

Federal judge to be awarded Kansan of the Year on Jan. 28

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Judge Deanell Reece Tacha, a United States federal judge, will be honored as "Kansan of the Year" and Sheila Bair, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, will be honored as "Distinguished Kansan of the Year" during the 93rd Annual Banquet of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas on Friday, January 28 in the Sunflower Ballroom, Maner Conference Center, 17th and Western, Topeka.

Born in Goodland and raised in Scandia, Tacha will also speak at the dinner. Appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1985, Tacha serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, including seven years as Chief Judge. In 2007, Judge Tacha received the American Judicature Society's Devitt Award, which is the highest honor given to a federal judge for distinguished lifetime service.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, Tacha is a recipient of the KU Alumni Association's Fred Ellsworth Medallion for extraordinary service to the university and has also received its most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Citation.

Tacha's parents are former Kansas Republican national committeewoman Marynell Dyatt Reece and the late Bill Reece of Scandia.

Bair, a native of Independence, will also speak at the dinner. Named as one of Time Magazine's most influential women in 2009, she oversees the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C. The agency is charged with maintaining the stability of the nation's banking system.

Bair has an extensive background in banking and finance in a career that has taken her to the highest levels of government. Since becoming the FDIC chairman, she topped the Wall Street Journal's annual 50 Women to

Watch List in 2008 and Forbes Magazine named her the second most powerful woman in the world after Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Bair recently established a new nationwide hotline to help small businesses struggling to access credit.

Winners of the annual Kansas Factual Story Contest and Kansas! Say It Above A Whisper Contest, both essay contests, and the Kansas Youth Art Contest will also be honored at the banquet.

Everyone is invited to attend the banquet which is in the Maner Conference Center adjacent to the Capitol Plaza Hotel on the grounds of the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 6:30 p.m.

Corporate tables seating 10 people are available for \$500, individual seating for lifetime members is available for \$40 and new lifetime members may purchase seats for \$50, which includes the lifetime \$10 membership fee.

Tickets may be ordered from Native Sons and Daughters, Box 546, Topeka, KS 66601-0546. Tickets may be picked up at the coat check area in the Maner Conference Center beginning at 4 p.m. the day of the event.

Gary Sebelius, a native of Norton, is the Co-President of the Native Sons and Daughters this year.

The Native Sons and Daughters were formed to preserve Kansas history, show loyalty to Kansas traditions and honor outstanding citizens of the state. All native-born Kansans are eligible for the \$10 lifetime membership but, if you were not born in Kansas, you may become an associate member for the same price.

If you are unable to attend the banquet this year, you may become a lifetime member by sending \$10 for membership to the ticket purchase address.

The Native Sons of Kansas was organized May 8, 1901 and the Native Daughters of Kansas

was formed on June 28, 1915. The combined groups have met annually since 1918 when the first joint session was scheduled to celebrate Kansas' birthday on January 29.

The organization has recognized Sunflower State Natives as Kansans of the Year since 1955. The Distinguished Kansan of the Year honor has been extended to people not born in the state although the award can be won by natives, as it was this year.

The Kansas Factual Story Contest encourages preserving in writing factual, unpublished happenings and anecdotes in the lives of Kansans. Olive Ann Beech, Wichita, originally provided cash awards for winners. Following her death, this support has been continued by her daughter, Mary Lynn Oliver, Wichita. The contest is open to all ages.

The Kansas! Say It Above A Whisper Contest is only open to students from grades 8 through 12. The contest title, which deals with pride in the state of Kansas, was coined by early-day Kansas newspaperwoman Mamie Boyd of Mankato and Phillipsburg, whose family provides the cash awards. Past essays have described the interesting and strong hearted people of Kansas, the state's wheat fields, enchanting diversity in population, the state's beauty and the emotions and pride evoked by that beauty.

For more information, contact John Pinegar, phone (785) 235-6245 or e-mail ksnativesonsanddaughters.org

Girl Scout cookie sale to have new twist this year

Girl Scouts across 80 Kansas counties are gearing up for the 2011 Girl Scout Cookie Sale that begins Jan. 22 and runs through March 13. The cookie sale is a highly anticipated community event, with Girl Scouts attempting to reach sales goals to attend camps/events and the public eagerly awaiting their favorite sweets.

Eight varieties of Girl Scout Cookies are available for \$3.50 per box (Thin Mints, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Lemonades, Caramel deLites, Thanks-A-Lot and Shout Outs). Proceeds from the cookie sale are used to benefit local girls, helping them pay for summer camp experiences, purchase uniforms and much more. The sale also funds programs and services throughout the year and ensures that Girl Scouting will be available in the future.

For more than 90 years the Girl Scout Cookie Program has helped girls foster a sense of personal and collective empowerment by promoting skills they will use throughout their lives. Through this

annual activity, girls ages 5 to 17 learn how to set goals, develop action plans, work as a team and cultivate a sense of business ethics – and most of all, have fun!

New this year are the Shout Outs, caramelized shortbread cookies with inspirational phrases such as Believe, Create and Lead. Another change customers may notice is a new package for Thanks-A-Lot cookies.

Norton Cookie Kick-off will be from 7p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21st at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 14715 W. Washington

Girl Scouts will soon be making their way around the community to tell customers more about the cookie varieties being sold this year and how the money they earn will enrich their Girl Scout experience. Community members may also call our Cookie Hotline at 888-686-MINT to get in touch with Girl Scout troops in their neighborhoods to buy cookies or visit kansasgirlscouts.org for more information.

Research and Extension Center plans fungicide seminar Jan. 26

K-State Research and Extension – Graham County and The Twin Creeks Extension District – Norton County will host a Fungicide for Field Crops Meeting on Jan. 26. It is free to the public and will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will run until approximately 4:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Lenora Public Library. Erick De Wolf, KSU Plant Pathologist and

Doug Jardine, Extension Specialist and State Leader, Field Row Crops, will both be on hand to discuss an introduction to fungicides and the use of fungicides for profitable management of field crop diseases. This is a timely topic for producers who had to deal with a serious wheat rust outbreak during the 2010 growing season. Discussions will focus on wheat, corn,

soybeans and sunflowers. Pesticide certification credits will be available for those who need them. Drinks and snacks will also be available.

Please RSVP by Jan. 24, by calling Graham County Extension at 785-421-3411 or The Twin Creeks Extension District at 785-877-5755.

Derby

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was The Wild Cat built by Aiden Wicker, son of Elisha Wicker. Best in show went to the Bronco Machine built by Ethan Stewart, son of Jasmine Stewart.

First through third were awarded next with third place going to

#431 built by Christian Hawks, son of Jeremy and Renee Hawks, second place was Fire Cracker built by Jacob Schellhamer, son of Amanda and Jake Shellhamer and the first place winner was the Green Lightning built by Seth Henrickson, son of Phil and Jennifer Henrickson

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asked to speak on accreditation for small and rural county health departments by the Iowa State Health Department at a meeting in that state.

• Heard that the county received \$70,073 in fees from the Register of Deeds Office in 2010. This is up from \$24,228 in 2009 and \$67,584 in 2008. The biggest difference seems to be an increase in oil and

gas exploration leases.

• Held a 10-minute closed session with the county clerk and county attorney to discuss non elected personnel.

• Received a visit from former Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan, who was checking to see why some medical expenses, he had incurred last year, have not been reimbursed yet.

• Held a department head meeting in the afternoon.

New stamp will mark Kansas' 150th birthday

On Jan. 27, The Postal Service will issue a new postage stamp celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Kansas Statehood. Kansans are invited to attend a dedicatory event for the stamp to be held at 10 a.m., Jan. 27, at the Kansas Historical Society, 6425 S.W. 6th Avenue, in Topeka. The event is free of charge.

Those scheduled to participate in the first-day-of-issue event are Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, U.S. Postal Service Chief Operating Officer Megan J. Brennan, U.S. Postal Service Historian Megaera Ausman, Acting USPS Central Plains District Manager Rick J. Pivovar, and Topeka Postmaster B. Steven Pinkerton. A large replica of the stamp will be unveiled, and the new stamps and collectible first day of issue postmark will be available at a temporary Post Office.

"What better place to celebrate the issuance of these stamps than

the Kansas Historical Society," said Topeka Postmaster Pinkerton. "We encourage everyone to come out and join us."

The Kansas Statehood Stamp features an old metal windmill in the foreground while five modern wind turbines stand in the background, signaling the forward-looking nature of the modern Kansas economy.

The Kansas Statehood Stamp is a Forever Stamp, which means when purchased it will always be good for one-ounce First Class postage regardless of future price changes. The current price of a Forever Stamp is 44-cents.

"We expect the Kansas Statehood Stamp to fly out of Post Offices beginning Jan. 27," said Pinkerton, who reminds customers the new stamps and stamp-related products can also be purchased online at usps.com/shop and by phone at 1-800-STAMP-24.

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HaysMed Orthopedic Institute welcomes Dr. Sukchan Lee, orthopedic surgeon. A native of Seoul, South Korea, Dr. Lee was educated in New Zealand and earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Auckland School of Medicine, Auckland, New Zealand. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (Orthopaedic Surgery). He completed an internship in surgery and served as orthopaedic registrar at Auckland City Hospital prior to coming to the United States. He has held clinical and research fellowships in orthopedic trauma and arthroplasty in Portland, Maine and Boston, Massachusetts. He is a Harvard Fellow and has published clinical research on spine and pediatric orthopedics.

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