

Collapsed elevator partially torn down

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 Almost two weeks after part of a Frontier Ag elevator collapsed in Oakley, the company has cleared away all that was left of the three bins which were damaged in the initial collapse.
 "What they've done is take down the hanging concrete and the dangerous part," said Pappy Lies, emergency manager for Logan and Gove counties.
 Lies said officials met last week with Frontier Ag, and the company said it would bring an inspection team in to see how much of the rest of the structure can be saved. He was not sure when that would be.

Large parts of the two bins on the southeast side of the elevator had been hanging on to the structure after the lower walls on the south side gave out at about 2:30 p.m. Nov. 20. Workers have been kept away from the elevator because of the danger of having more concrete fall.
 No one was injured in the collapse, but the accident also destroyed the inside of a third bin. Corn and chunks of concrete buried a nearby Union Pacific Railroad line, forcing the company to build a detour track around the site. Several rail cars were pushed over by the corn, but contractors dragged them out of the way later in the day.

Regional artists show at Hansen Museum

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents a Duel Showing "Brush Strokes by Bobbi Kerth and "Paintings by Staci Hartman." This exhibit opens today and will run through Feb. 3.
 Bobbi Kerth lives in WaKeeney. She paints in her home studio in the mediums of oil and watercolor. Her family and her love of nature are great inspirations for her award winning paintings. She also creates whimsical and happy Santa's.

Staci Hartman has spent the majority of her life in North Central Kansas in Logan. Her work shows typical scenes of rural life. She loves to travel and extend her subject venue. Her creative work is done in oil and pastel.
 Our December Artist of the Month is Janet Gottstine from Logan. She has a display of diaper and towel cakes, tutu bags, and bow holders. These are great gift ideas just in time for Christmas.

Kansas representative booted off committees

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 representative has had a seat on the committee for 151 years.
 "This is a disservice to me and to the district," he said.
 Huelskamp said even though he was told it is a done deal, he is still working behind the scenes to reverse the decision, but even with the help of Sen. Pat Roberts that may not be possible.
 "To change it I'd have to do something I'd never do, turn over my voting card to people in Washington," he said.
 He said he did not believe the decision was a personal one against him and that he has good relation-

ships with the chairmen of each of the committees. He also said fellow Kansas Rep. Lynn Jenkins - who sits on the Republican Steering Committee - did not have a role in the removal.
 Huelskamp also had harsh words for the House leadership concerning the Farm Bill.
 "They're closing down shop at noon on Wednesday. They say there's not enough time to do a farm bill before the end of the year," he said. "There's plenty of time."
 The agriculture subcommittees have not been working on the bill and rarely even meet, he said, while his veterans affairs committee meets all the time.

Ringing the bell



Sheriff-elect Burton Pianalto volunteered at the Salvation Army donations bucket outside Walmart earlier this week.
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School board opts for sales, property taxes

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space into a spare classroom and using roof top heating and cooling units on the second floor of the high school.
 Two percent favored only renovations at the high school for \$9.5 million.
 Ten percent favored only renovations at the elementaries for \$6.8 million.
 When asked how people would like to see the renovations funded 13 percent said by property taxes, 18 percent by sales tax and 69 percent by a combination of both sources, said Superintendent Bill Biermann.
 The board discussed the comments they received from the public, and eventually decided to reduce the proposed renovation to \$14,987,000. The board decided to leave the changes to the elementaries proposed by the \$16.3 million plan but to reduce the amount of work done in the high school.

The board took \$300,000 off the kitchen remodel by making it 1,000 square feet smaller. The refrigerator and freezer units would not be inside the building but attached separately to the kitchen. A space for a smaller future concession stand would be boxed in and used for storage. Not remodeling a storage space into a spare classroom would save \$264,000 mainly because of the cost of leveling the floors. The gym would not be heated and cooled like the rest of the high school. There would be unit heaters but no air conditioning for the gym.
 The board decided it would rather have the updated heating system that would not cut so many holes in the roof and they thought they had enough money left in the Qualified Zone Assurance Bond to pay the difference in the heating system of \$495,000.
 Both Biermann and School Board President Gary Slough said they had heard favorable comments.

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11 a.m.: Entertainment by GHS and GJHS students
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Mason Fritz

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Reader Recipes
Apple Nut Bread

Preheat oven to 325 degrees, grease and flour a 9"x5"x3" loaf pan.
 Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup packed shredded carrots
- 1 cup canned, sweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup corn oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup sugar

Combine carrots, applesauce, oil and vanilla in a bowl, add eggs and sugar while mixing all together.

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. double acting baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Mix dry ingredients and nuts together. Stir into the applesauce mixture. Mix only until all ingredients are blended. DO NOT OVERMIX. Pour into greased and floured loaf pan. Spread batter evenly.

- 5 tbsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over batter. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. The bread should have a crack down center. Remove from pan and cool on rack.

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