

Going green saves green in the long run

To make money, you have to spend money. As a business owner, I've seen this adage proven true many times, and it continues to be proven by recent trends in constructing and remodeling buildings in energy-efficient ways.

Although some of these energy- and cost-saving measures are more expensive up front, they more than pay for themselves in the long run. In fact, the American Institute of Architects cites a study that shows constructing a new building as "green" would cost less than 2 percent more than using normal techniques and materials.

I have been able to see these



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savings firsthand throughout our state over the past month. In Topeka, Washburn University is renovating its science building, where classrooms, office space and laboratories will now operate in rooms with high-efficiency light bulbs, windows that effectively manage interior temperatures and a roof made of organic material to better reflect and retain heat.

chambers disperse natural sunlight throughout the room, decreasing the need for brighter, and more energy intensive, lighting.

Light fixtures in the chambers switch on and off based on a motion sensor and are less intense the closer they are to the windows. Finally, all the wood trim, paneling and furniture have been constructed from Lyptus wood, which has been sustainably grown and

harvested in the forests of South America.

As co-chair of the Kansas Energy Council, I understand the savings Kansans can see as a result of increased energy efficiency. That's why we are considering a policy that would require all state government buildings to meet increased efficiency standards.

The renewable energy future is bright for Kansas, and increased energy efficiency is a big part of it. Although it might take a little initial investment, the entire state can help make our country more energy independent — and save money in the long-run — by increasing our energy efficiency.

Area photographers can enter contest

Area photographers have a chance to display their work in the Carnegie Arts Center gallery and compete for People's Choice Awards in the annual Flatlanders Photography Contest in September.

Photographers can submit black-and-white or color photos. Bring entries to the center by Friday, Sept. 7, ready to hang. Call the center at 890-6442 for information.

Photos will be displayed from

Sunday, Sept. 9, through Sunday, Sept. 30. An open house will be held during the Flatlander Fall Festival to celebrate the exhibit. Visitors during September can vote for their favorite photograph in adult and youth divisions to determine the awards.

The center is at 120 West 12th. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday through Monday. There is no charge.

Area students can apply for Hansen scholarships

Northwest Kansas students can apply for 265 Dane G. Hansen Foundation scholarships in five categories, with stipends up to \$5,000 renewable for up to three additional years.

Graduates from any accredited high school or registered independent, private or home school can apply. The scholarships are open to students from Sherman, Wallace, Cheyenne, Thomas, Rawlins, Norton, Decatur, Sheridan, Cloud, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Republic, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Smith and Trego counties.

Scholarships include:

Ten Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships with annual awards of \$5,000 renewable for three years at a four-year Kansas college.

Fifty Hansen Scholar Scholarships of \$3,000 renewable for one year and 100 Hansen Student Scholarships of \$2,000 each, renewable for one year.

Applicants must have at least a 3.5 grade average, participate in extracurricular school and community activities and display good citizenship, leadership and moral integrity, register at their schools and take the qualifying test set for Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 12 and 13.

Ninety one-time Vocational Education Scholarships of \$2,000 are available also.

Fifteen Community College Scholarships of \$2,000 each are available for Kansas community college graduates who plan to move to a four-year Kansas college.

Applicants must be graduates of a high school in one of the northwest Kansas counties, have completed college work with a 3.0 grade average or better and possess good character and leadership qualities.

Applications are available from the dean of student services at any community college or from hansenfoundationscholarships.com.

Voice of Democracy contest deadline Nov. 1

Area high school students can compete in the annual Voice of Democracy audio essay contest for thousands of dollars in scholarships, a trip to Washington and dozens of other awards.

Sixth through eighth graders could win thousands of dollars in U.S. Savings Bonds and a trip to be honored at the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual Community Service Conference.

For both contests, students begin by competing in the local competition sponsored by the Goodland post. Deadline to enter is Thursday,

Nov. 1. Post winners advance to district and state contests. The state winner will receive a trip to Washington along with winners from every state, the District of Columbia, the Pacific Islands, Latin American and the Caribbean and Europe.

High school students write and then record a three- to five-minute audio essay expressing their views on this year's Voice of Democracy theme: "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans."

State winners receive at least a \$1,000 national scholarship and could win the \$30,000 first-place

award. A total of \$146,000 in scholarships is awarded to national finalists in addition to the scholarships and awards given in the preliminary levels.

Students and teachers should contact Voice of Democracy Chairman Joe Wahrman at the post in Goodland. Past area winners who have placed at the state level include Ryan Liess, Jason Showalter, Amanda Hoffman and Michael Smith.

During the more than 60 years the VFW and auxiliary have held the Voice of Democracy, said post

Commander Bill Selby, more than seven million high school students have participated.

Sixth through eighth graders write a 300- to 400-word essay for the Patriot's Pen Essay Competition with the theme "Why I am an American Patriot." Students and teachers should contact Connie Berquist at Grant Junior High or call the post for information.

State winners compete for \$75,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington. Each year, more than 130,000 students participate in the contest, Selby said.

VFW news

The Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary met Thursday; President Carlene Fenner called the meeting to order.

"Thank you" notes were read from the Red Cross for the pillows to be used at blood drives and from the Loretta Hayden and Dorothy Fairbanks families for memorial contributions. Certificates of recognition were read from the department convention for the auxiliary's donations to the Veterans Administration Hospitals, for being 97 percent in membership and for work with the Veterans and Family Support.

A new year is starting, and the department dues are increasing by \$1 on Sept. 1. Members are encouraged to pay their dues by Aug. 31 to avoid the increase this year. As al-

ways, the auxiliary is looking for new members. Any wife, daughter, mother, sister or granddaughter of a veteran who has served overseas is eligible. Members are eligible for scholarships, cancer insurance and have the opportunity to support veterans and their families.

Information gathered at the district mid-summer meeting in Ellis was presented by members in attendance, Fenner, Iris Scheopner, Mary Harper and Jo Ann Wahrman.

Operation Uplink, the phone card program for active duty personnel is asking for more contributions to meet their needs. The Support our Troops group from the Hays area will be sending care packages to soldiers in November and items or money for postage is requested.

Area youths are encouraged to

enter the Patriot's Pen for sixth through eighth graders. The theme is "Why I am an American Patriot." Connie Berquist is the contact person for Goodland.

The Voice of Democracy, a three to five-minute speech contest for ninth through 12th graders has the theme "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans." Wahrman is the contact person for Goodland.

The deadline for both contests is Thursday, Nov. 1.

An art contest using any medium to depict a patriotic theme is open to high school students. The deadline is March 31. All of the contests are open to those who home school.

A Buddy Poppy drive will be held at the Flatlanders Festival. Buddy Poppies are made by disabled veterans and contributions are given

back to the veterans. Buying and wearing a poppy is encouraged. The auxiliary contributes money each month to the VA hospitals in Kansas.

September is designated endowment month, and contributions will be requested for the local and state scholarship fund at the Stag/Stagette event.

Fenner is the district senior vice president, and Harper is the district junior vice president. The post and auxiliary will be the host for the fall district meeting on Sunday, Oct. 21. All members are encouraged to mark this date on their calendar and attend the meeting.

The next auxiliary meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the post.

Submitted by Jo Ann Wahrman.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

July 2 — David Zamora, \$126 for speeding.

July 3 — Bryant R. Gunn, \$246 for speeding.

K. Lenis-Rodas, \$126 for speeding.

Jeanne W. Luttjohann, \$120 for speeding and \$300 for no liability insurance.

July 4 — Marla L. Froese, \$120 for speeding.

Vanessa J. Paulson-Maass, \$120 for speeding.

Sunil K. Sodanapalli, \$114 for

improper parking.

Perry S. Tunstall, \$210 for improper parking.

July 5 — Mickey S. Tani, \$126 for speeding.

July 6 — John C. Phillips, \$138 for speeding.

July 10 — Denise B. Ortiz, \$138 for speeding.

July 12 — Diane E. Carvey, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicle.

July 13 — Martha M. Meenach, \$126 for improper driving on laned roadway.

Kyle S. Young, \$210 for speeding.

July 14 — Casey W. Lewis, \$201

for improper parking.

Jason M. Lewis, \$201 for improper parking and \$60 for following another vehicle too closely.

July 17 — Brain D. Akins, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Linda M. Turner, \$126 for speeding.

July 18 — Carlos M. Moreno, \$144 for speeding.

July 19 — Kenneth G. Gotfrey, \$144 for speeding.

July 20 — Kenneth L. Colvin, dismissed for first conviction of driving while suspended and dis-

missed for obstructing legal process.

July 21 — William B. Conrad, \$126 for speeding.

July 25 — Mario Martinez, \$120 for speeding.

July 26 — Bradley W. Davis, \$10 for no seat belt and dismissed for no liability insurance.

Robert L. Smith, \$120 for speeding.

July 29 — Terry L. Preston, \$132 for speeding.

July 31 — Quenton Scott, \$66 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

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Some of the State Water Resources Cost Share Program practices eligible for cost share include Contour Buffer Strips, Critical Area Planting, Diversions, Fencing, Grassed Waterways, Pipelines, Terraces, Livestock Wells, Tanks (Drilling & Casing only) Practices will be cost shared at 70% of average cost or actual cost whichever is less with a \$5000 landowner limit.

The Non Point Source Funds can be used for FAILING on site waste water systems and plugging abandoned wells. LEPG will have to evaluate and rank the applications and there will be a \$50 fee upfront for these services.

For further information call Sandy Rodgers at the Conservation District Office 785-899-3070 extension 35 • 210 W. 10th St. • Goodland, Kan. 67735

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