

HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

It's always a joy to see families visiting the Hansen Museum, and we are especially delighted when parents bring young children to explore our exhibits. While it can be a challenge for parents to keep a watchful eye and gently remind their little ones to "look but not touch," bringing children into museums at a young age is incredibly important. Fostering an early appreciation for cultural institutions like museums and libraries plants the seeds for a lifelong love of learning and discovery. Much like attending church with young children—where the experience may be more about the lesson than the immediate enjoyment—visiting museums early teaches the value and importance of these places.

Last Saturday, we were thrilled to welcome two young families to our current exhibition, A Place to Call Home. Both sets of parents patiently followed their energetic youngsters from exhibit to exhibit, often dividing and conquering so that each child had their own attentive guide. Although it's likely the parents didn't get to fully absorb every display, their selfless approach allowed their children to thoroughly explore and enjoy the Museum. Rest assured, while the parents may have missed a few details, their children left with full hearts and wide eyes. We encourage you: bring your



The Kirchhoff family (Stuttgart) explores A Place to Call Home at the Hansen Museum, studying the migration map to mark where their ancestors came from and where they settled in the United States. (courtesy photo)

little ones—after all, they are our patrons of the future!

This past weekend also brought a creative spark to the Museum with two Magic of Painting classes led by the talented Hope Blakely. A certified Bob Ross instructor, Hope taught participants the wet-on-wet oil painting technique with a fun, relaxed style that made the experience feel almost magical. On Saturday, attendees painted Out in the Valley, a charming scene featuring a cozy cabin by a mountain stream. Sunday's class focused on Night Ocean, a moody and dramatic seascape illuminated by a brilliant moonlit sky. Participants left both sessions with not only beautiful paintings but also smiles and renewed spirits. Mark your calendars—Hope will return to teach again on June 21 and 22!

A Place to Call Home remains on view through June 17. We invite you to come experience this remarkable exhibition. The Hansen Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is fully handicap accessible, and admission is always free, thanks to the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information, please call 785-689-4846. We look forward to seeing YOU at the Museum!



Mindi Bloom (Hoxie) carefully adds details to the wave in her Night Ocean painting during the Hansen Museum's Magic of Painting class, led by certified Bob Ross instructor Hope Blakely. (courtesy photo)

Power out? Prepping, storing food can be 'tricky'

K-State food scientist shares tips for protecting your family

Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee says preparing and storing food during a power outage can be "tricky."

"Without a steady power source (such as a generator), food can be temperature-abused, which increases the risk for foodborne illness," said Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center for Food Science.

Foodborne bacteria grows most rapidly between 40 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, Blakeslee said – doubling in number in as little as 20 minutes. "This temperature range is often called the "Temperature Danger Zone," she said.

When power fails, "refrigerated and frozen food warms or thaws and can allow potential bacteria to grow and multiply," Blakeslee said. "Without power, the options are limited to cook food indoors," she said. "A fireplace can be used with wood or gas to grill food, or you can wrap food in foil in the fireplace."

However, if using a fireplace, she cautions: "Do not use charcoal in the fireplace because it can emit carbon monoxide. Be sure the fireplace flue is open during use. Otherwise, use foods you don't have to cook or keep cold. Only prepare enough food for one meal so that you don't have leftovers."

Blakeslee adds: "Now that outside temperatures are warming, use an outdoor grill to cook food. Camping stoves are also a good outdoor cooking option."

Meat products must be cooked to the proper internal temperature to assure safety. The food safety recommendations include:

- 145 F for steaks, chops and roasts.
- 160 F for ground meat.
- 165 F for all poultry.

Blakeslee urges consumers to consider stocking up on non-perishable foods and disposable utensils for an emergency. Some examples of foods to include are peanut butter, canned

meats, whole grain chips or crackers, canned fruit, canned fruit and dried fruit. "And don't forget pet food for your family's pets," she said.

"For canned foods, the pop top cans are easy to open," Blakeslee said. "Otherwise, be sure to have a (non-electric) can opener available. These foods can be portable in case you need to relocate during an emergency. Single serve items – such as fruit cups and pudding – are easy foods to store for an emergency."

Once canned goods are opened, they must be used, especially canned meats, fruits and vegetables. "Without refrigeration, the leftovers can not be stored for later use," Blakeslee said.

She also reminded consumers of one of the most basic food safety steps: Wash your hands.

"If running water is not available, disposable wipes or hand sanitizers can be used. Pack some extra bottles of water and soap in your emergency kit."

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This episode explores high-demand Kansas jobs in education and health care. Premiere Date: May 4 10:30 AM

Rebroadcast: May 18 10:30 AM Plan, Design and Fix it!

Those who love designing, building or fixing things will love this episode that dives into the high-demand Kansas careers of an advanced manufacturing technician, land surveyor and civil engineer.

Premiere Date: May 11 10:30 AM

Rebroadcast: May 25 10:30 AM

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2024-25 BUDGET
The governing body of Unified School District 281 will meet on the 12th day of May, at 5:25 PM, at 117 N 3rd Street, Hill City, KS, 67642 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at USD 281 District Office and will be available at this hearing.

| Fund | SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS | | | |
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| | Adopted Budget 2024-25 | | Proposed Amendment 2024-25 Budget | |
| | Actual Tax Rate | Amount of Tax to be Levied | Expenditures & Transfers | Expenditures & Transfers |
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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JANICE STITES, Deceased Case No. GH-2025-PR-000009

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Roger Stites, son and one of the heirs at law of Janice Stites, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Graham County, and Trego County, Kansas:

All of Lot One (1) and the North Twenty-five Feet (N.25') of Lot Four (4), Kobler's Addition to the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas

An undivided interest in Mineral Rights in Graham County as follows: Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Ten (10), Range Twenty-two (22)

An Undivided interest in Mineral Rights in Trego County as follows: Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Five (5), Township Eleven (11), Range Twenty-two (22)

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of May, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the City of Hill City, in Graham County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Roger Stites, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of DALE G. EATON, Deceased Case No. GH-2024-PR-000026

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State Of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Probate of Last Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court on April 7, 2025, by Joshua D. Eaton, the named Executor in the Last Will of Dale G. Eaton, deceased, and praying for the appointment of Joshua D. Eaton to serve as the Executor of the Estate of Dale G. Eaton, without bond.

The real property included in this Estate is: Lot 3726 in LINN VALLEY LAKES, a subdivision of part of Section 23, 24, 25 and 26, Township 19 South, Range 24 East of the 6th P.M., Linn Co., KS.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted, the Court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to a simplified administration be filed with the Court, the Court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the Petitioner being appointed as the Executor on or before Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in this Court in the City of Hill City, in Graham County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Joshua D. Eaton, Petitioner

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