Our Fabulous Flint Hills

The sixth program in the Kaw Mission Councils 2007 educational program series, Our Fabulous Flint Hills: Flora, Fauna, Flint, Fire, Folks & Facts will feature Rex Buchanan presenting What the Seas Left Behind: The Rocks and Fossils of the Flint Hills. The program will be presented at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at the Kaw Mission State Historic Site in Council Grove, Kansas. All Kaw Mission Council 2007 programs are free and open to the public.

Buchanan will tell us about the geologic story of the Flint Hills: about the oceans that left behind the rocks, about the subsequent erosion that has shaped the hills, about the animals whose fossilized remains are found in the rocks today, about the interaction between the hills and the people who live there. A wealth of information about surface and subsurface geology is always on display through the dips and hills and streams and draws alongside the roads of the Flint Hills. Long dramatic road cuts often line the highways, or rimrock forms natural terraces on the sides of pastures where inland seas deposited layers of chert along with limestone providing an erosion-resistant base for the rugged and colorful Flint Hills.

Rex Buchanan grew up near Little River, in Rice County, Kansas, on the edge of the Smoky Hills. He has an undergraduate degree from Kansas Wesleyan University and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been at the Kansas Geological Survey, based at the

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A book signing session will be held after the presentations. The Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc., Kansas Historical Society, Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA), SFTA Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter, and Morris County Historical Society sponsor the Kaw Mission Councils 2007 educational program series. Free refreshments compliments of FKH.

For additional information contact the Kaw Mission State Historic Site at 620-767-5410, e-mail kawmission@khs.org. Reservations are recommended. The complete program schedule is available at www.kawmission.org.
ART MAJORS

Major exhibitions of note around the state


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The study recommended that the building's air-handling systems be replaced. Air tests in 2006 detected low levels of formaldehyde, but Wescoe was found to be environmentally safe. A $3 mil-
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Rural water interests to be discussed

By Harris News Service

WICHITA — Urban and rural interests in water policy and new farm water conservation programs will be among topics at the Kansas Water Congress annual conference Aug. 2 to 3 at Wichita State University.

A main topic this year will be the concept of "public interest" as interpreted by state agencies enforcing Kansas water law and developing future public policy, said Dave Brenn, congress executive director.

University of Kansas water law professor John Peck is scheduled to speak on the issue before leading a panel discussion Aug. 2.

Other high-profile issues on the conference agenda include water consumption in biofuels production and new farm water conservation programs.

Also slated to speak is David Pope, who recently retired as head of the Kansas Division of Water Resources. Pope will give a retrospective of his work in water regulation.

The acting chief engineer of water resources, David Barfield, also will give a report on the status of litigation between Kansas and Nebraska over Republican River water and an update on other interstate compact issues.

Participants will tour Wichita's aquifer recharge project, a groundwater clean-up project and flood and storm-water control programs.

For conference registration, call Brenn at (620) 287-4541, or e-mail dbrenn@genet.com. The conference Web site is posted at www.kswatercongress.org/weblinks.htm.
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Lynn Bretz, the University of Kansas' director of university communications, said the university wanted to have a strategic plan to continue its program for migrant workers' children, especially as federal funding declines.

Fanning said if the grant was approved, the program would give students more choices. "We had a number of migrant students that just completed high school and had jobs in the local community. They couldn't leave because they needed the employment," Fanning said.
KU to host picnic for area students

New University of Kansas students and their parents will be welcomed at the Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic July 26 in Manhattan.

Among the new students is Adrianne Meyer, a 2007 graduate of Hanover High School. Chapter members coordinating the event include Larry and Nancy Stoppel, Washington, president and board member respectively; and Steve Pierson, Hanover, vice president.
KU's Dole Institute announces 2007 public service scholarship recipients

The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas recently announced 128 new Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars for the 2007-08 academic year.

The recipients, all 2007 Kansas high school graduates, represent the largest class of Dole scholars since the program began in 2005. Funded by NASA, the scholarships are distributed among the state's four congressional districts to ensure the broadest statewide participation.

The scholarship program began with a federal grant that funded 40 scholarships each in 2005 and in 2006. With the addition of the 128 scholarships awarded this year, the total number of Dole scholars comes to 208.

The new scholars will enroll this fall at one of the six Kansas Board of Regents universities or Washburn University in Topeka. Regents universities are KU, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University.

Aligned with the primary mission of the Dole Institute, the scholarship program encourages young Kansans to get involved in politics, government and community service. Recipients receive a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, and commit to completing 100 hours of civic activities annually. Kansas high school seniors who have volunteered in community and public service in their communities and who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible.

The Dole Public Service Scholarship is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America, a national non-profit educational support and student aid service organization that seeks to involve and assist the private sector in expanding educational opportunities and encouraging educational achievement. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, disability or national origin.

2007 Dole Public Service Area Scholars

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*The Daily Union, wire services*
Woodland Wins Kansas Amateur in Front of Home Crowd

The Associated Press

TOPEKA — Gary Woodland thrilled the hometown crowd Sunday afternoon by winning the Kansas Amateur Golf Championship for the second time in three years.

Woodland, a former All-American from the University of Kansas, fell behind early, then took the lead for good on the ninth hole and never gave it back in defeating Wes Stonestreet of Dallas, Texas. 3 and 2 in a scheduled 36-hole finale.

No. 2 seed Woodland and top-seeded Stonestreet tied for medalist honors in 36 holes of stroke play earlier in the week.

In Sunday's match-play finals with a large, partisan crowd cheering him on, the 23-year-old Woodland added to his 2005 Kansas Amateur title with a victory on his home course.

"To do it in front of my friends and family, on my home golf course ... it was everything I expected it to be, and more," said Woodland, who won the 2005 title in Manhattan at Colbert Hills. "There were a lot of friends and family. It was very enjoyable for me. It means a ton."

Stonestreet, a native of Kismet and former Wichita State player, opened the match by winning two of the first five holes to go 2-up. But Woodland won five of the next six holes to take a 3-up lead after 11 holes.

Stonestreet, a two-time Class 2-1A state champion from Sublette High School, got back to within two by winning the 17th hole.

But Woodland responded to win the 18th and go 3-up at the midway point of the match. The native of nearby Berryton fired a 4-under 67 on the first 18 holes, while Stonestreet had a 70.

Stonestreet, 22, cut the deficit to two holes by winning the first hole of the afternoon round, but Woodland stretched the lead to 4-up after winning the next two holes — including a 30-footer for birdie on the 21st hole of the match.

Stonestreet rallied and won three straight holes to cut the margin to 1-up through 26 holes, but Woodland answered again by taking the next two holes to go back 3-up.

The match ended when Stonestreet missed a 10-footer for par on the 34th hole and Woodland converted his par.