Studio hours set for artist-in-residence

Lawrence artist Matthew Burke, the current artist-in-residence at the Salina Art Center, will have open studio hours from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday and July 24 at the newly renovated Salina Art Center Warehouse, 149 S. Fourth.

Burke, an assistant professor of sculpture at the University of Kansas, uses woven native wood forms to create original sculptures. He will be living in Salina and working at the warehouse through July 31.

For more information, call 316-507-1431.
COLUMBIA, Mo. — Salina Journal reporter Duane Schrag has been named to the 2008-09 class of the Midwest Health Journalism Program, an annual fellowship program for reporters and editors from Kansas and Missouri.

The announcement was made by the Association of Health Care Journalists.

Schrag has been a special projects reporter at the Journal since 2003. Schrag is a graduate of Moundridge High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in photo journalism from the University of Oregon.

Other fellows selected were: Alan Bavely, reporter, The Kansas City Star; Mary Jo Feldstein, reporter, St. Louis Post-Dispatch; Elana Gordon, reporter, KCUR (NPR), Kansas City; Sandra Jordan, reporter, St. Louis American; Jeannine Koranda, statehouse reporter, The Wichita Eagle; Kathleen O’Dell, reporter, The Springfield News-Leader; Morgan Smith, reporter/producer, KAKE-Wichita; Tammy Worth, freelance writer, Blue Springs, Mo.; and Liz Zamora, news anchor/reporter, KTKA-Topeka.

The program provides established journalists with the tools needed to improve the depth and amount of coverage focused on critical state and local health issues.

The program involves a cooperative effort among AHCJ, the Kansas Health Institute and the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas.

AHCJ, based at the Missouri School of Journalism, conducts the training program through its Center for Excellence in Health Care Journalism. The Kansas Health Institute administers the grant and helps coordinate overall planning and marketing efforts, while the University of Kansas evaluates the training project and its results.

Training includes a seminar on health policy and reform efforts in Kansas City in July; a four-day reporting boot camp in Columbia, Mo., in August; a three-day workshop at the CDC in Atlanta; a state government day in Topeka or Jefferson City early in 2009; a four-day trip in April to Health Journalism 2009 in Seattle; and a seminar on covering rural health issues in mid-2009.

Each fellow will be provided an appropriate mentor from the 1,000-plus membership of AHCJ to discuss story ideas, best sources and story approaches throughout the year.
Mike Quilling, Scott City, and Howard Richards, Dighton, are among 797 teachers recognized by the University of Kansas for 25 or more years of service to education in Kansas.

Quilling, who has 25 years in public education, will begin his second year as director of the Scott City Middle School band program and SCHS assistant director.

Richards has 25 years as a physical education teacher and activity director.

"Strengthening education is among the more important public policy issues facing our country," said Rick Ginsberg, dean of the School of Education. "Good teaching is at the core of any success that students achieve."

"As leaders debate the best ways to attract and retain high quality teachers across Kansas, it is important to recognize those who have dedicated their professional lives to our classrooms."
Jewish Heritage Foundation distributes over $1.5 million to Jewish community

The board of directors of the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City announced its 2008 Program and Core Agency Support grant awards to local Jewish agencies.

"This year the Foundation received a record number of requests from Jewish Agencies — over $2,330,000 of combined Program and Core Agency Support grant requests," said Sheryl Davidow, Foundation board president. "However, due to the continuing underperformance of the financial markets, the Foundation has fewer resources available to help. After a detailed review of all grant applications, the board voted to award $1,561,540 in grants to be distributed through 28 Program grants for direct services to clients and five Core Agency Support grants to provide support for operational expenses."

Program grants were given to the following Jewish organizations:

- B’nai B’rith Youth Organization (BBYO) — $7,040, leadership development;
- Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy — $100,000, financial assistance program;
- Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters — $15,000, support a one-on-one mentor program with Jewish children;
- Jewish Community Center — $46,500, Department of Adult Jewish Learning; $53,500, Genesis Program, an educational program for interfaith couples; and, $250,000 for funding of the Heritage Center;
- Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee (JCRB/AJC) — $60,000, Interfaith Clergy Council;
- Jewish Family and Children Services — $32,000, Jewish Chaplaincy program; $21,500, Family Support Services; $24,000, Community Case Management; $31,000, BLING, an educational program aimed at pre-adolescents who are at risk of developing eating disorders; and, $60,000, Supportive Communities, a pilot program based on the Israeli JDC-Elshel model;
- Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City — $133,000, Sasone Program for special needs children; $145,000, Jewish Senior Network Client Subsidy Program; $30,000, Jewish Community Simcha Box Program; $22,000, Young Professionals Program; $13,500, Young Emissary Program; $36,000, Teacher Education Initiative; and, $37,500, Jewish Student Union;
- Jewish Vocational Services — $26,000 Career Management Services Program;
- Kansas City Community Kollel — $12,500, Judaic education programming for post bar and bat mitzvah teenagers and young adults;
- Kansas University Endowment Association — $45,000, enhanced curriculum in modern and biblical Hebrew language and culture at University of Kansas;
- Kansas University Hillel Foundation — $20,000, Friday Night Shabbat Experiences program; $25,000, Student Leadership Development Program;
- Midwest Center for Holocaust Education — $7,500, Collective Voice Writing Project;
- Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City — $30,000, community programming;
- Village Shalom — $200,000, TAP program; and, $35,000, Supportive Communities.
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Core Agency Support grants, which provide operational dollars, were given to the following Jewish organizations:

- Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy — $6,000, promotional materials;
- Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City — $10,000, partial program director salary and marketing materials;
- Lawrence Jewish Community Center — $10,000, strategic planning and fundraising consultant;
- Midwest Center for Holocaust Education — $5,000, board development;
- Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City — $10,000 funding of a part-time administrator.

The Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City was created in 1994 with the sale of Menorah Hospital to Health Midwest, and throughout the past 14 years has dedicated itself to improving the quality of life to the citizens of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area through its support of the area agencies who serve them.

Officers of the Foundation board are Sheryl T. Davidow, president; Steven A. Gershon, executive vice president; Stanley P. Weiner, vice president-investments; Susan L. Goldsmith, vice president-grants, Merilyn Berenbom, secretary; and, Michael Milens, treasurer.


Foundation staff includes Ellen Kort, executive director; Cathy Boyer-Shesol, senior program officer; and Marianne Mantel, administrative director.
Several students and faculty members at KU are studying the effect that cosmic rays could have on the atmosphere and mass extinction. They are using new calculations created by Alexander Krejci, a Lawrence senior. The apparent benefit of this new system is that the scientists can study the rays as a whole instead of one individual ray at a time. The goal of this research is to win the Vanderbilt Prize for Undergraduate Research in Physics and Astronomy, which is given by the Vanderbilt Physics and Astronomy Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Local Graduate Student Elected to International Honor Society

Laura Kane, RN, Liberal, Kan., has been elected to membership in the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International as a graduate student through Delta Chapter at the University of Kansas School of Nursing in Kansas City, Kan.

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, one of the largest international nursing organizations, works to foster, develop and connect nurse scholars and leaders worldwide to improve health care.

Kane received a Master of Science Degree in nursing at the University of Kansas School of Nursing in May.

Membership to the honor society is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to nurse leaders who demonstrate exceptional achievement in nursing. The master’s and doctoral student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and have completed at least one-quarter of nursing curriculum to qualify for membership.
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Nancy Cardoza, daughter of Fernando and Eustacia;
Ofelia Castro, daughter of Bill and Yolanda French;
Katelyn N Deckert, daughter of Ronald Deckert;
Hong Thanh Le Do, daughter of Hue Do;
Andrew J Garner, son of Jim and Carol Garner;
Lakin Nicole Johnson, daughter of Sheryn Wells;
Lakin Nicole Johnson, daughter of Dannie Johnson;
Cambrey Bao-Phuong Nguyen, daughter of Viet and Hoa Nguyen;
Suong T Nguyen, daughter of Dat Nguyen;
Thao Thu Thi Nguyen, daughter of Tai and Thu Tran Nguyen;
Jose Luis Portillo, son of Jose and Eva Portillo;
Kendal Ryan Reed, son of Steve and Anita Reed;
Tyler Cole Westerman, son of Mel Westerman.
The KU Golf Tournament held at Liberal Country Club this past weekend raised $7,000, after expenses, for the KU Alumni Association. Bill Hill was chairman of the event. Tracy Utz, Committee Chairman, said the amount raised was $2,000 more than last year and this was the largest golf event by a KU Alumni Chapter this year. Shown participating in the tournament are: front - Kevin Corbitt, president of the KU Alumni Association, Tracy Utz, Scott Hinkle and Bill Hill. Back - Jerry Harding, Kelly Rotolo, and Greg Swanson. Not shown but also playing with the group was Heath Peterson, Alumni Program Director for Kansas.
KU announces spring honor roll

More than 4,900 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2018 semester.

Students from Marion County were: Chelsey Harmon, Durham, daughter of Tom and Carla Harmon; Emily Arnold, Hillsboro, daughter of Don and Gayla Ratzlaff; Megan Vogel, Hillsboro, daughter of Stanley and Joanne Vogel; Karson Craig, Marion, daughter of Kevin and Debbie Craig; Shawna Johnson, Marion; Amy Tajchman, Marion, daughter of Charles and Kay Tajchman; Karl Tajchman, Marion, daughter of Charles and Kay Tajchman; Krista Heiser, Ramona, daughter of Mark and Katherine Heiser; and Nathan Craft, Goessel, son of John Craft.
Wet weather brings ant, termite invasions

TOPEKA (AP) — Mild weather allowed marginal ant and termite colonies to survive the winter, and persistent rainfall into the summer is helping them survive and invade homes in bigger numbers than in the past, experts say.

In Topeka, reports of ant infestations are up 10 percent to 15 percent, while termite infestations are up almost 50 percent from previous years, local exterminators said.

"It would be my assumption that because we had a wet winter that wasn't too cold and we've had a long, wet spring, most insects are able to reproduce and live better," said Zachary Falin, collection manager with the University of Kansas Division of Entomology.

"The conditions could allow marginal colonies to squeak by in the winter and then boom around now," he said. "Usually around this time, it's too hot to see this much activity."