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- Megan Hicks
- Lynsey Metz

**SOUTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**
- Megan Berry
- Cass Myers
- Alicia Rayl
James receives art scholarship

During an annual spring exhibition and competition, the University of Kansas Dept. 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 29 to May 3. 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.

Rachel Suzanne James, daughter of George James of Independence, received the Hollander Family Foundation Award. She is a Senior at KU majoring in Art.
Legislative update

On Monday of this week I met with a group that has come together to discuss the upcoming building of new units at the Frontier Refinery and the “turn-around” or modernizing of some existing units. The group consisted of representatives of the convention and visitors bureau, El Dorado Inc., refinery personnel and myself. We heard of the proposed numbers of these highly skilled transient workers and talked of some opportunities that will exist for those willing to work to identify and provide for these workers needs and wants.

For example, we heard the needs include; check-cashing facilities, many of these individuals do not have bank accounts, and they either cannot or will not open an account locally. They want to know where Wal-mart is located; in addition they need to know what other stores are near-by that will have the work clothes, tools and other items they need. They also want a place to stay that has a clean bed and hopefully a kitchen facility.

They want to know where they can eat, especially if they have to be to work at 6 a.m. and or get off at 9 in the evening. I see this as an opportunity for the local restaurants to offer extended hours to provide for the needs of these workers. Also do not forget about laundries, auto mechanic garages, medical service, and motor home and RV repair.

Since these individuals get a short 30-minute lunch break, someone to prepare lunches, or even a meal or snack truck that will sell food items could be successful. The real crunch will come in late ‘08 and ‘09 when there could be close to 2,000 or more workers here for the Fall and Spring. Housing is going to be in a critical shortage as well. Hopefully upgrades at the State Park will absorb some of these workers.

Did you know that in 2004 alone, the nine states with no income tax gained an additional 323,579 domestic residents from the 41 states with an income tax? These people that moved took with them an additional $10.6 billion of adjusted gross income.

The states facing the largest fiscal problems from large unfunded liabilities in healthcare and pension already face the largest out-migration of residents. Tax increases only further this out-migration.

I receive numerous publications that are over-loaded with facts, figures, charts and graphs. The above information came from the “Americans for Tax Reform”. www.atr.org.

They go on to say that the total income losses in the states with the highest tax burdens amounted to a staggering $55.51 billion from 1996 to 2004. These states have lost an average of $6.17 billion each year during this time period. Say what you will but we cannot spend and tax ourselves to prosperity.

I was in Topeka last week for a meeting of the Legislative Post Audit Committee. While there we were presented the findings from an evaluation of our vocational educational education programs. Seems many of our students do not plan on going to college, they want to begin work so why not prepare them with some marketable skills?

While statistically up to 1/3 of our high school graduates will go on to graduate from post secondary schools like KU, KSU, WSU, Ft Hays, Emporia, Pittsburg and Community Colleges like Butler. The rest of them really need to be trained in life skills that will help them as they work on their independence.

I am talking about how to balance a checkbook, apply for a loan, manage cash flow.

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interview for a job and in
some cases raise the children
they are now the parents of. If
we fail to teach independence
and offer life skills training
we are rewarded by a genera-
tion of those that require soci-
ety take care of their needs.

Technical training, job
skills, showing up for work on
time, being polite, being trust-
worthy and working to
improve our own station in
life is as important as any-
thing else I can imagine.
Statistics show that hard work
will gain you freedom and a
lifestyle that does not require
government subsidence. We
all have made bad choices,
and we do not always have
control over what happens to
us. We do have control of our
attitude and what we do about
what happens to us.

I am going to Sedgwick on
Thursday the 30th for a tour
of the State of Kansas new
Ethanol plant. The tour will
highlight the operation that is
a community effort, I have
asked our county commis-
sioners to come along, so we
can see what these plants are
all about. I will report back to
you next week.

I want to know what you
think on these and any other
issues. I consider it an honor
and privilege to be your repre-
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Thanks, Rep. Grange
Cherrývale band to perform at KU

The Chargers Marching Band will take part in the 60th annual Band Day at the University of Kansas Saturday.

The Cherryvale High School band, under the direction of Mark Torkelson, will take part in activities that include a parade at 1:30 p.m. in downtown Lawrence and a performance during halftime of the KU football game that kicks off at 6 p.m. Saturday. The events are hosted by the Marching Jayhawks and the Department of Music and Dance in KU’s School of Fine Arts.

Another band returning this year is the Greensburg High School band, director Mike Brummett said. The tornado in May that destroyed most of Greensburg did not level the high school band instrument room.

Brummett said although many instruments needed to be cleaned, only one clarinet could not be salvaged. Brummett also directs the Bucklin High School band 20 miles away, and it also will perform.
Former Railer returns to play concert at Moka’s

Joe Garvey, singer/songwriter, will return to Newton at 7:30 p.m. today for an electric/acoustic performance at Moka’s, 701 N. Main.

A student at the University of Kansas with a major in journalism and political science, Garvey started playing guitar at 16-years-old and has been writing and producing his own music ever since.

Garvey recently played to a capacity crowd at the Hard Rock Cafe in Paris as part of a musician lineup in a tribute to deceased artist Jeff Buckley. He has been playing at venues in the Wichita and Lawrence area for the past year.

This will be his first performance in Newton, where he attended school for three years prior to his family’s move to Valley Center.

There is no cover charge for the event.
Honor scholars announced

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Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Cathy Mitchell, David Carr and Colette Kocour, all of Wellington, are site coordinators.

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Manhattan police search for possible serial rapist

MANHATTAN (AP) — Police are on the hunt for a man they say has raped seven college-age women near Kansas State University over the past seven years, the latest attack coming last month.

The man, they say, always wears long-sleeve shirts and dark-colored gloves and covers all but his eyes with a mask. Because of the mask, police don’t have a composite sketch of the suspect and few leads to track down.

That uncertainty has ratcheted up the fear in the college community with parents pressuring law enforcement for more information and professors scheduling crime prevention presentations.

"Whenever there is an attack by this guy, we get lots of calls," said Mary Todd, director of the university’s Women’s Center. “Calls from people concerned about their safety.”

Police have continued to provide female students with tips on how to stay safe, such as never walking alone and keeping doors and windows locked. They say they want students to avoid becoming the victim of all sorts of criminals.

“If someone is able to protect themselves from the opportunistic rapist, you can protect yourself against the serial rapist,” said Capt. John Doehling of the Riley County Police Department, which covers Manhattan. “Yes, we believe there is one guy doing this. But if it was seven different persons committing these crimes over the course of seven years, people would still need to be concerned.”

Studies show the bulk of rapes in a college setting are committed by people who know their victims, either as acquaintances or as a date. But two University of Kansas doctoral students said their research showed women were more afraid of rapes committed by strangers, even though they believed they were more likely to be raped by an acquaintance.

Officials are urging parents to talk to their daughters and make sure they keep the doors and windows to their apartments closed and locked, even during the day.

Female students are also using Wildcat Walk, a service that provides escorts across campus at night. Wildcats Against Rape signed up a record number of new members this semester, about 100 people, compared to the usual 40.

“I think it’s great people are concerned and it’s great people want to get involved,” said Abby Heraud, a senior from Pratt and president of the group. “But I think it’s really sad that it has to happen again for people to pay attention to it...This has gone on for years.”

Investigators said they believe the rapist got his start in October 2000 when he tried to rape a woman but ran off after a struggle...
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Area students pledge KU sororities

LAWRENCE — Sororities at the University of Kansas pledged 567 women during fall formal recruitment, the KU Panhellenic Association has announced. Area pledges include:

- Hali BriAnn McCord, Arkansas City, daughter of Joni and Roy Curl, political science, freshman, Alpha Delta Pi,

Arkansas City High School.


- Abby Marie Otte, Winfield, daughter of Lucy Freeman, undecided major, freshman, Alpha Chi Omega, Winfield High School.
CLASS LTD staff attends training

Leslie Lackamp of Pittsburg, Phillip Chappuie of Independence and Mark Newbold of Columbus attended the InterHab Program Leadership Resource Network meeting hosted by Futures Unlimited in Wellington on Aug. 23. The disaster training was "No One Left Behind", presented by Catherine Rooney, Project Manager for Disability and Disaster Studies at the University of Kansas. Organizational emergency preparedness plans were shared and discussed following the training.

CLASS LTD is a not-for-profit organization that provides services for persons with developmental and other disabilities in southeast Kansas.