

Course offered for foster parents

Saint Francis Community Services (a provider of foster care, adoption and family preservation services) will offer a free, 10 week course, Partnering for Safety and Permanence - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting, for individuals interested in becoming foster parents. course begins Tuesday and will be held every Tuesday for 10 weeks from 5 to 8 p.m. (Mountain Time). The training will be held at the Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine Street, Colby.

Individuals interested in becoming a foster parent are invited to attend the free course which is offered by Saint Francis Community Services, a community-based service provider, strengthening families since 1945. The training is required by the State of Kansas for those interested in becoming

foster parents. The course provides information and skill development for prospective foster parents, helps potential foster parents gain a better understanding of the needs of children in foster care, helps families make informed decisions about fostering and provides information on resources, parenting techniques and support services available for individuals interested in becoming foster parents.

To register for the free foster parent training course or to learn more about becoming part of a professional team caring for Kansas children through foster care, call Saint Francis Community Services: Nikki Engel, Foster Care Homes, (785) 625-6651, email: Nicole.Engel@st-francis.org or visit www.st-francis.org.

Tech College student receives scholarship

Jason Troyer, a student at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium.

There were 98 of those scholarships given nationally. To be eligible for the was applicants need to be enrolled full-time in a college-level program or an ASE/National Automotive Technician Education Foundation certified automotive technical program. Also recipients

who graduate from their program and show proof of employment as a technician in the automotive after market for at least six months after graduation can receive a second matching award.

The scholarship is funded by the Michael Busch Memorial Fund and ASE. Application for 2012 can be found online at www.automotive-scholarships.com beginning in September. The submission deadline is March 31, 2013.

Kids yoga



Yoga instructor Toni Becker helped a student with her form at the kids yoga class on Monday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. at the Right Combination Dance Studio, 902 W. Hwy. 24. August was National Yoga Awareness Month. The first class is free to try it. Other

classes offered are Balance and Beyond, Yoga Plus, Moving and Stretching, ZUMBA and Tone Class. Fall classes start after Labor Day. Their website is www.rightcombinationdance.com.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Flowers



JoAnn Busse Scott has been busy with her flowers at the south end of Wheat Ridge Acres Assisted Living Facility. She was particularly pleased with her blue petunias. For years she watered and cared for plants at her own home. She is inviting people to come see her flowers and visit with the other residents.

Photo by Cindy Pletcher

Donations given by the truckload to groups

By Ron Wilson

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"So how are donations coming in for your most recent fundraiser?" I asked. "Well," he replied, "you might say they are coming in by the truckload." That sounds like a successful fundraising campaign. In this case, those words might be interpreted literally. This is the story of an agricultural producer who has not just donated money to worthy causes, he has chosen to donate some of his crops.

Bob Haselwood is a farmer near Berryton, just south and east of Topeka. Berryton is an unincorporated town with a population of perhaps 300 people. Now, that's rural. Bob grew up here and came back to the farm after college. Today the farm is a nearly 1,900 acre cash grain operation consisting of soybeans, corn, and some wheat in rotation.

Bob became active in Kansas Farm Bureau. One year while at the state annual meeting in Wichita, he heard someone discuss a new opportunity called the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program, or

KARL for short.

KARL was a newly-created, statewide, independent, privately-funded leadership development program. It consisted of a class of 30 individuals from around Kansas who would go through a two-year long leadership development experience, including trips around the state, to Washington, D.C. and overseas. The program is led by a board of directors and staff, with headquarters space provided as an in-kind gift by Kansas State at Manhattan.

Bob decided to give it a try. In 1991, he applied and became part of KARL Class 1, the inaugural class of the KARL program.

Today, the KARL program is on Class XI. During the intervening years, more than four million dollars have been raised and spent on this program from over 800 entities including individuals, farm and civic organizations, businesses, foundations and corporations.

That money has been invested to put over 300 agricultural and rural leaders through more than 5,000 hours of training and experience in Kansas and Washington, D.C., as well as overseas. KARL classes

have traveled to Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, Belgium, France, England, the People's Republic of China, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand, Mexico and Costa Rica, Brazil, Ghana, India and Vietnam. Wow.

That type of support requires a constant effort to recruit donors and supporters. The KARL board and staff work hard to solicit donations and raise funds through special events. KARL hosted a dinner for donors in Topeka, for example. One of those who attended was Bob Haselwood. After that dinner, he made a donation to KARL, but instead of money, he donated a load of soybeans.

"I do this for our church as well," Bob said. "I harvest a load and when I deliver it to the elevator, I just put it in the name of the church. It's a time to give back."

"Bob is one of the top people in our county on leadership development," said Leroy Russell, Kansas State Research and Extension - Shawnee County. "He is very active in farm organizations."

"I'm always thinking about things from KARL that helped me," Bob said. "It opened my eyes and broad-

ened my experience."

These experiences have helped propel Bob into positions of leadership. He has been president of the Shawnee County Farm Bureau, a Farm Bureau state committee member, and now serves on the Kansas Soybean Commission. At the national level, he is treasurer of the United Soybean Board. These latter organizations use checkoff monies to promote soybean consumption. The United Soybean Board, for example, has a \$94 million budget to promote soybeans, self-funded by soybean producers.

Fittingly, Bob made his donation to the KARL program in soybeans. When the price of soybeans went up, Bob's donation became the largest single personal gift from an alumnus to the KARL program. For more information about KARL, go to www.karlprogram.com.

Yes, the donations are coming in by the truckload - or at least in Bob Haselwood's case, he has chosen to make his donation in soybeans. We salute Bob Haselwood and all those involved with the KARL program for making a difference by investing in leadership. To them I say: Keep on truckin.'

matters of record

Sherman County District Court

These are cases decided by the Sherman County District Court:

May 27, 2005: Christopher P. King, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$154.

May 8, 2011: Suni R. Gregory, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined, \$187.

Sept. 2, 2011: Charles R. Droog, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$197.

Charles R. Droog, failure to wear seatbelt, fined \$10.

Oct. 10, 2011: Fernando Hernandez, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$248.

Oct 30, 2011: Carol J. Kildow, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$157.

July 13, 2011: William J. Donaldson II, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$224.

Nov. 12, 2011: James M. Germack Jr., failure to yield to emergency vehicle, fined \$293.

Jan. 8: Brandon W. Leth, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$248.

Jan. 9: Benjamin P. Dorton, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$173.

Jan. 18: Marcella D. Chestnut, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$236.

Jan. 22: Marc A. Correal, exceeding maximum speed limits, fined \$179.

Jan. 25: David V. Helverson, motor carrier regulations on persons and property, fined \$248.

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Reader Recipes

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. shredded chicken
- 16 oz. Ranch dressing
- 12 oz. Franks Buffalo Wing sauce
- 8 oz. Sharp Shredded Cheese
- (2) 8 oz. cream cheese

Mix wing sauce and chicken. Put in bottom of 9x13 pan. Melt cream cheese and ranch dressing. Pour over chicken. Bake for 20 minutes. Top with shredded cheese. Bake for 10 minutes.

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