Scholarship honors KU student

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — The mother of a University of Kansas student who died in a 2005 apartment fire will begin awarding a scholarship in her daughter’s memory next fall.

Nicole Bingham was one of three residents killed in a fire at the Boardwalk Apartment complex in Lawrence on Oct. 7, 2005.

In the past two years, the Nicole Bingham Memorial Scholarship Fund has grown to $30,000, and the first scholarship will be awarded for the fall 2008 semester.

Nancy Bingham said she hopes the fund will keep her daughter’s memory alive.

“That’s what I hope this scholarship will do, and that the people who receive it will have that same passion for learning and history that Nicole had,” she said.

A history major, Nicole Bingham wanted to work in museum management.
Board meets, recognizes students, teachers

By Kirk Anderson
The Jacksonian

The Board of Education for USD 477, Ingalls, met in regular session on Monday, Nov. 5. Board members present were Mike Schmidt, Kyle Litton, Tom Beavers, Joe Jury, Aaron Maxwell and Alice Thomas. Also present were Dave Novack, Steve Johnson, Joe Meador, Debbie Benton, Paul, Theresa, Abe and Caleb Martinez, Steve Thompson, Kim Schmidt, Terri Vanderree and Jennifer Beach.

Following the approval of the agenda, High School Principal Steve Johnson recognized Abe Martinez for his cross country track season. Martinez represented Ingalls High School at the State Cross Country meet in Wamego on Oct. 27. Johnson also recognized Steve Thompson as coach of the cross country team and thanks Martinez’s parents for their support.

Next, Superintendent Dave Novack recognized Wylene Kiever as being one of eight teachers at the recent Reading Conference held in Garden City who were recognized for excellence in the field of reading. Novack also recognized Terri Vanderree for her third grade class’ accomplishments in math and reading; Trudy Mahin for her fourth grade class’ accomplishment in math; Judy Harris, Rose Wedel and Leonard Rodenburg for their 11th grade writing class, and the entire elementary teaching staff for the accomplishments in the reading program.

Johnson next reported to the board that the middle and high schools had a 73% turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences. He also gave the board the football schedule for the next two years and discussed the current state of the Santa Fe Trail League. The league will be down to four schools next fall. Johnson and other league representatives are working on possible solutions. Closing his report, Johnson recognized Marshall Dwyre and Scott Lavrentz as seniors in the top 10% of their class who were honored at the KU Honors Banquet held on Oct. 10 at DCCC.

Joe Meador was next to approach the board. He began his report by informing the board of the success of the SFTL junior high volleyball tournament that was held at Ingalls. The tournament took in $400 in gate receipts, Meador also reported that the SFTL High School Choir Clinic was held on Nov. 1 at Moscow and Ingalls was well represented. Ingalls students made up half of the league choir.

Meador commended Haven Chamber, Taylor Bleumer, Jerry Penner and Dean Millershaski for representing Ingalls at the Southwest District Honor Choir on Nov. 3, and also reported that approximately 60 students from the fifth through eighth grades represented Ingalls at the junior high SFTL Science Fair. Ingalls won numerous awards at the various grade levels.

In his report to the board, Novack reported on the state audit which was recently completed. Ingalls came out very well and will see an increase of approximately $183,000 in the General Fund.

Novack also reported that the DARE program will get underway in November with Steve Martinez from the Garden City Police Department teaching. He then presented the board with an updated Out-of-District Policy for the board’s review.

According to Novack, the time of the Senior Citizen’s Thanksgiving Dinner was changed to 5:30 on Nov. 16, and the school tutoring program has also begun for elementary students. Theresa Irsik will be helping the students on Tuesdays after school and Pam Millershaski is helping on Wednesdays. Susan Bailey will also be tutoring on Thursdays for students who want help.

Concluding his report, Novack informed the board that the elementary school had 95% participation at the recent Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Following the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and the approval of payment of bills, the Board voted to hire Steve Thompson as Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach. The board then voted to go into executive session for five minutes to discuss personnel.

Following the executive session, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, Dec. 2 at 7:30.
Military, academia building bridges in light of war

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Adult stores likely to ignore zoning law

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) -- A showdown is possible over a zoning law designed to force the city's adult entertainment businesses to close or move by the end of this year.

Some stores likely will ignore the law because they don't think the city has the right to displace established businesses, said
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Wichita attorney Charlie O’Hara, who has represented several adult entertainment stores in obscenity cases.

It’s not clear if the city would file lawsuits to shut down businesses that don’t close or move.

The law, which was approved by the City Council two years ago, takes effect at the beginning of the year. It limits businesses with adult entertainment licenses to areas zoned for limited industrial and commercial development and will affect three open stores.

“I guess it’s OK to look at it on the Internet at home, but it’s not OK to go to a store, bring it home and look at it,” O’Hara said.

But Jan Beemer, president of anti-pornography group Operation Southwind, which led the zoning effort, said people who live near the shops have to deal with decreased property values and other problems.

**Couple helps Greensburg recovering from tornado**

FAIRVIEW, Kan. (AP) --

Charles Rogers and his wife, Isabel, decided to drive to Greensburg in mid-September to see how well the tornado-stricken town was recovering.

It had been four months since an F-5 twister attacked the town, ripping houses from their foundations, snapping utility poles and leaving behind piles of rubble and debris.

Although they could see the town was rebuilding, the couple was stunned by the devastation both physical and emotional that remained.

As they were driving away from Greensburg, Isabel wondered aloud why they couldn’t do something to help the community, particularly its children.

“So we got together a goal to take Christmas to Greensburg,” Charles Rogers said.

The Rogerses proposed the idea to their friends from Fairview and Sabetha, who in turn offered their support. As word of the project spread, a number of other residents volunteered to help, too.

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While the Department of Defense issued an edict to allow recruiters on college campuses, most of the tensions that existed at places like the University of Kansas and elsewhere have eased.

“The atmosphere that you describe in the 1970s is pretty much faded away,” Sweitzer said.

“I think the biggest change you see is that everybody seems to be accepting of the military, understanding that we are here to serve the American,” Caldwell said.

“What you are finding is they want to engage in a dialogue.”

He said Fort Leavenworth and the University of Kansas have more in common than might be imagined. Both Caldwell and University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway are looking for more ways to involve more aspects of each institution in the growing relationship.

Tapping the skills of academic expertise, such as the social sciences, will help the Army to better prepare when it goes to war or takes part in nation building. A mantra in the U.S. counterinsurgency fight in Iraq is cultural
awareness, knowing how to make more friends than enemies.

Caldwell would like to nurture ties with the University of Kansas, and a new program directed by David Lambertson, former ambassador to Thailand, is a start. Putting civilians in military classrooms and vice versa will broaden perspectives brought to discussions.

Keep academics and the military too detached, and not only do they each not get the right information, but animosities can develop.

"Clear communication is what makes this democracy work," Groeblacher said.

Caldwell said some in the military wonder what is the benefit for the Army to engage students and faculty. But there is enough support that he thinks it's a win for the students and the military. He said it can give future business and political leaders a basic understanding of what the military is about.

"There is some pushback from some people, but I think it's absolutely paramount," Caldwell said. "I'm not interested in group-think. I'm not interested in reinforcing thoughts we have. I'm interested in exploring the way we're doing things and asking ourselves if it's right."
Workshop goes interactive with guest speaker

BY PATRICIA AHERN
Soule Intermediate Center

Professor of music education at the University of Kansas, Debra Hedden, was the guest speaker for the music teacher’s grade level workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Typically for these types of workshops, speakers would make their way to Dodge City to present their seminar. But because of her teaching schedule and the distance, she was unable to travel and made the suggestion that she could present the workshop through interactive television (ITV).

After checking with The Learning Center, the discovery was made that it was entirely possible and proceeded with the arrangements.

Hedden has years of experience with ITV but usually it is with universities or places of extreme distance.

“My experiences have included making international presentations to several music education and education conferences via the distance system in which several of my colleagues and I were jointly presenting to audiences in Norway, the Sileius Academy in Finland, the Educause Conference in California,” said Hedden.

“At my former university I did guest presentations to methods classes at Arizona State University and while giving a paper at a conference in Australia, I taught my classes at the University of Northern Iowa via the system. I stayed up all night to teach the students who were in class at noon back home. In my fifteen years in higher education, I’ve taught over two dozen graduate courses through the live and interactive distance delivery system.”

“The workshop with the Dodge City teachers went very well. I taught from my office at KU and they adapted to the much larger space at their end, participating in listening and movement activities to take to their classrooms. They were part of cutting-edge technology in Kansas - a workshop from across the state - and they handled it beautifully,” said Hedden.

When asked about the workshop, Annette Adalpe, Fine Arts coordinator for Dodge City Public Schools and principal at Beeson Elementary said, “I felt the training the music teachers received was first rate. Not only was the workshop worthwhile, it was cost effective and considerate of the teachers’ time. No one had to travel out of town. I hope we can have more of these effective training sessions.”
Mr. Lee...

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We have a host of American Legion scholarships available. Some are for children/grandchildren of Legion members, while other are for specialized fields like LPN, Shooting Sports, or American Legion baseball.

McPherson College offers scholarships based on seniors incoming record of community service. See Mr. Lee about a nomination.

Scholarship houses allow KSU students the opportunity for cooperative living founded on the principles of scholarship, fellowship, and leadership. This option can be less expensive than dorms or apartment life as well. Contact Ryan at www.ksu.edu/smithouse for details.

Pittsburg State has been lauded for helping its students by the Project on Student Debt. The national average amount of debt carried by students in 2006 was $19,646 In Kansas the average was $17,617. PSU's average was much lower than both at $11,502. Something to consider... Would you like to work on high-level projects at one of the best research projects in the world, the University of Dayton Research Institute? UD students are then recruited right off campus to work for companies like General Motors, Honda, LexisNexis, and Xerox. Find out more at admission.udayton.edu/Academics/Career_Services for more info.
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Students who rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher-education goals. Following is a listing of the second half of Wichita schools and honorees. The first half was published Nov. 15.


South — Jhosue Abreu, Maya Baayoun, Caitlin Beals, Alexa Bell, Jessica Brown, Caitlin Cain, Leah Campbell, Sharina Campo, Jeannette Casique, Tess Caywood, Evelyn Contreras, Cassidy Cox, Jamie Duder, Erika Edwards, Sarah Eldridge, Alani Gehrer, Danielle Gilchrist, Lindsay Hale, Regina Hughes, Bryce Jaeger, Chelsea Johnson, Emily Kilborn, Amy-Hang Kim, Uyen Le, Erin Little, Michelle Lowry, Cameron Marsolf, Jeremy McClintock, Chelsey McDonald, Nicole Myers, Desiree Neth, Candice Ogden, Nicole Peacock, Samantha Pequin, Bradley Reinert, Brittany Ruckle, Kelyn Shirkey, Lori Snow, Adrian Waller, Michael Ward and Staysa Work-Fields.

Southeast — Sinclair Billingsley, Van Bui, Kevin Butler, Julia Corbett, Sarah Cummings, David Dao, Jeffrey Davis, Angel Estrada, Alexandria Foster, Hannah Gunzelman, Betty Ha, Jimmy Hatcher, Diamond Henderson, Vu Hoang, Nathan Kirk, Koray Kocaturk, Nghi Lam, Colin Lawter, Phuc Le, Alice Lewis, Kevin Mar, Breanna McCarthy, Morgan McNeal, David Nguyen, Minh Thu Nguyen, David Olson, Lynn Phu, Marissa Quillin, Scott Rethorst, Amy Rubenich, Thong Tran, Jennifer Tran, Tuan Tran, Tran Tran and Erik Wong.

The Independent School — Brenden Mar, Elaine McEwen, Hannah Morrison, Claudia Nieuwoudt, Ryan Ramseyer and Scott Yerskie.

Trinity Academy — Alexis Dukelayan, Abby Fisher, Paul Johnson, Cort Lindley, Eric Newlin and Zachary Wood.

Consuelo Andrade, Myjaedah Ballard, Srna Begovic, Miesha Brison, Melissa Buchanan, Brittany Burress, Brittany Bynum, Justin Crenshaw, Allyson Fowler, Cassandra Guerra, Cameron Houck, Stephanie Lemon, Justine Loman, Amanda Long, Leah Loux, Katie Marlow, Ashley McCoy, Ericka McDaniel, Rabeeb Peters, Kayla Richardson, Martin Schoket, Sarah Schwabauer, Ciara Travis and Nicholas Vazquez.

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