

Program helps keep families warm

Low income families are eligible to apply for help in weatherizing their home or rental unit, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist.

The Weatherization Assistance Program, financed by the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program are administered by the Kansas Housing Resources Corp., Snead said.

In Kansas, in 2008, the assistance program weatherized 1,284 homes and replaced 373 dangerous furnaces.

The goal is to help with weather stripping and caulking around doors and windows; add insulation; and clean, test, repair and/or replace heating systems as needed, he said.

Eligibility is based on household income under federal guidelines, 200 percent of poverty or 75 percent of the state median. Households with a member receiving Supplemental Security Income or Temporary Assistance for the Needy automatically qualify.

For information, call (800) 752-4422 or check at www.kshousing-corp.org. Larry Bentley, Kansas Weatherization Program manager, said eligible households are asked to submit an application. Once it's approved, the home owner or renter is matched with a certified inspector to conduct an audit, identify needed improvements and assign work to a contractor. The service is free to qualifying households, Bentley said.

Information on weatherization is available at Extension county offices and online at www.engext.ksu.edu/home_energy.asp.

Anti-clutter class offers help Thursday

If you say "this house is a mess" more than three times a week, or you have to move things before you can sit down, or you spend lots of time looking for things and your closets and drawers are brimming, then you just might be a candidate for "Cut the Clutter."

This program will be presented by Extension Agent Diann Gerstner at noon Thursday at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room, 350 S. Range Ave.

"Bring a sack lunch and learn how to get rid of clutter, plus de-cluttering strategies, techniques on cleaning and organizing and how to store items that cause clutter," Gerstner said. "Then plan on going home armed with ideas on how to attack your clutter."

Champion team to be reunited soon

On Friday, Jan. 29, at the home basketball game with Dighton, Golden Plains High School will hold a reunion honoring the 25th anniversary of the undefeated Class 1A boys' state basketball champions.

The 1984-85 team and their coaches will be introduced between the varsity girls' and boys' games along with a slide show with highlights of their season. A public reception will be held in the little gym following the games.

All twelve '84-'85 varsity players and both coaches are planning to return, as well as some junior varsity players and cheerleaders, the Bulldog mascot, along with some managers and stat keepers, faculty and school board members from 25 years ago.

Players planning to attend include Parker Christensen, Mike Miller and Jay Todd, Rexford; Alan (Shorty) Spresser, Hoxie; Shane Bowman, Salina; Robert Korte, Johnson City; Ronnie Albers, Cottonwood Falls; Ty Jennings, Montrose, Colo.; Rob Korerperich, Holbrook, Ariz.; Donnie Delzeit, East Dublin, Ga.; Scott Bruggeman, Charlotte, N.C.; and Lance Lunsway, Marietta, Ga.; head coach Jerry Livingston,



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Kingman; assistant coach Larry Wahlmeier, Clay Center; mascot Chris Bainter, Selden; and stat keeper Joe Geisinger, Austin, Texas.

We hope everyone will come to enjoy the games, welcome the '85 state champs, and share in the memories!

January birthdays: Chuck Williams, 10th; Parker Christensen, 12th; Terry Moss, 19th; and Dennis Allison, 21st.

Red Barn weekly activities include Barnswallows, 2 p.m. Monday; ladies' Bible study, 10 a.m. Wednesday; Come on Down, 2 p.m. Thursday; and Koffe Klatch, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday. Every second Saturday of the month is bingo.

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