

Celebrate holiday at Fort Hays site

The Kansas Historical Society will host a Victorian "Christmas Past" at Fort Hays Historic Site 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3.

The walkways will be lined with luminaries and the officers' homes will be decorated in the Victorian style. Visitors can also sample homemade cookies (courtesy of area Girl Scout troops) and children will receive a bag of goodies from Father Christmas. Fort Hays volunteers, dressed in period clothing, will provide music.

The Fort Hays String Academy will perform in the guardhouse on Friday evening. Also Friday Fort Hays State University's Sigma Alpha Iota music sorority will sing carols in the Visitor Center.

On Saturday Gary Hicks will demonstrate a spinning wheel in the officers' quarters. Kansas Pacific Model Railroaders will display trains in the blockhouse both nights.

Outside, visitors can board a horse-drawn wagon for a leisurely trip around the grounds. Rides are limited to 25 people at a time and will stop at the officer's home and the blockhouse. Behind the officers' home, hot, spiced cider from over a campfire will warm up the riders. Near the guardhouse, soldiers will be making hot fried apples over another campfire.

Admission fee is \$5 for adults and \$1 for students. Kansas Historical Foundation members and children 5 and under are admitted free. Visitors are requested to begin at the Fort Hays Visitor Center, 1472 Hwy 183 Alt. Hays.

Fort Hays State Historic Site is located four miles south of I-70 exit 157 at Hays. The site is one of 16 administered by the Kansas Historical Society. For more information contact (785) 625-6812 or thefort@kshs.org.

How to help grieving loved one during holidays

The holidays are quickly approaching, and while many people look forward to the traditions, gatherings with family and friends and the general good feelings associated with the season, some dread the holidays and the emotions triggered by the sights, sounds and smells.

Often, friends and family members of those affected by a loss are unsure how to act or what to say to support their grieving loved one during the holidays.

The best way to help those who are grieving during the holidays is to let them know you care. They need to be remembered, and they need to know their loved ones are remembered, too.

Local hospice grief counselors emphasize friends and family members should never be afraid of saying or doing the wrong thing, because making an effort and showing concern will be appreciated.

1. Be supportive of the way the person chooses to handle the holidays. Some may wish to follow traditions; others may choose to change their rituals. Remember, there is no right way or wrong way to handle the holidays.

2. Offer to help the person with baking and/or cleaning. Both tasks can be overwhelming for some one grieving.

3. Offer to help decorate for the holidays.

4. Offer to help with holiday shopping or give your loved one catalogs or on-line shopping sites

that may be helpful.

5. Invite the person to attend a religious service with you and your family.

6. Invite your loved one to your home for the holidays.

7. Offer to help your loved one prepare and mail holiday cards.

8. Ask if they are interested in volunteering with you during the holiday season. Doing something for someone else, such as helping at soup kitchens or working with children, may help them feel better about the holidays.

9. Donate a gift or money in memory of the person's loved one.

10. Give them hope that eventually they will enjoy the holidays again.

11. LISTEN. Active listening from friends is an important step to helping them heal. Don't worry about being conversational.... just listen.

12. Remind the person you are thinking of him or her and the loved one who died. Cards, phone calls and visits are great ways to stay in touch.

Hospice is a valuable resource and can help people who are struggling with grief and loss. Hospice Services, Inc. provides bereavement support to the families they serve and to members of the community by calling: 800-315-5122 or (785) 543-2900. For a Holiday checklist please visit the website at www.hospicenwks.net.

Goodland School Board okay with helping Northwest Tech begin basketball next fall

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The next programs that would be added would be softball and baseball with the fields being located behind the communications technology building, said Dr. Mills. When asked about football he said probably not.

Superintendent Biermann said he has been talking to Eagle Communications and S & T Communications about providing Internet connections at a reduced cost for the kids that qualify for free and reduced lunches. That would allow those kids to connect to power school for extra help with school work.

He said the Internet connection would not be fast enough to allow the connection to be used for gaming. Most of the families have a computer but can't afford to pay for

Internet connection.

Dr. Biermann said he is continuing to work on the strategic plan based on the information gathered at the community meeting that the district held in September at West Elementary School.

The school board talked about hiring an architect to help the district come up with a plan to take the district with North Elementary having fourth, fifth and sixth grade, West Elementary having first, second and third. The high school would have seventh through 12. Central Elementary would be the home to the administration and have preschool, early childhood and kindergarten.

Superintendent Bierman said the plan would be phased in. He said they would be looking to hire a firm from Kansas.



Vendors show wide variety at We Did It

Vendors at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall had a wide variety of items for sale including the Dread Heads made by Jackie Buller who had a number of school color combinations and some special for the holidays. The Good Sam Family Council was busy selling a wide variety of Precious Moments ornaments.

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Community foundation asks people to consider giving to favorite cause

As Thanksgiving approaches people reflect on the many things that they have and are grateful for. This is also the time of the year to give monetary support to the causes that are close to your heart.

Giving to the Sherman County Community Foundation is one way to support that special cause in your community. A gift given to the foundation can be earmarked for that special cause or used by the foundation to benefit the community.

Gifts may be sent to the foundation at Box 888, Goodland, Kan. 67735. The Sherman County Community

Foundation was formed in 2002 as a nonprofit corporation designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501C3 organization. That could make your gift a charitable contribution for tax purposes.

Contributions can be made to directed or non-directed accounts. Directed accounts include the Nativity Scene, 4th of July Fireworks Fund, the library and many others.

If you would like to visit about the foundation contact current Board President Kin Huang or the incoming Board President Jack Lucas at (785) 899-3115.

Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

- Peruse a book
- Eating houses
- Semitic fertility god
- Protoctist genus
- Lower in esteem
- Having sufficient skill
- Copyread
- More lucid
- Bleats
- Baltimore footballers
- Removes writing
- Six (Spanish)
- Santa & Rancho Santa
- Computer memory hardware
- Bangles and beads
- (Latin) e'around time of
- Saudi citizens
- Ladies' undergarment
- Evoke or elicit
- The central part of the Earth
- Small amount
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Related on the mother's side
- Opposite of beginning
- Afrikaans
- A very small circular shape
- Material
- Bill the Science Guy
- Segregating operation
- Small sleeps
- Dispoiling a country in warfare
- Any digit of a vertebrate
- An apron
- Island in Bay of Naples
- Not at home
- Of a city
- Daughter of Asopus & Metope
- Camera apertures
- Tip of Aleutian Islands
- Profoundly wise men
- Ice hockey feinting

CLUES DOWN

- One who feels penitence
- Name meaning "God knows"
- Tel __, Israel city
- Palm fruits
- Coarse cinnamon bark
- Goat and camel hair fabric
- Sport devotee
- Point midway between E and SE
- Imperturbable
- Spongelike cakes
- Arabian outer garments
- Winglike structures
- Smaller quantity
- Beaks
- Tear down
- Hidden meaning
- His magic lamp
- Had a contest of speed
- 28, 04473 ME
- Murdered in his bathtub
- 14027 NY
- A citizen of Havanna
- Very coldly
- Singer Della
- Wager
- Arrived extinct
- British School
- The Education Project Asia
- Raises
- Madames
- European Capital of Culture: Romania
- Burn with a hot liquid
- __-__-la-ma-ding-dong
- Be next to
- British beer unit
- Overly precious (British)
- An American
- Cause cell destruction
- Satisfaction
- Small pin of wood
- Relative Biological Effectiveness

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Intermediate

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