

# Lady Huskies take a loss to Rexford

**By Mike Stephens**  
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The Northern Valley Lady Huskies traveled to Rexford on Friday, Jan. 25 and suffered a 38 point loss to the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs, 63-25.

The Bulldogs dominated from the start. Senior Angela Ritter scored eight points on four baskets as the Bulldogs finished the quarter with an 18 point lead, 21-3. Freshman Brooke Baird scored the Huskies three points with a basket and hitting one of two from the free throw line.

In the second quarter, the Huskies settled down a bit scoring eight points on two baskets

from freshman Shayna Vincent and sophomore Kortney Cunningham. The Bulldogs, however, were good for 20 points and had six different players scoring. Junior Paulita Ramirez scored six points in the quarter on three field goals and the Lady Bulldogs went into halftime with a commanding 30 point lead over the Lady Huskies, 41-11.

The third quarter was much like the second. The Bulldogs scored another 20 points and the Huskies were held to nine points. The Bulldogs were led by fellow juniors Hailee Spresser and Jordan Christensen with six points each. Spresser con-

verted on three field goals and Christensen buried two 3-pointers. Vincent had the hot hand for the Huskies scoring six points on three buckets, but the quarter ended with the Bulldogs in complete control, 61-20 over the Huskies.

With the game in hand the Bulldogs went on the defensive allowing the Huskies only five points and cruising to a 63-25 victory.

"We had a hard time handling their aggressive and physical pressure defense," said head coach Logan Kats. "We had numerous turnovers and had a hard time stopping them on

both ends. They are a very good team and well-disciplined. After we settled down, we finally ran some good offense and started executing better."

Huskies scoring: Shayna Vincent - 12 points, Kortney Cunningham - 7 points, Brooke Baird - 3 points, Sarah Baird - 3 points.

Bulldogs scoring: Jordan Christensen - 14 points, Angela Ritter - 12 points, Hailee Spresser - 9 points, Kami Miller - 9 points, Paulita Ramirez - 6 points, Macayla Easton - 5 points, Mikayla Lobato - 4 points, Tayler Peterson - 2 points, Maddy Walz - 2 points.

# Junior Huskies win fifth game in a row

**By Mike Stephens**  
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The Northern Valley Junior High Lady Huskies basketball team won their fifth game in a row on Thursday, Jan. 31 in Almena, beating the Cheylin Lady Cougars, 32-12. With the win the Lady Huskies finished the regular season with a 7-6 record.

"The girls are playing their best basketball here at the end of the season, and hope to continue playing well in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament (this week) in Brewster.

Huskies scoring: Hailee Linner - 8 points, Paige Baird - 8 points, Katie Johnson - 5 points, Chaylee Lowry - 5 points, Jaden Smith - 4 points, Brittany Wright - 2 points.

### B-team Girls

The Lady Huskies B-team improved their record to 5-8 on the season with a close 9-6 win over the Lady Cougars.

Huskies scoring: Zoe Cox - 2 points, Brianna Sammons - 2 points, Paige Baird - 2 points, Brianna Johns - 2 points, Morgan Wright - 1 point.

# Huskies regular season ends with a huge win

**By Mike Stephens**  
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The Northern Valley Junior High boys basketball team finished the regular season on Thursday, Jan. 31 in Almena with an impressive 39 point win over the Cheylin Cougars, 48-9.

The Huskies varsity squad was led in scoring by Caden Bach with 9 points, followed by Carson Wallace - 8 points, Caden Kinderknecht - 8 points, Riley Sides - 7 points, Ross Cole - 7 points, Drake Shearer - 5 points, Damian Wellman - 2 points, Brady Rogers - 2 points.

The Huskies closed out the season with an 11-1 record. "We have had a great sea-

son. The boys have worked hard and are playing very good basketball," said head coach Jim Cole. "We will travel to Brewster to play in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament."

### B-team Boys

The Huskies boys B-team also came away with an easy win over the Cougars, 39-6, but even more impressive, they finished a perfect 12-0 on the season.

Huskies scoring: Caden Bach - 16 points, Brady Rogers - 6 points, Nick Stutsman - 6 points, Briely Yocum - 4 points, Ross Cole - 3 points, Cooper Mussman - 2 points, Aidan Baird - 2 points.



*We are proud of the Huskies!!!*

# Fighting the ice with de-icer has been found to be detrimental to one's trees

Each winter, millions of tons of de-icing salt are applied to state and municipal roads to keep them safe for vehicles to travel. Salt is spread near houses to avoid pedestrian injuries. This is necessary for safety, but did you know excessive salt can cause widespread damage to trees - possibly leading to permanent decline and even death?

According to the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a non-profit organization dedicated to the tree care industry, even severe salt damage might not be visible on a tree until the end of summer, leaving homeowners wondering what might have caused the problem. In some cases, decline might not be visible for years.

"Salt deposits migrate to the stems, buds and roots of trees," explains Tchukki Andersen,

BCMA, CTSP\*, staff arborist with TCIA. "This causes disfigured foliage, stunted growth and severe decline in tree health. Salt runoff washes from pavement into the ground, increasing salt levels in the soil."

There are steps you can take to ward off tree damage from salt. TCIA recommends taking the following measures:

Avoid use of de-icing salt unless necessary. Mix salt with abrasives such as sand, cinders and ash.

Use alternative de-icing salts such as calcium chloride and calcium magnesium acetate.

Improve drainage of soils. Add organic matter such as activated charcoal or gypsum, and thoroughly leach salt residues from the soil.

Erect barriers between

pavement and plants.

Plant trees in locations away from any type of salt spray.

Plant salt-resistant trees in areas where high salt spray is inevitable, i.e. near walkways, driveways or roads.

Provide adequate irrigation and mulching to reduce water loss.

Prune properly and add fertilizers to correct nutrient deficiency as indicated in spring soil testing.

Control tree damaging diseases and pest infestations.

### Find a professional

A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the safest course of action. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since

1938. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA also has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the find qualified tree care program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search at [www.treecaretips.org](http://www.treecaretips.org).

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