



ABOVE: Erika Nelson's art car features one of Lucas' main attractions, The Garden of Eden. LEFT: Some of the big things in small versions can be seen in a window display like the largest electric coal shovel located in West Mineral.



Nelson, creator and curator of "The world's largest collection of the world's smallest versions of the world's largest things," talks about her traveling museum.

little BIG doings

LUCAS — When Erika Nelson is on the road, people stare.

That's the idea.

Nelson is the founder and curator of The World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things Traveling Roadside Attraction and Museum.

The museum is a former public transportation van outfitted with display cases outside the vehicle and a wealth of information inside.

Nelson's interest in traveling and larger-than-life attractions began when she was a child and first saw the Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox statues in Minnesota.

An artist and teacher in Pennsylvania, she declined the offer of tenure and began traveling, living out of her vehicle.

The idea to create small images of large things was born when she couldn't find souvenirs, she said.

The one-of-a-kind museum is full of the world's smallest versions of the larger-than-life exhibits, such as the ball of twine in Cawker City.

"The only criteria is that I have to see it for myself," Nelson said.

Once a tiny replica is finished, she takes a photo of it with a large item.

To maintain her claim of having the world's smallest, "if I find a smaller one, I take mine out" of the museum, she said.

Nelson's traveling museum occasionally is invited to libraries, schools or



Nelson discusses her art car that helps promote her smallish traveling museum. Nelson is based in the artist's mecca of Lucas.

other museums.

"They put it by the entrance to draw people in," she said. "It's a great way to travel and meet amazing people."

Reaction can be mixed at first. "Kids love it. They immediately understand."

It takes a little longer for adults in the art world to see its value as art because their frame of reference is different.

She wants to "get them to travel to rural America (and see) quirky, out-of-the-way things."

The traveling museum is popular in

parades and festivals such as the Spam-fest in Minnesota and the Tomato Festival in Illinois.

"Because there's a window display, I don't have to be there," Nelson said.

Nelson can even draw attention going shopping.

That's when she drives her smaller Scout, a canvas for her grass roots philosophy combating Genericana or sameness.

"I use my little truck daily. It makes getting groceries in a new place take a little longer because people ask about

it," she said. "Once you see an art car, you know what it is."

Most of the feedback is positive.

"It makes people smile," Nelson said.

She drove her art car to the National Conference on Organization Resistance in Washington, D.C., this weekend, where she's presenting a workshop titled Combating Genericana — a Midwestern Perspective.

The workshop gives a local rural perspective on areas struggling to maintain their identities and resisting chain stores and cookie-cutter communities.

Nelson has been a Lucas resident since she bought a house there in 2002. The community serves as a base since she is on tour for six months most years.

"Lucas is an interesting supportive community," she said.

Though the traveling museum's inaugural season was 2002 to 2003, she's already outgrown the vehicle and has begun equipping a new one.

She's also moving the museum to non-profit status and making the display more educational. Rather than travel this year, she's spending a year developing displays.

A current project is turning a polar bear into a prairie dog.

"I've learned to develop an eye for what would work," Nelson said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ross

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ross will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 11, 2006.

Their children are Brian Ross and the late Mark Ross; and a grandson, Mark Ross.

The family requests a card shower in their honor. Cards of congratulations may be sent to 2605 Augusta Lane-A, Hays, KS 67601.

Alan and Wilma (Schafer) Ross were married Feb. 11, 1956, at St. Joseph Catholic Church.



Cronn-Jantz

Harry and Amanda Cronn, Wa-Keeney, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Aaron Jantz, son of Max Jantz and Cami Jantz, both of Montezuma.

Grandparents are Arden and Harriette Cronn and Gene and Neyla Kippes and late Pius Wildeman.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Trego Community High School and Kansas State University. She is employed by Max Jantz Excavating, Montezuma.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of South Gray High School and Kansas State University. He is employed by Max Jantz Excavating, Montezuma.

An April 22, 2006, wedding is planned at Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Dodge City.



Robben-Martin

Jim and Francine Robben, Oakley, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelsey Marie, to Paul Jacob Martin, son of Steve Martin and Judy Martin, both of Hutchinson.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Jim and Luella Robben, Oakley.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Oakley High School and Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is currently employed at MSI Wireless, Hutchinson.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of McPherson High School and attended Hutchinson Community College and Kansas State University with an associate's degree in business administration and electrical engineering. He is co-owner of MSI Wireless, Hutchinson.

An April 22, 2006, wedding is planned at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Hutchinson.



Bowen-Murphy

Dan and Lucy Bowen, Chapin, S.C., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ashley Anne, to Kyle Murphy, son of Kevin and Kay Murphy, Oklahoma City.

Grandparents are Dell and Mary Ann Keil and Grace Murphy, all of Hays, and the late Paul Murphy.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Oklahoma City University School of Law, and is a Juris Doctor (J.D.). She is an attorney and is currently employed by the law firm of Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden and Nelson.

The prospective bridegroom will graduate in May 2006 from Oklahoma City University School of Law. He is currently employed by the law firm of Elias, Books, Brown and Nelson P.C.

A March 25, 2006, wedding is planned at Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel on the campus of Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City.



Cohen-Schmidt

Mitche and Ann Cohen, West Hartford, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Claire Tova, to Joseph Alan Schmidt II, son of Joe and Joyce Schmidt, Manhattan.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, earned a masters degree and is a 2006 candidate for a doctorate in chemistry from Cornell University. She is currently a visiting assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Toledo, Ohio.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1992 graduate of Hays High School, earned bachelor degrees in mathematics and chemistry at Kansas State University in 1997, doctorate in chemistry in 2002 from University of California-Berkeley and completed a post-doctoral study at Cornell University. He is currently assistant professor of chemistry at University of Toledo, Ohio.

A June 12, 2006, wedding is planned at Manhattan.



Ramsay-Solis

Caroline Ramsay and Nathan Solis were married June 4, 2005, at Sacred Heart Church, Plainville, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Solis and the Rev. Joe Popelka officiating.

The parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsay, Plainville, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Solis, Kansas City, Kan.

The bride was escorted by her father. The honor attendant was Jenny Molina, sister of the bride. Attendants were Heather Plante, and Lacey Brin, cousins of the bride, Rebecca Seifers, friend of the couple, and Melissa Solis, sister of the bridegroom.

The best man was Grady Fitzpatrick, friend of the couple. Groomsmen were David Dwyer, T.J. Hackler, Nate Mundy and Aaron White, all friends of the couple, and Tyler Sundelius, cousin of the bridegroom. Guests were seated by Azarel Molina, brother-in-law of the bride, and Christopher Ramsay, cousin of the bride.

The candlelighters were Bri-Ann Plante, cousin of the bride, and Alyssa Sundelius, cousin of the bridegroom. Flower girl was Kody Lowry, cousin of the bride, and ring bearer was Braeden Sundelius, cousin of the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Plainville High School and Kansas University. She is an implementation consultant with SCI Solutions.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Shawnee Mission East High School and Kansas University. He is an account manager with Lockton Company Inc., Kansas City, Mo.

Following a wedding trip to Sands Resort, Bahamas, the newlyweds are at home in Kansas City, Mo.



Herrl-Becker

Stan Herl, Oklahoma City, and Nancy Leikam, Hays, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Shannon Becker, son of Jim Becker, Plainville, and Janet Haulas, Belton, Mo.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Plainville High School and received a CNA license at North Central Kansas in 2001. Currently, she is at home with her two children, running a small home business.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Plainville High School. He is employed by The Hays Planning Mill.

A May 13, 2006, wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Plainville.



Mr. and Mrs. Al Ashmore

Mr. and Mrs. Al Ashmore, Hays, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Feb. 4, 2006, with a dinner at their home with family and friends hosted by their children.

Their children are Debra and Larry Staab and JoLynn Ashmore, all of Hays, Diane and Layton Nance, Cheney, Marcia and Jason Riggins, Ottawa, Michelle and Bill Litton, Topeka, and John and Sarah Ashmore, Ogallah; and six grandchildren.

Al and Joyce (Haselhorst) Ashmore were married Feb. 4, 1961, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.



Krokstrom-Bennett

Lisa Anne Krokstrom and Reginald T. Bennett were married Oct. 15, 2005, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, with the Rev. Mark Frith officiating.

Parents of the couple are Donald and NormaLee Sronce, Lincoln, Neb., and Reginald and Carol Bennett, Russell.

The bride was escorted by her parents. Maids of honor were Casey Krokstrom and Molly Krokstrom. Bridesmaid was Kim Anderson.

The best woman was Kim Copeland. Groomsmen were Ronald Bennett and Kevin White. Guests were seated by Cody Bennett, Clayton Bennett, Alex Thomas and Tyler Thomas.

The flower girl was Kennedy Kelleher, and ring bearer was Andrew Copeland.

The bride is a graduate of Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Neb.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Fort Hays State University. The newlyweds are at home in Olathe.



Glaser-Morris

Judy Glaser and the late Steven Glaser, Holyrood, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amanda, to Mark Morris, son of Terry and Diana Morris, Russell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Quivira Heights High School and Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is employed by Wanamaker Elementary, Topeka, as a literacy coach.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Russell High School, Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in political science and Wichita State University with a master's degree in public administration. He is employed by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka.

A May 6, 2006, wedding is planned at Topeka Baptist Church.



Miller-Wilson

Dana Miller, Cody, and Terry Wilson, Powell, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Cody High School and is the daughter of Marj and Norm Miller, Cody.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1973 graduate of Gorham High School and is the son of Charles and Loretta Wilson, Hays.

He is a pro walleye angler and is on the pro staff of Ranger Boats. He fishes two pro walleye circuits, the FLW (Forrest L. Wood) and the PWT (Professional Walleye Trail). The couple travels extensively where Wilson competes.

The couple have four children, Angela Wilson, Powell, Ryan Fagan, Cody, Ty Fagan, Sacramento, Calif., and Miki Wilson, Lakeland, Fla.; and a grandson, Trenton Bennett, Powell.

Stork Club

and Norma Schwiens, Russell, Milan and Diane Masters, Natoma, Millie and Ralph Windholz, Victoria, and the late Jerry Hammersmith.

Katelyn Marie Hazen, daughter of Justin and Mindy Hazen, Shawnee, was born Nov. 12, 2005, at Menorah Medical Center, Overland Park. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Pete and Sandy Waldschmidt, Ellis, Scott and Chris Stein, Lenexa, and James and Connie Hazen, Independence.

Great-grandparents are Gilbert and Janet Augustine and Agnes Waldschmidt, all of Ellis, and Bill and Rose Hazen, Grove, Okla.

Great-great-grandmother is Josie Ptaschek, Ellis.

Lana Renee Riley, daughter of Troy and Sarah Riley, Platte City, Mo., was born Dec. 12, 2005. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Ron and Deb Riley, Tribune, and Neil and Susan Unrein, Victoria.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ilene Harvey and the late Everett L. Harvey, Hill City, and Elmer and Rosaline Unrein, Bennett, Colo.

Paternal great-grandparents are LeeRoy and Iris Riley, Brush, Colo., and Darwin and Barbara Hoffman, Tribune.

Lindsey Ann Scheck, daughter of Justin and Tessa Scheck, Hays was born Jan. 17, 2006. She

Military Marquee

Army Pvt. Andy L. Williams has graduated from the metal worker advanced individual training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The student was trained in all phases of welding including ferrous and nonferrous metals using oxyacetylene, electric, arc, and inert gas welding equipment. Class training included repairing, repainting, installing, and inspecting metal body components, radiators, fuel tanks, and modification of related items. The trainee also learned to repair hulls and accessories of Army watercraft.

He is the son of Stephanie Pfeifer, Stockton.

Williams is a 2005 graduate of Stockton High School.



Henne-Zamrzla

Eunice Henne and Michael Zamrzla were married Nov. 5, 2005, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria, with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Elaine Henne, Holyrood, and Eugene and Joan Zamrzla, Wilson.

The bride was escorted by her father. The honor attendant was Marla Mooney, Russell. Attendants were Jody Schmidt, Goessel, Lyn Lawler, Newton, Shirley Fiffe, Hutchinson, Phyllis Johnson, Manhattan, and Heather Nichols, Canton.

The best man was Jeff Peterson, Eudora. Groomsmen were Jim Zamrzla, Ellsworth, Brian Gates, Beloit, John Potter, Topeka, Brad Finkeldei, Lawrence, and Lance Henne, Wichita.

Guests were seated by Jamie Herber, Gene Mooney, Aaron Truax and Scott Zamrzla. Candlelighters were Jeannie Habbart and Nicole Brazzle. The flower girl was Taylor Zamrzla, and ring bearer was Braden Mooney.

The bride is a graduate of Quivira Heights High School and Tabor College. She is a registered sales assistant with First National Bank/Raymond James Financial Services, Hutchinson.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Wilson High School and Kansas State University. He is district representative for Congressman Jerry Moran.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the newlyweds are at home in Hutchinson.



Stoecklein-Kelsey

Michelle Stoecklein and Jordan Kelsey were married on Sept. 10, 2005, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Parents of the couple are Eldon and Mary Stoecklein, Hays, and Douglas and Mary Kelsey, Solomon.

Grandparents of the bride are Earl and Vada Stoecklein and Ervin and Helen Koerner, all of Ness City.

Grandparents of the bridegroom are Viola Kelsey and the late Donald Kelsey, and the late Max and Lilian Robertson, all of Marion.

The bride was escorted by her parents. The honor attendant was Sara Stoecklein, sister of the bride. Attendants were Miranda Shirack, sister of the bridegroom, Darcy Durfee, cousin of the bride, and Karla Homes, Lana Koerner and Laura Drees, all friends of the bride.

The best man was Josh Shirack, brother-in-law of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Chad Stoecklein, brother of the bride, and Todd Hormbaker, Drew Paugh, Tory Wilson and Jay Montgomery, all friends of the bridegroom.

The flower girl was Hannah Willey, cousin of the bride, and ring bearer was Kade Shirack, nephew of the bridegroom.

The newlyweds are at home in Hays.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Gross

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Gross, Hays, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 14, 2006. The couple is planning a summer vacation with their children and grandchildren in Branson, Mo.

Their children are Kirk and Lena Gross, Dodge City, Kraig and Laure Gross, Hays, Kent and Karla Gross, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Klay and Mika Gross, Wichita. The have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kenneth and Shirley (Dreiling) Gross were married Jan. 14, 1956, in the Cathedral of the Plains, Victoria.

Super Bowl book could be bigger than the game — but it's not out yet

It's Super Bowl Sunday. After 40 years, the actual game has become almost anticlimactic. The Hays Public Library has various books on the Super Bowl and super teams. These books are smaller and much more manageable than the new 40th anniversary Super Bowl coffee table book. This book is going to be huge, like the game that inspired it.

The new 40th anniversary book is more a piece of dense furniture masquerading as a book and takes the Super Bowl's history as seriously as a war or a religious experience.

When completed, it will be nearly 2 feet long on all sides and close to 6 inches thick. It will weigh 85 pounds and contain nearly 2,000 images (out of 2 million examined) and about 500,000 words. It will cost \$4,000 (for the first 19,600 copies) or \$25,000 (for the 400 MVP copies that will be autographed by all of the living Super Bowl most valuable players).

Such a book was not imaginable after Super Bowl I, which did not sell out, and wasn't called the Super Bowl. Now, it would seem, is the time for "XL: Forty Years of the Super Bowl," a portly book from Britain's Kraken Sports and Media, which will bind the book in calf leather and encase it in a white, silk-covered box.

"XL" is bigger than "GOAT: A Tribute to Muhammad Ali," which weighed in at 75 pounds and cost \$3,000 for the first 9,000 copies and \$7,500 for a special group of 1,000, which came with an odd sculpture.

"XL" will be divided into a chapter for each game, with other sections on related subjects. It awaits the writing and photography from today's game, including portraits taken in Detroit of the Super Bowl MVP Will he be a Seahawk or Steeler?

The hand-stitched books will not be heaved into buyers' homes until the first week of the 2006 football season.

When you have time and are driving through Ness County, take a moment to observe the marker placed on Kansas Highway 96 just west of Beeler by the Kansas Historical Society and the State Highway Commission. This marker pays homage to inventor and humanitarian George Washington Carver and directs travelers to the "Homestead of a Genius."

If Ness County is not on your agenda,



Mary Ann Thompson

YOUR HAYS LIBRARY

you are invited stop by the Hays Public Library this month and see the display case at the entrance to the Kansas room that exhibits items about Carver. It is part of a Black History Month display.

Carver was one of Ness County's most famous pioneer settlers. In 1885 he journeyed by wagon from Highland to Eden Township in Ness County with J.F. Beeler.

In August 1886, Carver established a claim south of present-day Beeler.

Shortly after his death in 1943, there was a movement by the Ness County Historical Society to erect a monument marking the site of his homestead. After many years of fundraising, a stone marking was dedicated in his honor in 1953.

This site was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on Nov. 23, 1977, by the Kansas State Historical Society.

In the late 1950s, the highway marker was erected.

When Carver died in 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called him one of the world's most significant scientists.

To learn more about Carver, stop by the library this week, and to learn what other activities are scheduled, please keep reading or click on our Web site at www.hayspublib.org.

Friends of the Hays Public Library

Books, Etc., the bookstore of the Friends of the Hay Public Library has reopened. Members of the Friends continue to receive a 10-percent discount on all book purchases from the store.

Children's department

Story hours

Children's winter story hours continue through April 13. Parents may enroll their children in one of the story hours by calling (785) 625-5916.

3- through 6-year-olds:

10 to 10:30 a.m. Monday

10 to 10:30 a.m., 7 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
10 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday

2-year-olds

10:45 to 11:05 a.m., 7 to 7:20 p.m. Monday

10:45 to 11:05 a.m. Tuesday

Toddlers — under age 2

10:45 to 11 a.m. Wednesday

7 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday

Book In A Bag

Tuesdays at 4 p.m. The children will enjoy great literature and nutrition during our Book In A Bag program. The Kansas State University Research and Extension Family Nutrition Program sponsors this program. Please register for this program by calling 625-5916. This week, "Curious George Makes Pancakes."

Laurie's Little Artists

Come and get creative with Laurie's second semester art class, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays through May 17. Learn different art techniques, explore art in different cultures, and have fun making your own unique masterpieces. This class is going to be more than just tracing and coloring, so bring your thinking caps with you. Recommended ages are 7 to 12. Enrollment will be limited to 15 members. Please register for this program by calling 625-5916.

Everything Horses

At 4 p.m. Thursdays in February. Come learn about horses, do a fun craft and read stories about horses with Jan Reed in the children's department. Please register for this program by calling 625-5916.

Reading and crafts

Reading hour and crafts for children in grades K through three from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday. Children will enjoy great literature along with fun crafts in this program sponsored by the Project Serv AmeriCorps.

Valentine party

At 10 a.m. Friday, pre-school children will enjoy Valentine stories, crafts and snacks with our Foster Grandparents. Please come join the fun.

Beginners' chess tournament

Plan now to attend the beginner's

chess tournament for youth in the Children's Department on Feb. 25. Check in is at 9:30 a.m. Tournament begins at 10 a.m. Tournament director will be Rand Brull. Medals will be awarded to the top 10 in three divisions: junior, intermediate and senior. Lunch will be provided for tournament participants

Free reading tutoring

If your child struggles with reading and could use some extra help, please contact Read Hays. This program offers free 30-minute tutoring sessions one or two times each week starting at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For additional details call children's department librarian Norleen Knoll or assistant children's librarian Mary Bittel at 625-5916.

Adult Department

Sunday afternoon Jazz

The Luke Johnson Trio will perform this afternoon at 3 p.m. in the gallery.

Civil Discussions of Controversial Issues

At 7 p.m. Tuesday please join us for the discussion "Evaluating Explanatory Hypotheses: Creationism, Intelligent Design, and the Theory of Evolution." The program is sponsored by the Fort Hays State University Department of Philosophy and will be in the gallery. The guest speaker is Clark Sexton, who teaches two of the four master of liberal studies' core courses for the Department of Philosophy and also has a Ph.D. in mathematics. Sexton will discuss criteria for evaluating explanatory hypotheses, application of the criteria to the hypotheses presented by creationism/intelligent design and the theory of evolution. The first half of the meeting will be devoted to hearing from the speaker. There will be an open discussion during the rest of the event. Everyone is invited to participate.

Gallery exhibit

On display through mid-February at the Hays Public Library Gallery is a Pete Felten photography exhibit featuring western Kansas stone churches. These churches are located north of Kansas Highway 96 and west of U.S. Highway 81. Some are still being used as churches. Others are being used for an-

other purpose. The exhibit is free. Viewers of the exhibit are encouraged to contact Felten if there are churches in the area described that he may have missed.

Feed and film

The films begin at 12:05 p.m. Wednesdays in the library's main floor gallery. They last about an hour. Bring your lunch and a cup — coffee is provided. This week, join us for "Tulip: Treasure of Springtime."

Young adult

All activities are free and open to teens in grades six through 12. Activities will be added through the season, so stop by the library frequently or check out our blog at haysya.blogspot.com or e-mail us at hays_ya_online@hotmail.com for details.

Free one-on-one internet classes

Free classes at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 1 p.m. Saturday to teach you how to use the World Wide Web. Each class lasts about one hour and each class is different depending on the individual needs of the student. Call the library at 625-9014 or stop by the main floor desk at the library to sign up.

Hays Public Library wireless hot spot

Did you know the library has a wireless connection for you to use? Bring your laptop and utilize this wonderful service.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are always needed to help tutor adults who would like to learn to read or to read better or who would like to learn to speak English better. Call to sign up at 625-9014.

Kansas Room

In February, the Kansas room will celebrate Black History Month. The book display is "Blacks in Kansas." The display cases will feature items on George Washington Carver, the inventor who lived briefly in Kansas, and Oscar Micheaux, movie director who was originally from Kansas.

Mary Ann Thompson is the Kansas Room librarian at the Hays Public Library.

Clubs & Meetings

Daily

■ Northwest Kansas Family Shelter support groups in Hays, for people in or who have been in abusive relationships. Concurrent children's group. Call for time and location, (785) 625-3055 or (800) 794-4624.
■ Need help with addiction? Call (800) 556-8885.

Monday-Friday

■ Meal Site reservations for senior citizens age 60 or older must be made the day before eating at the Meal Site. For reservations or cancellations, call Alice Munsch-Herrman, director, at (785) 628-6644 between 9 a.m. and noon.
■ Senior Center cards and billiards, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (785) 628-6644.

Monday

■ Rotary Club meeting, noon, Vagabond Restaurant.
■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 416, Hays, weigh-ins 12:30 p.m., New Horizons basement activity room. Call Jude, 625-9006, for more information.
■ High Plains Street Machines meeting, 7 p.m., Mr. Goodcents. For more information, call Greg Augustine at 650-4259.
■ Weight Watchers meeting, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center, 204 E. Eighth. Use the east door. Weigh-ins, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (800) 585-5833.
■ Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the NW KS Area Health Education Center, 217 E. 32nd.
■ PEO Chapter BQ will meet promptly at 7 p.m. at the home of Laurie Konz, 200 W. 38th, Hays. Program: About Antiques, with guest presenter, Marvin Mann, will begin at 7:45 p.m. Co-hostesses are Shala Bannister and Chris Butler.

Tuesday

■ Lions Club meeting, noon.
■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 818 meeting, 6 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church basement, 2703 Fort. Weigh-ins 6 p.m. For more information, call Betty at (785) 625-7468 or Helen at 623-4115.
■ Sunrise Ministries International support group meeting for people fighting substance abuse, codependency and other life hurts, 7 p.m., 1728 Donald Drive. For more information, call Jo Ann Sigman, (785) 628-2578.
■ Open Door Alanon Family Group meeting, 8 p.m., 410 Oak. Open to relatives and friends of alcoholics and other addicted people.
■ The St. Francis Academy foster care meeting, at 7 p.m., St. Francis Great Bend Office, 1508 Main, call (866) 999-1599.
■ Center for Life Experiences — Healing After Loss — 4 p.m.,

2900 Hall St., Hays.
■ The EC chapter of PEO will meet in the home of Robba Moran at 7:30 p.m. Co-hostesses are Michele Filbert and Barb Ruliffson. The program on women and heart disease will be presented by Kim Nutting, RN.
■ Time Out For Life, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Coffee and sharing stories; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Rotation Painting; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Rhonda on Guitar; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Remember When Writing. Please call for reservations to Laura Anne Hess at (785) 625-2847.

Wednesday

■ Senior Center, painting lessons by Raemie Lou Hinshaw, 9 to 11 a.m.
■ Northwest Kansas Family Shelter support group for people who are in or have been in abusive relationships, 3:30 to 5 p.m., 403 E. 23rd. A children's group will run concurrently. For more information, call (785) 625-4202 or (800) 794-4624.
■ Hays VFW Auxiliary meeting at 6:30 p.m., VFW Hall, 22nd and Vine, followed by a social. Members and guests are welcome.

Thursday

■ Hays Optimist Club meeting, noon, Golden Ox Pavilion, 1006 Cody. For more information, call Deron O'Connor at (785) 625-6542.
■ Kiwanis Club of Hays meeting, noon, Vagabond Restaurant meeting room, 2524 Vine.
■ Open Door Alanon Family Group meeting, noon, 410 Oak. Open to relatives and friends of alcoholics and other addicted persons.
■ Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., 410 Oak. Phone: 625-9860, Dion W. at 625-0991 or Tiffany at 259-1825.
■ Hays City Harmony Women's Barbershop Chorus practice, 7:15 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 Fort. For more information, call Carol at (785) 625-6194 or Betty at (785) 625-2391.
■ Overcomer's Outreach, non-denominational support group for people and their families who have alcohol, drug or food addic-

tions, 7:30 p.m., North Oak Community Church Center, 3002 Northridge Court. For more information, call the church office at (785) 628-8887.

■ Hays High Plains Barbershop Chorus and Quartets meeting, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church basement, 2700 Fort. Call Don Barber, (785) 625-8932.

■ New beginnings open-door Alanon group meeting, 7:30, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2703 Fort. Smoke-free meeting. Does not meet on holidays.

■ Hays Chapter meeting, 8 p.m., at the Masonic Temple. All Officers and other members are urged to attend.

■ Hays AA Chapter 115 meeting, 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2900 Hall. Open meeting, smoke-free.

■ Single Parenting, Hays, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Center for Life Experience, 2900 Hall St. Free child care available and door prizes. For more information, call Jen Kraich at (785) 623-9813. Sponsored by Kansas Children's Service League.

■ Buckeye PCE Unit meeting, 1:30 p.m., at Norma Schumacher's home. Co-hostess, Tammy Drylie. Wear something red. There will be a silent auction.

Friday

■ Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 11 p.m., 410 Oak. Phone: 625-9860, Dion W. at 625-0991 or Tiffany at 259-1825.

Saturday

■ Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 10 p.m., 410 Oak. Phone: 625-9860, Dion W. at 625-0991 or Tiffany at 259-1825.

■ Hays MS Support Group meeting. For more information, call Di Schmidt at (785) 726-3920 or Larry Macy at (785) 735-2506.

■ Northwest Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired will have its luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the East room at Gella's Diner. Mrs. Kessler, Kansas Legal Services, will present a program on legal issues. Call Pat at 628-6055 for lunch reservations. Public welcome.

■ Hays Aglow community Lighthouse meeting, 6:15 p.m. for banquet and meeting to follow at 7 p.m., Hadley Center, in the Bakery Deli, go in the west entrance of the Bakery Deli or east parking lot entrance, Hays Eighth street parking lot west of S&W Supply, Aglow sign on door. Menu: smothered steak, vegetable, potatoes, salad dinner roll, drink and dessert. Meal cost \$10 per person. Program speakers, Delbert and Donna Stanton, "God's Word Works." Public is welcome. No children under age 10, please.

Sunday

■ Eagles Auxiliary Food Bingo, 1:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 121 E. Eighth. Everyone is welcome.

Best-selling Books

By PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Cell: A Novel" by Stephen King (Scribner)
2. "Memory In Death" by Nora Roberts writing as J.D. Robb (Putnam)
3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "The Last Templar" by Raymond Khoury (Dutton Adult)
5. "The Hostage" by W.E.B. Griffin (Putnam)
6. "Every Breath You Take" by Judith McNaught (Ballantine)
7. "Mary, Mary" by James Paterson (Little, Brown)
8. "The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell" by Lilian Jackson Braun (Putnam)
9. "The Hunt Club" by John Lescroart (Dutton Adult)
10. "S Is for Silence" by Sue Grafton (Putnam)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Marley and Me" by John Grogan (Morrow)
2. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
3. "My Friend Leonard" by James Frey (Riverhead)
4. "For Laci: A Mother's Story of Love, Loss and Justice" by Sharon Rocha
5. "Freakonomics" by Steven

D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)

6. "Natural Cures 'They' Don't Want You to Know About" by Kevin Trudeau (Alliance Publishing)
7. "Love Smart" by Dr. Phil McGraw (Free Press)
8. "Jim Cramer's Real Money" by James J. Cramer (Simon & Schuster)
9. "Bad Childhood — Good Life" by Laura Schlessinger (HarperCollins)
10. "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion (Knopf)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden (Vintage International)
2. "The Broker" by John Grisham (Dell)
3. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
4. "Night" by Elie Wiesel, translation from French by Stella Rodway (Bantam)
5. "Red Lily" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
6. "By Order of the President" by W.E.B. Griffin (Jove)
7. "The Motive" by John Lescroart (Signet)
8. "Double Tap" by Steve Martin (Jove)
9. "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (Avon)
10. "Entombed: A Novel" by Linda Fairstein (Pocket Star)

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Celebrate Valentine's Day with sweet treats

By CARLA MORRICAL-FREDERKING

Valentine's Day is a favorite day for enjoying chocolate. Following are a couple of recipes you can make to celebrate the day. The freezer chocolate fudge sauce is rich and full of calories. The second recipe is a lighter version chocolate brownie. Remember, the recipe changes of the light brownies will make them a different product from your traditional recipe.

Freezer chocolate fudge sauce

½ cup margarine or butter
2½ cups sugar
3 squares (3 ounces) unsweetened chocolate
12 ounce can evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Melt margarine in the top of a double boiler. Add chocolate and melt, while constantly stirring. Add sugar gradually, one-quarter cup at a time, while stirring. Then add salt. Next, stir milk in gradually and fi-

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nally add the vanilla. Cook until desired thickness — approximately 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Pour sauce into a clean, warm, wide-mouth quart jar or similar freezer-safe container(s). Allow the sauce to cool at room temperature for one to two hours. Seal and freeze.

The sauce should remain soft enough to spoon out portions while frozen.

Source: National Center for Home Food Preservation

Chocolate lover's light brownies

(makes 16 servings)
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup margarine
3 tablespoons reduced-fat margarine
1 whole egg
1 egg white
¾ cup plain, nonfat yogurt
½ teaspoon vanilla extract

¾ cup all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
½ teaspoon baking powder
¾ cup reduced-fat chocolate chips
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In medium bowl, beat sugar and margarine until light and fluffy. Add egg and egg white, vanilla, and yogurt. Beat well.

In separate bowl mix flour, cocoa, and baking powder until smooth and well blended. Add flour mixture to sugar mixture and stir just until blended. Fold in chocolate chips.

Spread in 8-by-8-inch pan that has been coated with nonstick baking spray.

Bake for 18-20 minutes or until toothpick stuck in center comes out clean.

Cool and cut into 16 pieces.
Nutrition information per serving: 91 calories, 3.5 g fat, 14 g carbohydrates

Source: West Virginia University Extension
Carla Morriscal-Frederking is the Ellis County Research and Extension agent for family and consumer science.

Thomas More Prep-Marian High School honor roll

The following students are the academic honor rolls for the third grading period of the 2005-2006 school year. To be on the honor roll, senior and junior students must be enrolled in at least one science, math or foreign language course. Sophomores and freshmen must be enrolled in two of these courses.

The President's Honor Roll consists of students who achieve a grade-point average of at least 96 percent with no individual grade less than a 77 percent. The following students achieved this recognition:

Seniors
Paula Fisher, Marjorie Flesher, Ashly Frenzl, Andrew Leiker

Juniors
Natalie Heimann, Lauren Kim, Kevin Sander, Julie Schmeidler, Cassie Schmidtberger, Sung Hyun Sim, Kelsey Werth

Sophomores
Austin Budke, Anna Choi, Christy Dowling, Kelsey Duffy, Jung Oh Park

Freshmen
Erin Aufdemberge, Nathan Felder, Paul Flesher, Maddy Holub, Edward Kim, Hwan Hee Lee, Jordan Leiker, Jason Mayers, Nolan McNeil, Sara Newell, Rachel Parrott, Stephanie Schmeidler, Kathryn Wagoner, Darren Wellbrock

The Principal's Honor Roll consists of students who achieved a grade-point average of at least 89 percent with no individual grade of less than 77 percent. The following students achieved this recognition:

Seniors
Kirby Anderson, Brice Biruta, Jami Brull, Amanda Crispin, Tony Dowling, Maddie Herman, Seri Hertel, Dustin Hutchison, Andrew Hwang, Jan Jensch, Jules Kim, Yong Hwan Kim, Luke Klaus, Abby Kuhn, Devin Kang, Andrea Lemus, Amy Losey, Tucker Mall, Jenna Mayers, Brian Park, Aaron Pfeifer, Nicole Rich, Jessica Roberts, Nicole

Rome, Chase Schippers, Megan Schmeidler, Nathan Scholer, Sharlie Staab, Sara Stoeklein, Rachel Stouffer, Cameron Stremel, Shannon Swayne, Rebecca Vitztum, Tait Weatherbee, Brianna Weber, Won Tek Woo, Emily Yang

Juniors
Andrea Braun, Charles Carlson, Tandra DeBey, Stacie Degenhardt, Holly Dreiling, Nathan Geist, Diana Gonzalez, Katie Gottschalk, Kyle Hammer-schmidt, Ashley Herman, Nolan Hoffman, Jossimar Jimenez, Prabesh Karki, Dipendra Khatiwada, Na-Yeon Kim, Jessica Lee, Monserrat Lozano, Julie Nam, Holly Newell, Min Hui Park, Josh Post, Lauren Scott, Michelle Shi, Scott Stramel, Victoria Strobel, Richa Thapa, Zach Vitztum, Cameron Werth, Kyle Werth, Leighton Werth, Tyler Werth

Sophomores
Cole Applehans, Elly Beery, Jacob Brull, Katie Degenhardt, Shiela Dickerson, Ryan Diehl, Chelsea Fieler, Kristina Fouts, Lindsey Gordon, Daniel Gross, Mayra Guzman, Kim Haberman, David Klaus, Brittany Lang, Austin Leiker, Maddy Mall, Jill Moeder, Nathan Park, Molly Schmeidler, Kathryn Schmidt, Hayley Schmidtberger, Katelyn Schnuerle, Zach Stark, Kelton Stecklein, Erin Stouffer, Jamie Walters, Tahnee Weatherbee, Sarah Zerr

Freshmen
Brandon Beck, Jessica Brown, Kelsie Dinkel, Samantha Drees, Heidi Fieler, Shane Gottschalk, Keith Gustin, Alicia Hammeke, Drew Hertel, Alexis Inlow, Jariana Jimenez, Woo Kim, Taryn Kippes, Pei-Hang Liu, Kiley Macke, Trey Moeder, Nathan Pinney, Alyssa Post, Ryan Post, Ethan Schmidt, Kyle Schmidt, Stephanie Stoss, Clint Taylor, Drew Thomas, Ellen Vitztum, Lucas Vitztum, Jackie Walters, Audrey Werth

FHSU names fall 2005 College of Business and Leadership scholars

SPECIAL TO THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

The Fort Hays State University College of Business and Leadership has announced its 4.0 Scholars for the fall 2005 semester. To be a COBL Scholar, students must earn a 4.0 grade-point average.

The students are listed below by hometown.

ABILENE: Lynn Berland, sophomore; Jodi Havice, junior; Benjamin Wilson, sophomore.

ALMENA: Amy Griffin, senior; Megan Hawks, senior.

BREWSTER: Jarrod Baird, senior.

BROOKSVILLE: Angela Landis, freshman.

CAWKER CITY: Melinda Bock, senior.

CHEYENNE WELLS, Colo.: Mallory Padilla, junior.

CIMARRON: Katie Stucky, junior.

COLBY: Luke Schroeder, senior.

CONCORDIA: Nancy Greenwood, sophomore.

ELKHART: Michael Lafond, senior.

ELLSWORTH: Kaisha Edgerle, senior.

ERIE: Clarice Buscher, senior.

GAINESVILLE, Fla.: Andrew Cutright, senior.

GARDEN CITY: Michael Davis, senior.

GLASCO: Elizabeth Pauls, senior.

GOLDEN, Colo.: Quinn Hornecker, junior.

GOODLAND: Mark Collado, freshman; Trista Lalicker, junior.

GORHAM: Matthew Sander, junior.

GREAT BEND: Zachary Becker, junior; Ryan Desemo, senior; Christopher Kaiser, senior; Erica McCluskey, junior; Kenzie

Michel, senior.

HAYS: Joshua Baum, sophomore; Sara Braun, senior; Cole Engel, senior; Emily Giersch, sophomore; Chelsey Gillogly, junior; Danna Gottschalk, senior; Alyssa Klaus, sophomore; Jayna Montoia, senior; Jill Pfannenstiel, senior; Lisa Scheve, senior; Lisa Schlegel, junior; Scott Schumacher, junior; Kristin Wolf, senior.

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ROZEL: Sarah Melia, senior.

RUSSELL: Kenneth Harrell, senior; Stephanie Larsen, senior.

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TIPTON: Jenna Schroeder, senior.

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Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the Commission by May 1st 2006. Further information concerning the FCC's broadcast license renewal process may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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HRC Calendar

Adult activities

Women's drop-in volleyball

Offered to any female 18 years of age and older. Drop-in volleyball is held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Hays Recreation Center gyms. Cost is \$1 per player per night. We are now offering childcare during this program. Children must be 3 and older. The cost is \$1 per hour.

Noon basketball

The old HRC gym at 323 W. 12th is open for basketball from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for players 18 and older. Entry fee is \$1 each time you play.

Tatting

You will learn the basics of how to make rings, joining and chains. You will learn how to make a snowflake and edging. As part of the fee, each participant will receive a shuttle and thread. Entry deadline: Wednesday. Entry fee: \$20. Held on: Feb. 15 and 22. Times: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ages: 16 and older.

Wheat weaving decorations

During this class you will learn basic wheat weaving skills. After you have learned the basic weaving skill you will have a chance to make your own decorations during class. You will also see a number of other wheat weaving decorations. All materials will be provided. Entry deadline: Wednesday. Entry fee: \$15. Held on: Saturday. Times: 1 to 3:30 p.m. Ages: 18 and older.

Valentine's Day cookies

Join Carla Morrical-Frederking from the Kansas State University Extension office for this fun-filled class. We'll supply the cookies, frosting and other supplies needed to decorate Valentine's Day cookies. This class will give your child the opportunity to have some fun while making something for the family. Entry deadline: Wednesday. Entry fee: \$4 per child. Held on: Feb. 13. Time: 10 to 10:45 a.m. Ages: 2 to 5, along with an adult.

"Scams, Schemes and Fraud"

Join us for a session on 2006's National Consumer Protection Week's theme/topic. Tom Lipfert, Hays postmaster, will cover the latest scams, schemes and fraud, in addition to the NCPW theme, mail fraud and identify theft. The night will allow time to share information about recent local fraud crimes and for questions concerning these and other topics. Entry deadline: None. Entry fee: Free. Held on: Feb. 13. Time: 7 p.m. Ages: 18 and older. Location: Recreation Center.

Line dancing

This class will offer line dances that you see out on the dance floor of weddings and bars. We'll teach you the electric slide, bus stop, cha cha slide, boogie and many more. Come and join the fun by yourself or with some friends. By the end of this class you will learn up to nine dances, make some

new friends and have a lot of fun. Entry deadline: Feb. 22; Entry fee: \$15. Held on: Wednesdays; Session II: March 1 through 29; (no class March 22); Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ages: 18 and older.

Youth activities

Mom's morning out

Moms or dads, it's time to drop off your children and spend some time to yourself or with friends. Children will enjoy the morning doing arts and crafts, playing games, snacks and developing social interaction skills with other children. We also request that children be able to use the restroom by themselves. The entry deadline will be the Wednesday before the event. Event dates will be: Feb. 17 and March 3 and 10. Entry fee: \$5 per time; time: 9 to 11 a.m. ages: 3 to 5 year olds.

Softball clinic

This clinic will emphasize the fundamentals of pitching, hitting and fielding. Most of the emphasis will be placed on pitching. Entry fee: \$20 before you participate. Held on: Sundays through March 26. Times: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Ages: 9 to 14 year olds. Location: Glassman Indoor Batting Cage and Glassman Ballfields. Awards: T-shirt for all participants. Instructor: Terrisa Metzler.

Youth baseball/softball drop-in fundamentals program

Come out and work on your baseball skills during the off season by utilizing the indoor baseball/softball facility. This will be a supervised program with HRC staff on hand to supervise your workouts. Entry deadline: Register before you participate. Entry fee: \$1 per visit, payable each time you attend. Held on and times: Softball every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. through Feb. 28. Baseball every Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. through Feb. 23. Ages: Softball: 8 to 14 year olds. Baseball: 8 to 14 year olds. Location: Glassman Indoor Batting Cage and Glassman Ballfields. Equipment: Bats and balls provided.

Youth baseball fundamentals open gym

Baseball fundamentals open gym will allow you to become a better baseball player. Entry deadline: Register before you participate. Entry fee: \$20. Held on: Sundays, Feb. 12 through April 9; Ages and Times: 8 to 10 year olds, 6 to 7 p.m.; 11 to 14 year olds, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Location: Recreation Center and Glassman Ballfields; Awards: T-shirt for all participants.

Crochet belt

During this class we will learn the basic single, double and triple crochet. Practice yarn and crochet needles will be provided for the first class. During the first class we will discuss the type of yarn you will need to purchase for the fashion tie belt that you will start during the next class. Entry deadline: Wednesday. Entry fee: \$12. Held on: Tuesdays this week through Feb. 28. Time: 3:30 to 5 p.m. Ages: 12 to 14. Location: Recreation Center. Limitations: Maximum of seven.

Basic wheat weaving

During this class you will learn basic wheat weaving skills. After you have learned the basic weaving skill you will have a chance to make your own decorations during class. You will also see a number of other wheat weaving decorations. All materials will be provided. Entry deadline: Wednesday. Entry fee: \$15. Held on: Saturday. Times: 10 a.m. to noon. Ages: 9 to 12.

Spring youth soccer

The Hays Recreation Commission youth soccer leagues focus on fundamental skills, fun and participation and social interaction through practice and organized games. Entry deadline: Feb. 15. Entry fee: \$20, family discounts apply. Play will begin: April 1. Age groups: 5- and 6-year-olds, 7- and 8-year-olds, 9- and 10-year-olds and 11- to 14-year-olds. (as of March 1).

NFL flag football league

The Hays Recreation Commission is offering this program in conjunction with the NFL and Nike. Participants will receive an NFL reversible jersey, flags and a wristband. Entry deadline: Feb. 15. Entry fee: \$30 per player, family discounts apply. Age groups: boys and girls, ages 9 to 12 (coed); (as of March 1). Play begins: April 3 (games will be held mostly on Sunday afternoons).

Family activities

Sculpture contest

Attention snow bunnies, the HRC is looking for a few good snow sculptures. You may enter by taking a photo of your snow sculpture and mailing it to the HRC or e-mail it to garet@haysrec.org. Write the name of participants that helped build the creation and a home phone number on the back of the photo. The contest will run from the first snow through March 31. Winners will be announced the first week of April and receive a plaque along with other prizes. All participants will receive a free Snowball.

Cooking for groups

Learn how to prepare large quantities of food safely by attending "cooking for groups." Materials will include USDA "Cooking for groups — a Volunteers' Guide for Food Safety." Lunch will be provided. Carla Morrical-Frederking from the K-State research and Extension Ellis County Office will be the instructor or this program. Entry deadline: Feb. 15; Entry fee: free; Held on: Feb. 21. Time: 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Ages: 18 and older.

Dad and son bowling night

Want to spend a night with your son having a lot of fun bowling? If so, join the HRC for this fun filled night. Boys may be accompanied by their dad, uncle, brother, grandfather or anyone over 18 that is special to them. The fee covers your bowling shoes and one game per family member. Entry deadline: Feb. 15. Entry fee: \$3.50 per person. To be held: Feb. 18. Time: 5:30 p.m. Ages: 3 and older, along with an adult.

Quick kid foods

Need some new ideas for snacks and quick meals for your kids? If so, join Carla Morrical-Frederking as she shares ideas from the K-State Extensions program "Kids a Cookin'." Carla will share recipe handouts for such items as pyramid butterflies and potato chip chicken fingers. Demonstrated items will be given as door prizes. Feel free to bring along your lunch for this program. Entry deadline: Feb. 22. Entry fee: free. Held on: Feb. 28. Times: 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Ages: 18 and older.

Actively 55 club activities

Playing pitch

This program will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. each Thursday at the Hays Recreation Center. Feel free to bring along your own refreshments and enjoy playing pitch with your friends and make some new ones. This free program is open to anyone 18 and older.

Monday night pinocle

Dillons supplies the pop, the Alterra Sterling House will supply the popcorn and the cards. All you have to do is show up. Bring your own partner or come alone and pair up with someone. The activity is free, but we will accept donations for supplies. We meet from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday at the Hays Recreation Center.

Aerobic class schedule

All aerobic classes will be at the Hays Recreation Commission, gym No. 3. Cost is \$2 per class or punch card.
 ■ Yoga strength and stretch. When: 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 ■ Cardio step and conditioning. When: 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays.
 ■ Pilates: non-impact non-weight beginning conditioning class to slim muscles, strengthen abdomen, lower back and hips. 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays, and Wednesdays and Fridays.
 ■ Low-impact: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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HRC office hours
 The HRC office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (open until 6 p.m. Wednesday). The HRC phone number is 623-2650.

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 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays
 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

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People

Eagle Communications is pleased to announce that Jeremy Dannebohm has been hired as marketing coordinator. The



Dannebohm

Ellinwood native is a graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian High School and has experience working with the Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, Wichita's Old Town Entertainment District and Waitt radio broadcasting. He began his new responsibilities Jan. 23.

Eagle Communication based in Hays owns and operates 23 radio stations in the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, and six cable television systems in Kansas. The company also provides Internet and VoIP services.

Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball Chtd. announced that David A. Herl, CPA, has completed the requirements to be qualified as a certified financial planner.



Herl

Requirements include the completion of an educational program approved by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc., passing a comprehensive nationally standard exam and a minimum of three years of related professional experience. Areas covered by the program and exam include insurance, investment, retirement and employee benefits, estate and tax planning.

Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball Chtd. is a firm of certified public accountants with 10 offices located throughout Kansas. The firm offers a wide range of services to individuals and businesses including tax preparation and planning, retirement and estate planning, accounting and bookkeeping services, personal and business financial planning, audits, reviews and compilations.

Jamie L. Dreher has successfully passed the October/November 2005 computerized examination given by the Kansas Board of Accountancy and has been issued a CPA certificate. Passage of the national examination is the first step to becoming a certified public accountant. He will now need to meet the experience requirement to be eligible to receive a permit to practice.

Fort Hays State University welcomed Carl E. Miller III as a new full-time assistant professor of philosophy Jan. 11.

Miller received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and religion and a bachelor of arts degree in English from Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. He received a juris doctorate from the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Georgia in Athens.

He was an instructor at the Institute for Public Service and Policy Research at the University of South Carolina, at George Washington University's Department of Philosophy and at the University of Georgia's Department of Philosophy.

Help-U-Sell counselor Adele Shaver has completed a course on Real Estate Investment sponsored by the Kansas Association of Realtors on Jan. 26 and 27 in Wichita. The course satisfies two credit hours towards her 13-hour Graduate Realtor Institute designation. It included methods for accurately pricing and evaluating rental properties, step-by-step techniques to calculate the four benefits of investment real estate and why some properties are enhanced by current tax rules. She is prepared to teach investors how to analyze their return on equity and why this should be done at least annually for every investment property.

The Eighth Judicial District is pleased to announce that Michael R. Krueger has been hired as director of the Eighth Judicial District Community Corrections program. Krueger will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of all Community Corrections programs in the Eighth Judicial District.

Krueger was employed with Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility in Miles City, Mont., where he served as the institutional service manager. He has over 17 years of experience in corrections and law enforcement. He has received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in clinical psychology from

Fort Hays State University. He has also held positions with Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, Clarence M. Kelly and Associates, Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Mary Ann Thill, CIC, CISR, of Insurance Planning Inc. was recently recognized for professional leadership and advanced knowledge by the society of Certified Insurance Service Representatives, a leading national insurance professional organization. Thill received a certificate marking more than 15 years of participation as a designated CISR, which requires the annual completion of advanced education and training.

The ongoing allegiance and support of the CISR program is a testament to the value Thill places on "real-world" education and customer satisfaction. The CISR program is nationally recognized as a premier continuing education program for insurance professionals.

Thill is a commercial account/service representative with IPI.

Insurance Planning Inc. honored the following employees at a recent gathering for their years of service: Jolene Cooper, Margie Schmidt and Susan May for five years; Dawn Schmidt and Pam Windholz for 10 years; and Stan Jackson for 20 years. Also during this past year, Andrew Rupp completed 25 years with IPI.

Insurance Planning Inc. is pleased to announce that John J. Scheck, CISR, and Shelby Doty, CISR, have successfully completed the Certified Insurance Counselor's Personal Lines Institute in Overland Park Nov. 16 to 19. The course included three days of instruction followed by a rigorous written examination and is sponsored by The National Alliance of Insurance Agents.

The CIC designation is earned by completing five institutes and examinations, which demonstrates an individual's level of professional excellence and competence in all areas of insurance.

The National Alliance has also announced that Shelby Doty has now completed all five CIC institutes and has earned the certified insurance counselor designation.

Both Scheck and Doty work in the Insurance Planning's Hays office. Scheck is a commercial lines claims representative and Doty is a commercial account executive.

The board of trustees of Kansas Electric Cooperatives Inc. elected Keith Ross, a trustee of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative Inc. in Norton, as treasurer.



Ross

The KEC board consists of a representative from each of the 28 distribution cooperatives and two generation and transmission cooperatives in Kansas.

KEC is the statewide service organization for the rural electric cooperatives in Kansas. Formed in 1941 and headquartered in Topeka, KEC represents the interests of electric co-ops that serve in Kansas. Today, KEC has 28 distribution electric cooperatives and two generation and transmission electric cooperatives providing electricity to over 300,000 rural Kansans and to approximately 80 percent of the land mass.

Jean Gleichsner at Fort Hays State University will get a \$1,000 State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award to implement their project for National and Global Youth Service Day 2006, April 21 to 23. The check presentation will be Wednesday at FHSU.

Gleichsner is one of 100 award-winners selected by Youth Service America from 650 applicants. Horticulture students at FHSU will apply their horticulture skills and knowledge by beautifying the environment by planting grasses, perennial flowers, shrubs and trees for the Humane Society of the High Plains, whose grounds have become overgrown with weeds.

N&GYSD is coordinated by YSA. Awards are funded by the State Farm Cos. Foundation, the main sponsor of the 18th annual N&GYSD. Start Farm supports service-learning because it combines service to the community with classroom curriculum in a hands-on approach to mastering subject material while fostering civic responsibility.

Local State Farm agents Richard Sook and Wayne Voss will present the check.

FHSU graduates working or in school

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A recently compiled survey shows that 98 percent of the 915 students who graduated from Fort Hays State University in the 2004-05 academic year are now either employed or enrolled in an advanced program of study.

This placement rate for FHSU graduates, including those in the Virtual College and at SIAS University of Business and Management in China, continues the success of recent years. The placement rate was 98 percent in 2003-04, 98 percent in 2002-03, 98 percent in 2001-02, 99 percent in 2000-01, 99 percent in 1999-2000, 99 percent in 1998-99, 98 percent in 1997-98, 97 percent 1996-97, 97 percent in 1995-96 and 99 percent in 1994-95.

The survey is conducted annually by the

Office of Career Services, which assists FHSU students in acquiring the skills necessary for a successful job search and provides information about available jobs. Career Services Director Dan Rice distributed the results of the most recent survey.

"An important measure of our success as a university is the ability of our graduates to find jobs or be accepted into programs of advanced study," said FHSU President Edward H. Hammond.

"This reinforces our theme of 'Affordable Success,'" Hammond said. "We offer the most affordable higher education in Kansas, and our students have distinguished themselves by winning national and regional academic competitions, but our almost flawless placement rate shows that the promise of

success applies to all our students."

While other universities typically contact 74 percent to 80 percent of a graduating class for a lumped total, Rice said, FHSU makes it a point to contact every graduate individually to form accurate results.

"We utilize surveys mailed to graduates and available on the Web site and call each graduate individually by phone. We also utilize faculty and other acquaintances of the graduates," Rice said. "There's just a multitude of ways we try to contact the students."

Rice said naval students and non-Chinese international students are contacted before they leave campus or graduate.

The decision was made not to use FHSU resources to contact Chinese graduate students.

Ozone power



KOJI SASAHARA / Associated Press
Tomoyo Nonaka, chairwoman of Sanyo Electric Co, introduces the company's new washing machine in Tokyo on Thursday. Nonaka said the Aqua is the world's first washer to utilize ozone. Ozone reportedly removes bacteria and odors from difficult-to-wash items such as business suits and pillows.

Workshops

COLBY — An update on the National Animal Identification System and technology used to implement electronic identification will be the focus of a series of meetings in northwest Kansas on Feb. 13 to 15.

The meetings, sponsored by Kansas State University research and Extension, will be in three northwest Kansas locations.

Kansas livestock commissioner George Teagarden will update producers on the status of the National Animal ID System and premise registration in Kansas.

Producers will have the opportunity to see the components of an electronic ID system. Tag readers will be demonstrated and placement logistics and selection guidelines discussed. Options about the ways data collected from electronic identification systems can be used will also be discussed.

Time has been allotted for producers to ask questions pertaining to their individual operations.

Meeting dates are:
■ 10 a.m. Feb. 13 at the Norton County 4-H Building, Norton, (785) 877-5755.

■ 9 a.m. Feb. 14 at the Osborne Livestock Auction, Osborne, (785) 346-2521.

■ 3 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Sheridan County 4-H Building, Hoxie (785) 675-3268.

A pre-registration fee of \$10 is requested by Monday to reserve a meal and materials. Registration will be accepted late, however there will be no guarantee of a meal or materials for those who register late. The Hoxie location will have no meal or registration fee, but does require pre-registration.

Women Managing the Farm, a statewide conference for women who are involved in farming as a partner, owner, family member or landlord, is scheduled for Feb. 17 and 18 in Wichita at the Best Western Airport Inn and Conference Center.

The workshop is designed to provide women in agriculture with an educational opportunity and a chance to network with other women in farming. A sample of workshop sessions include: basic farm financial health, leasing 101 farm transitions, crop insurance, computerized record keeping, FSA and NRCS programs and agri-tourism. Farm-related educational tours are also planned.

Free buses will be available at Goodland and Hays on a first-come, first-served basis for reserving a space on a bus. There is a \$50 registration fee that included conference materials, meals and refreshments.

For more information and to register, call Kansas Rural Family Helpline at (866) 327-6578 or go to the Web site to retrieve a registration brochure at www.k-state.edu/farmksu/wmfconf.htm. Registration information also is available through the Ellis County Extension Office. Registrations are requested by Thursday.

"The Power of Sustained Silent Reading," presented by Karma DeForest and Mary Beth George, will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3 p.m. Feb. 20 at Fort Hays State University's Memorial Union.

It comes as no surprise that the students who read often and are read to are the students who read well themselves. This workshop will address the essential components necessary to plan a successful sustained silent reading program. Participants will leave with an understanding of what a quality sustained silent reading program is, why it's important and how to implement it.

DeForest and George are staff development consultants for SHESC and possess a total of 50-plus years of classroom experience.

Whale Done!, presented by Jaye Ditter and Noalee McDonald-Augustine, will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3 p.m. Feb. 20 in the union.

Whale Done! is designed to teach you how to improve your relationships at work in order to become more productive and to achieve better results. This approach will help you and your coworkers learn how to build trust, accentuate the positive, and when a mistake occurs, redirect the energy for a more produce outcome. Whale Done! can have a dramatic positive effect on your relationships with others. It is contagious and will help your entire organization increase productivity, improve staff morale and achieve better results.

Ditter and McDonald-Augustine are staff development consultants and certified adventure education facilitators for SHESC.

Lunch will be provided for both in-services at 11:30 a.m. at the union.

Eagle upgrading cable system

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Eagle Communications has invested over \$200,000 to upgrade its cable modem termination system, which controls the functions and features of customers' cable modems.

The upgrade allows Eagle to quadruple the speeds available to Internet customers.

It will also provide dynamic support for multiple devices; from X-boxes and Web cams to streaming video, music downloads and various instruments for reproducing sound over long distances.

"As we at Eagle collaborate with others within the cable industry, our customers are the beneficiaries of tremendous advantages that keep them on the cutting edge of technology," said Rex Skiles, general manager of Eagle Communication's cable and Internet division.

"We now have the opportunity to offer our customers exciting, new and improved products and services that previously had only been available in large markets," Skiles said. "In addition, the up-

grade gives us enhanced reliability with the utilization of an automatic failover that does not require human intervention and will dramatically reduce future service interruptions due to maintenance."

Employee-owned Eagle Communication based in Hays owns and operates 23 radio stations in the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, and six cable television systems in Kansas. The company also provides broadband and VoIP services.

Eagle also announced it is making an upgrade to the community's cable television system. The work on this upgrade has been completed in Russell and Hays. The work began in Wakeeney on Thursday.

The work will upgrade the system from 550 MHZ to the current maximum level available of 870 MHZ. This will make it possible for customers to receive the most advanced cable services available anywhere. It will allow for vastly increased Internet speeds, IP phones, Video on Demand Services, an increase in television channel capacity and more.

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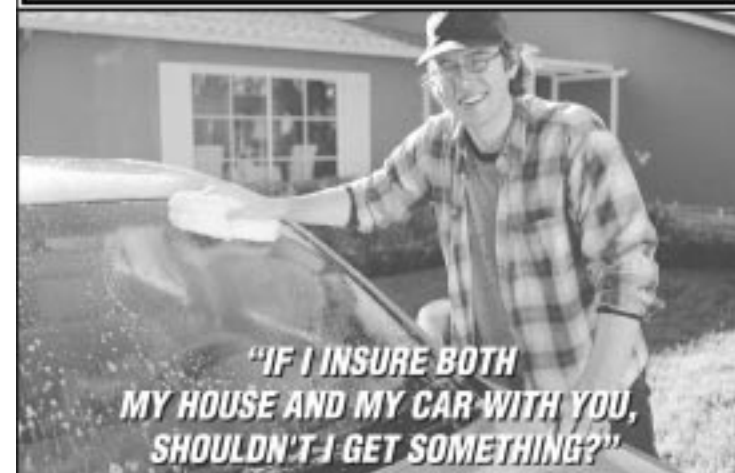
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Briefs

Nex-Tech Wireless opens four new stores

Nex-Tech Wireless has announced the expansion of its retail presence into four new cities in northwest Kansas.

The new retail locations will be dealer-agent stores that are locally owned and offer convenience to consumers in Atwood, Colby, Hoxie, Oberlin and the surrounding areas.

"The additional distribution points will provide Nex-Tech Wireless with the presence to serve an untapped market in western and northwestern Kansas and to offer our customers in those areas knowledgeable, local service," said Jeff Wheeler, commercial agent manager for Nex-Tech Wireless.

For more information on the expansion of Nex-Tech Wireless' retail presence, call Nex-Tech Wireless at (785) 621-2600 or visit online at www.nex-techwireless.com to find the nearest retail location.

Job fair scheduled at Hays High School

The Hays Workforce Center is teaming up with Hays High School to conduct a job fair for HHS juniors and seniors from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at Hays High School Dining Hall.

"We would like all interested employers to participate at this Job Fair," said Phyllis LaShell of the Workforce Center. "If you currently have job openings or will have in the near future, please bring job applications to the job fair. We would also like you to provide the students information of the positions at your business and qualifications required for these positions. Your participation will be greatly appreciated."

A table will be available for each participating employer.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact LaShell at the Hays Workforce Center by Feb. 20 by e-mailing plashell@kansascommerce.com or by calling (785) 625-5654.

Beverly Healthcare of Lucas in full compliance

State surveyors determined that Beverly Healthcare of Lucas is in compliance with all state and federal nursing home regulations.

"I'm pleased to tell you that we met all state and federal requirements," said Kathy Ross, Beverly administrator. "We have a very loving and caring team that strive to provide the best care available."

A team of state inspectors inspects nursing homes at least annually. Typical inspections last seven to 10 days and include an examination of the admissions process, food safety and nutrition, medication administration, cleanliness, record keeping, general facility safety and resident quality of life.

Beverly Healthcare of Lucas provides quality healthcare for up to 42 residents, including those needing skilled nursing and rehabilitative care. The nursing home, a part of the Lucas community since 1968, is located at 414 N. Main St., and can be reached at (785) 525-6215.

Rent-A-Wreck hits 10-year mark

Shelton Renz, owner of Rent-A-Wreck of Hays, the convenient and cost-saving neighborhood car rental company, is celebrating his 10th year of business this month.

Since joining the Rent-A-Wreck system, the Hays fleet has grown to include a variety of vehicles. Located at 2719 Plaza Ave., Shelton's Rent-A-Wreck is one of more than 350 franchise locations worldwide.

"Our focus over the past 10 years has been to meet the used car rental and leasing needs of the community. We've made the Rent-A-Wreck name stand for quality and service," said Shelton.

Rent-A-Wreck rents new and used cars, vans and trucks. Used vehicles are typically two to four years old. Most standard sizes and models including station wagons, van and trucks are available.

SHPTV receives permit to build new digital station

BUNKER HILL — Smoky Hills Public Television announced recently that it will build a new high-power, digital television transmitter facility to serve northwest Kansas.

The public television system serving central and western Kansas has been issued a permit by the Federal Communications Commission to construct the facility.

Ted Bannister, chairman of the Smoky Hills' board of directors, and Lawrence Holden, general manager and chief executive officer, made the announcement.

The new transmitter and antenna site will be located southwest of Colby and will operate on Channel 19, according to Holden.

"We are very excited to be able to bring digital broadcasting of public television to the people of northwest Kansas," Bannister said. "This will be the only source of high definition and multicasting of public television programming available to the viewers of northwest Kansas."

Holden said that the project would be funded through a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service and \$1.2 million from the State of Kansas.

"We are grateful to both the Department of Agriculture and the State of Kansas for their support in helping Smoky Hills Public Television in its commitment to utilize the finest technology in providing enriching programs and educational services to the people of rural Kansas," Holden said.

The tower and antenna will be the highest man-made structure in western Kansas.

FHSU accounting students help during tax season

Fort Hays State University accounting students will offer free income tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for low-to-moderate-income (\$34,000 and below) citizens.

Tax preparation will be offered from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Feb. 14, 16, 21, 23 and 28, March 2, 9, 16 and 30, and April 6; and from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday. The sessions take place in McCartney Hall, room 103, on the FHSU campus.

VITA volunteers are qualified to prepare forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040, Schedule A (itemized deductions) and Schedule B (interest and dividends). They are not qualified to prepare Schedule C (business income), Schedule D (capital gains), Schedule E (rent income and royalties), Schedule F (farm income) and foreign student returns.

For additional information, contact the FHSU Accounting and Information Systems Department at (785) 628-4121 or Charles Gnizak, assistant professor of accounting and information systems, at (785) 628-4328.

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