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Among the schools the show will be at on Monday, August 20th will be: Lincoln High School, Russell High School, Sylvan Unified High School, and Wilson Jr.-Sr. High School.
Earle named interim director of Dole Institute at University of Kansas

LAWRENCE (AP) — Jonathan Earle, an American history scholar, was named Friday as interim director of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas.

Earle, associate director for programming at the institute, steps in for director Bill Lacy, who has taken a leave of absence to manage former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson's exploratory presidential campaign committee. Chancellor Robert Hemenway said.

"In Jonathan, the Dole Institute is in exceptionally capable hands," Hemenway said. "He is fulfilling Sen. Dole's mission to attract young people to become involved in civic affairs."

Earle, an associate professor of history who joined the Dole Institute staff in 2003 on a part-time basis, recently returned to the University of Kansas after a year as a visiting chair in U.S. history at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Earle, who joined the University of Kansas faculty in 1997, is an expert on the early American republic and the period leading up to the Civil War and recently was named one of eight top young historians by the History News Network.
Keast awarded National Corrections Scholarship

The Kansas Department of Corrections is pleased to announce the award of the Association of State Correctional Administrator’s $1000.00 Susan M. Hunter scholarship to 20 year-old Larned native Cassie Keast, daughter of Bob and Debbie Keast. Debbie Keast is an administrative assistant in the security department of the Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility.

The scholarship’s namesake, Dr. Susan Hunter, who was the former Chief of the Prisons Division of the National Institute of Corrections, passed away in 2003. She was known for her commitment to professionalism and progress in the field of corrections.

Cassie’s superior academic work and her desire to pursue higher education were given as reasons for the award. Cassie is beginning her studies as a Junior Biology major at the University of Kansas this semester. She plans to become a Genetic Engineer.

Cassie has two brothers, Tyson Keast, 26, who graduated from K-State with a degree in Construction Science and Bryce Keast, 23, who will graduate from K-State in December with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

According to Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz, who presented Cassie with her scholarship, “The Kansas Department of Corrections is privileged to honor the talented, hard-working child of one of our corrections professionals. We know Cassie will do great things for Kansas.”

Cassie graduated from Larned High School in 2005.
Argonia greets new teachers to community

Susan Nefert
Kindergarten
Susan comes to Argonia’s kindergarten classroom this year after three years in the elementary IRC room – two as a paraprofessional and one as the teacher. Susan graduated from Barclay College in Havidland, in 1988 with a degree in Elementary Education. Susan and her husband, Mike, live in Argonia. They have three daughters in the school district.

Daniel Flores
Band Instructor
Dan graduated from Wichita State University with a BS in music performance in 2003. He has pursued graduate studies at Roosevelt University, Northeastern Illinois University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dan has performed with many top orchestras and brass bands across the Chicago area.

Rachel Wattson
High School Custodian
Rachel graduated in Dec. 2006 with a BA in music education from Kansas Wesleyan University. She served as pep band director for two years. Rachel was also a member of the Salina Community Theater Chorus.

Kenny Ford
Kenny resides in Mayfield.
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Christine Short
Third Grade
Christine worked in the school-to-career program during her high school years as a teacher's assistant in first grade classroom. While going to school at Wichita State University, she worked as a cooperative paraprofessional in the Wichita School District. She spent two and one-half years at Lincoln Elementary, helping with all grades doing tutoring, small group work, centers and helping with the ESOL Department. She did her pre-student teaching and student teaching at Winteer Elementary in the Derby School District.

Bobby Gessleman
Social Studies
Bobby resides in Cheney, with his wife Patty. Bobby received his BS in social science from Emporia State University with a minor in physical education. He has substituted in many area schools.

Jon Mead
K-12 Physical Education
Jon graduated from Pretty Prairie High School in 2001. He participated in cross-country and track. He attended Hutchinson Community College and Emporia State University and graduated with a BS in physical education. He is very excited about the opportunity to teach and coach in the Argonia schools.

Barbara Clark
Special Education
Barbara is a native Kansan and has lived on a farm at Atica for 37 years. Barbara graduated with her BS from Newman University, Wichita and MSE from NWOSU, Ava, Okla. Barbara taught Title One at Atica for 11 years, special education at Cunningham one year, Harper Elementary eight years, and Atica one year.

Cathleen Balman
Second Grade
Cathleen received her elementary education degree in May, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Wichita State University's School of Education. Cathleen received a journalism degree from the University of Kansas in 1995 and first worked as an education reporter and city editor for the Emporia Gazette. In 1996, Cathleen took the position of Public Education Coordinator for the Kansas Federation Society in Wichita before taking time off to raise her two sons. During this time, Cathleen and her husband, Jerry, moved back to the area and built a house near her parent's Sumner County farm. Cathleen is excited to begin her new career and become part of the Argonia school community.
Thomas Gaskill
Elementary Custodian
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The evening events for parents and students are in the following communities:

- Manhattan: Manhattan Public Library, 629 Poyntz Ave., 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19
- Hays: Hadley Center, 205 E. Seventh St., 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 20
- Colby: Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St., 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 21
- Garden City: Garden City Community College, Beth Tedrow Student Center, 801 Campus Drive, 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22
- Hutchinson: Kansas Cosmosphere, 1100 N. Plum, 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23

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The roadshow includes stops at Fairfield High School August 23rd.
Medical helicopter lands on new helipad

The medical helicopter from Life Star landed on the newly constructed helipad at Cloud County Health Center, Wednesday, for a demonstration for hospital staff.

Life Star of Topeka has a satellite base in Junction City and has an arrival time of about 30 minutes from the time they are called for a transport. Brad Matzke, executive director, and Mick Mccallum, chief flight nurse provided continuing education for the medical staff. Bruce Thomas, pilot, Les Milan, RN, and Jeanette Hornung, paramedic, brought the helicopter from Junction City.

Construction of the helipad began early this summer with a lot of preparation prior to pouring the concrete. Dave Vance and Mary and Paul Boyer spent many hours cutting down and removing some old trees from the area. Clarence and Marilyn Mendenhall ground out the remaining tree stumps and removed them. Hospital maintenance staff built the protective fence and removed an additional tree. Soft Construction built the concrete pad and sidewalk leading up to it.

The old landing site for the helicopter was on 11th Street adjacent to the hospital. Fire

Representative of the hospital, fire and ambulance crew had to be called to block off the street and assist with the transport. Transporting the patient through the hospital parking lot and down the steep driveway was not easy. The new helipad makes this process much easier. Life Star staff have complimented CCHC on the new location, saying that the new pad is a substantial improvement over a street landing. One of the pilots said, "I have had occasion recently to use the new helipad at your facility, making both a day and a night landing. As a pilot, I can verify that the new pad greatly improves the safety of helicopter operations at the hospital. I appreciate your efforts in improving the safe transfer of patients from your facility through the use of the new pad."

Contributions from the public and Cloud County Foundation for Health Care have provided funds to make this project possible.

Helicopter landing
The Life Star helicopter landed on Cloud County Health Center’s new helipad, Wednesday. Pictured with the helicopter are back row: Brent Melko, Life Star Executive Director, and Robyn Bursell, WHP-C, front row (l to r): Dr. Matt Lutzen, NU Medical Student, Dr. Kara Fosdick, Dr. Yvonne Jordan, Dana Jordan, Pat C, Bruce Thomas, pilot, and Jeanette Hornung, paramedic.
Nicholas Ginther awarded 2007 Koch Foundation scholarship

Mr. Nicholas Ginther, son of Clay and Becky Ginther, was among 205 students from the United States and Canada chosen to revive an academic scholarship from the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation for the 2007-08 academic year. Nicholas will be attending the University of Kansas.

Nicholas is the dependent of an employee of Koch Nitrogen Company. Scholarships are awarded yearly to applicants demonstrating a strong academic record, extracurricular involvement, leadership and service. The recipients, all of whom are dependents of employees of Koch Industries, Inc. or its wholly owned subsidiaries in the United States and Canada, are selected by an independent panel of judges with expertise in the field of education.

The academic scholarship program was initiated in 1970 by the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation for dependents of Koch employees. Since that time, more than 2 million in scholarships has been awarded.
Area fireman receiving special training

The Southeast Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council has dedicated funds to develop a regional rescue team.

A rescue committee was appointed by the Homeland Security Council to develop the program and make recommendations to the council. The rescue committee consists of Parsons Fire Chief Tim Hay, Iola Fire Chief Don Leapheart, Chanute Battalion Chief Kevin Jones, Cherokee County Assistant Emergency Manager Nancy Lamb and Eureka Fire Chief Doug Williams, Rescue Program Manager.

The region is providing training to bring the team of 72 members to the rescue technician certification as recognized by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and FEMA. The program will consist of 136 hours of training per person and will have 24 in each class.

The first series of classes of 24 rescuers was started in Chanute and Parsons earlier this year and Eureka was selected to host the second series of classes. The third series of classes is undecided, but may be in Pittsburg. The University of Kansas Fire Service Training is providing all of the training and the cost is estimated at $2000 per person and will be paid for by the region.

The goal of this program is to provide a regional rescue response in the event that an incident would exceed the capabilities of the local responders. Not only will the region be able to respond a well-trained and equipped team to assist, but by training personnel throughout the region, the local departments will have more capability to deal with technical incidents themselves.

This team will also partner with three to four other teams throughout the state to form the Kansas Rescue Task Force and would, thereby, be used to provide assistance to major incidents throughout the state if needed.

This past weekend the 24 attendees; 14 from Eureka, 4 from Yates Center, 2 from Cherryvale, 2 from Parsons and 2 from Labette County completed 24 hours of Rope Rescue Operations. This next weekend they will complete a 16 hour Confined Space Rescue course and therefore have 40 hours of the 136 hour program completed. The rest of the courses will be staggered out over the next several months and also be offered in Eureka.
The University of Kansas Army Reserve Officers Training Corps program will host its 3rd Annual "Jayhawk" Battalion Alumni Association reunion and Wall of Fame Ceremony from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 3 at the KU ROTC building before the Kansas-Nebraska homecoming football game. All former Army ROTC graduates from KU or any of its extension centers are invited to see military demonstrations by cadets and listen to music from the 312th Army Reserve Band. Contact retired Lt. Col. H. David Pendleton at (913) 684-5320 or Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil for more information.
\"Rock Chalk\" show planned

High school and community college students, along with their parents, can learn about the University of Kansas during the \"Rock Chalk Roadshow\" next week. KU representatives will host a reception in Garden City from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Beth Tedrow Student Center of Garden City Community College, 801 Campus Drive.

Staff members from various offices, including admissions and scholarships, will be on hand.

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Also on Wednesday, the Roadshow group will make stops during the day at high schools in Cimarron, Deerfield, Dighton, Garden City, Healy, Holcomb, Ingalls, Lakin, Scott City and \(\text{Leoti.}\)