“Girls of Grace” quartet with Annette Riley, Melissa Westbrook, Carol Rahjes & Robin Billings from Kensington, will be singing at the

After 5 Christian Women’s Group
at Pam’s Bakery Shop, 230 E. Eighth St.
on Monday February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Men are welcome at this meeting.

“On The Road Again” is the theme for speaker Karen Roesch, Quinter, sharing her “Mile Markers and Adventure”.

Karen was born and raised in western KS and has been married to her high school sweetheart for 57 years. They have 4 children and 13 grandchildren. Karen loves to read adventure books. She has also been on some fun adventurous bus trips. She has worked in a deli, which has been an adventure in itself. “Tops in her life” are her family and friends.

Cost of the dinner program is $12.50. Reservations are due February 7 to 785-621-4701 or dkoster@eaglecom.net.

Hays After 5 is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries of Kansas City, Mo.

How about the photo to the right for unique looking stairs. Made to look like famous children's books as you ascend you can read their names and perhaps even find them in the library and check them them out.. Where is this located? In Stockton, Kansas at the public library.
**Touch Down Brownies**

1 box Betty Crocker® Supreme Premium brownie mix, ¼ c water, ¼ c canola oil, 2 eggs. Prepared white decorating icing from tube.

HEAT oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan) Line 9” square pan with foil. Letting foil hang 2” over sides of pan. Spray foil with cooking spray.

IN medium bowl, stir brownie mix, chocolate syrup (from mix), oil, water and eggs until well blended. Spread in pan

BAKE 34-37 min. or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from the side of pan comes out almost clean. Cool completely about 1½ hours

USING foil to lift, remove brownies from pan. With football-shaped cookie cutter, cut brownies into football shapes. Pipe on decorating icing to look like football laces.

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**Church News**

Church Starts at 9:30 Sunday School 10:30
Pastor Les Ellis Officiating
Next UMW Meeting None until March 7th
Administrative Council is every 3rd Wed at 7 PM
Communion First Sunday of the Month.

**CELEBRATIONS**

February Birthdays, Happy Birthday To You!


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**Prayer Requests**

[Image of a card with a message]

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The Woodston Free Press would like to send condolences to the family, Church Family and Friends of Rev. Arman (Vince) Williams who pastored both the Main Street Christian Church and the Congregational Churches in Stockton KS. He was very active in the community. Please keep his family and this community in your prayers as he will leave a deep hole. For more on this great man who died after a very short illness with cancer, check out the link


All our Armed Service Personal including our own Scott Pauley : Those fighting cancer: Pat Nichols, Judi Hrdlika, Steve Smith, Suzie Wolters, Darrell Wolters, Jake Conger, Joe Burkey, Christina Terry, Ron Trunbull, Mary Kliment Other prayer requests Not cancer Jerry Fellhoelter Millie Sherbondy, Kori Bigge, Kalee Graf, Carolyn Purdy, Tammy Potterborg, David Peterson, Julie Mindez, Chloe Scott, Mary Kliment’s mother, Galen Redden, Avalon Melton,WRHS ’42, Bob Chesney WRHS ‘47 family, Nick Maggs, Cheryl Greene, Dusty Pfannenstiel, Johnny Page, Maxine Dibble WRHS ’38. My Schneider, Hannah Thomas, Arlene Ellis, Timberly Cochran, MacKenzie Cochran Charles McGinnes, Shane Hull and Children, Jeannie Foord, Bonnie Cox, Fletta Cordill Seba, Brook Kolar, Lauretta S. Malone, Rev Vince Williams Family and Church Families…” and for our City, County, State and US Government Officials and for the USA in general

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Happy Birthday to all born in February! Your flower is Violet and your birthstone is Amethyst. For more fun facts and the animated version please click on the link http://bln.gs/b/26tlt3

Happy Anniversary to you! for the animated version of this one please click on the link. The Amethyst is the gem stone for the 4th and 6th Anniversaries, and Violet is used for the 50th. Whichever Anniversary you are celebrating May it be very Happy.

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February Anniversaries, Happy Anniversary To You!

12 Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Besperat (Jeff and Pam)  
14 Dr. and Mrs. Leo Oliva (Leo, WRHS ’55, and Bonita Oliva)
We had a total of 10 winners this time mostly gold stars but 4 Platinum ones.  
**Hermann Meyer** The Kasans state bird is the Western Meadowlark. Also the state bird for; Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, and Wyoming. Rotund, stocky, medium-size blackbird with a long bill, short tail, strong legs, and pointed tail feathers. Summer adult: cryptically patterned above; bright yellow below with a bold black V on breast.  

**Ebby Hartzler** WRHS '65 Got a Platinum if for no other reason than honesty and "True Confessions" The State Bird of Kansas is the Meadowlark. 
Every time I think of Kansas history I think of your Mom, she was a great teacher and I remember many things from her class, such as the state Bird. I have a confession though, once she announced that we had to learn every county and county seat in the state of Kansas. I thought I would be very smart and write all the answers down before class and then after the test just turn in the sheet with all of the correct answers. This was the only time I received a 100 on one of her tests, and I'm sure she knew what I had done. . Ebby Hartzler '65  

**Patsy Breckenridge, Nobel** WRHS '55 has to be a Meadowlark— we probably learned that at a pretty young age in school. My mom was always happy to point them to me when we saw them near our home. Wonder if they are still around???? (Yes Patsy they are very much still around)  

**Wilkie Wilkenon** WRHS '54 The state bird of Kansas is a Meadow Lark, as anyone who has ever walked through a pasture will know.  

6 gold stars to. Great job!  
**Betty, Williams, Vanderlip** WRHS '51, Virginia, Boulanger, Breckenridge, WRHS '52  
**Gale Pauley** WRHS, 57 Tom Hull WRHS '61, John Thomas WRHS '62, Helen, Dibble, Smith  

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![Photo by D. Lee Hull WRHS 1934. Courtesy of his daughter Helen (Leane) Hull Hitchcock.](image)

WRHS 1954 Kansas State Bird the Meadowlark or also known as the Western Meadowlark and yes they are still all over. Interestingly in 1925 when D. Lee Hull was 9 years old and in grade school the State Audubon Society had a contest for the state bird Lee Hull photographer of above photo, was always proud of the fact he had the honor of being one of those that helped choose the Western Meadowlark as the state bird. Since that was the bird he voted to win. Below is the story.  

In 1925, the Kansas Audubon Society conducted a contest in which the school children of the State chose by ballot the bird which they wished to become the State bird. The Western meadow lark, the bobwhite quail, the cardinal, and the robin were the closest competitive candidates. Of 121,191 votes cast, the Western meadow lark received 48,395 votes, about 10,000 more votes than its nearest competitor. The bobwhite quail and the cardinal finished second and third respectively.  

The Kansas Legislature approved the Western meadow lark (*Sturnella neglecta*) as the official state bird of Kansas in 1937. The year Mr Hull married his wife Thelma (Pat) (Kelly) Hull both taught at WRHS.
Good Morning Everyone! Monday Morning January 28, 2013

While waiting for the fog to lift this morning, I have been enjoying my morning cup of coffee and the beauty of the fire in the wood stove as I watched the flame dance behind the glass front door. Sitting there mesmerized by its beauty and lost in thinking, I found my thoughts wandering to this new day’s coming activities. The temperature will be near 70 degrees and I am looking forward to starting a race with time today.

That race is to tear off the three layers of shingles of an old house that we are renovating and have the felt paper in place before nightfall. If I start early and work hard and steady through the day, I should be able to finish the race against the approaching cooler weather arriving tomorrow!

As I was thinking of racing, I thought of famed Tour De’ France winner Lance Armstrong and his recent public confession of using performance enhancement drugs and the unfortunate choice he made to live a lie through the years to cover his deception. An amazing athlete who started well but because of poor choices plus the misguided direction of friends and team mates, he failed to finish his life with integrity and honor; a dream which most everyone desires to achieve!

I have always admired athletes and other individuals who finish well in their chosen professions or individual pursuits. I know many who at the end of their journey were able to say with bold confidence, “I have fought the good fight; I have finished my course…!” Whether it’s on a playing field, in business or in personal life, I applaud those who finish well. My personal prayer is for kind of endurance and integrity to do the same in my life’s endeavors, whether it’s in the public view or behind the curtain where no one sees.

John Stephen Akhvari was the marathon runner from Tanzania who finished last at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Injured along the way, he hobbled into the stadium with his leg bloodied and bandaged more than an hour after the rest of the runners had completed the race. Only a few spectators were left in the stands when Mr. Akhvari finally crossed the finish line. When asked why he continued to run despite the pain, he replied, ”My country didn’t send me to Mexico City to start the race. They sent me here to finish.”

While many of us will never be great athletes who will be admired by the world, we each have a race to run in front of many; whether at home, at work, in school, at play or wherever this “marathon of life” takes us, it is our responsibility to finish well, with honor and integrity in everything we do.

Galatians 6:9 in The Message Bible encourages all of us with these awesome words: “So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued in doing the right thing for the right reasons! Because at the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit.

Each of us has a very important job to do and a race to run. We are to keep running until we reach the finish line because no matter how old we are, there is service to be rendered and still much to be done.

Like John Stephen Akhvari…we were sent to finish…and to finish proudly. May we keep running with endurance, finish the course—and finish strong.

Have a great week everyone and know that you are loved and greatly appreciated!! Roger

Get the Kleenex out as this is just beautiful. Before it is over there is a standing ovation. Amazing.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=pLLMzr3Pfgk&feature=player_embedded

Wilma’s Outings

Wilma Bartholomew went to Osborne Monday 28, for blood work and a Mammogram. That night 4 inches snow fell and returning severe cold temperatures. By Friday, Wilma took a cake for the funeral lunch for Richard King family. Wilma heard back that all blood work was normal as was her mammogram. by Wilma Bartholomew
The Winter Boots

(Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love this)

A teacher was helping one of her pupils put on his boots. He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on.

By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, 'Teacher, they're on the wrong foot.' She looked, and sure enough, they were.

It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. He managed to keep her cool as, together, they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the correct feet. He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.'

She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to. Once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet.

No sooner had they got the boots off when he said, 'They're my brother's boots. My Mum made me wear 'em.' Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?'

He said, 'I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'

She will be eligible for parole in three years.

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Fri., Feb. 15th: Rooks Co. Health Dept: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Lorraine Baughman, RN, Administrator Rooks County Health Dept., 426 Main, Stockton, KS 67669 phone 785-425-7352

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