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Leadership program adopts global perspective

The Kansas Department of Commerce and the Center for International Business Education and Research at the University of Kansas hosted a kickoff luncheon on Nov. 17 at The Woodward in Topeka to announce Global Perspectives, a new leadership development program focusing on globalization and international business. Guests included leaders from business, government and academia throughout Kansas.

Designed by international business experts from Commerce, KU CIBER and the Kansas business and academic communities, Global Perspectives will provide participants a forum to discuss globalization's impact on the Kansas business environment. Attendees will explore the challenges and opportunities presented by globalization via interactive discussions, guest presentations, site visits and case studies. Attendees at the working lunch provided input on the design of the program and helped craft the agenda for various sessions that will be held at different locations across the state.

"We're excited to work with KU CIBER in creating this new program to help Kansas leaders discuss globalization and international business," said Kansas Department of Commerce Secretary David Kerr. "With a lineup of incredibly talented participants from business, government, education and academia joining us for these sessions, I have no doubt we'll foster some incredible opportunities for discussion of Kansas' role in today's global economy."

Established in 1999, KU CIBER serves as a catalyst for curricular, research and outreach programs centered in the KU School of Business in partnership with the University's area study centers, foreign language departments and other units.
LeVota graduates law enforcement training

HUTCHINSON — Anderson County Sheriff’s Deputy Gret LeVota was one of 58 graduates of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center honored during Nov. 21 graduation ceremonies at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

Mark D. Hunsaker, police commissioner for Honolulu, Hawaii, gave the keynote and congratulatory address.

The graduates, who began their training course Aug. 18, represented 45 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies from across Kansas. They were the 199th basic training class of graduates.

The training center is a unit of University of Kansas Continuing Education. Established in 1968 as the central law enforcement training facility for the state, the center is near Yoder.

Graduates receive certificates of course completion and Kansas law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and enforcement licensing authority. The training course fulfills the state requirement for law enforcement training. Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers to solve the increasingly complex problems they face in the line of duty.

The center trains the majority of municipal, county and state law enforcement officers in Kansas and oversees the training of the remaining officers at seven authorized and certified academy programs operated by local law enforcement agencies and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

About 350 officers enroll annually in the 14-week basic training program. The center offered continuing education and specialized training to more than 2,500 Kansas officers last year. Funding for the training center is generated from court docket fees from municipal and state courts. No funds from the state’s general revenue are used to operate the center.
Lawrence hospital builds rooftop garden

LAWRENCE (AP) — The seed has been planted to grow a rooftop meditation garden at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Now, LMH leaders hope that idea blooms into something special for patients and their families, as well as staff.

The vision is to turn the 55,000-square-foot gray patio area on the third-floor rooftop, where LMH and the Lawrence Health Plaza intersect, into an eye-popping green space filled with plants and water features.

"It's not used as much as we would like to see, and we think with the enhancements of plants, water and smells that we will get a lot more folks involved in the outdoors," said Kathy Clausing-Willis, LMH vice president and chief development officer.

The Lawrence Memorial Hospital Endowment Association board has approved $6,000 to fund the first phase of the project. By spring, Bartlett and West Engineers Inc. should have cost estimates and information on whether the rooftop can handle the weight and be handicap-accessible.

Clausing-Willis has contacted area garden clubs and Kansas University Greek organizations about their interest in the project — particularly in maintaining the plants.

"It gives people something positive to be involved with and not cost a lot of money," she said. "It will make a huge difference in a lot of people's lives."

If you are dying and you can get outside or if you are chronically ill and can get outside and have the sun on your face, that can mean a lot."

Chuck Heath, LMH board member, hopes the community rallies around the idea.

"That's just a space up there that's begging for something nice to be done with," he said. "I just hope that it comes together and can be financed."

If the project receives a green light, LMH Endowment will launch a capital campaign.

It would come on the heels of a five-year campaign that began in 2002 and raised $8.2 million to help fund a $44 million expansion at the hospital. The project included the expansion of the emergency department, maternity and surgical services, and renovation of the intensive care unit.
Flu vaccinations on rise locally

Cherokee County Health Department reported to Cherokee Commissioners that 1530 flu vaccine shots have been given this year.

This is an increase over last year when county health had around 300 flu vaccine doses left when the season ended.

“If you need a flu shot it’s best to call the health department to find out when a nurse will be on hand to administer flu shots,” said Betha Eliot, of the Cherokee County Health Department.

Expecting a smooth transition of power the Cherokee County Commissioners have conferred with Commissioners Elect Jack Garner and Richard Hilderbrand about upcoming matters.

Commissioners Charlie Napier and Rod Edmondson are ending their terms in office this month.

The Commissioners elect have attended some commissioners meetings in anticipation of their taking office on January 1.

The commissioners approved vacating alleys adjoining lots 23 through 28 of the original plat of Corona.

These alleys are informally described as being within a border of Chickadee Lane, Twentieth Street and the Missouri Pacific Railroad right of way. The county reserved an easement for the maintenance of governmental and public utilities in the vacated portion of the alley.

The commissioners authorized a real estate tax foreclosure sale.

The sale will cover only the approximately 144 tracts of real estate which have been sold in previous delinquent tax sales, but remain unredeemed on the first day of September of the second year after such sales are currently unredeemed.
Kansas colleges report increase in ROTC numbers

By JOHN MILBURN
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TOPEKA -- While many new students are donning Kansas college colors this fall, more are also wearing green.

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Lt. Col. John Basso, head of the program, expects the overall number to be 110 cadets in the spring, which would be a 20-year high for the university.

"We attribute the growth to the continued desire young people show to serve as Army officers, as well as the increase in scholarship funding, we have received both from the federal government and from the Kansas Army National Guard," Basso said.

The Army also has increased the size of its staff at the University of Kansas, which Basso said allows teaching at Washburn University and Midamerica Nazarene University, two of the seven other colleges that are part of the University of Kansas program.

There also are six ROTC cadets at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence; they were none last year.

Paul Kotakis, spokesman for the Army Cadet Command, said the enrollment growth was likely a combination of the scholarship opportunities, leadership training and family experience with the military. However, he also said ROTC ranks have been growing because the Army is growing, as well.

"It's not really possible to point to a single factor. There are number of primary factors that attract people to the program," he said.

ROTC enrollment has fluctuated this decade from a low of 24,312 in 2005-06 to a high of 30,824 in 2002-03. The program began in 1916.

Cadets who qualify receive a scholarship to cover their tuition. They must commit to serving in the Army upon graduation, coming out as a second lieutenant. The full post-college commitment is eight years, but it can be on active duty Army or in the Army Reserves or National Guard.
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Barack Obama: Shark or Savior?

On election night, as I sat in stunned silence watching Barack Obama win the necessary votes to become the 44th President of the United States, a verse from the Holy Bible kept going around and around in my head — "and many false prophets will appear and deceive many." (Matthew 24:11)

I fear Obama's election is the biggest mistake the American electorate has made in our entire history — NOT because of his race, but because of his radically extreme liberal ideology.

My fellow Americans, I believe we, the people, have elected a man who is not only dangerously naive in the areas of national security and foreign policy, but equally dangerous when it comes to domestic policy and the direction he will lead our country in.

I fear we have elected a shark and not a savior.

During the long campaign for the White House, Obama promised voters "change we can believe in." This mantra concerns me a great deal, because we still don't really know exactly what this "change" will mean for ordinary working Americans. Which Barack Obama will govern? The tax-cutting, fiscally responsible defender of the middle class he claimed to be during the campaign, or the radically extreme liberal who wants to cut and run from Iraq, appoint judges who will legislate from the bench, give amnesty to illegal aliens, refuse to secure our borders, impose draconian environmental regulations, raise taxes on every working American and meet without pre-conditions with rogue dictators around the world.

While everyone deserves a chance, I am deathly afraid we are going to see the later Barack Obama and not the former, and the traditional America we all know and love will fall into the abyss because of it.

Here are just two examples why I think this:

First, during the campaign, Obama promised "economic justice" will be served if he was elected president. While that may sound good to many, what it really means is Obama will use the power of the federal government to punish the successful in America. In essence, he will be America's new "Robin Hood" — redistributing wealth from the rich to the poor. As Obama himself told "Joe, the plumber," we need to "spread the wealth."

That is exactly what Karl Marx, co-author of the Communist Manifesto, was talking about when he wrote "from each according to their ability, to each according to their need."

But surely that could never happen in America, right?

Second, Obama has promised he would meet with rogue dictators such as Iran's Mahmood Ahmadinejad, Cuba's Raul Castro and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez without pre-conditions. That reminds me of another noble on the international stage, former British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. In 1938, after meeting with Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, Chamberlain emerged with a non-aggression document signed by Hitler proclaiming "Peace in our time." Chamberlain's naive appeasement of Hitler and his failure to see Hitler for the evil he truly was eventually resulted in the bloodiest global conflict in hu

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