

Students receives first place in clubs essay contest

Makayla Rogers' essay, "Why It Is Important to Vote?" received first place in the Elks Americanism Essay contest. At the local level, Makayla received a \$50 money order.

Her essay then went to the district level, West District, State of Kansas, where she received a \$50 gift card. With that honor, the essay went to the Kansas Elks Association and Makayla received second place and a \$50 gift card.

"Great job, Makayla," said Zona Price, chairman of the Elks Americanism. "We are certainly proud of your accomplishments in this essay contest."

What an awesome honor for McKayla, said Lisa Holzwarth, English teacher.

Why It is Important to Vote?
I, like most teenagers, don't pay much attention to politics. I've never thought of voting for politics as a very important part of being a teenager.

I've never paid attention to voting because being only 14, my opinion doesn't really matter. I hardly know what there is to vote on! Does America vote on prices, businesses, or national issues? I know America votes on economical situations and who the next president will be. But other than that, I'm clueless!

Now that I've done my research on voting and its importance, I will care. I may not have a definite and strong voice in the decision of voting, but I will someday. Before I know it, I'll be voting.

I've heard about younger voters not voting. Is this because of a lack of motivation, or do they still think their vote doesn't matter? Even though anyone's vote has a slim chance of being affective, it really could make a difference. Young adults consist of a large majority of the United States, so they should get out to vote as well.

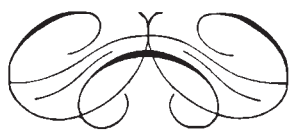


Rogers

Voting has the power to change the world we know and live in. It could make a simple change or a noticeable change. Voting shouldn't be taken lightly, especially on serious subjects. I think if American citizens didn't vote, it would be more unorganized. Voting won't make everyone happy, but the obvious goal is to have most people approve.

Voting could change people, too. Changing the mindset of teens like me could affect the future. I think if my generation knew more and was involved more in political events, we might have a better political future.

As for right now, the only thing I can do is listen to candidates and form my own opinion. Why is voting important to you?



DODGE FROMHOLTZ rides his skateboard and Molly Gilliland rides her scooter.

Poker ramble to be held on celebration

Businesses are being sought to participate in a Poker Ramble to be held on the Friday of the St. Francis 125th Celebration.

During the day while visitors are attending the festivities they will be given a list of area businesses. At each place they will be able to pick up a card from that locations deck. The idea is to build the best poker hand by visiting as many businesses as possible.

Not only will this provide some entertainment, but the area merchants will be able to show

off the variety of operations St. Francis has to offer.

Business owner's are only asked to hand out cards. But if they choose to do more, such as offer refreshments, that is up to them.

The Poker Ramble hands will be dropped off at the Animal Bingo location on Washington Street on Saturday. Prizes for the winners will be announced closer to the event.

To sign up or get more information, contact Casey McCormick at 332-3312.

TEAGANLANDENBERGER, sixth grader, reads her essay on 'Ways to Improve My Community' for the Rough Writers Read on Sunday, April 28. For the essay, she won \$100 and a trip to Topeka to be an aide for Ward Cassidy, but there was a storm at that time and she didn't get to go.



Congratulations Journalism students on 1st place at State



STATE JOURNALISM WINNERS are back row, left to right: Mariah Beikman, Bailey Merklin, Sydney Sundstrom, Emily Elfers, Kattie Jenik, Clay Cassaw, McKenzie Taylor, Kylie Sherlock, Aly Schlepp, Ian Schmid; middle row: Rande Grover, Journey Lee, Clarice Neitzel, McKayla Taylor; front row: Casey Keller, Tyler Raby, Ally Northrup, Taylor Archibald and Lucas Carmichael. Photo courtesy of Brenda Day

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RETIREES - Dr. Rubinowitz, oncologist is retiring from practice. His last day at Cheyenne County Hospital was Tuesday, April 30. He has been coming to the hospital to see patients for a number of years. He comes from the Denver area and has been practicing for over 40 years. A reception was held for him on Tuesday. He is pictured with Kathy Weber, left, and Hollis DePron.

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