

Logan plans events for September

The 36th Annual Logan Labor Day Celebration, sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum and Dan G. Hansen Foundation, is planned for Sunday, Sept. 2, Highway 9, Logan Golf Course, Logan, with a full day of activities. There is no admission fee for this event.

The Logan Labor Day Celebration begins with a Logan Chamber sponsored ecumenical church service, a remote fly-in, and, at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time), a sand volleyball tournament.

The Logan Chamber of Commerce food booth will open at 7 a.m. (Mountain Time) and the Sno-Cone Shack will be serving at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time). Main Street Pizza will also be serving pizza slices.

Vehicles will roll in for the Dane G. Bale Junior Memorial Car Show, which starts at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) and end at 3 p.m. A shuttle will be running back and forth to the Dane G. Hansen Museum to view the exhibit "Eat Well, Play Well."

The Siruta Pedal Pullers State Sanctioned Kids' Tractor Pull starts at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time). Children entertainment during the day includes King of the Mountain, 18-foot Slide and Castle Bouncer (8:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Time)), the RTS Express train (1-3 p.m.).

The Prairie Dusters Mounted Drill Team from the Logan area is offering horse rides beginning at 2 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m. (Mountain Time), they will demonstrate their precision drill routines.

Appearing on stage at 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) will be the "Dueling Pianos." This group of musicians from Denver are more than just music; it's crowd interaction, comedy and fun all in one. The crowd determines what is played. No two shows are ever the same. Caz Bzdek and Geoffrey Celluer will perform the entire show on portable baby grand piano replicas.

At 6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) "Black Diamond," one of the premiere bands in midwest country music history, will perform. Black Diamond has shared the stage with countless country stars, gained icon status with their 10 years of continuous performances at the Iowa State Fair, entertained hundreds of thousands of the midwest's greatest country music listeners and have become one of the "Top Draw" acts in the midwest.

Following the evening entertainment, Rainbow Fireworks of Inman will light up the sky with a fireworks display which can be seen for miles around the Logan Golf Course.

State department provides records

In preparing students for school enrollment, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment provides information related to birth certificates and immunizations.

Birth certificates

The Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics provides the option to get a birth certificate online at www.kdheks.gov/vital/birth.html. You can obtain your birth certificates in person from the Office of Vital Statistics from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) Monday through Friday at 1000 SW Jackson Stree,t Suite 120 in Topeka. There is a \$15 fee for each certified copy of a Kansas birth certificate.

General questions can be answered at (785) 296-1400, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time), Monday through Friday. The telephone service is automated with

a directory to provide options for accessing recorded information for requesting certified copies, inquiring about the status of previously submitted requests or speaking with a staff member, if other assistance is needed.

Immunizations

The Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention provides up-to-date immunization information, which includes the latest 2012-13 School and Child Care Immunization information at www.ksheks.gov/immunize/schoolInfo.htm. This site also provides immunization requirements, school entry requirements, the Medical Exemptions form and the Kansas Certificate of Immunization. For general questions or more information, contact Mike Parsons at (785) 296-3975 or email at mparsons@kdheks.gov.

Looking at prints



A recent visitor to the Carnegie Arts Ceter, 120 West 12th, looks at prints for sale done by Elouise or Robert Barrus. The Barrus' work will be on exhibit until Sunday, Aug. 26. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Second set of questions, answers about health reform law

Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance, has released the second in a series of questions and answers regarding the Affordable Care Act, the national health reform law passed in 2010.

Below are answers to questions 6 through 11 of 20 compiled by the department as part of its mission to inform Kansans about provisions in the federal law. Commissioner Praeger provided the first five answers to questions in her August *Commissioner's Corner* column, distributed to Kansas media in late July. Those can be accessed quickly by going to home page of the department's website, www.ksinsurance.org.

Q: What parts of the Affordable Care Act will go into effect in 2014?

A: In 2014, the act requires insurance companies to provide coverage to anyone who applies - you can't be turned down because you have health problems. The premium you



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pay will be based only on your age, whether you use tobacco products, where you live, and whether you are buying insurance just for yourself or for your family. Rates will not be based on your health condition or gender. Also, you will be able to buy insurance online through a health insurance exchange.

Q: How will a health insurance exchange work?

A: The online exchange will be similar to a shopping website. Consumers can compare insurance plans that are available based on where they live and their income. Tax credits and other payment help will be available to individuals and families who qualify and want to use

the assistance. Lower income consumers will be directed to Medicaid services. There will be people to assist you if you don't have a computer.

Q: Who will run the exchange, the state or the federal government?

A: The act gives each state the option to set up an exchange. So far, 16 states have indicated they want to run their own exchange. In a state exchange, many decisions are left up to the state. The law requires the federal government to set up an exchange for any state that chooses not to. The federal government will either run that exchange entirely or will form a partnership with the state so the state can operate some parts of the exchange. In Kansas, I hope to enter into a partnership so our insurance department can continue to approve insurance rates, as well

as approve policies offered on the exchange, and assist consumers with their complaints.

Q: I'm a veteran. What will happen to my health care coverage?

A: Nothing. The law does not make any changes to veterans benefits.

Q: I hear people say the health law kills jobs? Is that right?

A: No one is certain about the future, but many have made predictions. A California study said that the law will create more than 100,000 jobs in California alone, since more people will be able to access health care services. An Urban Institute study said there would be no noticeable effect on net levels of employment, since most companies are not affected, and gains and losses in the economy will even out. A Heritage Foundation study said 700,000 jobs will be lost, primarily those workers making

close to minimum wage. The Congressional Budget Office says that about 800,000 people could take advantage of the law's provisions for health care coverage and retire earlier, go to part-time work, or start their own small business.

Employment decisions are made by business owners. The impact of the act will be difficult to measure for many years. I believe the Urban Institute conclusions to be the most likely - some jobs will be created, some will be lost.

Q: I don't want to take a hand-out (subsidy) from the government. What can I do?

A: You may continue to buy an individual policy as you have in the past. If you don't want government assistance, you do not have to accept it. You can simply buy a health insurance policy that meets your needs, as long as the policy meets the minimum benefits that

are required.

The remaining questions in this series will be answered in upcoming news releases, Commissioner Praeger said.

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