

Kansas students invited to enter essay contest

Kansas students, grades 8 to 12, can compete for a cash prize in the annual essay contest, "Kansas! Say It Above a Whisper." Essays must be limited to 250 words (about one double-spaced typewritten page) and must be submitted electronically by e-mail no later than Nov. 18. Send entries to: Terry Marmet, Kansas Historical Foundation, via e-mail to membership@kshs.org. In subject area of e-mail include "Boyd Essay Contest." The author's name, school, grade level, mailing address, and phone number must be included on the essay.

Early-day Kansas newspaperwoman, Mamie Boyd, whose family continues to provide the cash award for the winner, coined the contest title, which deals with pride in the state of Kansas. Past essays have described interesting and strong-hearted people of Kansas, the state's vast grain crops and grasslands, diversities in population,

the state's unique beauty, and the emotions and pride called to mind by that beauty.

Sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, the essay contest is judged by a panel consisting of staff members at the Kansas Historical Society and the Foundation. The judges look for originality, creativity and sincerity in expressing pride in the state of Kansas.

The winner will be announced and recognized at the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas in Topeka, Friday, Jan. 27, 2012. The Kansas of the Year, Distinguished Kansan, and other honorees may be featured at the banquet.

Last year's First Prize winner was Hosanna Fortmeyer, Fairview; 2nd: Leah Hill, Holton; 3rd: Sophia Evans, Baxter Springs; Honorable Mention: Dakota Wilkison, Phillipsburg.

VFW to award college scholarships

Less than one month remains for students grades 6-12 to enter for their chance to win their share of the \$3.2 million in college scholarships and savings bonds awarded through the 2011 VFW Voice of Democracy and VFW Patriot's Pen essay contests.

VFW's annual scholarship contests were enacted to foster patriotism among America's youth by allowing students the opportunity to express their opinions on democracy based on an annual theme. Nearly 200,000 students participate in the contests annually.

"VFW scholarship programs provide more than \$3.2 million in scholarships and incentives each year. However, the deeper

value and long term benefits of these programs is that America's youth learn the value of our system of government and its history; including the service and sacrifice of America's veterans," states Steve Van Buskirk, Director of VFW Programs.

This year marks the Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest's 65th year. Students in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories are eligible to enter. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school.

This year also marks the 16th

year for the Patriot's Pen program. This program is open to students in grades 6-8, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. The national first-place winner receives \$10,000 savings bond.

The deadline to enter either contest is Nov. 1.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed these programs on the National Association of Student Councils, National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2010-2011.

For complete information and contest rules, please visit www.vfw.org/Programs

Books, books, books



Norton's Eisenhower Elementary School held the First Annual EES Book Swap Thursday night in the school cafeteria. This was done to kick off the school-wide Title 1 Parent Meeting. The goal of the swap is to get new reading materials in the hands of the students. Children could bring in up to five gently used books to swap. For every book they brought in they got to pick a new book someone else brought in to swap.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Soybean contests expand in Kansas

Bragging rights are not the only thing on the line in the annual Kansas Soybean Yield and Quality Contests this fall. Thanks to the Kansas Soybean Commission, the highest dryland and irrigated yields in the state each will receive a \$1,000 award; and in each district, first place will win \$300, second will earn \$200, and third will receive \$100. No-Till on the Plains will supply additional awards for the no-till districts.

Managed by the Kansas Soybean Association, the contests are open to anyone involved in farming, but there is a limit of only one entry per field. Farmers may enter multiple categories - conventional or no-till, dryland or irrigated. All entries must be entered in the same district, however.

New this year, KSA has created a south-central contest district and divided the former "big west" into southwest and northwest districts. Additionally, farmers now may enter the quality contest without entering the yield contest.

A complete set of rules is available on the Kansas Soybean website (www.kansassoybeans.org), from the Kansas Soybean office (877-KS-SOYBEAN) and in county Extension offices

statewide. K-State Research and Extension also is a contest sponsor. Gary Kilgore, an emeritus professor of agronomy, coordinates the project.

Deadline approaches for internships

The Office of Congressman Tim Huelskamp reminds Kansans that Oct. 30 is the deadline for internship applications.

Congressman Huelskamp has the privilege of nominating a limited number of young men and women aged 17-23 to attend four of the nation's five service academies. A select number of applicants are selected for in-person interviews at the beginning of November. More information is available by calling Congressman Huelskamp's Hutchinson office at 620-665-6138 or by visiting www.huelskamp.house.gov/nominations

A few internship positions remain open

for Congressman Huelskamp's Dodge City, Hutchinson, Salina, and Washington, D.C. offices. College-aged adults are invited to apply for part- or full-time internships in which they assist with constituent relations and administrative and legislative tasks. More information is available at www.huelskamp.house.gov/internships

Congressman Tim Huelskamp is a freshman representing the First District of Kansas. He serves on the House Budget, Agriculture, and Veterans' Affairs Committees, and he is a member of the House Republican Study Committee.

Podcasts available for medical consultations

Parents, caregivers and other physicians nationwide can now benefit from a virtual consultation with top pediatric experts about some of the toughest issues parents face from the role religion plays in treatments to controlling their kids' diets and much more.

Children's Mercy Pediatric PodCalls features John Lantos, M.D., Director of the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center, in probing discussions with pediatric experts about some of the ethical questions affecting parents and the health of their children.

With more new parents expressing concerns about the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, the most recent podcast, "MMR Vaccine: Does it Cause Autism?" clarifies what the latest scientific research says about MMR and its suggested links to autism. In the podcast, Dr. Lantos is joined by Mary Anne Jackson, MD, Chief of Infectious Disease, at Children's Mercy, a nationally recognized expert on the issue.

"A growing number of parents have concerns about the vaccine, and it's an issue that gets a lot of attention," said Dr. Lantos. "Parents need help navigating

information that often seems to conflict. The podcast format allows them to hear directly from one of the leading experts on the topic."

You can listen to the latest Children's Mercy Pediatric PodCalls podcast "MMR Vaccine: Does it Cause Autism?" at the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center, Children's Mercy Pediatric Bioethics Blog, and on iTunes. Upcoming podcast topics include childhood obesity, spanking, media consumption and the role of religion in children's medical care.

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started in 2005 when Congress passed federal legislation that established a national Safe Routes to School program. The program dedicates a total of \$612 million towards the program from 2005 to 2009.

In May 2006, the National Center for Safe Routes to School was established to assist communities in enabling and encouraging children to safely walk and bicycle to school. The National Center for Safe Routes to School is maintained by the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center with funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Roy expressed his appreciation for the students, parents, and volunteers who participated and organized the event, particularly the Norton district's school Nurse, Joan Streck.

"Nurse Streck has really taken it upon herself to organize this event and get kids participating," he said. "She has done a wonderful job, so kudos to her."

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