

# Historians plan program

**150 years since first stage coach**  
When John Jones and William Russell organized the Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express Stage Company in 1859, they helped expedite the rush for gold in the Rocky Mountains of Kansas Territory with Denver City as the destination.  
This year, 150 years after the start, local historians Fred Magley of St. Francis and Jeff Reinert of Atwood have put together a short program from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at the Ludell Schoolhouse.  
This program will be of inter-

est to the public, said Mr. Magley. And, horse riders are welcome!  
"We intend to give this short program so that history of the Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express is not lost," said Mr. Reinert.  
Plans for the program includes poetry readings by Dan Fields and Helene Landenberger--with others welcome. People in Decatur, Rawlins, Hitchcock, and Cheyenne counties may notice that all five stations are marked, and with considerable effort, he said.  
Even though the route which ran from Leavenworth to Denver

only operated about 18 months, it helped begin settlement of points west of Junction City, and is part of the colorful history in northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska.  
Research has been done, and locations of the 27 stage stations can still be found, and with a little imagination, stage "ruts" are still visible today.  
Twenty-five years ago, an active group of historians conducted a successful re-enactment of a stage and mail run across Kansas Territory. Local historians will present this year's program as a follow-up of the successful re-enactment during May of 1984, called "Operation Mailbag."  
"With the help of several county historical societies and interested individuals, we hope to present an interesting program," Mr. Reinert concluded.

## TEAMS

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minaria has the name of either someone who is being honored or in memory of a special person. While it is still light, people can see the names and givers printed on the luminaria sacks.  
"If you have never experienced

this impressive sight, then come to the park as the sun is setting," said Mrs. Loyd.  
Anyone wishing to be a part of a team, please call Mrs. Bracelin, 332-2757; Mrs. Loyd, 332-2438; Betty Loudon, 332-2347; and Betty Petersen, 332-8990.

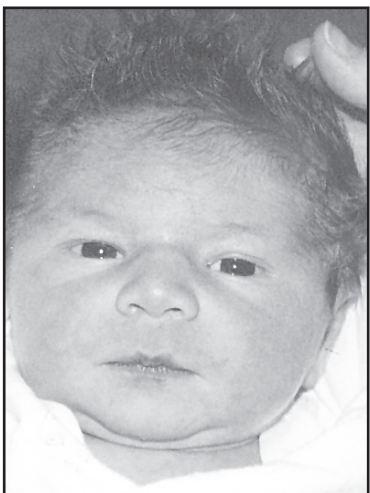
## Introducing

**Aubrey Grace Hartman**  
Aubrey Grace Hartman, daughter of Keith and Amy Hartman of Kapolei, Hawaii, was born March 10, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and measuring 20-inches long.  
Grandparents are John Hartman of Loxley, Ala., Gail Mincheu of Kersey, Colo., Nancy Huff of Robertsdale, Ala., and the late Tim Huff. Great-grandparents are Don and Jan Hartman of Loxley, Ala.; Phyllis Bexley of St. Francis, Louise Moore of Kersey, Florence Harrison of Robertsdale, Ala., and Jack and Rosemary Huff of Mobile, Ala.



Aubrey Hartman

**Lillie Joelean Morris Uhing**  
Eliana Uhing welcomed a new baby sister on March 26, 2009. Lillie Joelean Morris Uhing was born to Willie and Libby Uhing at 6:30 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and stretching to 21 1/4-inches long.  
Paternal grandparents are Jeff Frederickson and Julie Kurzenberger of Ainsworth, Neb. Maternal grandparents are Freeman and Diana Morris of Idalia, Colo.; Maternal great-grandparents are Leona Swanson of Greeley, Colo., and the late Bob Swanson and Lee Busby of St. Francis and the late Mervin Busby.  
The family lives in Chadron, Neb., where Libby teaches second grade and Willie teaches senior English.



Lillie Uhing

## RAIN

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vive in wet conditions.  
With the arrival of warm weather, farmers are getting their corn planting equipment ready. Ms. Falk reminds farmers to not get in a hurry to put the seed in the ground.  
Farmers, she said, tend to keep pushing up the date to plant. Some of the hybrids can take cooler ground temperatures but it is better to wait until the ground is around 55 degrees at the 2-inch depth.  
Last week's rain and cooler temperatures have kept the ground temperature down and there is a slight chance of rain again during the week. However, the National Weather Service is predicting a high of 85 degrees by today (Thursday).

# Art students do well at show

**By Karen Krien**  
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The Northwest Kansas League Art Show was held at the Oakley High School on April 7, 8 and 9. Students in grades, kindergarten through 12th, all from the League, participated.  
The judge commented that St. Francis students had a great variety of art work and loved the use of so many mediums.  
Blue ribbons and a medal for Best of Show were awarded in each division: Elementary, Junior High and Senior High. Winning Best of Show at the grade school level was Shakotah Blanka; junior high, Krissy Harris; and senior high, Trent Kinen.  
Shakotah's project was a mirror etching which the judge said was a realistic image using great medium.  
Krissy's art work was a ceramic piece. The judge said she had good use of interior and exterior space, noting that the color was interesting.  
Trent Kinen's project was a string art piece.  
"I picked yours for Best of Show because of your use of textile in the background," the judge said. "It

pushed the funkiness of the string art to a new level!"  
"As usual, I am so very proud of the students," said Mary Beikman, art instructor. "They created some of the best works at the show."  
Others earning blue ribbons and their project were:  
**Elementary**  
Dallas Reed, mirror etching; Taryn Zwegygart, water color; Kenneth Leibbrandt, water color; Chandler Hamilton, markers; Perla Yanez, markers; Carl Fabre, markers; Lukas Zwegygart, tempera; Connor McBride, mixed media; Miranda Cooks, oil pastel; Hanna Bracelin, oil pastel; Joel Hill, water color; Kayler Zwegygart, mixed media; Brianna Cooks, ink; Adam Krien, tempera; and Sayed Fierro, water color.  
**Junior high**

Nariah Hamilton, colored pencil and ceramic; Lucas Carmichael, ceramic and spray painting; Jandy Dunn, glass and mixed medium; Aly Northrup, ceramic; Taylor Archibald, ceramic; Nate Clark, walking stick; Krissy Harris, water color and mixed medium; Zach Gienger, mixed medium; Laura Brunk, fiber and ceramic; and Jordan Easter, ceramic.  
**Senior high**  
Kaycee Williams, marker-eagle; Brooks Hobrock, pencil-cowboy; Tyler Larson, string; Jodie Hilt, pencil-horse; Shayla Hilt, ceramic; Scott Ford, wire art; Aubree Schleppe, fiber; Robbie Herman, marker-chair; Dale Northrup and Kaycee Williams, acrylic; Freddy Pacheco, pencil; Brooklyn Hnizdil, mosaic (bead-high heel); and Benjamin Neitzel, scratch board.

# Art exhibit held

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The Fort Hays State University Art Exhibition was held April 15 at State Memorial Coliseum. Schools, statewide, participated in the day's events.  
St. Francis students toured the art department, watching hand-on demonstrations in the sculpture, ceramic, graphic design and drawing departments. They also viewed the undergraduate show in Moss-Thorns Gallery.  
The St. Francis students were recognized for outstanding work. They included: Lance Owens, glass etching; Aly Marin, mixed medium; Audrey Hoyes, marker; Alex Long,

mixed medium; BreAna Zwegygart, mixed medium; Jodie Hilt, pencil; Megan Gilliland, ceramic; Cody Sherlock, sculpture; Zach Zwegygart, sculpture; Robbie Herman, marker; Brooklyn Hnizdil, mosaic; Ben Neitzel, scratchboard; C.J. Douthit, pencil and sculpture; Jelynn Carmen, ceramic; Tyler Larson, colored pencil; Grady Brunk, etching; Sidnee Crabtree, mixed medium; Aubree Schleppe, mixed medium; Elizabeth Gienger, two ceramic pieces; Matt Raile, mosaic; Nick Smith, acrylic; and Sam Sowers, mixed medium.  
These students are instructed by Mary Beikman.

## CHANGE

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little time to recuperate between games.  
"It makes it real hard on the kids," he said. "Dropping the Tuesday game will be good."  
In 2010, the 11-man teams will start their playoff games on Friday night which will give them a week in between the last regular season game and the first post-season game. This will also work out so they can have their state championship game on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.  
Eight-man teams start the playoffs on Tuesday after the regular season's last game. Then the winning teams will play again on Saturday. That way, eight-man teams play their state championship games on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.  
Football district assignments are made every two years so next year, the Indians will still be playing the Tuesday playoff game. Also, next year, the Indians will have a new coach, Nathan Smith. Coach Tim Lambert will be moving on to Concordia after coaching the Indian football team for 17 years.

# District recognizes many volunteers

On the occasion of National Volunteer Week, April 19 through April 25, the Cheyenne County Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service wishes to recognize all the many volunteers who have helped in the conservation efforts in Cheyenne County.  
"So far in 2009, 27 people have contributed 257 hours of volunteer service," Joan Gienger, National Resource Conservation service said "This includes many local farmers, ranchers, and community members who assist with conservation prac-

tice layout, are members of conservation related committees, or who have helped at educational programs, board members who work above and beyond what is expected of their elected positions, local and state government personnel who assist in conservation tours, plus spouses of board and staff members who help at meetings and other functions.  
"All contribute in some way to the work of conserving our natural resources for generations to come."

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\*\* Storm date: Monday, April 27th, 2009  
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1973 Ford F600 Truck w/15 1/2' B&H	Approx. 30 Salvage Vehicles
1965 Ford F600	Salvage Tractor
1960 IHC 2-Ton Truck w/Gehl 910 Feeder Box;	Several Tons of Scrap Iron
Farmhand 880 Tub Grinder, PTO; Gehl Dump Box	J.D. 7000 6-Row Planter, No Till
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