

# Family

## Fun at the Super Bowl party



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A teen tried his hand at an air hockey table Sunday evening at the Rock while he waited for the last half of the Superbowl to begin. A party at the center, sponsored by the College Drive Assembly of God Church, drew about 50 people for the big game.

## Workshop offered at universities to teach students consumer threats

In an effort to educate young people about consumer threats, my office is hosting two student consumer workshops for Kansas high school students during National Consumer Protection Week in early March. The workshops are free and will educate students about consumer issues before they head out on their own to make important financial decisions.

The first workshops of this kind hosted by the Attorney General's Office — one at the University of Kansas and one at Kansas State University — will focus on teaching students financial skills to succeed in life.



**Robert Six**

• Attorney General

It is important that our teenagers learn the ins and outs of being a smart consumer early. These workshops will help students be better equipped to make important financial choices, protect their identities, and maintain good credit throughout their adult life. Students in this age group con-

sume the most debt and are seen as an easy target.

Each workshop will consist of multiple presentations from public speakers, including myself. The topics will include: the ABC's of personal finance, Contracts: a foreign language, Student Loan Practices, Protecting your Identity and other issues affecting today's students.

Consumer protection is a priority for my office. I encourage students to join me for this learning opportunity. I also encourage teachers and school officials to share this opportunity with their students. By teaching students more about financial literacy early, we can protect their credit in the future.

The free workshops will be held at KU on March 3rd and at KSU on March 6th and include complimentary lunch. Information on the workshops has been disseminated to all high schools across the state. Registration information is also available online at [www.ksag.org](http://www.ksag.org).

## No-till farming curbs erosion

HAYS — Even when surface residue is thin, no-till farming practices improve soils and reduce water-related erodibility. That's the bottom line from a recent study across the central Great Plains by Kansas State University researcher Humberto Blanco.

"This regional study shows that no-till farming has large and positive effects on improving soil structural properties, increasing soil organic carbon content and reducing soil's water erodibility — even if surface crop residue levels are sparse," said Blanco, who is a soil management researcher with K-State Research and Extension.

Blanco added, however, that no-till's impacts on soil aggregate properties influencing wind erosion appear to be limited. This suggests producers will have to

maintain adequate surface crop residue levels for no-till to reduce wind erosion.

"The ability of no-till to control water erosion has enormous implications, though, because intense rainstorms can cause large losses of soil in semiarid regions," Blanco said.

Details of the study can be found on the K-State Web site: <http://www.agronomy.ksu.edu>.

## Public television manager to retire

BUNKER HILL — Jack O'Leary, chairman of the board of Smoky Hills Public Television, announced that Lawrence Holden will retire as general manager and chief executive officer at the end of March.

Holden has led the station since 2004.

"Larry has led Smoky Hills through the completion of the digital transition," O'Leary said. "He oversaw the construction of KWKS-DT, a new full-power digital transmitter facility for north-west Kansas.

"He rejuvenated the production of Kansas programs and initiated a major giving program which has boosted community support. On behalf of the board, I'd like to thank him for his efforts at Smoky Hills to make Kansas a better place to live and work."

Before coming to Kansas, Holden served as a station manager and general manager at public television and radio stations in California, as well as management posts in public media in Rhode Island, New Jersey, Mississippi, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

He has been chair of the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council for the past two years.

"Bunker Hill is the smallest city in the U.S. with a public television station in it, but you wouldn't know it from the quality and quantity of television we've produced," Holden said. "I've enjoyed working with a talented and creative group of people who are devoted to Kansas and public television."

The board will institute a search for a new general manager, O'Leary said.

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## Deaths

### Rodney D. Beamgard

Rodney D. Beamgard, 84, Atwood, a former co-owner of the C.W. Beamgard Co., a Chrysler-Dodge dealership in Atwood, died Jan. 31, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. He was born January 10, 1926, in Atwood. Services are pending with the Harrison Chapel in Colby.

### Lucille T. Anderson

Lucille T. Anderson, 90, Gorham, mother of Mark L. (Cindy) Anderson of Rexford, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell.

She was born March 11, 1918, on a farm at Gorham to Joseph and Anna (Baumrucker) Jacobs. She was a homemaker, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the St. Charles Circle of the Daughters of Isabella in Gorham.

She married Louis F. Anderson on May 6, 1941, at Gorham. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1991, and a brother, Robert Jacobs.

Survivors include another son,

Mike Anderson, a brother, Berno Jacobs, sister, Genevieve Jacobs, a sister-in-law, Ann Jacobs, all of Gorham, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A vigil service, Daughters of Isabella rosary and visitation were to be Sunday at Clines Mortuary, Victoria.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today, Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at the church in Gorham, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery there.

The family suggests contributions to the cemetery fund or to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Inc.

### Frances P. Turrell

Frances P. Turrell, 84, Colby, a homemaker, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2009, in Colby.

She was born Dec. 1, 1924, in Menlo to Alex and Eva (Chadd) Barnett. She was raised in Menlo and Rexford and attended Menlo High School.

She lived in Rexford until 1951, when she moved to Longmont, Colo. In 1988, she returned to Rexford. She was living at the Colby Care Center.

She and Clyde Turrell married June 20, 1990.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three sons, Robert, John and Jackie Vaughn; a brother, Melvin Barnett; two sisters, June Simon and Clea Barnett; a grandson and a granddaughter.

She is survived by a stepson, Rick Turrell of Denver; a daughter, Lois Ann (James) Jones of Rexford; two stepdaughters, Kathy (Tim) Rall of Rexford and Nadene (Larry) Zeller of Wamego; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at the Rexford Community Church,

with Pastor Lane Purcell officiating. Burial will be in the Rexford Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and from 8 p.m. Thursday until service time at the church in Rexford.

The family suggests contributions to the Frances Turrell Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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