

Historic site to reopen

The Fort Hays State Historic Site is having a grand reopening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday featuring first-person history re-enactors of a buffalo soldier, a soldier's wife or laundress and Plains photographer Alexander Gardner.

The event will also give visitors a first look at new exhibits on the grounds and in the visitor center and guardhouse.

The \$3 admission charge to the site four miles south of Interstate 70 exit 157, at 1472 U.S. 183 Alternate in Hays includes a souvenir button.

At 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Barrie Tompkins and Angela Bates will perform "The Life and Times of the Buffalo Soldiers," a one-hour dramatic portrayal of a buffalo soldier and an African-American laundress. Tompkins heads the Nicodemus Buffalo Soldier Association riding troop, which has performed

in the TNT films "Buffalo Soldiers" and "Rough Riders." Bates is the executive director of the Nicodemus Historical Society.

At 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Doug McGovern will portray plains photographer Alexander Gardner. After photographing the Civil War, Gardner was hired by the Kansas Pacific Railroad to photograph the railroad route, including the portion that passed through Kansas. The collection, "Across the Continent on the Kansas Pacific Railroad-1867," includes images of Kansas street scenes, buildings, geography and local geological attractions. McGovern is a photographer, teacher, and engineer from Hutchinson.

At noon and 2:30 p.m., Zerf, the Original Kansas Cowboy Minstrel, will play historic music from the mid to late 1800s. Zerf is from Manhattan.

Money-saving ideas build security

MANHATTAN - Unexpected expenses can erode personal goals for paying down debt, adding to savings or building an emergency fund, yet consumers often can still find ways to trim expenses and build financial security, said Carol Young, Kansas University Research and Extension financial management specialist.

Young offered 10 commonsense tips for individuals and families:

- 1) Take an inventory of your financial accounts, including regularly scheduled payments such as home mortgage or car payment, balance(s) due on credit cards or other loans, and basic living expenses, such as food, utilities, insurance, and health care.
- 2) Track spending to assess average expenses and identify unnecessary expenses.
- 3) Categorize expenses, and

add categories for a) building an emergency fund; b) saving for short-term goal; and c) saving for long-term goals.

4) Compare money coming in and money going out. How does your take-home pay compare to expenses?

5) Eliminate extras, but allow an occasional, moderately-priced reward for striving to improve personal money management skills.

6) Practice separating needs from wants, and make fulfilling needs the priority.

7) Use credit cards strategically or sparingly, if at all.

8) If an emergency requires spending, use emergency funds from savings or explore a low-interest, short-term loan to cover the cost, rather than using a credit card that will have a higher interest rate.

9) Strive to pay down and retire a mortgage, rather than adding debt with one or more home equity loans.

10) No light at the end of the tunnel? If struggling with money management and debt, consider a reputable credit counselor who can help prioritize and/or consolidate payments to retire debt, and move toward building financial security. Look for a counselor who is National Foundation for Credit Counseling-affiliated at www.NFCC.org.

More information about basic money management is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and online: www.ksre.ksu.edu. Choose Publications and search for "Basic Money Management" (MF- 5134G) and www.ksre.ksu.edu/financialmanagement/.

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded Sept. 6 to Sept. 20
The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- Aug. 9, Leo W. Keller Trust to Paul and Jamie Heskett; 24.19-acre tract of E/2 of Sec. 15, T10, R32.
- Aug. 30, Anthony Van Marle and Paula G. Freston to Harpe L. Woody; tract of NE/4 of Sec. 17, T9, R33.
- Sept. 1, Kayla Sue Plume share of Alfred H Stover (Trust No. 1) to Criss Inc.; SW/4, S/2 of NW/4, N/2 of NW/4, S/2 of SE/4 of Sec. 33, T10, R35.
- Sept. 3, Gary M. and Karen C. Clark to Charles B. Moore; NE/4 of Sec. 25, T7, R35.
- Sept. 8, quit claim deed; September D. Lee to Rodney L. Williams; tract of NE/4 of Sec. 36, T7, R34.
- Sept. 9, Leiker Family Trust to Lois E. Rogers Pence Trust; Lot 18, Colby Smith Addition.

- Sept. 10, Duane A. Touslee Trust to Lon R. Frahm; SW/4 of Sec. 24, T8, R35; SE/4 of Sec. 35, T7, R35.
- Sept. 10, Marilyn Touslee and Bill J. Phillips to Lon R. Frahm; SW/4 of Sec. 24, T8, R35; SE/4 of Sec. 35, T7, R35.
- Last Wednesday, Deer Creek Water Inc. and Delmer and Laverne Zwegardt to NW Ventures LLC; Sec. 8, T10, R36; E/2 of Sec. 10, T10, R36; NE/4 of Sec. 12, T10, R36 less tract; NW/4 of Sec. 15, T10, R36 less tract; Sec. 19, T6, R35 less tract.
- Last Wednesday, Carsen R. and Patricia Donn to WLW Farms LLC; N/2 of NE/4, N/2 of NW/4 of Sec. 28, T6, R34.
- Thursday, Ronald L. Haremza to Cornland Inc.; tract of NW/4 of Sec. 17, T8, R33.
- Friday, Julie K. and Charles A. Barnes to WLW Farms LLC; N/2 of NE/4, N/2 of NW/4 of Sec. 28, T6, R34.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Friday

- 12:44 a.m. - Assisted Colby ambulance crew at 275 W. Third No. 6
- 4:11 a.m. - Open car door at Sleep Inn. Door does not close all the way.
- 7:06 a.m. - Provided escort for subject in a vehicle having breathing difficulties from in front of Colby Community College Gym to Citizens Medical Center.
- 7:54 a.m. - Accident in the 300 block of E. Fourth.
- 8:20 a.m. - Abandoned pickup in parking lot at Colby High School. Spoke to reporting party; vehicle was gone.
- 9:20 a.m. - Accident in parking lot at South Park Apartments.
- 10:20 a.m. - Clerk at Kabredlo's reported puppy at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
- 11:13 a.m. - Assisted ambulance crew on call at Bosselman's.
- 11:31 a.m. - Provided escort for subject from Fifth and Country Club Drive to Stan's Automotive at 425 N. Martin.
- 12:24 p.m. - Subject called 911 reported he had argument with woman; struck her on W. Fifth. Report filed.
- 2:02 p.m. - Two women holding sign asking for help at Willow and Range not found.
- 4:07 p.m. - Assisted motorist with car alarm at Oasis Travel Center.
- 4:36 p.m. - Employee hit Morton building with vehicle.
- 5:50 p.m. - Pickup parked at 195 E. Walnut for weeks.
- 5:56 p.m. - Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report daughter did not return home from school. Officer was able to locate child at Fike Park and return to mother.
- 7:44 p.m. - Clay County Sheriff's Office advised of individual entered into National Crime Information Center as missing, possibly mentally ill, possibly in Colby. Turned over.
- 9:20 p.m. - Report of fight in progress. Report filed.
- 10:40 p.m. - Individual transported to Larned State Hospital.
- 10:47 p.m. - Three motorcyclists reported riding on sidewalk on Pine Street off Range Avenue. Unable to locate.
- 11:30 p.m. - Assisted Colby ambulance crew at Cranston Trucking.

Saturday

- Midnight - Walk-through at Twisters.

- 3:31 a.m. - Walk-through at Quality Inn.
- 3:41 a.m. - Walk-through at Motel 6.
- 9:01 a.m. - Spoke to subject about posting garage sale signs on city poles at Fourth and Range.
- 11:13 a.m. - Accident in parking lot at McDonald's.
- 12:09 p.m. - Accident in the 2100 block of S. Range.
- 3 p.m. - Subject came to station about being kicked out of Crown Motel for no reason. The parties worked out an agreement.
- 5:27 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew at 1355 Lue Drive.
- 6:57 p.m. - Subject reported someone is harassing daughter via text messages. Report filed.
- 8:51 p.m. - Collision in Love's Country Store parking lot.
- 11:06 p.m. - Security check at Twisters.

Sunday

- 12:12 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.
- 2:14 a.m. - Report of someone in the yard at 1115 Summer Sun. Unable to locate.
- 2:42 a.m. - Security check at Holiday Inn.
- 3:01 a.m. - Security check at Quality Inn.
- 11:09 a.m. - 911 call about in-laws yelling at each other. All OK; was over cell phone charger; item returned before arrival.
- 1:24 p.m. - Subject called about door-to-door salesman used her house phone; concerned over possible scam. Spoke to subjects; had no permit; told to move along.
- 1:56 p.m. - Male texting while driving headed south from Fourth on Range. Spoke to reporting party, not found.
- 3:16 p.m. - Provided information to individuals at Walmart.
- 3:40 p.m. - Two individuals fighting at Fike Park. Report filed.
- 4:47 p.m. - Delivered council packets.
- 5:17 p.m. - Provided information to transient at Range and westbound I-70.
- 6:16 p.m. - Large dog at large in parking lot of 24/7 store headed Southbound on Range. Able to return dog to owner.
- 6:31 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed.
- 8:53 p.m. - Suspicious individual at Village Inn Restaurant requesting free food. All OK.
- 9:11 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew at 580 N. Riddle.
- 9:26 p.m. - Intoxicated individual at El Dos De Oros. All OK.

- 10:35 p.m. - Report of fight in progress at 1150 S. Franklin. Spoke to individuals playing loud music. all seems OK.
- 10:46 p.m. - Very intoxicated individual just leaving Quality Inn heading toward Super 8. All OK, individual arrived safely.
- 10:55 p.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Friday

- 10:34 a.m. - Generator was run over at Thomas County Fairgrounds. Spoke to subjects.
- 10:49 a.m. - Provided information about conceal-carry laws.
- 1:28 p.m. - Subject reported truck kicked up rocks; struck windshield and wife's hand while traveling southbound on K-25 north of Colby. Provided information to reporting party.
- 5:27 p.m. - Arrested subject at U.S. 24 and Co. Rd. 26.
- 5:57 p.m. - Tires stolen three miles west of K-25 on County Rd. O. Report filed.
- 9:20 p.m. - Assisted at 1150 S. Franklin.

Saturday

- 9:32 a.m. - Provided ride for stranded motorist on eastbound I-70 mile 61.
- 12:14 p.m. - Assisted Colby Police on accident in the 2100 block of S. Range.
- 18:21 p.m. - Assisted motorist on eastbound U.S. 24 at County Rd. 16.
- 10:05 p.m. - Assisted motorist on eastbound I-70 at mile 61. Had AAA en route.
- 10:50 p.m. - Three cows out north of Oakley and south of the Nine-Mille Corner. Chased cattle back in pasture to the west.
- 11:07 p.m. - Security check at Twisters.

Sunday

- 12:20 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.
- 2:50 a.m. - Domestic call in Menlo. Report filed.
- 3:24 a.m. - Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop at mile 170 on U.S. 83 related to the call at 2:50 a.m. Vehicle left at scene.
- 4:57 p.m. - Traveler's assistance at Oasis.
- 5:46 p.m. - Two semi-trucks with cattle trailers southbound on K-25 at Rawlins/Thomas Co. line driving erratically. All OK.
- 9:18 p.m. - Individual driving erratically on westbound I-70 at mile 62 possibly struck reporting party's semi. Unable to locate.

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