

Hoxie High School welcomes students

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A desire to learn about cultural differences prompted four foreign exchange students to live in Hoxie. All four are members of Stamford, Conn., based American Institute of Foreign Study.

Damian Kaniewski, 17 of Poland; JinTae OH, 16 of South Korea; Lucky Tiya, 17 of Indonesia; and Maria Evgenia Lozano Rios, 17 of Mexico, are attending Hoxie High School this year.

Both Kaniewski and OH live with Brett and Stephanie Misel of Hoxie, while the two girls live with different host families.

"I'm glad to be here," Kaniewski said. "I have met very polite people and they're understanding toward my broken English.

"Hoxie is a place for me. I think it will be a very good experience and I will never in my life forget this trip."

An avid music enthusiast, OH said he enjoys playing piano and listening to music. After graduation, OH hopes to attend a private



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college in America.

He said Hoxie, a population of less than 2,000, is one-tenth the size of his hometown.

"I knew American education and culture are very opposite to Korea, so I wanted to experience the differences," OH said. "I like Hoxie because people are very kind and cool."

Tiya lives with Marty and Karen Lewis. A senior, Tiya enjoys gardening, listening to music and sing-

ing. She hopes to become involved in school theatrical productions, should Hoxie High support one while she's attending there.

Well versed in writing Indonesian poetry, Tiya said she is "organized and can cook Indonesian food well." She also hopes to attend college in the United States.

A senior, Rios lives with Adam and Sarah Reichart.

"It is exciting because Adam and Sarah are so great and very friendly

with me," Rios said.

She said her hobbies include making crafts and cooking, and after graduation, Rios plans to attend a culinary arts college.

Like the others, Rios is enjoying her foreign exchange student experience.

"I like this town because it is so little and you can know all the people who live here," she said. "I hope that this year is going to be fun."

Manhattan family establishes deep roots

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"Deep roots."

That's a phrase we use often. It describes long-time family histories and deep connectedness which we can find in rural Kansas. Today, we'll learn about a Kansas newspaper family with deep roots in the early history of our nation and of our state.

Ed Seaton is the editor in chief and publisher of the Manhattan Mercury in Manhattan. The Seaton family truly has deep roots in this country, beginning with their ancestor's arrival on this continent in 1635, not long after the Mayflower. In 1690, Henry Seaton settled in Virginia, where his family would become neighbors of George Washington. Henry's grandson Asa, fought in the Revolutionary War.

Asa's cousin W.W. Seaton became the first prominent editor of the Seaton family. W.W. Seaton's mother happened to be a cousin of Patrick Henry, by the way. W.W. Seaton was owner and editor of the National Intelligencer, which is described as the most important daily newspaper in Washington, D.C. from the city's founding to the Civil War. He was editor of the paper from right after the outbreak of the War of 1812 until 1864, just four months prior to Lincoln's assassination. Mr. Seaton was one of Washington, D.C.'s most prominent citizens, serving as mayor from 1840 to 1850. Among his friends were the presidents and first ladies of the time, plus Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Lafayette, Charles Dickens, and more.

Meanwhile, Asa Seaton had moved to upstate New York. His descendant, Oren Seaton, served with distinction in the Civil War.

After the war, Oren Seaton migrated west, coming to Kansas in

the 1870s. He homesteaded near the rural town of Jewell. Today, Jewell is a town of 458 people. Now, that's rural.

Ed Seaton says with a smile, "I don't think he was a very good farmer. He moved to town and got into the grain business. He went on to own the opera house and other enterprises."

Oren's two sons would have tremendous careers. His son Roy became an engineer and educator. In fact, Roy became the longest serving dean of the college of engineering in the history of Kansas State University. The building on campus named Seaton Hall is named in his honor.

The oldest son, Fay, worked for Joseph Bristow, who represented Kansas in the U.S. Senate. When Bristow lost his re-election in 1914, he made a fateful suggestion to young Fay Seaton: He suggested that Fay buy the Manhattan newspaper, called the Mercury.

The Seaton family has owned that newspaper ever since. In fact, there have been five generations of the Seaton family involved in the paper. Fay was succeeded by his son R.M. and then R.M.'s son Edward, the current editor in chief. Now Ed's son Ned is general manager. The newest generation involved is Ned's son Jake, who works in trans-

portation and delivery. That means that Jake, who is 11, is a paperboy.

Fay Seaton's older son Fred was involved in journalism and politics, serving as Dwight D. Eisenhower's secretary of the interior. The Seaton family has newspapers in four states and radio stations in Manhattan.

So the members of this wonderful family have given tremendous leadership to their communities, state, and nation, and certainly to the profession of journalism. Ed Seaton has served as president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, president of the Inter American Press Association, and chairman of the Pulitzer Prize Board. How exciting to find someone from the heart of Kansas who could provide such national and international leadership. In fact, Ed is only the second Kansan to have ever served as president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. The

other is some fellow named William Allen White. We commend Ed Seaton and all the members of the Seaton family for making a difference with their legacy of service and community journalism.

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Forest service's tree sale closes Oct. 13

MANHATTAN — Sales are in full swing, but time and tree species both are running out in the Kansas Forest Service's fall offering of container-grown evergreen seedlings.

The offering will close Oct. 13. Buyers must agree to use the seedlings to conserve natural resources. Among the approved uses are planting windbreaks, living snow fences, Christmas tree farms, riparian strips and wildlife habitat.

"We already have sold out of eastern redcedars and ponderosa pines. We're getting close on southwestern white pines, but still have good supplies of Austrian pines left," said Joshua

Pease, coordinator of the KFS's annual Conservation Tree Planting Program. "We also have such non-plant items as flags, rabbit protective tubes, root protective slurry and weed barrier fabric."

The forest service grew the trees from seed selected for its Kansas- hardiness. Pease described the result as "really nice plants that are about 2 feet tall and have extremely dense root systems."

The forest service's main office is at 2610 Claflin Road, west of the Kansas State University campus. The toll-free number for calling in orders is 888-740-8733 and the fax number is 785-532-3305.

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