

There's no need to travel far to get the chance to see art, from oil painting to water colors, photography and other media. Not when the sixth annual High Plains Artfest is just around the corner.

This year's artists, said Connie Grafel, finance committee member, are coming from a larger area, encompassing more rural towns in the Tristate region.

Ms. Grafel said the committee sent out 300 invitations to artists and 100 letters to patrons. She said they are already getting responses.

Those who want to attend the gala on Friday, April 23, can sign up with a \$100 sponsorship for two people. The "invitation-only" reception that night at The Gateway allows the patrons to see the art for the first time and talk with the artists. The event includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and non-alcoholic beverages.

There will be live entertainment, and those attending will have the chance to vote on the People's Choice Awards for both the student and adult entries.

Sponsors of the Patron's Gala will

be listed in the ArtFest program, she added. Those sponsors can take that \$100 and apply it to the purchase of a piece of art.

If the patrons decide not to buy any art, a portion of the sponsorship money will be used to help buy a piece to be displayed in town. The items bought last year are on display at the new Golden Age Center.

Anyone who wants to sponsor the event can mail their \$100 check to High Plains ArtFest, 104 S. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

County to get three new bridges

Decatur County will be getting three new bridges this year, two with help from the state and federal governments.

At their May 9 meeting, county commissioners signed an agreement for federal aid to build a concrete span bridge to replace one three miles west of Lyle just north of County Road 308 on the 2500th Road. Work will start in October, said Tim Stallman, county road and bridge supervisor.

The county will have to put up

\$100,000 of the \$400,000 price tag, but the federal government will pay for the rest, he said.

The federal government, through the Kansas Department of Transportation, will also be helping the county with a box bridge in the southwest corner of the county, just north of the Sheridan County line about half a mile on Road 700, Mr. Stallman said.

That bridge is estimated to cost approximately \$265,699, he said, with the county picking up around

\$45,557 with the pre-engineering and other costs involved and the feds the other \$212,955.

The third bridge will cost \$80,000 to \$90,000 and the county will be paying the whole cost, he said. It will be a 30-foot steel structure and just north of the Metcalf farm in Harlan Township on Road 2000. Construction should start in mid-summer, he said, using Husker Steel out of Nebraska.

Museum ready for rummage sale donations

The Last Indian Raid Museum plans to hold its ninth annual rummage sale in the middle of April.

Director Sharleen Wurm said they will start taking donations for the sale on Friday. The museum will collect donations until 4 p.m. Friday, April 16. Anyone with items to donate can drop them off at the museum from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bohemian Hall on Saturday, April 17, and from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 18.

In the past all of the donated items have been priced to sell, said Mrs. Wurm. This year the museum board and staff are going to try something new, only pricing a few of the items and selling the rest for a donation.

The money raised during the rummage sale will go towards the

general operating expenses at the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Mrs. Wurm said they will not take any large appliances or exercise equipment.

The board will also hold a bake sale with items donated by museum members starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 17. The bake sale will continue until all the items are gone.

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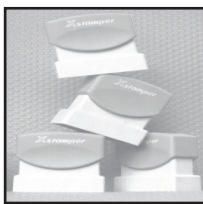
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New Physician Helps Keep Patients Closer to Home



Help has arrived for those patients in Western Kansas suffering from kidney disorders. This summer Hays Medical Center hired its first in-house nephrologist, Johanna "Joni" McCullagh, M.D. The addition of Dr. McCullagh, medical director of the Nephrology Center program, means advanced kidney care is now available for patients closer to home.

Dr. McCullagh and the Nephrology Center staff provide a variety of services, including caring for patients with:

- Kidney failure
- Hypertension and hypertensive kidney disease
- Diabetes and diabetic nephropathy
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- Inflammation of blood vessels in the kidneys
- Kidney stones

- Management of dialysis patients, transplant patients and those with end stage renal disease

One of the biggest benefits of this addition to Hays Medical Center is that the hospital now has greater capacity to care for patients in need of regular dialysis. While the hospital previously treated dialysis patients, they can now treat more patients – and patients who need a higher level of care – eliminating the burden and stress of travel for additional families in the area.

Dr. McCullagh, a Wichita native, grew up in Kansas City and completed her education

at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. She completed both her residency in Internal Medicine and her fellowship in Nephrology and Hypertension at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Dr. McCullagh is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and holds memberships with the American Society of Nephrology, American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Wanting to stay within driving distance of family and friends, Dr. McCullagh and her family were excited to make the move to Hays.

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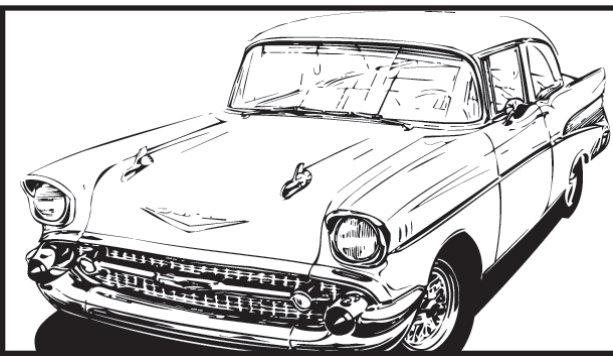
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