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Former resident continues creating unique sculptures

A work by Glenn Zweygardt of hibitions, show-Alfred Station, professor emeritus ing his work of sculpture at Alfred University, both nationally and former St. Francis resident, captured "Best of Show" honors in the ally. His sculpthird Kissimmee (Fla.) Sculpture Experience. The Experience is an cluded in many outdoor exhibit of original art running through October.

Mr. Zweygardt's "Basalt Man" and private colpresents a combination of metal, stone, and glass. The basalt, or volcanic rock, in the piece came from Washington State, while the cast steel and cast glass were made in the National Casting Center at Alfred University.

An active sculptor and educator for some 38 years, Mr. Zweygardt has presented more than 50 solo ex-

Groups needed to clean

It's unsightly and it's unsafe. Litter along the highways throughout the state has a negative impact on everyone, both residents and visitors to Kansas

Participating in the Kansas Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program can have a positive impact on helping to keep the highways clean. With nearly 10,000 miles of highways in Kansas, new groups can always join.

There are currently about 800 groups participating in the program. Some of the urban stretches of roadway are open to adopt, and numerous sections in the rural areas are available as well.

Groups are asked to sign a twoyear agreement with the program, and several groups have been with the program since it started in Kansas in 1990. Other groups that have previously participated in the program are now rejoining and getting involved in the program again.

Groups clean their sections of roadway three times a year at their convenience. Most choose to schedule a clean-up time in the spring, summer and fall. A lot of groups combine the work with play - after they clean the roadway, they schedule an activity such as a picnic or a softball game.

Adopt-A-Highway groups are gearing up for the annual Clean Up Kansas campaign which will take place during the month of April. All Adopt groups are encouraged

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lections. Pieces range from monumental outdoor creations to small, intimate works.

"Finding one's place in a relationship with nature is the theme of my sculpture," he said. "I enjoy working with durable materials such as metal, stone, and glass. From these beginnings, a relationship between nature and myself is formed and developed."

Further," he said, I want to tell visual stories and comment on my collective life experiences. This need helps explain how my sculptures develop, working to make my thoughts and feelings more tangible

During the summer of 2008, Mr. Zweygardt participated in the 22nd Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition in Boone, N.C., with "Council Columns," a steel, stainless steel, bronze, cast glass, and enameled steel piece. The event is a national juried competition presented by the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts on the campus of Appalachian State University.

From Aug. 29 through Sept. 7, he was one of 10 artists who participated in the third Stanstead (Quebec, Canada) Granite International Sculpture Symposium, completing a major granite sculpture within 10 days "Cosmic Column: was completed, accepted, and awarded the Artistic Innovation cash award and was installed on the grounds of the local university in Stanstead.

Earlier in the summer, Mr. Zweygardt collaborated with David Boyajian, Alfred University class of 1980, and artist Philip Douglas Heilman in a multi-generational show, "Evolution Constructed" at the Sculpture Barn, New Fairfield, Conn., founded by Boyajian and his partner. The exhibit focused on construct, discipline and territory of invention.

Also in 2008, Zweygardt was commissioned to create a sculpture in honor of Pam Matthews, painter and late wife of former Delta State University (Cleveland, MS) presi-



SCULPTURE made by Glenn Zweygardt wins 'Best of Show.'

dent, David Potter. Mr. Zweygardt said he honors Mrs. Matthews' devotion to sculpture in "Pam Remembers," a combination of stainless steel, cast bronze, and cast glass.He currently has five pieces in Delta State's collection.

Also included among some of Mr. Zweygardt's most recent national outdoor sculpture competition works are: "Bi Polar Hydra," (2008-09) marble, cast bronze, cast glass; Purchase award (20007-08, 2006-07); and Best of Show award for "Skywedge," steel, cast glass, and bronze, all at the Polk Museum of Art, Winter Haven, Fla., "Skywedge" also won a Purchase award in the Sculpture Walk at Kingsport, Tenn., 20007-08. He also had a one-artist show in the fall of 2007 at the Burchfield Nature and Art Center, West Seneca, N.Y.

Mr. Zweygardt has works in permanent collections at the Hubei Fine Arts Academy, Wulhan, China; Temple University, Philadelphia; Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind; the Nelson Rockefeller Collections; and the Western Michigan University Outdoor Collection, Kalamazoo, Minn., among others.

He earned a master of fine arts degree from The Rinehart School of Sculpture at the Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, and a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wichita State University, Wichita.

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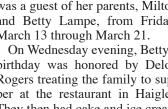
Day by Robert Parker; Under The Radar by Fern Michael; While My Sister Sleeps by Barbara Delinsky; Heart And Soul by Maeve Binchy; Promises In Death by J.D. Robb; Sunset by Karen Kingsbury; The Pagan Stone by Nora Roberts; Kansas Opera Houses by Jane Rhoads.

The library also has the following new books in the children's department: Princess Lauren And The Diamond Necklace by Vivian French; Princess Olivia And The Velvet Cape by Vivian French; Going To The Firehouse by Mer-

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Debbie Grizzell of Macksville was a guest of her parents, Milton and Betty Lampe, from Friday, March 13 through March 21.

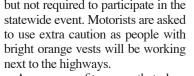
On Wednesday evening, Betty's birthday was honored by Deloy Rogers treating the family to supper at the restaurant in Haigler. They then had cake and ice cream at home





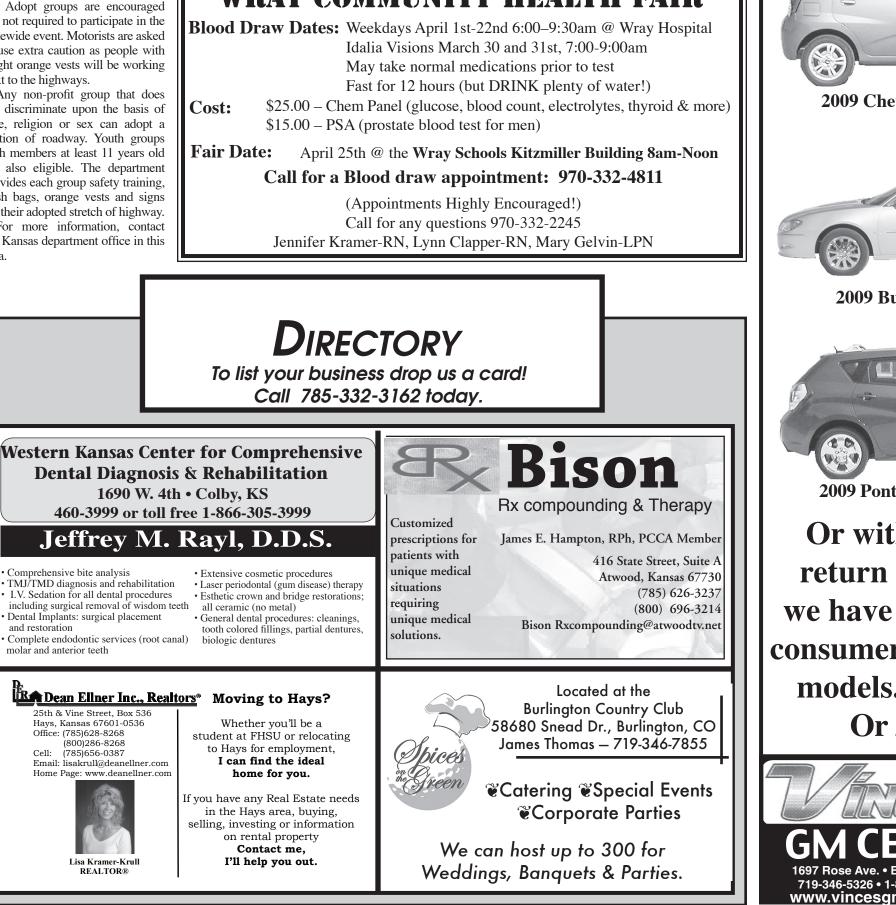


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Any non-profit group that does not discriminate upon the basis of race, religion or sex can adopt a section of roadway. Youth groups with members at least 11 years old are also eligible. The department provides each group safety training, trash bags, orange vests and signs for their adopted stretch of highway.

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