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The new scholars were formally announced during a June luncheon meeting at the Dole Institute. They included Rachel Lange, Conway Springs High School, Kansas State University, psychology.

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DeWitt joins J.C. engineering firm

Randy D. DeWitt, has transferred from Landplan Engineering’s corporate office in Lawrence to the firm’s branch office in Junction City, 831 W. Sixth.

At Landplan, DeWitt, a 2003 University of Kansas graduate, provides civil engineering design support on storm water, street, sanitary sewer and waterline projects for residential, commercial and industrial developments. His current projects include the Olivia Farms development in Junction City and The Highlands development in Abilene.

Landplan Engineering, P.A., with offices in Junction City, Lawrence and Kansas City, Mo., is a full-service civil engineering and landscape architecture firm specializing in all phases of land use planning, landscape architecture, surveying and civil engineering.
The Western Plains Regional Hospital Auxiliary of Dodge City Inc. Board recently reviewed scholarship applications and recommended scholarships be awarded to nine students for a total of $13,500. The general membership of the Auxiliary voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the nine scholarship recipients at their July 2, 2007, meeting.

Kim Robert, Director of Quality Compliance, and Trish Feilmeier, Chief Nursing Officer, were introduced as new administrative staff members of the Western Plain Medical Complex. They both gave information relating to their positions and fielded questions from the membership. John Walker, CEO of Western Plains Medical Complex, gave a slide presentation of the progress being made in the intensive care unit and the Heart Cath Lab, reminding the group of the Open House on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Western Plains Regional Hospital Auxiliary of Dodge City Inc. welcomes new members throughout the year to assist in volunteer activities at the hospital. Volunteers offer assistance in the surgical waiting room, deliver mail, books and magazines to patients, and work in the gift shop at the hospital. If you would like to offer your services in one of these opportunities, please contact Mary Lett at 227-8404 or Miriam Winfrey at 225-3827.

Each year, the Auxiliary awards scholarships to students who have been accepted in an accredited health care program of study and meet the scholarship committee guidelines. The purpose of the scholarship program is to stimulate interest in health care and encourage health care graduates to return to practice in their professions in the western Kansas area, and hopefully in Dodge City.

The recipients for the 2007-08 school year are: Krista Brock, Dodge City, University of Kansas, Pharmacy; Jeffery L. Evans, Bucklin, Ft. Hays State University, Radiology; Ryan P. Lehmkuhler, Dodge City, University of Nebraska, Dentistry; Mandy Jacobs-Paz, Dodge City, Dodge City Community College, Nursing; Kara Pick, Dodge City, Kansas University of Kansas City, Nursing; Doriane L. Rankin, Dodge City, Kansas City Community College, Nursing; and Mary Velazquez, Dodge City, Kansas University of Kansas City, Nursing.
City, Ft. Hays State University, Masters in Nursing; Brian Seacat, Dodge City, University of Kansas, Surgeon; Ashley Speck, Dodge City, KU School of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner: Maria G. Velazquez, Dodge City, Dodge City Community College, Nursing.

Each year scholarship application forms are made available through the Western Plains Medical Complex Human Resources Office and the Dodge City Community College Nursing program. Applicants are required to submit all completed forms by June 15 of each year to be considered for the following school year. The scholarships are funded through the Auxiliary's proceeds from membership dues, gift shop, donations and vending machine sales.

If you have been approved in the health care field or know of someone who has, please contact the Human Resources office at Western Plains Medical Complex or the Nursing Department at Dodge City Community College to obtain an application. Please keep in mind that the applications need to be completed and in the Western Plains Medical Complex Human Resources Office by June 15, 2008 to be eligible for consideration for the 2008-09 school year.
The American GI Forum awards scholarships for 2007-2008 school year

The American GI Forum, Esquibel Brothers' Chapter, Dodge City is very proud to announce the following scholarship recipients:

Veronica Mondragon is a second semester freshman at Dodge City Community College, majoring in nursing. Her parents are Sofia and Leonard Mondragon.

James Sumaya is a senior at University of Kansas, majoring in business finance. His parents are Dot and Nacho Sumaya.

Jenna Sumaya is a senior at Kansas State University, majoring in biology. Her parents are Dot and Nacho Sumaya.

Marcelino Sumaya is a sophomore at University of Kansas, majoring in Journalism strategic communications. His parents are Frank and Virginia Sumaya.
**KU waives late payment charge**

To assist students from 10 Kansas counties hit by natural disasters this spring and summer, the University of Kansas has announced it will offer those students the option to defer tuition and fee payments normally due in August.

Under the offer, the university will waive late payment penalties and work out individual deferred payment plans, said Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviere.

"When your family home or business has been flooded out, you have more immediate concerns than a tuition due date. We hope this will give those students under hardship some time and flexibility to focus on recovery and getting their lives back to normal," Lariviere said.

KU students will begin receiving bills for fall semester tuition and fees late next week, with the first payment due Aug. 15. Ordinarily, an initial $100 penalty is assessed after that deadline, and additional penalties are applied each month the bill is overdue.

To qualify for the waiver and payment extension, affected students can complete an online form at www.bursar.ku.edu/forms/disaster_deferment.aspx.

For more information, students may contact the university bursar's office at (785) 864-3322 or e-mail bursar@ku.edu by Aug. 15. Affected students who need additional assistance with emergency or unanticipated financial issues may also contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (785) 864-4700.

The policy presently applies to residents in five flooded Kansas counties (Elk, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho and Wilson) and residents in five storm-damaged counties (Edwards, Kiowa, Osage, Pratt and Stafford) who were declared eligible for individual federal assistance. This includes Greensburg, which was hit by a devastating tornado in May, and Coffeyville, which was inundated by flood waters late last month and a large oil spill on July 1. More counties may still be added to that list because of the June floods, according to the state adjutant general's office.
Student earns award

Andrew Payne, a graduate of Garden City High School, received the Arthur J. Boynton Memorial Award at a University of Kansas Department of Economics banquet honoring scholarship recipients.

Payne is a senior at KU majoring in economics and international studies.

He is the son of Ann Payne of Garden City and Mac Payne of McKinney, Texas.
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College-bound migrant workers focus of grant efforts

LAWRENCE (AP) — A group of universities and community colleges has been collaborating in an effort to obtain federal funding for a program to help college-bound children of migrant workers. Kansas State University will lead the effort, which will also include the University of Kansas, Emporia State University, Garden City Community College and Kansas City, Kan., Community College.

The $2.1 million grant request Kansas State submitted would be for five years, reach 148 students and provide tuition for 12 credit hours per semester and a living stipend.

The collaboration began after the U.S. Department of Education denied the University of Kansas grant request to continue its College Assistance Migrant Program. The CAMP program had paid tuition for six credit hours and $750 in living expenses per semester for up to 24 students a year.

When the grant renewal was denied, a group of college officials started discussing how to collaborate and provide services throughout the state, Kansas State's Bob Fanning said. Fanning is director of a program that helps children of migrant workers finish high school and assistant director of Kansas State's English as Second Language program.

Under the proposal submitted in the spring to the Education Department, Kansas State would house CAMP and contract the service out to other schools with eligible students.

Fanning said at the same time the department denied Kansas' grant, the Education Department renewed a five-year grant for a Kansas State program that targets high school students. 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.

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Jeff Mason of Vignery and Mason LLC, the legal counsel for the Goodland School District, has been elected to the board of the state association of school lawyers.

Mason says the job will give him a chance to share information and learn more from other lawyers who work with schools.

He was elected last month as Region 9 representative to the board of the Kansas School Attorneys Association. Mason said there are 10 regions across the state and northwest Kansas is in Region 9.

The association is open to any member of the Kansas Bar Association who works with a public school district, state school board association or community college that is a member of the Kansas Association of School Boards, he said.

Mason got his law degree from University of Kansas in 1983 and has been in private practice in Goodland since 1983. He became a partner in Vignery and Mason in 1986, specializing in general civil litigation, municipal law, family law and criminal law.

Vignery and Mason are the attorneys for the Goodland, Oakley, Golden Plains, Brewster, Healy, Palco and Dighton school districts, he said.

Mason’s wife, Nona, is a early childhood teacher at West Elementary School in Goodland.

“This was unexpected,” he said. “The board meets twice a year in December and June. They meet in the summer at Topeka or Wichita and in the winter in Overland Park.”

Mason also served on the state Judicial Qualification Commission, which investigates complaints on any judge and makes decisions about them, and is a former member of the state Transportation Advisory Commission.