

Free archive access now available for research

The Kansas Historical Society recently announced a partnership with ancestry.com that will allow individuals with a valid Kansas driver's license free access to more than 8 million Kansas records on the popular family history website. Users can access Kansas State Census Records from 1865-1925 (years ending in "5"), Civil War Enlistment Papers of Kansas Volunteer Regiments (1862, 1863, 1868), Russell County Vital and Probate Records, selected World War I manuscripts, and the United Spanish-American War Veterans certificates collections.

Users can visit kshs.org/ancestry and enter their name, date of birth, and Kansas driver's license number. The number is authenticated, and the user is directed to ancestry.com.

"This partnership allows genealogists, historians, and other researchers access to records with genealogical information

otherwise only available when visiting the State Archives in Topeka," said Pat Michaelis, State Archives director. "Our thanks to the Kansas Department of Revenue for its assistance with the driver's license validation process that makes this partnership possible."

Researchers can access the full version of ancestry.com at the State Archives Reading Room at the Kansas Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka. The Historical Society's digital portal, Kansas Memory (kansasmemory.org), provides digital access to almost 200,000 images of photographs, artifacts, diaries, letters, maps, and other printed materials. A portion of the Historical Society's Kansas newspaper collection can also be found online at chroniclingamerica.loc.gov. Additional research collections are available at the State Archives Reading Room.

The Kansas Historical Society is a state agency that also operates the Kansas Museum of History, Kansas State Capitol Tour Center, and 16 state historic sites across Kansas.

Nursing career fair set for Feb. 13

Cloud County Community College is offering an opportunity for nurses who have associate degrees to participate in a career advancement fair to gain information on furthering their education in pursuing a BSN. Information on numerous nursing programs will be available.

Universities to be represented at the fair are Newman University of Wichita, University of Kansas School of Nursing, Wichita State University, Nebraska Wesleyan University and Fort Hays State University.

The fair will be held on Monday, Feb. 13 in the Student Union at Cloud County Community College from 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call Krista Bryant at 800-729-5101, ext. 330 at Cloud County Community College.

Assistance application deadline approaching

The expiration date for filing applications for Emergency Disaster loans by farmers and ranchers in Decatur, Norton, and Phillips Counties is Feb. 23.

Those needing farm credit as a result of drought, excessive heat, and high winds occurring on Jan. 1, 2011 and continuing and who think they are eligible for agency assistance should make their applications at the Norton County FSA Office, 11506 Pineview Dr, Norton, Kansas, 67654 before the expiration date.

Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay.

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes) lost through this disaster.

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losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover qualifying losses, or up to \$500,000.

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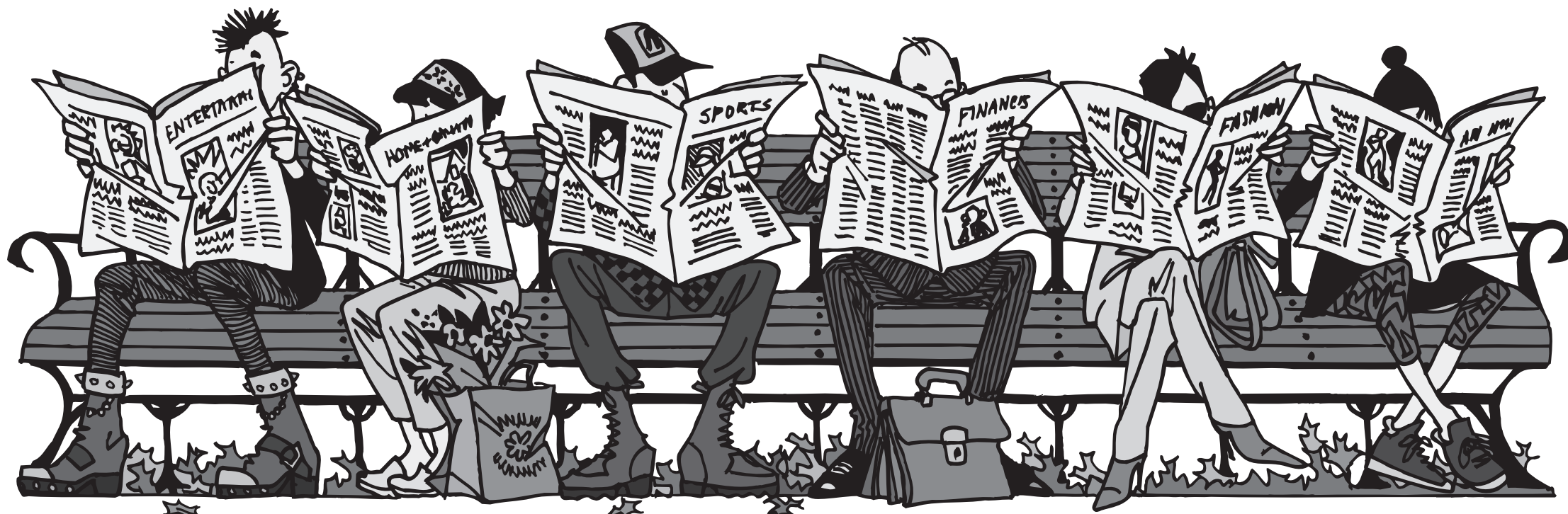


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