

Grants help classes, students at Golden Plains Elementary School

By Lori Miller
Golden Plains Grade School

Golden Plains Elementary School received two grants from Midwest Energy this year, one to add four desks for the second grade and one to buy iPod Touches for the kindergarten.

Teachers Lori Miller and Lisa Weimer applied for the individual grants last fall. New desks were needed in the second-grade classroom, and Weimer wanted to update her classroom with iPod technology.

The first grant allowed the second grade to add four new desks. Now, Miller said, each of her 11 students has a flat desk with a side compartment.

"These new desks replaced the old lift-top desks that didn't fit



LISA WEIMER/Golden Plains Elementary School
Angela Fuentes and Dalton Bice relaxed while working on iPods bought to for the kindergarten classroom at Golden Plains Elementary School through a Midwest Energy grant.

the students properly," she said.

Weimer was able to buy two iPod Touches for her kindergarten room, where she has about 12 students.

"We have received several Midwest Energy grants in the past for various school needs," she said.

Roadblocks leaving soon

Aries (March 21 - April 20) You are still in the process of opening new doors. Your focus needs to be on the future. You're nearing the end of any roadblocks.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21) There is some kind of a turning point ahead. Move into the week as though this was the first week of the rest of your life, benefiting from an abundance of clarity and a lack of urgency. It won't be long before there are multiple new doors opening. Take the time to get your bearings.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) Relax and step back; move into the week with a sense that there is nothing to be gained from rushing things. The coming together of forces in your friendship sector makes this an ideal week for both personal and professional networking, with a breakthrough possible.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Focus on your professional game. Make the most of friendship, teamwork and networking, appreciating that this is the face of your future. It's time to start paying more attention to your social life and to both your personal and professional networking.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) This is unlikely to be a week that is all work and no play. Test the waters and make the most of the very adventurous vibes in the air this week. A desire for adventure is likely to be so strong that you're ready to challenge your excuses, once and for all.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) If you're tired over the focus on money, you'll be ready to think about life's other currencies. New themes are a desire for more passion and for change. This may motivate you into turning a short working week into a no work week, taking time out or bringing adventure and variety into your life.

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Make an annual financial review - establish where things stand and perform reality checks and autopsies. While this can be uncomfortable, it reveals how well positioned you are and what opportunities are on the way. At the same time turn recent relationship challenges



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• Weekly Horoscope

around. Things are looking up across the board.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You've had more than your fair share of ups and downs playing havoc with your energy levels. It hasn't even been changing week by week but day by day, with your

energy levels and motivation high one day and plummeting the next. This is the last obstacle you have to get through, but it comes just when your energy is likely to kick in.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) If there ever was a week when finding a balance between work and play was important, then this is it. Multiple factors are working to get things moving on the personal, romantic and creative fronts, with the end of the week their deadline.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Focus is not only on your career and your home and family, but on the conflict between the two, creating some real work/life balance challenges and issues. Life can't be all work and responsibility and no play. As well as turning your attention to your personal needs this brings a new sense of optimism.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) The long weekend has given you a chance to focus on the things a busy working week doesn't normally allow time for, to such a degree you want to keep this going. This an even more important week for communication and catching up, especially on the home and family front.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20) As the stars make this yet another week where the predominant focus is on your financial game, if you've been wanting them to change the record it seems that they've got the message. For while the majority of the planets are still in your income sector, things are finally falling into place. Meanwhile, there's an opportunity to open communication lines with old friends or to make up for lost time.

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Decide about wheat crop soon

A combination of record heat, dry soil and high winds in March and April has sapped the wheat in many parts of Kansas this year, especially where the plants emerged late and are small in western areas.

There is still time for wheat to recover to some extent if rains come in April, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist, depending on the stage of growth and how severely the wheat has been stressed.

"Maximum head size is already determined where the wheat has jointed," he said, but kernel weight can still respond to good weather and can make up for some of the loss in yield potential.

"Even if the main tillers have died, secondary tillers can still begin growing this spring if the crown is still alive and the crop receives some rain and cool weather...."

Where the wheat looks bad, Shroyer said, farmers have a dilemma. What's the yield potential of that wheat? Is the damage irreversible, or will improved conditions help? It might be a good idea to plan now for all possibilities, he said.

Farmers who have their wheat insured cannot do much until the insurance company releases it. After that, Shroyer said, there are a few options.

There is probably not enough forage present to be worth cutting, he said. If a farmer plans to plant wheat in the field this fall, he said, he should leave the failed crop to prevent blowing, then kill volunteer wheat before planting next fall.

If the field has been released by the insurance adjuster and the wheat dies or is terminated, producers could no-till a summer crop into the wheat residue, Shroyer said, assuming there is enough moisture and there is no herbicide carryover problems.

"Producers may be able to plant grain sorghum, summer annual forages or possibly soybeans into the residue...." he said. "Foxtail millet is a short-season, summer annual forage that could work well in this situation."

If a stand of wheat is spotty, with part of the field alive and part dead, then it's probably best to spray the field with glyphosate before planting the summer crop, he added.

Couple survives (natural) disaster honeymoon

STOCKHOLM (AP) - Honeymoons aren't always easy for newlyweds, but six natural disasters?

Stefan Svanstrom of Stockholm said he set out on a four-month-long honeymoon with his wife Erika and their baby girl on Dec.

6 and immediately got stranded in Munich, due to one of Europe's worst snowstorms.

After that, he says, they experienced the devastation of a cyclone in Cairns, Australia, and the flooding in Brisbane, and narrowly escaped the bush fires in Perth.

Just before arriving in New Zealand, Svanstrom says, the 6.3-magnitude earthquake hit Christchurch and at the couple's last destination, Tokyo, they felt Japan's largest temblor since records began.

Meeting will address crime victims' rights

WICHITA - Gov. Sam Brownback and Attorney General Derek Schmidt will sponsor the 14th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference on Wednesday and Thursday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the Convention Hall at Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center.

"The conference recognizes the dedicated crime victim service professionals and volunteers who work tirelessly for all crime victims in Kansas," the attorney general said. "We are grateful for their service and work to ensure that their voices and interests are

respected as well as represented."

This year's theme, "Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past," reminds Kansans to pay tribute to the victims and survivors who found the strength to move forward with their lives.

The conference has 32 workshops and five keynote presentations to provide professional development. Keynote speakers are:

- Yvette Rodier, staff attorney, Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic, Salt Lake City.
- The Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune, founder and senior analyst, FaithTrust Institute, Seattle.

• Maj. Marcus Bruning, supervising deputy, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Duluth, Minn.

• Jeff Lanza, retired Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, Communication Dynamics, Mission.

• Timea Nagy, author, program director, Walk With Me, Toronto, Ontario.

• Karen Vadino, motivational speaker, humorist, consultant, Youngstown, Ohio

• Attorney General Schmidt will be the luncheon speaker Thursday.

April 10-15 was Kansas Crime Victims' Rights Week.

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