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The Nursing Residency Program reaches a major milestone this month as its sixth group of new nurses enters the program. The one-year post-baccalaureate program, affiliated with the University of Kansas School of Nursing, is designed to better enable nurses to meet the challenges of their profession and as such, improve retention in the profession.

The project is conducted by the University HealthSystem Consortium and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The program is open to all BSN graduates within their first six months of graduation. When starting the program five years ago, KU was one of only 12 academic medical centers in the country participating in the pilot project. Today there are 28 centers with the program, which is only open to academic medical centers with an affiliated school of nursing.

Tammy Peterman, COO and Chief Nursing Officer at The University of Kansas Hospital, says the program is proving worthwhile in nurse retention. “Nationwide, the average one-year retention of new nurses is in the mid-80 percent range. Nationally, the nurse residency program has a 93.6 percent retention rate. Our rate over the first five years is 95 percent, so we are very happy with the success of our program.”

“We recognize the future of our profession is in these young nurses and it is very important that we support them as they enter the profession and encourage them to stay in nursing,” Peterman said.

The program was started by The University of Kansas Hospital and the KU School of Nursing, but today BSN graduates from all accredited universities accepting jobs at the hospital will participate in the program.
Researchers study natives by heat process

By DUANE SCHRAG
The Salina Journal

REPUBLIC COUNTY, Kan. (AP) – You might be surprised what you can learn from a campfire. A campfire that has been cold for, say, 300 years.

Stacey Lengyel is hoping she can tell, within 30 years or so, when it was used.

Lengyel, a research associate in anthropology at the Illinois State Museum, is the country's leading authority on archeomagnetic dating, a process built around two phenomena: when heated, magnetic particles reorient themselves to magnetic north; and over time, magnetic north is, literally, all over the map.

"They call it a 'drunken wander,'" said Lengyel. "Around 1600, it was real close to Earth's rotational axis. Now, it is around 75 degrees latitude."

Lengyel is one of scores — mostly volunteers, but also some highly credentialed professionals — who were enlisted this summer to help uncover new information about a Pawnee Indian settlement in northwest Republic County.

"One of the things we're really hoping to learn is the actual age of the village," said Richard Gould, administrator of the Pawnee Indian Museum. The museum encloses the floor of an 1820s earth lodge. It is surrounded by the remnants of many other structures. The earth has settled where each of the lodges once existed.

"We have 22 lodge depressions within the fenced area," Gould said. "What we really want to do is pinpoint when it was lived in."

The group also wants to learn more about this Pawnee Nation band's lifestyle.

The Kitkehahki band was one of four Pawnee Nation bands. It also was dubbed the Republican band by French traders, who were impressed by the Pawnee's collaborative culture. The Republican name then was adopted for the river and the county.

Band members were hunter-gatherers, Gould said. But they were transitioning to a farming lifestyle. They planted crops in the spring, went hunting for buffalo in the summer, harvested in the winter, and then left to hunt buffalo again in the winter.

The two-week archaeological dig is a project of the Kansas Archaeology Training Program, a venture now in its 33rd year that involves the Kansas Historical Society, the Kansas Anthropological Association, the University of Kansas and Kansas State University.

Donna Roper, research associate professor at the University of Kansas, is one of the principal investigators.

"Almost everyone here is a volunteer," Roper said, pointing to dozens of people — young and old, scraping and sifting, pouring and lifting — swarming around intersecting trenches.

More than 150 volunteers, some of them students enrolled in KU's Kansas Archaeological Field School, participated in the two-week dig.

Whenever potentially significant fragments were uncovered, their location would be charted before they were moved. Dirt shaved from the floor was bagged and then shaken through a series of...
increasingly fine meshes.

The team was looking for any telltale objects, such as seeds, tools or building materials, that offered insights into the band's daily lives. The archeomagnetic dating is a rather technological process. Once potential samples have been identified, their location and orientation are precisely measured, Lengyel said. About a dozen 1-inch cubes are then excised, encased to preserve them, then taken to a lab.

The chunks are then progressively demagnetized until their natural remnant magnetism can be measured, she said. The objects may have been partially magnetized by nearby lightening strikes, for example, or if they were stored near objects with strong magnetic fields. These weaker magnetic fields must be removed.

First their magnetic fingerprint is taken, and then they are slightly demagnetized. The process is repeated several times; each time weaker magnetic signals are purged. Eventually all that is left is the baseline magnetic signal, she said. If the material was fired to about 500 degrees Celsius or more, the magnetic field will point to where magnetic north was located at the time.

"The best dates we can get are within a 30-year time period," Lengyel said.
More than a year after an EF-5 tornado wiped out much of Greensburg, volunteer groups still are clearing debris.

High school campers from the Kansas Youth Leadership Academy took their turn Thursday.

“We think that things like this can’t happen to us,” said Palco sophomore Nicole Armbrister. “But when you see it in real life, then you know that it’s real and it can happen to you at any moment.”

Armbrister was one of about 80 high school campers to participate in the service project. The campers were split into two groups. Some mowed, some moved heavy debris, including a boat, and others picked up the little stuff to make it easier for residents to take care of their lots.

“A couple people in my group found a set of prom pictures,” said TMP-Marian sophomore Elizabeth Rupp. “Most of them were destroyed, but there was one where you could see the faces. It’s something that you can’t replace. It’s nice to find something you can have back.”

Following debris pick-up in the morning, campers were able to talk to community leaders and take a tour of the town. Plainville senior Colburn Patterson said he liked listening to the town leaders, and especially liked what the mayor had to say.

“He said what they learned the most was that in the end, all your stuff didn’t matter because they didn’t have any stuff left,” Patterson said. “It was the personal relationships with the other townspeople that really stood out after the tornado.”

On the tour of the town, campers were able to see the “green” building initiatives teams from the University of Kansas and Kansas State University were doing. They also toured FEMA-ville.

“With all the destruction that did go through the town, we knew that there was still going to be a problem and a mess that they had to clean up, but they’ve done a lot of improvements,” Armbrister said. “There were a lot of buildings that were brand new that they’d already replaced.”

Rupp said she was attending her fifth KYLA camp at Fort Hays State University.

“Every single time I come back, I learn something new,” Rupp said. “This is the first time we’ve got to go out and do a service project this big.”

Campers also participated in classroom leadership sessions and a ropes course during their four-day camp that concludes today.

“The other years, it’s been really fun,” Armbrister said. “But actually getting to be involved in something instead of just hearing about it or having somebody show it to us, it’s a lot more interesting that we got to go out and do the work.”
College students save money from summer work for tuition increases

By Rachel Coleman
The Times

A recent announcement by the Kansas Board of Regents means that the price of a college education in Kansas will go up this year—and that’s a concern to Board of Regents Chair Donna Shank of Liberal.

“We asked the universities not to increase tuition [as much as they have in the past], and I think they really tried,” Shank said. This year’s increase is "the smallest in 10 years."

Nonetheless, Shank worries that the ever-increasing cost to attend one of Kansas’ six state universities may have long-term negative effects.

"I just worry that we’re going to price some people out of going to college," she said.

According to information from the Board of Regents, the newly-established tuition rates range from a 4.9-percent increase at Emporia State University to a 6-percent increase at the University of Kansas-Lawrence.

"Each university submits a proposal to the board, so it’s not the same across the board," Shank said.

Although KU students will pay a higher rate of tuition than those of other state institutions, there is a measure of relief for incoming freshmen in the form of the university’s Four-Year Tuition Compact. The rate applies for first-time full-time students who begin as freshmen in Fall of this year, and will be locked in for those students over a four-year period. In that payment arrangement, the tuition increase came in at 7.6 percent.

Nonetheless, the Four-Year Compact is a good deal, said Liberal native Jeremy Todd,
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who is currently a KU student. Todd graduated from Liberal High School in 2007 and enrolled at KU under last year’s compact.

What that means, he said, is that “the higher tuition doesn’t affect me as much. I was in on it the first year, and my tuition isn’t going to go up.”

Still, Todd said, paying for college is tough. This summer, he’s working at MusicTech instrument-repair shop in Liberal to save money for his expenses.

“It’s hard to save, but my goal is to have enough to pay for my books and other expenses,” Todd said.

His tuition is covered through the Kansas Teachers Scholarship, which extends $10,000 per year loans to education majors.

After graduation, “you have to teach for two years for each $10,000” in Kansas school districts that struggle to recruit faculty, Todd said.

“If you opt out or change your major, it turns into a regular loan,” he said.

To cut expenses, Todd went to KU with 25 credit hours already completed. He aims to finish the five-year KU teaching program, which incorporates a year of student-teaching and preliminary master’s degree study, in four years.

“I don’t want to have to take out anymore student loans,” he said.

Alesa Henderson, whose son Tyler Henderson also works at MusicTech to earn college money, said that Kansas tuition increases are small potatoes compared to the price of out-of-state tuition. Tyler, spent his freshman year at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., but he’s back home this year.

“It’s just so expensive,” Henderson said, “and a lot of times the fees turn out to be more than the tuition. It helps if you can get a scholarship, but what we found out was that it is not enough to be the most qualified; that doesn’t mean you will be awarded scholarship help.”

When Dodge City Community College offered Tyler a golf scholarship, he decided that it would be better to switch.

The Henderson’s younger daughter Emily Henderson most likely will attend one of Kansas’ four-year institutions.

If it’s KU, Henderson said, the Four-Year Compact sounds pretty good. But other universities in Kansas do not offer such a guarantee of fixed tuition prices, so attendance there would mean a higher rate each year.

“I don’t know what she’ll decide,” she said, nor does the family have a definite plan for how to cover all of the expenses.

“That’s why there are student loans,” Henderson said ruefully.

These situations are exactly what Shank said that she is thinking about when she worries about middle-class families being “priced out.”

“The board recognizes the heavy financial burden hard-working students and their families bear as students pursue higher education,” Shank said in a press release from the Regents. “We are pleased that in this challenging economic environment, institutions were willing to work within the Board’s guidelines to keep tuition increases near inflation levels.”

Shank said that increases are a necessary burden, as Kansans expect universities to offer a high-quality experience to students. Outgoing Regent chair Christine Downey-Schmidt agreed.

“The Board continues to struggle with balancing declining support [from students and their families], the need to maintain exceptional learning experiences and the financial pressures of institutions, students and families.”

“The same factors that affect family budgets are affecting university budgets,” Shank said. “It’s hard for everyone.”

In the end, the Board of Regents hopes that a state university education in Kansas will “remain a great buy,” Downey-Schmidt said.

In a recent survey, the Board of Regents compared tuition and fee rates at Kansas’ six state universities to similar institutions in neighboring states. The results showed rates in Kansas to be lower than those in neighboring states. (See sidebar, page 1A)
Tyler Henderson gives a saxophone a little TLC in the instrument repair shop at MusicTech on Kansas Avenue in Liberal. When the school year ends, MusicTech services and cleans many instruments owned by various schools' band departments. Employees said that some arrive in poor condition, having been neglected by beginning musicians, while others need only minimal attention.
Side-by-side:
Comparing Kansas' tuition with that of surrounding states

Times staff reports

As part of the tuition-establishment process, the Kansas Board of Regents conducted a survey of college prices at institutions in neighboring states. Kansas institutions came in on the low side, price-wise, in comparison to Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma.

The breakdown:
Missouri $8,120 (34 percent higher), Iowa $6,227 (3 percent higher), Nebraska $6,216 (3 percent higher), Kansas $6,062 (KSU, KU, WSU), Colorado $6,027 (1 percent lower), Oklahoma $6,262 (3 percent higher), average $6,884 (14 percent higher). Kansas average, $6,062.

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Good crowd gathers to take part in Museum Grand Opening

By Pat Vining

When Shelby Cardell, age 12, first visited the Richmond Community Museum last week, his favorite expression was "Wow, look at that!" or "Wow, I didn't know these things were in Richmond," and similar phrases.

This "Wow" attitude continued several times at the Museum's Grand Opening June 14, including Shelby's essay about Richmond. He closed by saying, "I like Richmond because Richmond is just my size."

The more than 150 persons attending seemed to have a unanimous "Wow" for the young man who will be a 7th grader at Central Heights, and also for their over-all enjoyment of the Museum.

Included in the "Wows" were the master of ceremonies David Schafer, a Richmond native and Central Heights graduate who has been an interpretative guide with the National Park Service for 21 years, now at Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Cheyenne, OK.

Schafer introduced Connie (Kueser) Beckwith who has been with Patriots bank for 35 years, and Cardell who both told why they appreciate and enjoy Richmond; and Dennis Peters who has done nearly all of remodeling the old lumber yard into the Museum.

Peters' "Wow" moment was about a 1903 Richmond High School alumnus, George E. Putnam (1887-1939).

The son of the Putnams who built the lumber yard (now Museum) in the 1880s, George attended Ottawa and Kansas Universities, where he was named a Rhodes Scholar and then attended Oxford University. He was a talented athlete, setting a world record in the hammer throw in 1910. He became an economist, mostly with Swift & Co. of Chicago. Peters concluded by saying the community has a high standard to follow with this Rhodes Scholar model. Putnam certainly is a "Wow" name of all Richmond graduates.

"Homeplace in the Heartland" were Schafer's remarks as he listed the qualities and values of his home town, saying how lucky he is to have been raised here and how great it is that so many of the historic objects from over the years are now showcased in this building.

"I've never been more proud of Richmond," said Schafer.

Julie (McLees) Vogt of Ports- mouth, N. H., thanked those who have worked on the Museum, especially naming her cousin, Marilyn (Nilges) Bennett who prepared the display about her father, Gerald McLees, a 1923 R. H. S. graduate who was one of the few men ever rescued from a sunken submarine. This is a "Wow" exhibit one really needs to see to understand and appreciate the importance of The Squalus submarine event in history.

Coming from out-of-state especially for the Museum's Grand Opening were Margaret (Gault) young of Sun City, AZ, who joined her sisters, Iwalani Mortenson of Paola and Virginia Cunningham of Richmond, the first time the three sisters have been together for 15 years. They and several family members checked out the artifacts, especially those given by the Gault and Cunningham families, including a miniature spinning wheel from the Dietrich pioneer cabin, Phillips 66 Station mementoes, a wooden butter churn and other items.

Young brought her own artifact to donate, a clothes pin bag advertising G. Z. Price Ford Dealer, something she said she has kept and used for nearly 70 years.

Also bringing a gift item from out-of-state was Harriet (Gault) Monsees, a cousin of the other women, who gave the Museum the wedding dress made by her grandmother in 1912 for her mother, Marion (Whetstone) of Pomona, to wear when she married Harry Gault, and which Harriet wore at her own wedding in Richmond in 1950.

Jim Ferguson of Braman, Ok, gave a memorial plaque he made of the Richmond High School Class of 1958.

Jim Greischar of McPherson donated the basketball goal from the OLD Richmond basketball court, the one in the basement of the high school building prior to the gymnasium's construction in 1950.

Eunice (Sevems) Bradley of Manhattan brought scissors used by Clive Bastin for many years in his Richmond barber shop, Phyllis (Grigsby) Jones of Lawrence sent her 1938 R. H. S. class ring, Max Reimer of Richmond gave a John H. Roeckers business sign, and several wedding, veterans and family pictures were brought in to add...
to albums.

Earlier, the Museum was honored when Dale Lybarger of Garnett brought an antique hand-operated gasoline pump which for years was on the Earl, then Charles, then Roy Edwards farm southwest of town.

About 40 members of the Nilges and McLees families from Illinois, Garnett and other areas were present, most of them seeing the DVD prepared about Gerald 'Scoop' McLees for the first time:

Nearly three years in the remodeling stage, the Richmond Community Museum was inspired by the late Etta Blanche Smith-Dahlgren who said many times, yes, just get started and do it and see what happens. She is recognized with a display in the Museum. Monetary gifts to the Museum have been given in her name by the Richmond United Methodist Church which is in this way sharing with the community some of her gift to that church.

Donor names are listed on the Wall of Honor plaques, thanking these per-

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sons for their financial support, and another plaque thanks others who donated furnishings, everything from the furnace and A/C units to the kitchen and bathroom sinks.

Most of the remodeling supplies were purchased from Garnett Siding and Lumber, Miller Roofing of Garnett put on the bright blue metal roof, and Baumans did the carpeting.

To conclude the program Cathy Parsons wowed the audience with a medley of patriotic songs and the symbolic ribbon was cut by Peters with board members and volunteers supporting him.

The Rev. Jerry Harnden closed with remarks and the benediction.

Visitors moved around the 50 ft. x 50 ft. Museum area, enjoying the 200 major artifacts, 50 albums and history books, several shelves of 4-H mementoes, old signs and other keepsakes from the community.

Many said they were surprised, yes "Wowed" by the number and variety of artifacts displayed, a question often asked was "Where did you get that?" or "Where in the world did that come from?"

RCMA officers during the remodeling years include Peters, Mary Tooley, Pat Vining and Phyllis Rossman. Mikael Peters, Pam Peters, Larry Cox, Arlen Hall and Janice McIntosh completed what Peters called his "A Team," ones he could ask at any time to do specific jobs. About 40 other volunteers from middle school up have worked many hours on the building, fundraisers and displays. Kelly (Carpenter) Hennessey recently joined the officer team.
Shelby Gardell’s essay “What Richmond Means To Me” expressed not only his sentiments about his hometown, but those of all those in attendance.

Former Richmond resident Jerry Mildfelt (left) and his son, Todd Mildfelt, RCMA Director (right) look over the exhibit that highlights the Richmond Free Fair, which will be held July 10-12 this year.

Pictures are by Janice McIntosh.
Physical-therapy business opens
Basehor graduate expands clinic to serve Leavenworth County residents

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There are several SERC Physical and Hand Therapy clinics in the Kansas City area and Basehor-Linwood High School graduate just opened number 13.

On April 7, Jason Langford opened his business in Lansing to serve residents of Leavenworth County. Langford, who now resides in Olathe, used to work out of another location before deciding there was a need near his hometown.

"I worked in the Shawnee location with the intention of opening something out here," he said. "Lansing is growing. It's close to where I grew up. It feels like I'm coming home."

With an undergraduate degree in athletic training from Southern Nazarene University, Langford said he started out wanting to go into something sports related, but later decided to go to physical therapy school at Kansas University.

Now he treats patients' aches and pains from general orthopedics to post operation rehabilitation. A few athletes pass through the clinic, but Langford said it's the off-season right now and the most common ailment he sees is lower back pain.

He said evaluating each patient individually is the key to pinpointing and relieving the pain. Everything from muscle weakness to tight joints can be remedied through stretching and exercise in the 2,500-
square-foot facility.

"It's fun to watch people come in here hurting and then leave being able to do what they want to do," he said.

So far, he said, the area has been receptive to the new facility. Most of his patients come from area doctor referrals, but he is looking to not only expand his patient base, but his staff as well. Right now, he said he has a few part time physical therapy students working in the clinic and is currently looking for another physical therapist to join the team.

"There is room to expand," he said. "A lot of that depends on the referrals I get, but I hope to grow."

For more information about the clinic, located at 1004 Progress Drive, Suite 100, Lansing, call (913) 351-3838 or visit seretherapy.com.
The Salina Journal, on tuition increases:

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LAWRENCE — The Department of English at the University of Kansas recognized more than 60 undergraduate and graduate students with $29,750 in awards and scholarships for outstanding academic performance, writing and teaching at an annual awards ceremony in May in the Kansas Union. Among them was Emily Nichole Bobo, Lebo, an English PhD graduate student. She tied for second place for the Vic Contoski Creative Writing Award for poetry.