



The economy is suffering; where are the cuts made?

In a time when the economy is suffering and money is tight, it seems like the government might be also tightening its belts but Tim Huelskamp reports that some of Kansas state employees are doing okay.

In fact, 740 state employees earned more than \$100,000 a year but the average salary is only \$53,213 and the total is about \$95,000,000.

The University of Kansas has the highest number of employees (228 employees) receiving at least \$100,000 a year. However, there are only eight employees making more than \$250,000 a year and their salaries total about \$2.3 million. The highest salary paid is \$326,165 a year to a professor at Kansas University Medical Center.

Other agencies with \$100,000 or more a year employees are: Kansas Employees Retirement System which employs three at that cost; Department of Health and Environment, two; Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, two; Wichita State University, 61; Board of Regents, two; Ju-

dicial Branch 41; Kansas Neurological Institute, two; Pittsburg State, 11; Department of Education, two; Osawatomie State Hospital, seven; Kansas State University, 172; Parsons State Hospital and Training Center, two; Larned State Hospital, six; Kansas Development Finance Authority, two; Emporia State University, five; Kansas department of Human Resources, one; Fort Hays State University, four; Information Network of Kansas, one; Rainbow Mental Health Facility, three; Kansas Department of Revenue, one; Kansas Corporation Commission, three; and the Pooled Money Investment Board, one.

It's hard to cut but it is amazing that some of these salaries ever got to that level but probably our elected officials gave the okay. Every time an election rolls around, everyone should study who is running and what they have done — how have they spent taxpayer's money — then vote.

—Karen Krien

Director urges spray/neuter pets

To the editor:

In observance of the ninth annual Spay Day USA campaign, taking place nationwide on Tuesday, Feb. 25, we call upon the residents of western Kansas to reflect upon the urgent need to control pet overpopulation and the importance of spaying and neutering companion animals.

An estimated five million cats and dogs are euthanized in animal shelters nationally each year, as crowded shelters face no other alternatives in managing vast numbers of animals for which no homes can be found. Though there are many reasons people give up their pets, many animals simply face the misfortune of being part of unwanted litters, born to parents who were not spayed or neutered. The effects of not altering animals are staggering - two unaltered dogs and all of their descendants can theoretically number 67,000 dogs in just six years, while two unaltered cats can

potentially yield 420,000 in seven years!

The Humane Society of the High Plains is a non-profit organization that promotes the humane treatment of animals, performs animal control services in Hays and Ellis county, and operates the state-licensed Virginia Miller Animal Shelter serving our entire region. Though locally we achieve a 40 percent adoption rate on average in any given month and reunite 30 percent of the stray animals we house with their owners, the remaining 30 percent must be euthanized. Though innocent animals suffer the most from this situation, the fiscal burden on local taxpayers is high and the emotional toll on our caring shelter staff and on concerned visitors to our facility is beyond comprehension.

Stated simply, spay/neuter is a proven means of successfully ad-

ressing pet overpopulation problems. Spay/neuter prevents the births of unwanted litters and eliminates the risk of many serious pet health and behavior problems that are burdensome to pet owners. The long-term costs of not altering a pet far outweigh the initial cost of this simple surgical procedure; there is no good reason not to have a pet altered.

For more information about the benefits of spaying and neutering please contact the Humane Society of the High Plains at (785) 625-5252 or any veterinarian. We appreciate your help in ensuring that all companion animals are happy, healthy and in loving homes.

Robin Tropper
Executive Director
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President, Board of Directors

Letter to the Editor

Hangin' Out With Marge

Manhole Covers on the Streets

When you are walking down the street and you see one of those manholes with a cover on it, do you ever wonder how safe they are to step on?

Back in the 70s I worked at Modern Beauty Shop down on Main Street. It had big windows and it was fun to watch the people come and go down the street. It was a bright sunny day and the

snow and ice were melting away. People were out enjoying the first sunshine we had had in many days.

In front of the beauty shop there was quite a stream of water running down the gutter. A man was cutting across the street heading right in front of the shop and when he came to the stream of water he stopped and then took this giant leap to jump the stream. He cleared the water with flying colors but when he landed on the sidewalk somehow he hit the edge of the manhole cover which came flying off as the man disappeared down the hole. It was kind of like "now you see me, now

you don't" type of thing.

The poor man ended up in the hole and the only things sticking out were his arms, head and shoulders. It would have made a good video with Tiny Tim singing "Tiptoe Through the Tulips." Ethyle and I were concerned but all we could do was laugh. It didn't take the man long to climb out and put the cover back on and give us a very dirty look as he walked away.

From that point on I have never wondered how safe manhole covers are, I know they can come off so I always walked around them.

By
Margaret
Bucholtz



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He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.
Psalms 104:14

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Project supports quality care

To the editor:

Too many Kansans live with pain. Eighty-six percent of terminally ill Kansans experience moderate-to-severe pain during the last three months of their lives, according to a survey of their family members and friends collected through the Kansas 2000 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. More than 45 percent of Kansans in long-term facilities experience persistent pain. And 80 percent of healthcare provider visits are because of pain.

Hospice Services working with the Kansas LIFE Project *Caring Communities* coalition wants our citizens to know that we are working to support quality care so that everyone may live with dignity, comfort and peace as they near the end of life. The LIFE Project is a collaborative effort of over 70 Kansas organizations, agencies and associations working together to improve life for Kansans nearing the end of life. For the past few years, healthcare professionals, consumer advocates, and community leaders have been work-

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ing together to improve care for those near the end of life.

The LIFE Project Partners, who share a strong commitment to improving pain management, recently announced the "Joint Policy State of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Board of Nursing and Board of Pharmacy on the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain." This is the nation's first joint policy statement on the use of controlled substances for the treatment of chronic, acute and terminal pain. The statement was developed as an important step to ensure that Kansans with pain receive the treatment they deserve.

Everyone should know that they should expect good pain management! The new guidelines are an important and visible sign to all Kansans that their health care community, their patient and family support groups, and their professional licensing boards are commit-

ted to ensuring that they receive the best possible pain management. Talk with healthcare providers about pain, ask for and receive information to make good decisions, seek additional help if needed and don't give up until pain is managed to an acceptable level!

The Kansas LIFE Project *Caring Communities* and Hospice Services are here to help. Additional resources are available through the LIFE Project website, www.lifeproject.org and its toll-free Consumer HelpLine, 1-888-202-5433.

We know that there are still many issues to be addressed to improve end-of-life care for all Kansans, and we are committed to continuing this work with the Kansas LIFE Project. For now, we hope everyone will join us in expecting good pain management!

Sandy Kuhlman
Hospice Services, Inc
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Servicemen's Addresses

Troops and reserve troops called to action in preparation of war and defending our homeland. *The Herald and Times* would like to print the addresses of servicemen and women so people can send letters of encouragement to them.

The staffs are asking that anyone knowing of a local serviceman or servicemen that may have connections in the communities to please call, write or e-mail the names and addresses.

Call 785-332-3162, or write to Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or Box 220, Bird City, KS 67731; or e-mail the names and addresses to sfherald@nwkansan.com or bctimes@nwkansan.com.

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Genealogy Korner

Samuel E. Guillian Family

By Marilyn Holzwarth
A request for information for the Samuel E. Guilliams family has been received. We have very little information about them, except for the 1895 census. Samuel and his wife, Suetta or Luetta, and children Ellen, Alva and Nellie lived here for a few years in Nuttycombe and Eureka Townships. Their names did not appear in the newspapers, probably because they lived in the northwest part of the county. We have not found them in the Haigler newspapers either. A small announcement appeared when they upset their

wagon while hunting berries shortly after arriving here, in 1887.

The births of two children, Alva in 1890, and Nellie in 1892 were not in the paper. If only people of that time would have realized how important these things would be a hundred years later, our searching would be much easier.

By October 1897 they were in the Cherokee Nation, and in 1899, Suetta or Luetta was in Calousa, Indian Territory.

Does someone know where we could find if Samuel was the son of George W. Guilliams?

Worship Warms the Heart

<p>Peace Lutheran Church 202 N. College 332-2928 Pars. 332-2308 Pastor David Rossbach Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Office 332-2292, Church 332-2254, Pars. 332-3170 512 S. Scott Pastor Nel Holmes Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>
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