David Peavler, a doctoral student in history at KU, taught the class, titled History of the Peoples of Kansas. For the research project, the 54 students in the class each picked a Kansas newspaper from that time period and wrote papers on what the newspapers reported about the exodus.

The 54 research papers will be printed and bound together for distribution at local libraries and the state historical society. Peavler said he hopes someone will use the research to write a detailed, honest book about that time in Kansas history. Peavler also said he'd like to repeat the project in future classes using other topics, such as women's suffrage.

Renee J. Henke, daughter of Ronald and Jean Henke, Social Studies BSE Senior History of the Peoples of Kansas Class Project and graduate of Lakeside High School, Downs, was enrolled in Peavler's class.
Pharmacy may reopen as hoped

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HOISINGTON — Six months after Cheyenne Drug closed in Hoisington, Pharmacy Task Force members have a solid lead on two pharmacists interested in sharing duties at a new Hoisington pharmacy.

“We found an individual who will graduate from Kansas University School of Pharmacy in May 2008 and a second student who will graduate in May 2009 and they’re both interested in locating here,” said Lee Van Scyoc, Hoisington National Bank president and task force member.

Within days of the announced closing of the pharmacy, community members formed a task force to open a pharmacy in Hoisington. The group, composed of city government, hospital and business members, has continued to meet and pursue several options.

There are three pieces to establishing a pharmacy, said Richard Stanley, Clar-Barton Hospital Foundation director and task force member. Number one is to find a pharmacist, which has now been located, he said, number two is finding a building or facility and number three is putting together a financial package.

Task force members have met with three other pharmacist candidates, but the two who are interested in opening and owning their own pharmacy have been the strongest.

“I can’t emphasize enough the quality of the individual,” Van Scyoc said.

Both candidates are from small-town backgrounds and they’ve done their homework: researched the area demographics, toured the hospital and driven through the area, Van Scyoc said.

“There’s a huge demand for pharmacists,” said Allen Dinkel, Hoisington city manager and task force member.

Pharmacists are being offered six figure incomes plus bonuses before they graduate, he said.

“It’s very competitive,” Van Scyoc said. “It will take a huge effort on our part to get someone here. We have the commitment if we can fulfill our side.”

They have until Nov. 1 to put a package together.

The task force must come up with a building, old or new, that will fit the pharmacists’ needs. Contrary to rumor, “we haven’t determined a location yet,” Stanley said.

Task force members had researched renovating an existing building downtown that was later determined unsuitable. More recently, they have pursued the possibility of a new building at Ninth and Main streets across from the hospital or a downtown lot.

“As a Hoisington Main Street member, I’d prefer to locate downtown but looking at the building requirements, I’m not sure it exists. We’re looking at the potential for a new building,” Van Scyoc said.

The task force has applied for grants through rural development and is researching Kansas Department of Commerce grants.

The candidate wants to provide personalized and individualized care and is not even interested in a drive-up dispensing window, Van Scyoc said.

“He understands what can be done to make a pharmacy profitable,” Dinkel said.

The next step is to meet with the second student and work to put the package together.

“This guy is ready to open a business,” Van Scyoc said.

Anyone interested in attending task force meetings may contact Hoisington Chamber of Commerce Director Stacey Bressler at 620-653-4311.
HHS students attend Girls State

Kacey Demel and Alyx Bullard of Hoisington High School were chosen by Unit No. 286 of Hoisington to attend the 65th annual session of Sunflower Girls State on the University of Kansas Lawrence campus. Sunflower Girls State was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, June 3-8. Kacey Demel is the daughter of Francis and Becky Demel. Alyx Bullard is the daughter of Lynn and Rex Meek and Bill Bullard.

Beginning at the city level, advancing to county and the state, the girls registered to vote, filed nomination papers, conducted political campaigns and prepared and presented speeches.

Ashley Kongs, Washington, was the 2006 governor of Sunflower Girls State and presided at the sessions. Aubree Casper, Shawnee, the 2006 lieutenant governor assisted. The girls were housed in Ellsworth Hall and the Inauguration was in the Lied Performing Arts Center.

During the week, speakers on government at the various levels shared their expertise with the girls. They had the opportunity to ask questions about these individuals’ responsibilities in government. Speakers included: The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, governor of Kansas; Ron Thornburgh, secretary of state; Gwen Trost, American Legion Auxiliary Dept. president; and other state, county and city officials.

Claudia Satterlee, Winfield, was the 2007 director of Sunflower Girls State and Anne Warner, Axtell, served as assistant director. A staff of 60 American Legion Auxiliary members and former Girls Staters volunteered in service to this program.
KU Art History Students Receive Awards 155-208

The Kress Foundation Department of Art History at the University of Kansas recently gave awards to 59 students for excellence during the 2006-07 academic year.

Raechell Smith, director of the H&R Block Artspace at the Kansas City Art Institute, was guest speaker at the recognition event in May at the Spencer Museum of Art. KU Endowment administers funds for the awards, which were presented by art history faculty members to their outstanding students.

Receiving an award was former LHS Student, Stephen D. Lewis, son of Bill Lewis, History of Art BA Senior, Amsden Award.
During an annual spring exhibition and competition, the University of Kansas Department of Art recognized 53 students with approximately $225,300 in scholarships and awards.

A faculty committee judged the nominated students’ art projects displayed on the third and fourth floors of KU’s Art and Design Building from April 29th to May 3rd. Of the honored students, 41 received about $190,950 in scholarships of varying amounts, and 25 students received about $34,350 in awards in varying amounts.

One of the students recognized was George deMoura, Lucas, son of Gaye Davis and a graduate of Lucas-Luray High School. George won the Clyde Bonebrake Lockwood and Ward Lockwood Art Scholarship.
Two girls attend Girl's State

Copeland American Legion Auxiliary #369 sponsored Taylor Kinnamon and Gretchen Blattner, students from South Gray High School, to the 2007 session of Sundflower Girls State.

It was held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. It was a week of learning about how the government is run at the level of the community, state and nation. The program develops leadership and pride in American citizenship. Our Unit was very excited to be able to send these two young women this year.
Larry Welch’s loyalty to the University of Kansas is well known. Larry not only received both a bachelor of arts and juris doctorate from the University, but later in his career he returned to work for KLETC, a division of KU, and was named KUs 1993 employee of the year.

Although his assignments have varied widely, Larry has devoted his entire career to three employers: the FBI, KLETC, and the KBI.

Larry joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation in March of 1961. Before retiring in June of 1986, Larry had served in Knoxville, Tennessee; Miami, Florida; Washington, D.C.; West Palm Beach, Florida; San Juan, Puerto Rico; San Antonio, Texas; McAllen, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri; and Wichita, Kansas. During his tenure, Larry served as a special agent, supervisor, hostage negotiator, police instructor, legal instructor, public speaker, and criminal investigator.

In June of 1986, Larry joined the staff of KLECT as associate director where he continued until he was named as the Director of KLECT/Director of Police Training for the State of Kansas in July of 1989.

Five years later in July of 1986, then Kansas Attorney General Bob Stephan asked Larry to become the Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Larry’s honors are too numerous to name, but the following illustrate the respect that Larry holds in the law enforcement community. He is a life member of the Kansas Sheriff’s Association, Kansas Peace Officers’ Association, and the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training. He was the first recipient of the Clarence M. Kelley Meritorious Service Award given by the FBI National Academy Associates. The Wichita Crime Commission has named him the Criminal Justice Professional of the Year. The Kansas House of Representatives has twice recognized him both for his overall contributions to Kansas law enforcement and his participation in the capture of the BTK serial killer.

Truly a career of distinction and service!

St. John Police Chief, Vernon (Sonny) Ralston represented one of the many organizations which presented their thanks to Larry during the Retirement Tribute earlier this month.
KU Sociology Department Announces Spring Student Awards

LAWRENCE — Twenty-two students in the Department of Sociology at the University of Kansas were honored May 11.

Casey Elizabeth Cornwell, senior in sociology and American studies, daughter of Rick and Gayle Cornwell; St. John High School; Marston M. McCluggage Scholarship and Harley S. Nelson Family Scholarship.

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University of Kansas
students from 20 disciplines
completed the Global
Awareness Program this
spring. They were recognized
in a ceremony, May 10. GAP
recognizes students for
studying abroad, taking
courses with an international
focus, including foreign
languages, and being
significantly involved in
international co-curricular
activities. All undergraduates
are eligible to participate.

Amanda Koelln, the daughter
of Thomas and Erica Koelln of
Wakeeney, KS, is a senior at KU.

The Vietnam Moving
Wall will be on display at the
Alma City Park, located at the
Junction of Hwy. 183 & Main
St., Alma, NE. The opening
ceremony will be Sunday,
June 21 at 7 p.m. Closing
ceremony will be Sunday,
June 24 at 3 p.m.

The Oakley Veterans of
Foreign Wars Post #2981 is
asking citizens of Northwest
Kansas to support the efforts
of bringing a Community-
Based Out-Patient Clinic to
Oakley for the region’s
effect for veterans. Support for
this effort can be sent to: US Rep.
Jerry Moran, 2434 Rayburn
House OB, Washington, DC
20515; or KS Sen. Brownback,
109 Hart Senate OB, Washington,
DC 20510.

For assistance wording
your letter, or for more
information, call 785-672-
4584.

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Twenty-two Kansas law enforcement executives successfully completed the sixth annual Kansas Police Administrators Seminar on June 1 to 8 at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center near Hutchinson. The seminar is a joint project of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, a unit of University of Kansas Continuing Education, and the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police. The intensive training included sessions on advanced community policing and problem solving, strategic planning, budgeting, organizational leadership, internal investigations, leading an ethical organization, background investigations, employee-performance evaluations, disciplinary issues, use of force policy and media relations. Those attending from northwest Kansas were Philip Hartsfield, assistant chief at the Hays Police Department; Brian Diercks, chief of the Hoxie Police Department; and Don Prultt, chief of the Victoria Police Department.