

Photo exhibit of local workers enjoys big success at museum

Many of you came out to enjoy the “Way We Worked” exhibit of 1937 and 2012 photos of Thomas County businesses – over 130 attended the reception on Feb. 7 alone.

Thanks to all who helped sort out names of people on the 2012 set of photographs. It may not seem so important now, but anyone who has puzzled over the identities of people in old family photos knows how important this information will become to future generations.

Those of you who didn’t have a chance to view this display the first time around will be happy to learn that it will be on exhibit again from Monday, April 15, to Friday, May 31. We are also pleased to say that Farmers and Merchants Bank will be displaying a different panel of the 1937 photos each month for the next year and a half.

Cathy Musick of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom was here to present a day-long workshop on Feb. 16. Musick led 25 area Extension and Farm Bureau employees through a number of fun activities that can be used to help grade school students learn about agriculture and food. We will probably incorporate a couple of these activities into our upcoming Prairie Fair in May, and are planning a more extensive Ag in the Classroom opportunity for teachers in the summer of 2014.

Angela Bates, whose font of stories from Nicodemus and beyond seems unlikely to run dry any time soon, gave another great program at our rescheduled *Food for Thought* lunch on March 1.

Called “African-American Domestic: A Tale of Two Kansans,” her talk concerned the legacy of cooking and housekeeping skills passed down from her house-slave ancestors. These skills landed Angela’s mother and aunt very good jobs as cooks and housekeepers in the homes of celebrities when they moved to California. In turn, they have served Angela well in her life and work, and are being passed on to her son, who is planning to open a restaurant.



Ann Miner

• Around the Museum

Our last *Food for Thought* program of the season today featured Joan Nothern of the Solomon Valley-Highway 24-Heritage Alliance on a topic we don’t usually think about much: how the network of local, state and federal highways we enjoy today grew from the rutted prairie tracks of settlement

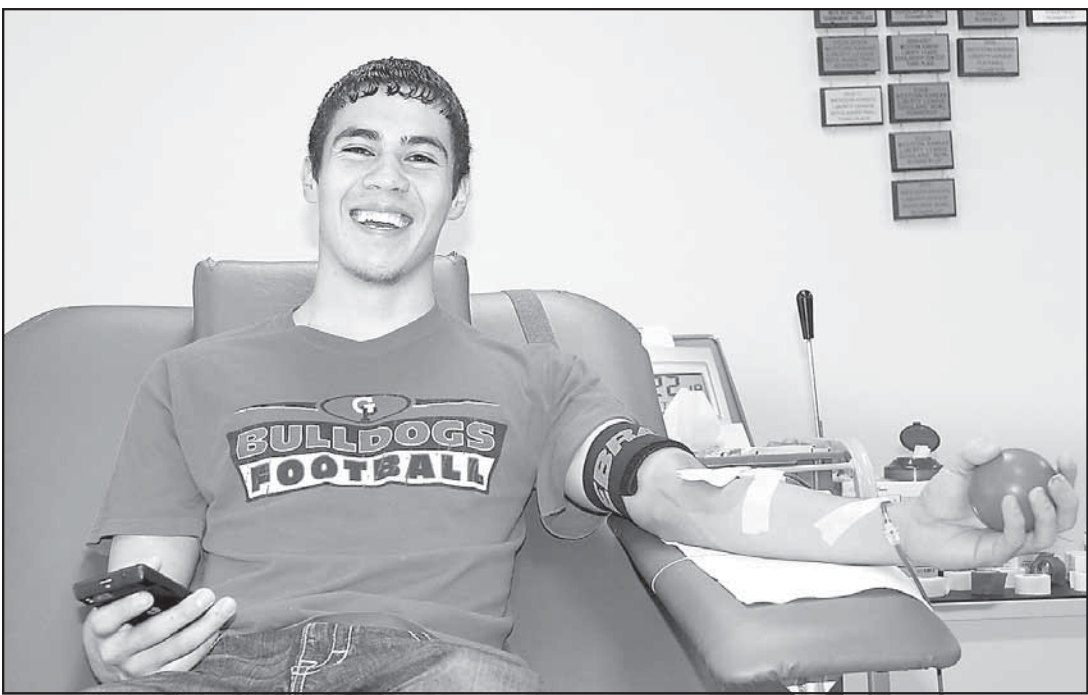
times. Her talk, “Converting Pasture Paths to Public Roads,” enlightened as well as entertained us on the subject. Both of these last two talks were brought to us through grants from the Kansas Humanities Council.

Jennifer Higerd’s ceramics exhibit, “The Roots Run Deep,” is on view through Saturday, April 13. She delivered the exhibit over the Christmas holiday, and when the time came to install it we found ourselves a little daunted. Two of the works are composed of multiple pieces.

“Pollen Vectors,” for instance, consists of hundreds of bits of ceramic pollen, each individually mounted on small nails. What is the proper way to artistically display pollen, we wondered? We are indebted to Jennifer’s mom, Kathy Higerd, for leading the way on this question. It turns out that one of the interesting aspects of this exhibit is that every time it goes up, it has a different look – just as you might expect each flush of pollen grains lifted by a gust of wind to spread out differently from the next.

Another portion of the exhibit involving many individual pieces is called “Settling.” Its components are meant to represent seed halves; they remind me of shells, evoking our “inland sea” past. On her website, Jennifer says they also remind her of shells, and that the patterns inside resulting from tea, coffee and other natural stains bring to mind both tree rings and the mineral pools at Yellowstone. A reception for Jennifer will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13.

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ANGELA RITTER/Golden Plains High School

Unlike some of the previous donors, senior Jose Bermudez was nothing but smiles as he gave blood for the second time this year. He passed the time by playing a game on his phone and cracking jokes with the friendly nurses.

Golden Plains holds blood drive

By Angela Ritter

Golden Plains High School

On March 5, the Golden Plains Student Council, along with the American Red Cross, sponsored a blood drive for the second time this year at Golden Plains High School. With the date moved a few weeks ahead of the original schedule, the Golden Plains students, staff and community stepped up right away to do their part, some even jumping in at last second. Throughout the day,

a total of 19 people donated. Three of these donors were first timers.

Overall, the day was successful. The Red Cross started the day with a goal of 15 units of blood, but Golden Plains surpassed this goal by reaching 19 units by the end of the day. This was an improvement over the first blood drive in the fall, where they only received 15 units of blood, one over the goal.

“As a whole, I thought today went really well,” StuCo Presi-

dent Andrew Luna commented. “Everything went smoothly with no complications. It was a great accomplishment to be able to exceed our goal, especially with such late notice.

“We really appreciated the caring ladies who put up with us all day, along with all the students, staff and community that signed up to donate....

“Today was my sixth time giving blood and I’m really looking forward to donating in the future.”

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Saturday

12:27 a.m. – Caller reported loud music. Spoke with subject.

10:14 a.m. – Caller advised of burglary. Report filed.

Sunday

1:28 a.m. – Caller reported subject needing ambulance. Turned over to Emergency Medical Services, assisted.

12 p.m. – Recovered property report filed for case from 2012.

3:06 p.m. – Caller advised of possible hit and run. No report.

8:55 p.m. – Caller reported hit and run accident. No report.

9:09 p.m. – Driving while suspended/transporting open container report filed on traffic stop.

Monday

12:49 a.m. – Caller reported subject threatening someone else. Everything OK, subject left with family member.

10:28 a.m. – Report filed for criminal use of financial card.

11:53 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle partially blocking driveway. Owner located; vehicle moved.

12:34 p.m. – Business owner advised of theft caught on video. Report filed.

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5:42 p.m. – Caller reported neighbor on four wheeler on Sagebrush Rd. Spoke with subject.

9:34 p.m. – Booked David Warren Curry.

9:51 p.m. – Released Curry.

Monday

8:10 a.m. – Kyle Dalton Gabel arrested on warrant by Highway Patrol in Hamilton County.

10:58 a.m. – Caller advised of damage to mailboxes. Report filed.

11:18 a.m. – Released Christopher Shawn Hughes.

11:56 a.m. – Served arrest and detain warrant for Northwest Kansas Community Corrections on Jose Javier Valdez-Castell.

1:26 p.m. – Booked Misty Ann Tittel.

2:31 p.m. – Released Tittel.

3:44 p.m. – Booked Valdez-Castell.

3:50 p.m. – Rodney Boyce arrested on warrant.

4:23 p.m. – Released Sattler.

4:41 p.m. – Booked Boyce.

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