

# Governor appoints information officer

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback recently announced that Jim Mann will serve as the executive branch's Chief Information Technology Officer. He also issued Executive Order 11-46 that directs all non-Regents Executive Branch agency IT directors and staff to report directly to the chief officer.

"This is a position the state desperately needs in order to catch up with advances in technology, to improve communication among and between state agencies and to boost business efficiency, saving taxpayers money," Governor Brownback said. "Jim Mann has an extensive background as a senior information technology specialist with a track record of establishing both short and long-term technology strategic direction. He will provide the leadership and knowledge necessary to make technological changes in a user friendly fashion, both inside and outside of state government. Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer and I are pleased to welcome him to the team."

The duties of the chief officer will include responsibility for all systems that deliver appropriate information to all levels of governments, improving efficiency and effectiveness across

agencies and providing the agencies with a core set of reliable services that allow the agencies to focus on their unique missions.

"I am excited about the opportunity to improve the state's information technology systems," Mann said. "With a centralized IT organization, we plan to drive cost down, consolidate redundant IT functions and improve communication."

Prior to joining the state, Mann was the Chief Technology Officer at Service Brands International where he managed a Microsoft "Gold Partner" development team. Previously, he owned Irishmann Enterprises, Inc. where he oversaw the administration, sales and operation activities for a major business-to-business franchise. Before that, Mann served as Global Vice President and CIO of Havi Foodservice Worldwide and analyzed the technologies for an acquisition of two Fortune 500 companies and managed the migration of all the systems to meet the corporate standards once acquired. He also worked for four years as Vice President and CIO at Lawson Products Inc.

Mann earned his Bachelor in Business Administration from the University of Devonshire.

# Special prosecutor to combat benefits fraud

Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Secretary Rob Siedlecki announced recently that Attorney General Derek Schmidt has appointed attorney Ken Thompson as a Special Assistant Attorney General with the authority to criminally prosecute cases of benefits fraud in the State of Kansas. He

will work under the supervision of the Deputy Attorney General of the Criminal Litigation Division.

Thompson is the head of the agency's anti-fraud initiative. He took the oath of office on Nov. 17.

Until this appointment, prosecution of benefits fraud his-

torically had been left to county district attorneys, who often had too much other crime on their plates to focus on welfare fraud. Previously, the agency had the authority to pursue the perpetrators of welfare fraud civilly, but not criminally.

# Christmas wishes



Carson Davis visited Santa Claus on Santa's first visit to the Norton County Courthouse, Friday evening. What Carson asked for was a secret between he and Santa and St. Nick gave him a candy cane. Santa and his sleigh will be available for the children on Thursday, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Courthouse Square.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# A love for little tin boxes

Collector  
Chat  
Liza Deines



"And I put all the pennies in a little tin box, which a little tin key unlocks . . ." The words of that old song must've imprinted on my brain at a very early age. Something instilled in me a love of tin boxes to the point that my house was full of them. I have a few here at The Carlyle and still miss my collection. Perhaps it was growing up in the back room of my grandpa's grocery store where colorful tins were just run-of-the-mill packaging in the 1940's.

especially attractive because most were made for the gift trade and thus were lithographed with beautiful scenes and colors designed with lasting appeal to keep a gentleman's gift fresh in his lady's memory. The tins produced for Mother's Day gifts were often embellished with a sentimental poem, as were ones for Valentine's Day. English toffee tins are one of my favorites because they are small and blooming with tiny flower designs. Toffee tins are seldom hinged but have tight lids with small knobs.

**COLLECTOR TIPS:**  
Find a great tin but it is sprung? Pass it by. The hinging is the most vulnerable part of a tin and it is virtually impossible to restore a sprung hinge to its original condition, no matter how lovely the box may be. Worn lithographed designs can have a charm of their own with a little careful cleaning using a barely damp cloth, but avoid purchasing boxes with extensive rust. Soap and water do not agree with tins and should be used sparingly if at all. A very light coating of kitchen wax is all I ever used to restore a tin.

Happy hunting! And do tell me about your favorite finds.

There are so many categories of tins that it would probably be prudent to limit a collection to a particular variety or a particular color or style. Certainly a group of tobacco tins, candy tins, tea tins or even coffee tins makes a striking exhibit. It's come to my attention over the years, however, that most tin box collectors have a common failing -- we love them ALL! My first one was a Philip Morris cigarette tin given to me by my cousin Alan who had carried it in his shirt pocket all the way through WW II. My second was a red candy box with butterfly designs on top. It had been a button box for LeRoy's mother and I treasured it.

Several good reference books are available on tobacco tins, which have become increasingly popular. As an inveterate auction observer, I've watched the prices on tobacco tins rise amazingly as the years go by. Some are bringing close to \$100 now if the designs are rare, old or unusual. One of the most interesting tobacco tins I've seen was a kelly green Tuxedo tin that was cleverly curved to fit snugly into a man's suit jacket breast pocket. There are still some tins out there in the \$20 range and even lower but they are becoming few and far between. The larger tins that held cut plug tobaccos had a long life because many were designed to look like little trunks and were coveted as button or sewing boxes. Then there was the famous handled red Tiger tin that was the ultimate lunch box of a country school child. A collecting category that has wonderful display potential is that of the flat fifty cigarette tins. These boxes held, as you might expect, fifty cigarettes in a flat square box, measuring about four by six inches. Lucky you if you have the Lucky Strike box bearing Christmas holly decorations. Chesterfield and Black Cat also had striking designs on their flat fifty boxes.

Tins have always been valued for their secondary container potential since most were made with good snug lids to keep their contents fresh. Candy tins are

# HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, presents "K is for Kansas" and "Considering the Common Place: Prairie Towns" which opened Oct. 28, and will be on display through Dec. 18.

Since we have access to so many fun and curious facts about Kansas, I would like to ask questions each week to give you something to think about! This week's questions are as follows:

1. Why is Kansas nicknamed "Midway USA"?
2. What is the highest spot in Kansas at 4,039 feet above sea level?
3. What is the name of the temperance leader who smashed saloons in Kansas, causing \$2000 worth of damage?
4. In 1876, what town was settled by freed slaves led by Benjamin "Pap" Singleton, a Topeka carpenter and coffin maker, originally from Tennessee?
5. What is the name of an ancient source of water beneath western Kansas? Conservationists are concerned that irrigation is rapidly using up this water which is not easily replaced.

The answers to last week's questions are as follows:

1. What does the Latin phrase ad astra per aspera mean? Ad Astra Per Aspera means "to the stars through difficulty." It is the state motto and appears on the official seal adopted in 1861.
2. What movie and TV actress grew up in Wichita and attended Kansas State University? Movie and TV actress Kirstie Alley grew up in Wichita and attended Kansas State University. She became famous in the NBC comedy Cheers.
3. What is the Kansas state amphibian? The barred tiger salamander is our state amphibian and lives from the Flint Hills to the western border. It is one of the largest land salamanders in the world.
4. What is the Kansas state tree? The cottonwood is the Kansas state tree.
5. The statement "The proudest thing I can claim is that I am from Abilene" was made by whom? Dwight David Eisenhower made this statement. He served as a U.S. Army general in World War II and President of the United States from 1953 to 1961.
6. At age 65, who was the oldest person and the first woman to serve as governor of Kansas? At age 65, Joan Finney was the oldest person and the first woman to serve as governor of Kansas (1991-1995). The answers will be in next week's news!!

- ACROSS**
1. Hollywood agent
  5. Wifely
  6. Freeway access
  10. Converse on the Web
  14. Whirlpool Corporation brand
  15. New York stage award
  16. Heavenly headwear
  17. Desktop publishers' selections
  18. Figures at a gangland summit
  19. Tree of life locale
  20. Unconventional sport
  22. Secrete a mike on
  23. Fontanne's stage partner
  24. Blue-pencil wielder
  26. Pollen-bearing organ
  30. Suffix in nuclear physics
  31. "Damn Yankees" vamp
  32. Hammer end
  35. Golden \_\_\_ (seniors)
  39. Food thickener
  40. If one's broken, that's often good
  42. Big name in chemicals
  43. It's sometimes served primavera
  45. Declare false
  46. Radius neighbor
  47. Concerning, legally speaking
  49. Suitable for all audiences
  51. Give an account of
  54. Fissionable particle
  56. Airline to Ben-Gurion
  57. Shipper's supply
  63. Roddick's org.
  64. Norwegian metropolis
  65. Fancy flapjack
  66. Spot for an angler

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1. Gag response, in entertainment mags
  2. Love personified
  3. "Riders of the Purple Sage" novelist Grey
  4. Start a pot
  5. Go to the mat, in dialect
  6. "The Thinker" sculptor
  7. Scrub, to NASA
  8. Mary Quant design
  9. Act the noodge
  10. Stern reprimand
  11. "I've \_\_\_ up to here!"
  12. Last Oldsmobile made
  13. Cartridge filler
  21. Jab, cross, or hook
  25. \_\_\_ stretch (serve time)
  26. Duel invitation, maybe
  27. Forum frock
  28. Word for Yorick
  29. Dojo activity
  30. Jacob, to Esau
  33. Put on board
  34. Saperstein of the Basketball Hall of Fame
  36. Macpherson of "Sirens"
  37. Gruyère coating
  38. Negotiations hang-up
  41. Innsbruck's province
  44. Doodlebug's prey
  48. Deal with a computer lockup
  50. "Cocoon" Oscar winner Don
  51. Extends one's enlistment
  52. Dinsmore of children's literature
  53. Get dark
  54. More adept
  55. Chophouse selection
  58. DDE's alma mater
  59. Small songbird
  60. Boardwalk or Park Place payment
  61. "...baked in \_\_\_"
  62. Source of pressure, perhaps

**FHSU Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBCD)**  
in partnership with Norton City/County Economic Development is offering the following FREE classes:

- Get Going: From Idea to Successful Business-Business Start-up 101  
Monday, December 5 – 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Business Plan Essentials  
Monday, December 5 – 7:45 - 8:45 m.
- Social Media: Reaching In  
Tuesday, December 6 – 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- How May I Help You? Customer Service Workshop  
Tuesday, December 6 – 7:45 - 8:45 p.m.

All classes will be held in the Norton Public Library Community Room. Space is limited, advanced registration is required. Register online at <http://ksbcd.ecenterdirect.com/>. Registration deadline is December 2. Questions may be directed to Megan Horinek, email [mlhorinek@fhsu.edu](mailto:mlhorinek@fhsu.edu) or (785) 734-2592.

Computers are not required but feel free to bring your laptop. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLASSES IS AVAILABLE ON THE [discovernorton.com](http://discovernorton.com) WEBSITE

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

**HUNTER'S RETREAT!**  
Saturday, December 3, 2011  
11:00 A.M.

**AUCTION LOCATION:**  
538 W. Aztec, Woodruff, Kansas –  
Located just 3 Miles West from Hwy. 183 and 383 Jct. to W. 500 Ln., then North to W. Aztec Rd then 1/4 Mile West. WATCH FOR SIGNS!!!

Less than 1/2 Mile from the Prairie Dog Creek - Less than 10 Miles from the Harlan County Reservoir at Alma, NE. Great Hunting and Fishing in the Area!!

This 150 ft. x 330 ft. secluded property has many great amenities including a 16 x 80 Marlett manufactured home that has 3 bedrooms, and extended living room with an 8 ft. x 14 ft. addition, central air and heat and metal roof. This property has its own water well and septic system and several outbuildings including an older frame home that would make a nice bunk house, a garage and washhouse, all with good roofs. There is also a large garden area for the serious gardener. The wooded surroundings gives lots of habitat for many species of wildlife.

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**Sudoku Puzzle #2369-M**

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