The Kansas Board of Regents Vocational Education Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to full-time students who enroll in designated one or two-year vocational programs. Applicants must be a Kansas resident, a graduate of an accredited high school, plan to enroll full time in a designated vocational program in Kansas, and take the designated vocational scholarship test. This test is given twice a year. Register for the scholarship and test by either picking up an application from me or download the application by going to www.kansasregents.org/financial_aid/awards.html. The cost for the test is $10. They encourage students to take this test on the November 3rd test date, but there is another test given on March 1st. Deadline for the first test is October 1st. Deadline for the second test is February 4th.

The University of Kansas is taking applications for the John Kurtis Ostenberg Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be a Kansas resident, attend KU, and have an interest in a wildlife or natural environment field. The recipient of this award will receive tuition and fees paid for one year and will be renewable for up to a total of four years. Recipient must remain a biology major and maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 each semester. The deadline for this scholarship is November 1st.

If a student is planning on attending Kansas State University next fall, they need to apply for admissions and scholarships. The priority deadline for scholarships is November 1st.

Kansas State University has a separate application process for their Premier Awards, such as the Putnam, Foundation, Leadership, Medallion, Achievement, and Activity Awards. As the counselor, I submit the names of the top 15% of the Senior class, as well as the student who is first in the class and any minority students. K-State will then contact that list of students.

Coca-cola is offering a scholarship to students who are Seniors, a U.S. citizen, have a 3.00 cumulative GPA or higher, and planning on pursuing a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution. To apply, go online to www.cocacolascholars.org. The deadline for this scholarship is October 31st.

There are several college visits coming up. They are:
- Bethany College - Sept. 24
- Baker University - Sept. 27
- Kansas State University - Oct. 3
- McPherson College - Oct. 5
- North Central KS Technical College (Hays/Beloit) - Oct. 24
- Dodge City Community College - Oct. 31
- Colby Community College, Nov. 1
- Fort Hays State University - Nov. 8
- Ks. Wesleyan - Nov. 29
Participants of a fire school held in La Crosse Wednesday night, September 19, prepare to enter a live burn trailer. Approximately 35 people from La Crosse, Liebenthal, Alexander, Otis, Rush Center, Hanston and Burdette took part in the four-hour training session. (photo by Melissa Engel)
New faces at Syracuse High School

This is Tina Stucky's first year teaching in Syracuse. She is teaching high school English to the freshmen and juniors.

Tina graduated from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado. Since then, she has been teaching for twelve years. The last five have been in Granada, Colorado. She has taught a wide variety of subjects including English, Home Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Reading, and Drama.

"I love hearing from a student that they succeeded. Knowing that I have been a part of helping them succeed," Tina stated.

She feels her most valuable asset as a teacher is being able to understand a student's learning style. "We all learn in different ways, and in order to reach each student, classrooms need to reflect that," Tina shared.

Tina and her husband Roger moved to Syracuse after the tornado in Holly.

Tina enjoys scrapbooking and reading in her spare time.

Diane Leonard is the new high school Spanish and English as a second language (ESL) teacher. She was born and raised in Burlington, Iowa.

Diane attended Hob Sound Bible College, John Brown University, Texas A&M, and Emporia State University. Since then, she has attended several seminars.

New staff brings varied backgrounds to the High School teaching curriculum.

Steve Hefty is the new Syracuse High School science teacher.

Born and raised in Syracuse, Steve received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Kansas.

While he has been teaching for over twenty years, the last ten and a half were in Stanton County.

Steve has educated children in many subjects including Chemistry, Physics, Algebra 1 & 2, Calculus, Earth Science, Physical Science, Literature, Food Science, & Computers.

"I enjoy working with the students. My reward is when they achieve understanding and make connections," Steve said.

Jason Brown comes to Syracuse from Larned, Kansas. He is teaching Algebra I and Geometry at the high school this year.

This is Jason's first year teaching. He was born and raised in Larned by David and Patricia Brown with his two brothers Rusty and Drew. He attended Pratt Community College, Kansas Wesleyan University, and Bethany College. He says that he brings youth and energy to the classroom.

"Knowing that I might have impacted a student's future is my greatest reward," Jason said. "This school has a great atmosphere and great administrators."

Jason enjoys coaching, playing softball, and bowling.
Markley named Resident Assistant at KU

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Emily Elizabeth Markley, a Kansas University sophomore, was named the Ellsworth Hall Resident Assistant. Emily is the daughter of Joe and Sheila Markley of Chapman.

“We are thankful for and proud of the outstanding leadership that these students provide in their various roles,” said Diana Robertson, director of the Department of Student Housing. “Their willingness to serve their peers in these capacities is testimony to their character and personal achievement. They truly make a difference in the lives of so many students.”

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Food board managers coordinate menu planning and food purchasing for their assigned halls.

Housing organization officers are elected to represent their fellow student residents and organize and facilitate shared social, intellectual and cultural concerns and activities.

About 5,000 people live in KU student housing facilities, Robertson said. The top 1 percent of these students, based on community leadership, are eligible for membership in the KU chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.
The Hays Daily News,
on enrollment
at University of Kansas:

The Kansas Board of Regents is not an organization shy about touting its success. Last week, it proudly boasted that for the first time, enrollment at the state’s six universities had exceeded 90,000 students.

The record mark was established because of an overall increase in enrollment of 557 students.

What the Regents didn’t point out was that not all of the student body at Fort Hays State University, there would have been no need for such a press release. FHSU accounted for 466 of the increase, by far the growth leader. In fact, our local university has set the pace for the past five years with its 62.1 percent spike in enrollment.

Fort Hays is even ahead of its own aggressive enrollment goals. With 9,588 students either on campus or in the Virtual College, FHSU is well on its way to hitting the 10,000 target it has set for 2010. This, in turn, should help boost efforts to reach 15,000 students by the year 2020.

That growth will bring its own challenges in the forms of physical space and faculty requirements. We’re confident the long-range plan under development adequately will address all such needs.

We’re hoping the attractiveness of Fort Hays State University will attract close attention by the Board of Regents. The growth here is helping overcome declines at both the University of Kansas and Emporia State University. Such efforts should be rewarded, whether through additional funding for long-term maintenance or a larger share of scholarship funding.

With its affordable success model, FHSU is helping raise the bar for all university students in the Sunflower State.
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Two Local Students Honored at Kansas Honors Banquet

The 37th Annual Kansas Honors Program was held September 19th at Wellington High School. 37 Seniors from across Sumner County, including two Caldwell High School, were honored for their scholastic achievement. (Top 10%)

Shelley Hansel MC’d the event. This year’s guest speaker was David Johnston, Director of Marketing and Internet Services for the KU Alumni Association. Presenter of DICTIONARIES to the honorees was done by KU’s Asst. Director for Alumni Programs - Danny Lewis.
KU t-shirts won by local residents

Kansans from 21 counties won T-shirts with the Jayhawk logo simply by visiting the University of Kansas booth at the Kansas State Fair, held Sept. 7-16 in Hutchinson. A total of 50 T-shirts were given away.

Five names were drawn each night of the fair. Winners received their bright blue KU T-shirts by mail.

Local winners were Skyler Hill and Sabrina Solis, both from Little River.
New doctor finds good fit in Lansing

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The saying goes, that to be a doctor, a person has to have pretty tough skin to handle the roller coaster of emotions to come when the health of another life is in their hands.

Dr. Stephanie Suber is not one of those doctors.

She admits she's cried when a patient makes a turn for the worst. She said she couldn't help but form friendships with most of her patients. But for Suber, it's these characteristics that make her stand out in the medical world.

As the newest doctor to join the practice of Dr. Richard Whitlow, Suber will enter Lansing's medical community, and with her arrival she hopes to form the relationships with her patients that will lead to longer health.

Suber, who lived in Lansing for three years as a child but later moved to Topeka with her family, got her bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Kansas. She attended medical school at Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa, and has recently finished her residency training at Research and Goppert in Kansas City, Mo.

When looking for a job after finishing 11 years of schooling, Suber said she didn't want to leave her current home in the countryside close to Tonganoxie. She began searching for jobs in the area when St. John Hospital offered to help her get started and connected her with Whitlow.

Suber said that right away she knew that Whitlow's practice would be a good match. She said Whitlow's personality of being easy to talk to, enthusiastic, and a good communicator drew her to the practice immediately.

So far, Suber has attended events for the Council on Aging and the Cushing Memorial Hospital's health fair to introduce herself to the community.

Entering the medical profession has been a dream of Suber's since a young age. As a gymnast growing up, Suber became interested in sports medicine but later decided that general family medicine was a better fit.

With each year in school that she worked toward her medical degree, Suber said her dream solidified and she knew that family medicine was where she belonged because she couldn't just focus on one

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part of the body. She said she preferred looking at how the entire body functioned, including her patients' personality, when treating a problem.

Suber's patients will range in all ages, but for each one, she plans to establish good relationships that will continue through the years as the patients grow. She said these days a single patient's medical records are spread across several doctors, but she hopes to form a continuity that will benefit patients by having their history all in one place.

Following a patient as they grow and knowing their entire medical history and then one day maybe even treating that patient's own children is what Suber looks forward to the most. She said when that trust is developed between a doctor and a patient, better care is always the result.

Her goal during her time in Lansing is to educate her patients to help them stay healthy. She said she wants to be a doctor people can talk to and prefers having an open discussion about treatment options with her patients before ever making a decision.

When it comes to a patient being successfully treated, Suber gives that recognition to the patients themselves. She said she is there to provide guidance, but it is the patient who has to take a pill every day or make a lifestyle change. She said she feels proud of the hard work that patients go through to achieve their goals and is grateful that she has the opportunity to be a part of it.

Outside of her work with patients, Suber spends her time with her two children, Ben, who is 3 years old, and Ellie, who is 9 months, and her husband Andy.

She said after working 90-hour weeks during her residency training, she looks forward to having more time, and especially more energy, to devote to her family.