

# High School art is on display at Hansen

**By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON,**  
Hansen Museum Director  
The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present the "33rd Annual High School Art Exhibit". Art students from area schools look forward to showing off their artistic talents in the Hansen Museum gallery as we look forward to displaying their fabulous works. This year's exhibition will be Feb. 12 through March 14, and consists of a variety of art forms. Displayed by category, they are: watercolor & tempera, ink & scratch board, oil & acrylic, sculptural & 3-D, pencil & drawing, graphic design,

jewelry, ceramics, colored pencil, printmaking and pastel, crayon, charcoal and mixed media.  
Students strive to create a piece of art that represents him or her as an artist, whether by personality, creativity, excellence of quality, or even their mood. Some pieces may be a whimsical creation from the artist's own imagination, while others are reproductions of a given lesson. Whatever the case may be, these students put on a show for all to see.  
This annual exhibition speaks highly for our area high school students and the instructors who sharpen the skills and expand

the minds of our youth. Schools invited to participate in this year's exhibit are Norton, Palco, Stockton, Smith Center, Logan, Phillipsburg, Hill City, Grainfield, Ellis, Osborne, Plainville and WaKeeney.  
Museum hours are Mon.-Fri. 9-12 & 1-4; Sat. 9-12 & 1-5. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. We are handicapped accessible and there is never an admission fee. For more information about this and other exhibits, contact Shirley at 785-689-4846 or check out our web at [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org).

# New partnership promotes healthy Kansas communities

A statewide association dedicated to the promotion of healthy lifestyles in Kansas communities and the state's largest health insurer announce a new business partnership aimed at creating a healthier state by improving the quality of life for Kansans.  
Citing a common desire to make Kansas a healthy, happy place to live and work, the Kansas Recreation and Park Association and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas have forged a new partnership, resulting in the creation of a community awards program.

At a common goal, we know that success can be widespread.  
The creation of the BlueCHIP awards program was announced in Topeka during the annual Kansas Recreation and Park Association conference, attended by more than 350 members, including park and recreation professionals and private citizens from across the state.  
"The opportunity to partner with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas in the development of this award is significant to all our members," said Doug Vance, Kansas Recreation and Park Association executive director.  
"We are excited to join forces and create a meaningful award that will recognize important efforts throughout various sized communities to enhance healthy lifestyles and provide an incentive for communities to address their efforts in quality of life programs.  
"Park and recreation agencies play a leading role in providing programs and facilities which influence healthy lifestyles and our members are looking forward to using the BlueCHIP awards program as a way to increase that effort," he said.  
Through the partnership, Blue Cross and Blue Shield will annually fund \$7,500 in cash awards with three winning BlueCHIP communities each receiving \$2,500. A selection committee will pick one winner from each

of the following three categories: small (up to 20,000 residents), medium (20,000 to 49,000) and large (50,000 and greater).  
The BlueCHIP selection committee will be comprised of representatives from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Coordinated School Health, League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Recreation and Park Association, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.  
"On their applications, communities should keep 'CHIP' in mind and tell the selection committee how their programs or initiatives support 'C', clean air; 'H', healthy food choices; 'I', initiatives to curb obesity; and 'P', physical activity," Vance said.  
Applications for the 2010 awards program will be available on the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association web site, [www.krpa.org](http://www.krpa.org) beginning March 1.  
The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 1. The three inaugural winners of BlueCHIP awards will be notified in early January 2011 and publicly announced later that month during the 2011 Kansas Recreation and Parks Association conference in Wichita.  
For more information on the BlueCHIP awards program or to learn how to apply, contact Vance at 785-691-7708 or by e-mail to [doug@KRPAA.org](mailto:doug@KRPAA.org).

BlueCHIP is a community health improvement program created to recognize and reward Kansas communities who encourage and support healthy lifestyles through programs, initiatives, policies and community wide events.  
"We are thrilled to be working alongside the Kansas Recreation and Park Association to recognize and reward Kansas communities through BlueCHIP," said Andrew C. Corbin, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas president and CEO.  
"At Blue Cross, we take great pride in supporting initiatives and creating programs aimed at improving the health of our members, as well as all Kansans. Making healthy lifestyle choices requires personal responsibility, but when individuals come together as a community to work

students able to go was limited.  
Those attending were: Christina Anderson, Kayla Lowry, Jordan Herman, Jon Compton, Ashley Constable, Alex Tharman, and Patience Coffman. Heather Hansen went along to judge and provide moral support to the team.  
We always appreciate anyone willing to assist in either, or both, of these areas.  
After three rounds of butterflies - in - the - stomach, three of our five events made it to the final round.  
Here are the names of those students, their area of performance, and final placing. Patience - 5th place (serious solo acting), Christina and Kayla - 5th place (Duet acting), and Jordan - 3rd place (humorous solo acting).  
Congratulations to all of those participating.  
The kids will be busy rehearsing, and trying to keep up on school work, and trying to keep up basketball, dance, cheerleading, and still try to maintain a social life.  
You have to hand it to these young men and women that take on these challenges. They put themselves under a great deal of stress in order to achieve success.  
Make sure you take the time to go and watch and encourage them in their endeavors.  
Until next time ..... If you think your life has drama ..... you know what we are talking about.  
Our next meet was Feb. 13 in Norton.

# Forensics team starts season

**By KEN THARMAN**  
Special to The Telegram  
The 2010 Forensics' Season has begun. This year the Northern Valley team has 20 members. Many are returning from last year and we have several shining fresh faces to add to the roster.  
We started meeting in October once a month to lay the foundations of our team.  
Before Christmas break, most of the students had their material ..... in case they got bored away from their friends.  
With the extended break, it was not until the middle of January that we were able to start working regularly with the kids.  
Our first meet was in Oberlin on Jan. 30. Due to a postponed basketball game and a scheduled Scholars Bowl, the number of

completed application form, résumé, college transcript, three letters of reference and a cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in public service and goals of serving as an intern.  
Application forms can be obtained under the "Services" section of Moran's Web site. Applicants are encouraged to fax their applications to (202) 225-5124 or mail them to Moran's Hutchinson office, Attn: Intern Coordinator, P.O. Box 1128, Hutchinson, KS 67504. Please call (202) 225-2715 to obtain more information.

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# Internship deadline approaching

Kansans interested in serving as a congressional intern in Congressman Jerry Moran's office have until March 5 to submit applications. Positions are available in Moran's Washington, D.C., and Kansas offices for the summer 2010 term.  
Interns working in Moran's offices will gain a better understanding of the legislative process, develop writing and communication skills and become better acquainted with Kansas leaders and organizations.  
"It is important to me to give young adults in Kansas the op-

portunity to learn about government and public service through congressional internships," Moran said.  
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# Snowball formalities



Teslee Nickell, Katherine Boteler, Kylie Nuzum and Jacob Brooks signed in at the annual Snowball formal dance held last Saturday in Norton. The dance was attended by many freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in the junior high gym.  
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