

College planning special conference

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to strengthen independent brick and mortar businesses.

“Having spent 14 years as a successful retail store owner, I ‘get it’ from the inside out, and feel an obligation to pay forward the hard earned knowledge and expertise that brought me to where I am today,” she said.

Baxter’s project is aimed a saving small town businesses.

“Think about which three independently owned businesses you’d miss most if they were gone. Stop in and say hello. Pick up a little something that will make someone smile. Your contribution is what keeps those businesses around,” is the theme of Baxter’s project.

“If just half the employed U.S. population spent \$50 each month in independently owned businesses, their purchases would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue,” Baxter says.

“Imagine the positive impact if three-fourths of the employed population did that.

“The number of people it takes to start the trend...you.”

Early Community Development Conference registration fee is \$35 if paid by Friday, regular registration is \$45. Groups of 10 or more will be \$30 each if paid in advance.

To register or for more information visit www.nwktc.edu or call toll-free at 1-800-316-4127 ext 504.

Dialysis clinic report delayed

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“It will be November before the hospital association has a response to the comments, but Jolly said if the current physician supervision proposal stands it could have significant implications for recruitment and for how we use mid-levels and how we schedule different types of therapeutic procedures. The procedures are what is most affected by physician supervision regulations,

he said, so we will keen an eye on that.

Those are the kinds of things that will provide more than enough fodder for our conference. I anticipate we will have another get together once we get further along with the budget. I hope we can build a broad agreement on general direction and begin to build the budget around that and bring the numbers backing to fine tune the assumptions.

Arbitrator sides with Kansas in river dispute

An arbitrator has sided with the State of Kansas in a pair of disputes over usage of water from the Republican River.

The decision, issued on Oct. 7, is another step in the ongoing administration of the Republican River by Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska under the Republican River Compact.

“Kansans who rely on Republican River water for their farms, businesses and communities can rest assured we will continue to pursue the water they are entitled to under the Republican River Compact and litigation settlement terms,” said Kansas Attorney General Steve Six. “The arbitrator’s decisions should send a strong message to Colorado and Nebraska that Kansas’ concerns

about their proposals are justified, appropriate and fair.”

The states entered arbitration on a pair of issues. Nebraska is seeking changes in the compact accounting to provide water credits if monetary payments are made for noncompliance with the compact terms. Kansas objected the proposal was contrary to the compact and would encourage future compact violations and deprive Kansas water users of the water due to them under the compact approved by the Supreme Court.

The arbitrator agreed with Kansas the proposal is contrary to the compact because substituting money paid for a past violation, “would result in a windfall to Nebraska, allowing accountability for potential future violations to be

erased with a single payment for a past violation.”

Colorado officials proposed a compliance pipeline to offset the effects of groundwater depletion on streamflows. While Colorado’s plan sounds promising, and Kansas officials are encouraged Colorado is exploring ways to meet their legal obligations under the Compact and settlement, to date the states have been unable to agree on details of the plan.

The arbitrator ruled in favor of the State of Kansas and against the State of Colorado and recommended further action by the states. The arbitrator agreed with Kansas on a number of details for the pipeline plan and concluded Colorado should adopt most of Kansas’ technical objections to the

pipeline plan.

“We are greatly encouraged by the arbitrator’s ruling, particularly with regard to Nebraska’s attempts to claim monetary damages as an offset of their unauthorized and expanding consumption of water,” said David Barfield, chief engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture’s division of water resources. “We will continue to assert Kansans’ water rights in this case, as those rights have been clearly established by the Supreme Court.”

More information about the Republican River Compact, including the arbitrator’s decisions, is available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture website at www.ksda.gov/interstate_water_issues/content/142.

Hospice offers ‘Hope for the Holidays’ program

As the holidays approach, many people will gather with family and friends. These gatherings will include reminiscences about loved ones, re-telling of funny family stories, and the sharing of traditions honored year after year.

This emphasis on remembrance, so welcomed during joyful times, can be quite difficult for those coping with loss.

Hospice Services has scheduled “Hope for the Holidays” an open to the public program to help make the holidays a less stressful time for

those who have lost a loved one. The program is at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway Ave.

For family, friends and neighbors who are facing grief after the death of a loved one, the holidays may instead be a time filled with pain and sadness. And even for those for whom grief is not as fresh, the holidays may serve as a reminder of the loss-not only of that person, but of tradition and celebration.

Join Hospice Services for this special program to prepare for the

upcoming holidays, giving and receiving support, finding meaning and rediscovering hope.

Many people may not be aware of the support hospice and palliative care professionals offer to members of the community who are struggling with grief during the

holiday season. If you or someone you know may be struggling with issues related to loss, encourage them to contact Maralyn Cooper, Bereavement Coordinator, (785) 543-2900 or 1-800-315-5122 for support.

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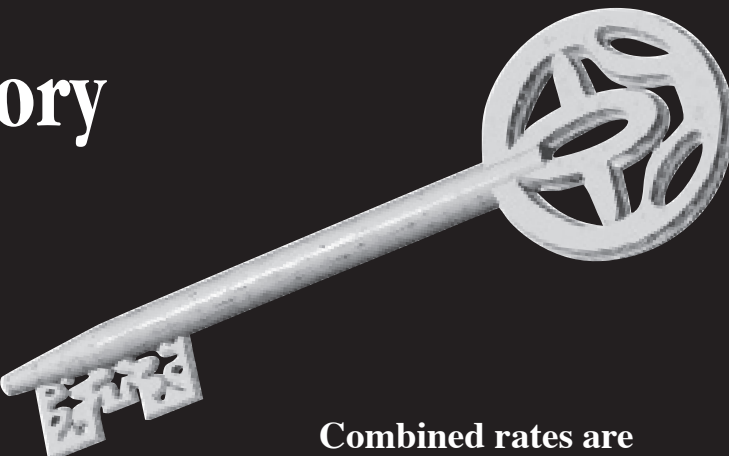
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