

Hansen scholarships available to area students

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation will make 188 scholarships available in five categories to students in 26 northwest Kansas counties, including Sherman, Wallace, Thomas and Cheyenne, for the coming year.

Students will need to take tests for some of the scholarships. Tentative test dates will be Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 29 and 30.

The awards being offered include:

- Eight Leader of Tomorrow scholarships of \$5,000, renewable for three years for a total of \$20,000.
- Thirty Hansen Scholar awards of \$3,000, renewable for one year providing.
- Ten community college scholarships of \$2,000, renewable for one year.
- Sixty Hansen Student non-renewable awards of \$2,000.

• Eighty non-renewable vocational education awards of \$1,500.

Students planning to enter the competition for Leader of Tomorrow, Hansen Scholar or Hansen Student awards must register at their school and take the test. Information has been sent to schools.

To qualify for the test, the student should have been an active participant in school, extra curricular and community activities; have displayed good citizenship, leadership and moral integrity, and show written and verbal skills. The student's grade average must be 3.50 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Those interested in applying for a community college award must be graduates of a high school in the 26 counties, enrolled in their second year of community college work with a "B" average or better and possess good character and leadership qualities. They will not be required to take the test.

Applicants for vo-tech scholarships must complete the application form.

The scholarship committee will be interested in the student's character, activities, goals and six-semester grades, but will not require applicants to take the test.

Seniors who will graduate from an accredited high school or registered independent private or home school this coming year in one of the following 26 counties are eligible to apply:

Counties include Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego and Wallace.



"Celebration on the High Plains" guests got a close up and personal look at an Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter on Saturday during the event at Southwind Plaza in Colby. The chopper's noon landing was the opening of the day's events. The chopper and its crew are from B Company with the 1-108th AVN out of Salina.

Photo by Tisha Cox/The Colby Free Press

Colby puts on high plains event; Sawyer Brown draws 3,000

By Tisha Cox
Colby Free Press

More than 3,000 people attended the second annual "Celebration on the High Plains" Saturday at Southwind Plaza in Colby.

"It was a lot better than last year, to put it nicely," said Jada Tubbs, director of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. "We did very well."

The evening concert was a good draw, she said.

"Our evening concert went very well," she said, adding that 2,800-3,000 people attended the evening entertainment headlined by country band Sawyer Brown.

The Colby Police Department helped with parking. Tubbs said there were so many cars they had to use more than just the field at the west end of the plaza.

She said overflow went to the east end and across the highway to the Comfort Inn.

"We had that many cars," Tubbs said.

People from as far away as Derby, Manhattan and Atchison in Kansas and Omaha and Denver had tickets for the concert.

"It just went from all over," she said.

On Friday, the chamber office sold more than 300 tickets. Tubbs said that was a significant amount for just one location. She was still tabulating sales from other locations Monday morning.

She said people seemed to enjoy the concert, calling it "awesome."

"It was so much fun," Tubbs said.

"Sawyer Brown put on the show we promised. We delivered what we promised."

Before the concert, she said, a patriotic tribute featuring 47 Harley-Davidson motorcycles and their riders was well received.

Highlights included was a Blackhawk helicopter landing at

End of county fair not end of 4-H year

When fair week is over, you might think that 4-Hers have nothing to do until the next summer arrives. In fact, the opposite is true.

The 4-Her's life still has quite a few twists and turns before he can relax. Their is the state fair and members will be completing their record books.

The Kansas State Fair is this week in Hutchinson. Not all 4-Hers can participate in the state fair, only those who qualify.

To qualify for state fair, 4-Hers must meet two requirements. The first is to receive a State Fair Blue or State Fair Purple ribbon on one



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of their entries at the county fair. The second is they must be 10 or older.

The next important event is completing and turning in 4-H record books. The books can be time consuming and take a lot of work. However, they are valuable learning tools and can be helpful in future years. 4-Hers can not only track

their projects, but also their goals and accomplishments.

There are two types of record books. The first is the traditional record book that the 4-Hers age 7-13 complete.

They each have a personal page about themselves, a 4-H story page about their overall 4-H year, a section telling about the projects they were enrolled in, their permanent records that will be updated each year and pictures showing the high-

lights of their 4-H year.

The second type is a Kansas Award Application that is completed by 4-Hers 14 and older. This record book has most of the same information except that it focuses on one project and records many more details and goals.

When the Achievement Awards Program comes in November, 4-Hers can be rewarded for all their hard work, because this year there will be awards given in 33 areas.

The 4-Her's year is creeping closer to its end, but they still have a lot of work to do before they can relax.

Goodland couple attends family reunion in Rexford

The descendants of Edward and Wilhelmina Richter had a reunion Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Ranch House in Rexford.

There were five generations

present, for a total of 32 people. The evening was spent sharing old photos, visiting and reminiscing, taking pictures and a carry-in dinner.

From the Irene Rall family were

Danny and Cheryl Traub of Goodland; Peggy Miller, Dalene Cox and Vic and Velma Rassmussen, all of Colby; Hulda Wark, Sondra Barnett, Liz Rall and Maxine Ross, all of Rexford; Shalom, Gabriel and Kaleb Kruse, all of Pretty Prairie; and Tami, Ken and Angela Searls, all of Quinter.

Representing Esther Oelke were Johnny and Joanne Oelke of Hoxie and Alice Oelke of Colby.

From the Paul Richter family were Ronald and Frances William of Hoxie and Marvin and Nancy

Richter of Kingsdown.

Present from the Clara Euhus family were Ladonna Herbert of Cooper Landing, Ala.; Brigitt Long of Salem, Ore.; Marianne and Ned Face of Oak Harbor, Wash.; and Keith and Dorothy Euhus of Yuma, Ariz. Although Clara still lives in Yuma, she was unable to make the trip. She recently celebrated her 95th birthday.

Also present were cousins Paul and Joanne Best of Hoxie. None of the Edwin Richter family was able to attend.

Revolutionary War descendants sponsor free genealogy workshop

The Good-Land Chapter of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor a free genealogy workshop from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the Goodland Public Library.

The session will help beginners wanting to trace their lineage back to the Revolutionary War.

It will cover ideas of where to search, methods of documenting information and techniques on how to use census records to establish your family tree.

Reservations are recommended. Call 785-332-3431 or e-mail CarolDuerCochran@msn.com with the subject Goodland Workshop. Bring a sack lunch, pencil, paper and family information.

Ruth Keys Clark, honorary state regent and a professional genealogist, will lead the workshop.

Carol Duer Cochran, state organizing secretary, will assist with the workshop and conduct further research for those who attend.

The Good-Land Chapter, organized in 1959, will celebrate its 45th anniversary in 2004. Membership

consists of women from Sherman, Wallace, Cheyenne and Thomas counties in Kansas and Kit Carson County, Colo.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING									
The governing body of Sherman County									
will meet on the 23rd day of September, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sherman County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.									
Detailed budget information is available at the Sherman County Courthouse and will be available at this hearing.									
BUDGET SUMMARY									
Proposed Budget 2004 Expenditures and the Amount of 2003 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2003 budget. The Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.									
FUND	2002		2003		Proposed Budget 2004		Est. Tax Rate*		
	Price Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2003 Ad Valorem Tax			
General	1,486,420	6.357	1,486,423	6.030	1,350,026	714,256			13.848
Bond	1,381,537	12.716	1,257,971	11.925	1,395,800	854,550			15.284
Noncons. Bond	62,135	0.953	75,132	0.819	87,927	43,908			0.786
Health	251,644	0.497	248,241	0.487	243,973	26,348			0.417
Conservation District	18,000	0.283	18,000	0.283	19,000	16,973			0.304
Extension Council	107,444	1.708	109,542	1.708	109,544	97,510			1.744
Election Board	21,840	0.430	18,880	0.472	43,530	16,426			0.294
Ambulance									
County Home Maint	34,303	0.339	3,000	0.024	20,000				
Historical Society	11,000	0.190	11,265	0.180	12,285	11,182			0.200
Agassian's Court	135,436	2.064	128,370	1.763	134,544	108,736			1.855
Program for Elderly	60,292	0.962	61,405	0.970	38,420	51,429			0.918
Fire Fuel	26,000	0.413	26,000	0.400	26,000	22,740			0.407
Parlo-Soldan's Men	22,700	0.282	21,899	0.263	24,500	22,025			0.394
Cemetery	30,000	0.785	30,000	0.787	30,000	43,351			0.775
Parlo-Gravel Road	30,658	0.501	30,605	0.484	31,870	27,999			0.500
Library	14,000	0.222	14,566	0.230	15,000	13,321			0.238
County Hosp. Maint	1,501,634	5.426	941,201	5.369	269,000	232,293			4.155
Employee Benefits	689,865	10.435	839,154	13.371	1,000,000	185,831			14.055
Tort Liability	14,000	0.244	11,550	0.328	13,500	5,431			0.081
Comm. Coll. Tuition	36,006	0.601	37,000	0.589	38,000	31,351			0.540
Mental Health									
Mental Rehabilitation									
Bond & Interest	537,618		109,509	0.821	170,683	101,408			1.815
No-Fund Warrants	11,615	1.160	13,430	1.120	16,152				
Auto Admin	42,561		47,100		48,100				
Highway 24 Sales Tax	207,026								
Health Care Bond	353,936		217,280		388,950				
Health C.O.			8,500		33,600				
Noncons. Bond C.O.					38,950				
Proc. Attorney Fee	10,052		16,800		26,693				
Proc. Attorney Training	3,446		5,300		8,842				
Special Alcohol	11,200		12,556		13,000				
Special Public & Res	3,375		4,500		4,600				
Special Private Dog	23,028		23,676		28,256				
Tourism & Convention	86,301		85,000		90,000				
SW Fund	11,592		13,000		97,803				
Economic Development	13,948		107,150		158,927				
Sheriff Reward					35				
Sheriff's Commissary	2,646		1,859		14,208				
Waste Disposal	405,183		795,800		1,396,836				
Co. Attorney Drug Seizure	3,709				3,209				
Sheriff Drug Seizure	625								
Federal Drug Seizure	4,211								
Special Machinery	84,188								
Register of Deeds Technology	2,302		10,000		25,521				
Landfill Project									
Landfill Excavation					200,000				
Totals	8,774,131	46.546	8,542,391	51.505	8,125,252	5,280,040			58.665
Less: Transfers	338,502		172,550		182,350				
Net Expenditures	6,035,629		6,169,891		7,942,898				
Total Tax Levied	2,644,517		2,950,392						
Assessed Valuation	56,810,785		57,285,541		55,361,808				
Outstanding Indebtedness,									
January 1,	2001		2002		2003				
G.O. Bonds	1,065,000		795,000		485,000				
Other	195,000		135,000		10,000				
Revenue Bonds					0				
Lease Pay Price	501,376		673,388		362,779				
Total	1,761,376		1,603,388		857,779				
Other District Funds:									
WASTEWATER DISPOSAL DISTRICT NO. 1									
General	4,403		4,390		137,566				
Outstanding Indebtedness,									
January 1,	2001		2002		2003				
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0				
Other	0		0		0				
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0				
Lease Pay Price	0		0		0				
Total	0		0		0				
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1									
General	65,667	4.918	254,900	2.313	186,450	168,377			5.164
Spill Control Fund	0		0		305				
Special Fund	880		750		4,890				
Capital Outlay Fund	0		0		42,492				
Totals	66,067	4.918	255,650	2.313	215,937	168,377			5.164
Less: Transfers	60,889		175,550		275,937				
Net Expenditures	5,607		180,100						
Total Tax Levied	76,894		166,328						
Assessed Valuation	33,612,911		34,016,282		32,898,481				
Outstanding Indebtedness,									
January 1,	2001		2002		2003				
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0				
Other	0		0		0				
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0				
Lease Pay Price	0		0		0				
Total	0		0		0				
*Tax rates are expressed in mills									
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Kyle W. Gordon attends top industry conference

Kyle Gordon recently attended the 2003 National Sales and Education Conference hosted by Linsco/Private Ledger (LPL), the nation's number one independent broker/dealer (Based on revenues as reported in *Financial Planning Magazine*, June 1996-2003).

The conference, held in San Diego, is the largest national conference for independent investment professionals. More than 3,500 individuals from around the country assembled for the opportunity to learn new skills, expand their knowledge in numerous product areas and to network with peers and industry experts. They also heard from keynote speaker Sen. Bob Dole on the importance of leadership.


At the conference, Kyle was recognized for providing exceptional client service as a member of LPL's Freedom Club, comprising only 11% of LPL's more than 4,700 investment professionals.

"Our representatives understand the importance of offering objective financial advice to help clients meet their individual financial goals," said Todd Robinson, Chairman and CEO of LPL. "We are proud to support America's finest independent representatives who continue to deliver the highest levels of service to their clients."

The LPL National Conference is the premier sales and education event in the industry. Through the more than 100 business sessions, technology training and continuing education courses, representatives are able to gain valuable insight to help them serve their clients and operate their businesses more efficiently.

LPL has been the nation's number one independent brokerage firm for eight years in a row. Unlike many of the major investment companies, LPL does not develop its own investment products, so advice from its representatives is based solely on the individual and institutional investors meet their financial goals by managing and investing more than \$45 billion for them annually.

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