

Fort Hays State releases fall 2024 Deans' Honor Roll

Fort Hays State University has named 1,884 students to the Deans' Honor Roll for the fall 2024 semester. The Deans' Honor Roll includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.00 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and online students are eligible.

Area students on the Deans' Honor Roll include: William Flavin, Esbon, Kansas; and Tonya Chapin, Allison Ost and Jenna Palen, Mankato.

Dispatch Hosts "Super Sunday Party" on Feb. 9

Dispatch Christian Reformed Church will again host a "Super Sunday Bowl Party" event on Sunday, Feb. 9. Everyone is welcome to attend beginning at 5 p.m. to watch the game on a huge screen. Come and enjoy BBQ from the Catilae Grill and many other snacks. Bring your own favorite "comfy" chair and it will be moved if right in.

Special half-time entertainment will be former FHSU football kicking coach, Eric Overmiller. Eric will be presenting "Faith, Football, and Fans." There will be games and prizes for youth and adults. There will be a prize for the Best Dressed Fan (any team). The Grand Prize is a JBL Extreme 3 Portable Bluetooth Speaker. Many more prizes will be awarded.

If you have questions, call (785) 454-6608. Dispatch Church is located 2 miles east and 6 miles north of Downs at the crossroads of 290 Rd. and 10 Rd.

Harmony United Methodist Church

Harmony United Methodist Church met Sunday. Phil and Lori Menhusen were greeters. Phyllis Christie was acolyte. Cathy Dauner was worship leader. Jerry Groat was usher, and Lisa Goodheart was communion steward.

Birthday wishes go out to Sawyer Harris. Prayers were offered for Joann Davis' sister, Linda Pierce, on her upcoming surgery. Pastor Thaddeus Hinkle's mother, and the plane crash victims' families.

Julie Bourbon shared the scripture from Luke 14:15-24. The Jewish leaders invited Jesus to a banquet, not to honor Him, but to try to trap Him into breaking Jewish law (such as healing on the Sabbath). Jesus told them a parable about a rich man who invited all his rich friends to a banquet. They all made excuses for why they couldn't come. The first then told his servants to go into the streets and invite the poor and disabled to come to the banquet instead. In this metaphor, the rich invites were the Jewish leaders that were offered the opportunity to follow Jesus, but declined, because they put their own status and power ahead of their relationship with God. Jesus offers salvation to all people, especially including those whom the elite considered undesirable. This is a recurring message in Luke's Gospel. Jesus offers salvation to all. But we have to accept it.

God's kingdom is bigger than we can imagine. We don't earn our way into heaven through good deeds. We are saved when we accept God's grace. Communion helps us to look forward to Jesus' return, when we'll be reunited with our brothers and sisters in Christ, with Jesus at the head of the table. You are invited to Christ's banquet. Do you accept His invitation? Have you extended the invitation to others?

Thank You

We would like to thank family and friends for the cards, food, money for the memorial, flowers and plants during this time of sorrow.

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Feb. 7 through Feb. 13

Friday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, roll, milk.

Monday: Pulled BBQ pork sandwich, tater tots, peas and carrots, pears, cookie.

Tuesday: Beef and cabbage bake, buttered carrots, applesauce, bread, milk, cookie optional.

Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans with onion, pineapple tidbits, wheat roll, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, tater tots, pickled beets, strawberries and bananas, milk.

Burr Oak

By Glennys Barnes

Cliff and Glennys Barnes attended the Rock Hills High School vs. Tescott basketball games in Mankato on Tuesday last week. Also attending to watch Brynlee Manning play with the varsity girls' team, were Ariel Christensen, Oak, Nebraska; Cheryl Hillman, Jessica Barnes, Kelley Bunting, Lennie Gutscher and Greg Manning. The Rock Hills girls came away with the win.

The Burr Oak Community Church service began with candlelighters, Parker, Trey and Krew Badger. Brynlee Badger gave the welcome and announcements. Pastor Rod Rose led the congregation in The Apostle's Creed, the Call to Worship and the congregational prayer.

The congregation was blessed to have the Scout Pack No. 46 and their parents in attendance as a special treat. Each scout got to introduce themselves to those attending. Pastor Rod gave the children's message, which was a video of a speech from Admiral William McRaven called "Make Your Bed."

He spoke of the simple task of making your bed every day and how it encourages you to complete other tasks during your day. Even if you have a rough day, returning home and seeing a well-made bed gives you a sense of accomplishment. He spoke of the trials of training to be a Navy Seal. We all face tasks in the world, may be not as daunting as a Seal, but we face sharks of a different kind. We need to feel the power of hope, and the will to succeed. We need to remember the size of our heart and lift others up to change the world for the better.

The special was a video message from a lady named Amanda and titled "Lost it All." It was her testimony of how God restored her life after she lost everything. She discovered Jesus is all she really needed. Her answers were not in finding inner peace, but rather in the Prince of Peace.

The offering was collected by out-lets Angleton and Maverick Becker. Joy and concerns were shared by all, followed by the Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Rose. The scripture readings were from Matthew 3: 1-3, Luke 12: 35-40 and John 14: 1-3. The message was called "Preparation." John the Baptist told of preparing the people for the coming of Jesus. Jesus said to be ready when the

Son of Man comes at an unexpected hour, and Jesus also said He was preparing His house for us. We should be ready in our Christian lives and be prepared spiritually. We should make time in our lives for Jesus.

Communion was shared by all. Scouts, Spencer Lindberg and Ethan Wirth assisted Pastor Rod in serving.

Benediction was given by Pastor Rose, followed by the closing hymn "God Be with You." Dee Reed accompanied the congregation on organ and piano. Hymns were "In the Garden," "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "Jesus Loves Me."

Sunday morning service at the Burr Oak Christian Church opened with Pastor Richard Cox leading in the reciting of the pledges of allegiance. He also led the congregational singing with Wanda Fraser accompanying on the piano. Songs sung during the service were "This Is the Day," "Jesus Calls Us Out of the Tumbul," "Softly and Tenderly," "The Summons" and "Just As I Am." The Responsive Reading for the morning was "Christ and Children." Cliff Barnes and Gary Turner served communion. A brief welcome time followed. Pastor Cox's message was entitled "Love Like Jesus Loves." His selected scripture reading was Romans 13: 14-21. Our reaction to stressful situations can be either positive or negative. The scripture reminds us that we are to be positive or considerate. We are told to live in harmony with one another as far as it is possible for us to do so. We are admonished to not do evil, but to overcome evil with good. Following the service, the congregation shared a video of singing "Happy Birthday" to John Garman. Morgan McManis was a visitor for the service.

Tyler Marr gave the welcome and announcements at the Burr Oak Church of the Nazarene on Sunday morning. Kristal Wulf led the pledges of allegiance. Congregational singing was led by Kristal Wulf, Shane and Colton McCutcheon. Songs sung during the service were "How Great Thou Art" and "To God Be the Glory." Tithes and offerings were taken up by Ethan Weems and Ryan Kriedler. Tyler Marr had the special, a recording of "Counting My Blessings." A "Love Your Neighbor" time followed. Ashley Wulf had the children's message. It was about feeling like sometimes there are things we are not able to do. Jeremiah felt that God was something God had called him to do. But God promised him that He would be with him. If God calls us to something, He will be with us and He will turn your "Can't" into "I can." Chad Wulf gave the prayer. Bob Angleton had the message for the morning entitled "What Faith Is All About." From when we first accepted Christ into our lives, hopefully our faith has grown. Faith is the biggest part of our spiritual weapons in fighting as it Scriptures read were Hebrews 11: 32-34, 1 Samuel 12: 11, Judges 4. The lesson was illustrated by the story of Deborah, Barak and Jael from Judges 4. When we have an enemy against us, God will take care of it for us. He will fight for us if we are faithful to Him.



Six young men from Rock Hills attended the Real Men Sing workshop at Bethany College in Lindsborg on Thursday. Joe Rutledge, Knox Eilert, Hunter Jernigan and J.J. Ortiz were in the junior high group. Chace Fogo and Aidan Brown were in the high school group. They rehearsed and prepared a concert for that afternoon. The finale of the concert was more than 500 6th through 12 grade young men singing God Bless America in four parts.

Deborah started the fight. Barak carried out the fight and Jael finished the fight. This was not by their power but by faithfulness to God and through His power.

Having Sunday lunch at the local cafe were Kasey, Lexi, Riggins and Rainey Ord, Riverton, Nebraska; Jeff and Diana Ord, rural Guide Rock; and Cliff and Glennys Barnes.

On Sunday evening, the family of Cheryl Hillman and the late Morris Hillman had a late Christmas gathering and early birthday celebration for Cheryl at the Grate Expectations Cafe. A supper of soups, meat and cheese tray and relish tray was served. Attending were Shelli Kuhlmann, Courtney Spurgeon, Lane Runstead, Anthony Kennedy, Katie Jacobs, Melissa Coleman, Mankato; Brett and Bianna Kohn, Derek, Augie, Draiden, Leighton, Waylon, Tucker, Nellie and Oliver Ault, Iowa; Weyson Colson, Randall, Ramee Jacobs, Esbon; Daisy, Michael, Tuff, Hudson and Owen Tucker, Lebanon; Mattie Volker, Bryce Kussman, Cody and Renita Volker, Weston; Wagner, Dustin Ault, Jessica Barnes, Greg and Brynlee Manning.

Lennie Gutscher, and Kelley Bunting, and Cheryl Hillman, all of Burr Oak.

Members of the Burr Oak High School Class of 1959 attending the funeral for their classmate, Cheryl Woerner, on Monday were Gayna Schoenrock, Mankato; Corwin Seamans, Manhattan; Naomi Swartzendruber, Wichita; and Mary Foley and Glennys Barnes, Burr Oak. Afterwards at the luncheon, the five classmates had the opportunity for a nice visit.

On Tuesday morning, Cheryl Hillman celebrated her birthday with

drinks for the morning crowd. Attending to help wish her a Happy Birthday were Gary and Penny Turner, Walt and Peggy Wilson, Mary Foley, John and Sue Tucker and Cliff and Glennys Barnes. The group also enjoyed a video from Aaron Turner playing "Happy Birthday" for Cheryl on his bagpipes.

You'll never get mixed up if you simply tell the truth. Then you don't have to remember what you have said, and you never forget what you have said.

Attention

The Mankato Housing Authority

will conduct a

Public Hearing at Pine Haven, Monday, March 10, at our regular board meeting at 5:30 p.m. to discuss any proposed changes to housing policies and goals.

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Invitation for Bids

The Jewell County Commissioners are accepting sealed bids for a 5-year farm lease for agricultural purposes only. The lease is for the following described real estate situated in Jewell County, Kansas, to-wit: Approximately 37 acres of crop land on the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2SE1/4), of Section twenty (20), Township Three (3) North, Range Eight (8) West of the 6th P.M.

Bids will be accepted until February 7th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Sealed bids should be clearly marked "2025 Farm Lease" and the bid must be signed and include printed name, address, and phone number of bidder.

Bids are to be submitted to the Jewell County Commissioners, 307 N. Commercial St., Mankato, Kansas, 66956 or hand delivered to the County Clerk's Office. Bids received after 12:00 p.m. on February 7th, 2025, will not be opened or considered.

The bids will be opened at the Jewell County Commissioners' meeting on Monday, February 10th, at 9:00 a.m. Bidders need not be present to be given consideration. The Jewell County Commissioners reserve the right to refuse any or all bids.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Jewell County Conservation District

All qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Jewell County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to Kansas Statute, 2-1907, as amended, on the 19th day of February, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. an annual meeting of the Jewell County Conservation District will be held at the Mankato Community Center 214 N. High Street, Mankato, Kansas 66956.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items.

ONE: The supervisors of the Jewell County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO: The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors from present, of one (1) supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Corbin R. Greene is expiring
All in the county of Jewell, in the State of Kansas.

Zach Bruns
Chairperson
Jewell County Conservation District

Attest
Sherry Koster
District Secretary/Manager

Mankato News

Hope met Wednesday. Members celebrated the birthdays of Charlie and Eva. After prayer and snack time they divided into groups. Sharayah's lesson was on Moses confronting Pharaoh. Their memory verse is Isaiah 45:5a. The younger ones read from the Storybook Bible, "Son of Laughter." The group talked about the stars and that we are all descendants of Abraham. Then they glued the stars they had painted last week on black squares. The large star to remind us of the star that led the wisemen to the child, Jesus. The small stars on another black square represent all the people in the world. Enjoy the stars, a gift of God.

Hope was a small group because of illness. They began by reading a Thank You from the Veteran's Home in Winfield, Kansas. A blessing was prayed by Anna. They sang Happy Birthday to Wyatt, before the snack. Sharayah's lesson was on Moses as was the younger students. The members read the story, "God in the Rescue." After reading the story, they made a Burning Bush ornament. It was a beautiful day to have some outdoor fun time.

Corwin Seamans, Manhattan, Kansas, stopped to visit cousin, Jeanie Blair, Monday afternoon after attending Cheryl Woerner's funeral at Burr Oak.

Wildlife podcast

Are you looking for a new podcast to follow? Are you wondering what to do about beavers, armadillos or moles? K-State Research and Extension specialists, Drew Ricketts and Joe Gerken, have a podcast and YouTube channel that provides Kansans with science-based wildlife management information. New timely recordings are added regularly and you can view the archive, any time. KSRE Wildlife Management (YouTube Channel) (ns, Fur and Feathers (Podcast)



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Friday, February 14: High School Basketball vs. Lincoln at Rock Hills



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