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## Science Fair Awards



Harper Euwer stood with longtime West Platte Science teacher and Science Fair founder (retired) T.J. Beach during the awards ceremony for the Science Fair Tuesday, February 11. Ms. Euwer

and her partner Connor Salmons (who was playing in a basketball game) were runners-up for the T.J. Beach Award. Kaleb Baber, also playing in the basketball game, won the award.

Kansas City Science Fair Qualifiers are:  
Experimental Projects - Kaleb Baber, Patti Callahan, Logan Eagen, Harper Euwer and Connor Salmons, Trevor Pendue, Ben Heil and Tanner Lintner, Gretchen Hiatt and Corinne Wilson, Alessandra Cutolo-Ring and Sarah

von Seggern, Bailey Hiatt and Matti Vandel, Alicia Kottman and Erin Jameson, Jodi Meyer, Megan Kottman and Molly Wright, Nealie Neimeier, Kendra Martin and Alexa Roney, Audra Hossenbaw, Jack Summers and Connor McNair.  
Inventions - Blair Turnbull, Quinn Johnson and John Tharp, Mitch Moppin and Michael Devers, Cory von Seggern and Bryce Yount. Alternates - Lauren Moore, Sydney Oberdick

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## Architects Unveil School Building Plan

The West Platte School Board held its work session Monday evening, February 17, and though no votes were taken, a wealth of background information was provided.

The major portion of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by HTK Architects for the proposed "Facility Master Plan." HTK had three presenters, Mark Franzen, Gordon Kimball, and Marcel Harmon for the more than an hour long presentation. They gave Superintendent, Dr. Wheeler, a thumb drive just before the meeting for the power point presentation.

There was no documentation for members of the Board or the audience and nothing available yet on the school's Board Doc's web site as of Tuesday morning.

Franzen said that the school had plenty of financial resources for improvements with \$20 - \$23 million in savings and an additional \$2 million surplus each year.

The first visual was one showing bubbles for what Franzen called "Key Stakeholder Engagement" with the size of the bubbles based on number of responses. For example, the technology bubble was the largest with air quality, etc. mentioned by only a

few on the other end of the size spectrum.

After the meeting, a School Board member described the presentation as "a wish list for discussion." The next scheduled meeting with the architects is a work session March 17.

Some points raised in the power point under "Accessibility Issues" were traffic and pick up and drop off issues, and parking issues. Several possible solutions were addressed such as ways to connect to the north end of the campus and a new stadium complex with parking on what is now the football field area.

"Space Usage Issues" included proposed new cafeteria, maintenance building, PAC entry, PAC stagecraft area, new Band room, Band room, Weight room, 6th Grade room, greenhouse, wrestling room, and classrooms.

"Site Solutions" included traffic flow and parking, site amenities, PAC entry and cafeteria, maintenance facility, Board Room and offices, Possible uses for the "old cafeteria", Band Room, elementary classroom, other classroom needs, and an addition on the southeast corner of existing building.

"Masterplan Phasing" recommends an 11 phase plan. The site

overview showed possible land acquisition of two properties on the north end of the present campus on Washington Street, a house and apartment complex. Lots of potential for energy savings were listed under performance enhancement measures (PEM's).

This newspaper checked enrollment on February 18 and found that the number of students enrolled has dropped from a little over 600 last year to 594 last September to 575 on February 18. High School enrollment has declined from the 205 reported to the Missouri State High School Activities Association in the 2011-2013 reporting period to 190 in the present one, a 10 percent decline.

The committees reported 17 items to the full Board for information and or action for the Wednesday, February 19 meeting. Included was the snow date make up schedule with Friday, May 23, Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28 added to the school calendar. If the basketball team advances to the State Tournament, the school will have an early out on March 13 and no school on March 14 and the full day absence and any other snow dates would be added to the end of the school year.

## Briefs

19-Feb - 5:00 - Basketball vs. Hamilton at West Platte 9G/9B/JVB

20-Feb - 6:00 - Basketball vs. University Acad. at West Platte V/V

Feb. 22 - 7-10 a.m. - Biscuit & Gravy fundraiser breakfast, Masonic Hall, 507 Main, Weston

Feb. 27 7:00 p.m. - Weston Planning & Zoning, City Hall

## Basketball Districts

Games begin for West Platte at Mid-Buchanan High School  
Girls - West Platte plays Lone Jack 6:00 Feb. 24, winner plays North Platte Feb. 26 at 6:00, Midway plays Mid Buchanan 7:30 Feb. 24, Winner plays Lutheran 7:30 Feb. 26. Championship game is Saturday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Boys - 6:00 Feb. 25 Lone Jack vs. North Platte, winner plays West Platte 6:00 p.m. Feb. 27. Lutheran plays Midway Feb. 25 at 7:30. Winner plays Mid-Buchanan Feb. 27 at 7:30. Championship game is 2:30 Saturday, March 1

Mon. March 3 - 7:00 p.m. PTO meets in the FACS Room (upstairs from HS Cafeteria)

Tues. March 4 - 7:00 Elementary Music Program West Platte Performing Arts Center

Wed. March 5 - 7:45 Class 2 Boys Basketball Sectionals at Staley High School

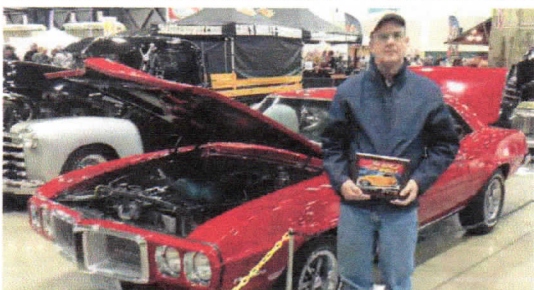
Mar. 8 - 8:00 a.m. Weston Ministerial Alliance Community Prayer Breakfast

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## Wilson & Flashback Win Award at World of Wheels



Don Wilson is shown with the award he received for his altered restored 69 Firebird Sprint.

A 1969 Pontiac Firebird Sprint owned by Don and Robbic Wilson of Weston won 3rd place in the altered restored class of that division last week at the World of Wheels car show. The show at Bartle Hall is a ISCA sanctioned event (international show car association) and organized by Rodriquez Car Club of Kansas City.

Don's 69 Firebird Sprint was restored by Scott Low's team at Flashback Restoration in Weston. The car was purchased in New Jersey October, 2010 in an eBay auction. It sat in a storage unit in for 10 years before it was brought to Weston for restoration. Work started in November 2011 and was completed in May, 2013 by Flashback Restoration, owned by Scott Low of Weston.

"Restoration included repair and restoration of nearly every component of the car as well as adding air conditioning and

upgrading the car to present day safety standards." Mr. Wilson said. "The standard 3 speed manual transmission was replaced with a Saginaw 4 Speed, which was an option for this Firebird Sprint."

The original "Verdoro Green" color was replaced with a bright Fiesta Red.

This car is an original Pontiac Firebird Sprint and the high performance version of the Overhead Cam engine engine is equipped exactly as manufactured. It was installed in this Firebird when it rolled off the assembly line on November 18, 1968.

There were 3232 Sprint engines installed and this number was split between Firebirds and Tempests. The records do not indicate exactly how many 1969 Pontiac Firebird Sprints were produced, most likely less than 2000 and this Firebird is one of them, a rare survivor.



This was the prerestoration interior of the Firebird.



Justin Rhodes in action. File Photo

## Wrestlers Advance To State

West Platte has two wrestlers who qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament this week in Columbia.

Justin Rhodes is undefeated at 40-0 this year and won at 132 pounds last Saturday in the District Tournament in Richmond. Justin is seeded third at his weight category in the Tournament.

A sophomore, Justin was second at State last year at 126 pounds. He went 3-0 in Districts and beat Lawson's Colten Williams 12-4 to advance. He meets Matt Twaddle from Maryville in the first round at the State Tournament.

Harrison Attema placed third at 285 pounds in Districts and

has a 30-6 record this year. He is seeded sixth at State.

Harrison, a senior, went 4-1 in Districts and defeated Gage Boggs from Carrollton to advance. He wrestles Tyler Partney from Herculaneum in the first round at State.

The Blue Jays took eight wrestlers to Districts, seven with winning records. They improved to 10-9 in dual meets this year.

Other West Platte wrestlers competing at Districts and their final season records:  
145 - Davis Pillon, junior, 15-13  
152 - Kyle Howerton, junior, 14-7  
160 - Hank Bartoc, junior, 13-14  
170 - Mitch Moppin, sophomore, 20-23



Harrison Attema (as Winter Sports King Candidate)  
182 - Michael Devers, sophomore, 20-15  
220 - Aidan Veece, junior, 19-14

## Lady Jays Grab Conference Win Over Lady Dragons

The Lady Jays grabbed their first KCI Conference win this year with a 50-26 win over the Mid-Buchanan Lady Dragons Tuesday night as Mattie Vandel led the way with 16 points.

In the second period Nealie Neimeier gave the Lady Jays the lead with a two point basket and the Lady Jays never trailed again. Mattie Vandel scored six points in this period as the Lady Jays led at

half time 23-16.  
The Lady Jays controlled the paint with 49 rebounds, three blocked shots and eight steals.

In addition to Vandel's 16 points, Nealie Neimeier scored 10 and had 6 rebounds. Taylor Binkey had 8 points and 8 rebounds, Michaela Miller 2 points, 4 rebounds, and 5 steals, and Gretchen Hiatt had 12 rebounds, 1 steal, and 2 blocked shots.