisa LeNeve, Economic Development Director Jan Leonard, Kyle Beer - Construction Project Manager, Mayor Matt Rome, Chamber Director Tina Fernandez, Zack Leininger, Coy Watkins, Brady Heger and Erick Urias - Residential Sales Representative. Not pictured is Snow Garrisson - Outbound-Sales Representative.



Hugoton Middle School's October Students of the Month are eighth graders Kaden Lewis and McKinley Braun and seventh graders Maille McDonald and Ian Ramirez. *Photo courtesy of Alexis Blosser.*



Ella has joined the Stevens County Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge. Welcome Ella! We are excited to see you become a great reader!

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Notice
File No. 51,701

An application for a permit to appropriate water has been submitted to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources. The proposed point of diversion is located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4) of Section 1, Township 34 South, Range 40 West, Morton County, Kansas. Questions regarding the application can be directed to KDA-DWR by calling 620-765-7484.

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Early Deadline
for the November 26 edition.
All Copy and Ads will need to be in the office by
Thursday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m.
There will be no ads or copy accepted after 5:00 p.m. Thursday.
The newspaper will be printed Monday, November 23 and be in the post office and available at Stores Tuesday, November 24.
The Hermes Office will be closed Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving
We will reopen Monday, November 30 with regular hours
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