

Keep kids buckled on streets, highways

Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week is this week, with National Seat Check on Saturday. This annual observance brings child safety advocates together to help educate families on the importance of selecting the right car seat for their child and how to use it correctly.

“The safety of our children across the state relies on their caretakers. It is important that we as adults work to make sure they are kept safe as they travel our state’s roads,” Colonel Ernest Garcia, superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol said.

In support of the week, for the 14th consecutive year, the Kansas Motor Carriers Association donated 105 child safety seats to the Patrol to be dispersed statewide.

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, children are much more likely to be buckled up if the driver is also belted.

“Even at a young age, children observe and repeat our actions. Set a positive example, buckle up and make sure everyone else is properly restrained, every trip, every time,” said Chris Bortz, the

department’s traffic safety manager.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13 in the U.S. The best way to keep children protected should they be involved in a crash is by using the appropriate child safety seat.

- Select a car seat based on your child’s age, height and weight.
- Keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as your child fits the seat’s height and weight requirements.
- All children under 13 should ride in the back seat.
- Follow the instructions that come with the child’s seat and the vehicle’s instruction manual for proper installation.

The Patrol has troopers who are certified to inspect child safety seats for proper installation. They check installation free. To set up an appointment, contact your local Kansas Highway Patrol Troop Headquarters. To find the nearest headquarters, and a phone number, go to: www.kansashighwaypatrol.org/field_op/troops.html.

Essay contest promotes saving for education

Seventh and eighth graders across Kansas can showcase their writing skills and win an education savings account in the 12th annual Learning Quest Essay Contest.

It is sponsored by the Kansas Learning Quest 529 Education Savings Program, a state-sponsored savings plan designed to help families invest for their child’s education after high school.

Last year, more than 1,600 essays written by Kansas students were received from 113 schools across the state. This year’s theme is “There’s no better investment than higher education.”

“We’re asking seventh and eighth grade students to respond to the question, ‘If you had \$2,000 to invest in your interests, how you would spend the money to better prepare yourself for the future?’” said state Treasurer Ron Estes, who administers the program. “This fits perfectly with Learning Quest’s goal to help families plan today for the higher-education expenses in their student’s future.”

All entries must be postmarked or submitted electronically at essay.learningquest.com by Friday, Oct. 11.

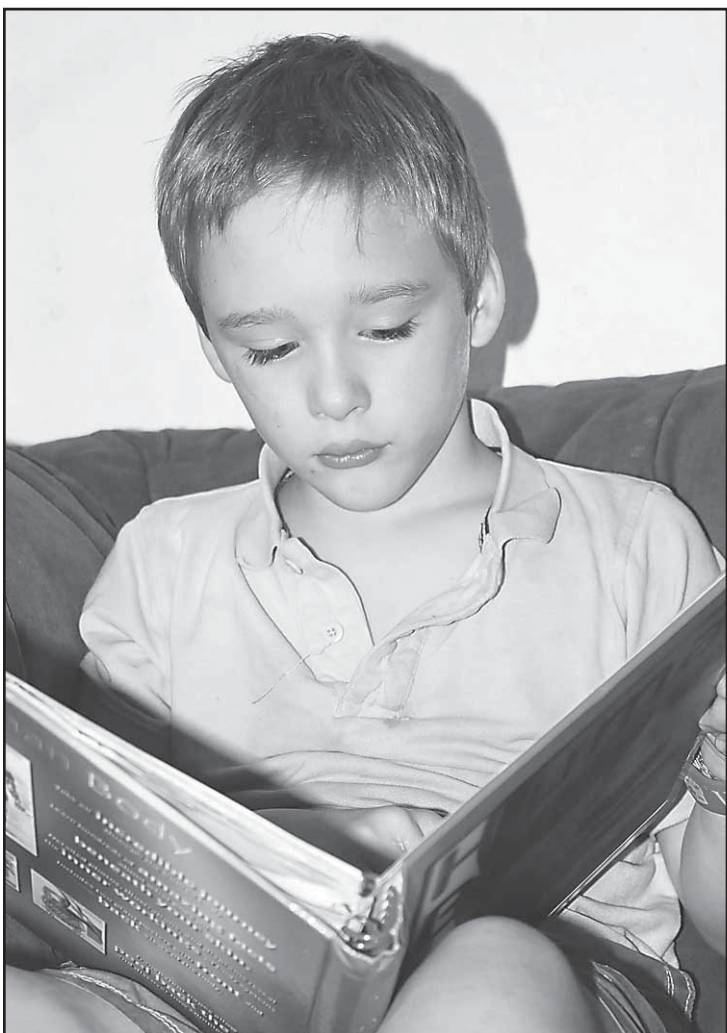
Prizes include \$2,000 Learning

Quest accounts for the first-place winner in each of the two grades. Judges will select up to five essays per grade to be posted to Learning Quest’s Facebook page for public voting on the People’s Choice prize of \$1,000 per grade. Also, each of the schools attended by the four winners will receive \$1,000.

Prizes are provided by American Century Investments. No purchase necessary. See official rules for details at essay.learningquest.com

To download participation materials, go to essay.learningquest.com. Students can get updates on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/KSLearningQuest529.

The Learning Quest program was created to help families invest for their-technical child’s education, whether at a four-year college, community college or vocational school. Investors benefit from tax-deferred growth and tax-free withdrawals when used for qualified education expenses. Kansas taxpayers can receive a state tax deduction up to \$3,000 per child (\$6,000 if married, filing jointly) on contributions to Learning Quest or any other state-sponsored 529 plan.



MICHAEL SAYRE
Draven Sayre received the Kansas Notable Reader award from Mary Brownback (left) at the Kansas Book Festival, after logging 5,555 minutes of summer reading (above).

‘Notable Reader’ off to an early start

Josiah “Draven” Sayre, 7-year-old son of Michael and Shandi Sayre of Atwood, won recognition from the governor’s office for reading 5,555 minutes this summer.

First Lady Mary Brownback recognized Draven as a Kansas Notable Reader, one of only 19 students statewide to earn this title.

Draven, a second grader, is home schooled. His dad says he loves to read, particularly superhero books like Spiderman.

“He’s always sitting there with a book in his hand,” Michael Sayre said.

Draven joined Brownback and others at the Kansas Book Festival in Topeka.

“I am encouraged by all the Kansas students who participated in Read Kansas Read this summer, and for how many minutes they read,” the first lady said.

Statewide, the reading program’s participants logged more than 700,000 minutes in about two months, the state says.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met Sept. 10 at the United Methodist Church. President Marlene Carpenter conducted the meeting with 15 members present.

Donations for the art show were presented to the treasurer: Sunflower Bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Dillons and Colby Lumber made cash donations. The committee retained a gift card from Walmart to be used for reception supplies.

Bev Kern reported that the ribbons left from the 2012 show would have to be altered to use this year because they were dated. She will go to Oberlin to see what can be done, and order the ribbons for this year.

Ruth Hughes and Barb Highland reported on refreshments and decoration ideas for the show’s reception. Instead of using the lunch room bench tables, Tom Peyton will get some help to put tables and chairs in the lunch room. Brenda Mazanec will loan table runners to the club.

Marj Brown made a poster to designate which entrance at Heartland Christian School is to be used. Tracy Munk has offered to make a poster listing all sponsors. Alice Wolf and Hughes will distribute flyers in Colby and surrounding towns to advertise the show. Shirley Baker will take care of Hoxie.

Baker received a note from a Phillipsburg resident asking for suggestions on how to promote art appreciation in their community.

Members discussed the first “Friday at CCC” program given by Cal Mahin. The free workshop will have a different host on the first Friday each month due to a grant obtained by Rebel Jay, the college’s art instructor.

Carpenter called for the meeting adjournment.

David Ketchum’s program concentrated on colors. He shared suggestions and exercises to help learn about colors like making your own color and value wheel.

There were also a few tools for isolating the colors of a real item you are painting. He referenced the book “Color” by Betty Edwards, who is also the author of “The New Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain.”

— Alice Wolf, secretary

Markets

| Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Wheat (bushel) | \$6.82 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$5.26 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$8.14 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$13.22 |

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Plan to prevent falls

Kansas recognizes Falls Prevention Awareness Day on Sunday, Sept. 22, the first day of fall.

“Older adult falls can lead to serious injuries, death and substantial medical costs,” said Robert Moser, state health officer.

In 2010, more than 5,700 Kansans aged 65 years and older were hospitalized for a fall and 270 died from a fall, said Moser. These injuries and deaths cost more than \$130 million in medical expenses.

Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for

those aged 65 and over.

“There are a number of things older adults can do to prevent falls,” said Kansas Department for Aging and Disabilities Services Secretary Shawn Sullivan. “Those include maintaining a regular exercise program, removing tripping hazards from your home, ensuring you have adequate lighting, having your eyes checked and talking to your doctor about the potential side effects of the medicines you take.”

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Joy Davis; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Margaret Denneker; fourth, Gladys Fischer; fifth, Gail Vacca; sixth, Sarah Jane Barrett.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Last Thursday

12:47 a.m. — Caller reported a fight. Spoke with report party and others, unable to locate.

1:07 a.m. — Caller reported fighting. Located, spoke with subjects, no report.

1:30 a.m. — Report filed on above calls.

6:21 a.m. — Caller reported a transformer on fire. Turned over to fire and public power.

6:45 a.m. — Caller reported a pickup with no tail light. Spoke with driver.

7:38 a.m. — Got stalled vehicle moved into parking lot.

9:47 a.m. — Walk through at Heartland Christian School.

9:49 a.m. — Contacted by Hays Police Department over civil matter; dealership there wanting tag back from subject. Not found.

10:40 a.m. — Two dogs at large. Caught one, turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

11:29 a.m. — Provided information about parking a semi.

12:36 p.m. — Officer with Wichita Veterans Affairs called wanting welfare check on subject. All OK.

4:09 p.m. — Battery: caller reported juvenile was bullied.

5:23 p.m. — Recovered property report filed for call at 9:49 a.m.

7:08 p.m. — Caller reported landlord-tenant dispute. Provided information; civil matter.

8:11 p.m. — Theft: caller said subject took cellphone.

8:29 p.m. — Driving under the influence report filed.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Sept. 11

7:22 a.m. — Caller reported two horses out near County Rd. F and U.S. 83. Not found.

7:58 a.m. — Brought inmate from Sherman County Sheriff’s Office to Law Enforcement Center.

11:10 a.m. — Took inmate to Sherman County.

12:49 p.m. — Provided ride from Law Enforcement Center to Holiday Inn Express.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who generously donated and made our Fall Fashion & Benefit on September 9th possible! The community and business’ support made the Donation a great success for Danielle Wolf’s Daughter’s Education Fund!

Happy 80th Birthday!



Please come and help Dora (Brian) Hopson celebrate her 80th birthday. Saturday Sept. 21, 2013 from 2 - 5 p.m. at Prairie Museum, Colby KS. No gifts or cards, please just come and sign the guest book or bring 1 flower for her special bouquet or donate to your favorite charity in her name. If unable to attend just send her a birthday greeting to Dora B. Hopson, 1220 Court Place, Colby KS, 67701

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