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KU students from Clyde, awarded scholarships are: Sherlynn A. Cailteux, daughter of Kerry and Gilda Cailteux, Pre-Business, Junior, Frank G. Crowell Scholarship, graduate of Cairo American College APO AE; and Jamie Lynn George, daughter of Michael and Barbara George, Middle-Level Education BSE, Junior, Judith Tietze Trowbridge Scholarship, graduate of Clifton-Clyde High School.
Students awarded scholarships

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**COLBY**

Joshua Aaron Baden, son of Leo and Janice Baden, computer science freshman, Dan G. Hansen Fund; Electrical and Computer Engineering Scholarship; James and Alice Phelps Memorial Scholarship; C.E. Spahr Engineering scholarship.

Lindsey Jean Bugbee, daughter of Diana Thompson, undecided sophomore, Edmund Eglinski Prize; Dan G. Hansen Fund; Arthur and Zella Courtney Scholarship.

Scott Collin Smith, son of Randall and Linda Smith, pharmacy junior, Alfred Lowenthal Jr. Scholarship.

Morgan Josephine Stephens, daughter of Curt and Jackie Stephens, pre-fine arts junior, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship.

Laura Dee Sweet, daughter of Robbie Dee and Kathy Sweet, pre-journalism freshman, James and Alice Phelps Memorial Scholarship.

Andrew Christian Toth, son of Patrick and Sally Toth, political science sophomore, Dan G. Hansen Fund; Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship; August and Sophia Lauterbach Scholarship.

Kellie A Wark, daughter of Kevin and Susan Wark, Medicine, Lazlo K. and Esther L. Chont Scholarship.

**GEM**


**MENLO**

Brandy Leigh Githner, daughter of Brent and Caroline Githner, pre-pharmacy freshman, August and Sophia Lauterbach Scholarship, Golden Plains; Rankin Memorial Scholarship, Golden Plains.

**REXFORD**

Kristin Irene Wark, daughter of Vicki Allison, English senior, Emily V. Berger Scholarship, Golden Plains.

**OAKLEY**

Jordan Michael Burris, son of Paula and Butch Burris, pre-business freshman, Gary Parks Scholarship.

Konnel N. Keller, son of Gary and Raelene Keller, pre-business freshman, Dan G. Hansen Fund; Robert M. Carey Scholarship; George C. Shaad Memorial Scholarship; Alfred Lowenthal Jr. Scholarship.

Jonathan James Porter, son of Annette Porter and James Porter, accounting junior, Gertrude M. Hoyt Scholarship in Business; Adrian W. Wallace Fund; Gary D. Irish Endowed Scholarship.

Bridget Marie Robben, daughter of Maxine and Gerald Robben, pre-business freshman, Vanetta Hosford Warren Scholarship.

Kathleen Marie Schiltz, daughter of Kelly and Bonnie Schiltz, pre-nursing freshman, John Stolpe Roehr Scholarship.

**HOXIE**

Bradley John Eland, son of Ken and Peggy Eland, marketing senior, Adrian W. Wallace Fund; Max O. and Lora J. Weber Business Scholarship.

Patrick Kenn Eland, son of Ken Eland, undecided freshman, Engwall Family Scholarship.

Bowe Isaac Neuenschwander, son of Karl and Marie Neuenschwander, computer engineering senior, Garmin Electrical and Computer Engineering Scholarships.
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Those students receiving scholarships from Edwards County include Ben August Burghart, freshman, son of Timothy and Lynda Burghart of Offerle, who is studying Pre-Medicine. He received the Emiel and Mary Kanshi Scholarship, the Vernon Voomees II Sigma Chi Endowed Scholarship and the KU School Halls Scholarship. Ben is a graduate of Kinsley High School. Also receiving a Helen Jedlicia Mandigo Student Scholarship Human Development and Family Life is Sarah Marie Stegman, senior, daughter of Rean and Jerri Stegman of Offerle. Sarah is a Applied Behavioral Science major and a Spearville High School graduate.
The other day, a Ness County reader saw this article about a Ransom native on the KU website. Tony was born in Ransom. His parents are Steve and Helen Hoch, who were both school teachers there.

"It will be freezing and desolate. But the West Antarctic ice sheet holds scientific mysteries that University of Kansas graduate student Tony Hoch hopes to solve.

So this month the New Strawn native jets to New Zealand to stockpile provisions and get hold of a subzero wardrobe. Then Hoch will ride a C-130 military turboprop to McMurdo Station on Antarctica where he will double check equipment and undergo survival training. Next, he will fly to the West Antarctic Ice Sheet Base before setting out on a five-day trek across the bitter landscape - to be followed by a month of living inside a tent.

Hoch's mission is to determine the precise depth of the ice sheet, because that ice could contribute one day to a boost in ocean levels worldwide.

"I'll be operating a ground-penetrating radar in order to look at ice thickness and to see what's at the bottom of the ice - and anything else we can see," Hoch said. "A lot of people say they know exactly how much ice is down there, but until you actually measure it, we don't know for sure. As far as sea level rise goes - until you know how much ice there is, you don't know how much water there could be."

While Hoch is competing his doctoral degree in geophysics, he works as a data analyst with the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets, a Science and Technology Center established by the National Science Foundation to measure and predict the response of sea level to changes in the ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica. CReSIS is headquartered at KU.

Hoch said he is focused simply on compiling useful, reliable information.

"I don't really look at if the ice is melting or not," said Hoch. "My research is dedicated to each individual field site where I work. Internationally, there are a large number of groups that work together to gather this data. Then, they put all the data together to determine if overall the ice is melting or not. But I just collect the data. I don't form the opinions that are released." To measure the West Antarctic Ice Sheet, the KU student will operate an Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar, which provides a detailed picture of ice thickness and ice bed topography. The device includes a large computer that stays inside a tracked vehicle, with cables leading to antennas arrayed on a large sled. Hoch will also deploy technology known as a "seismic streamer."

"The seismic streamer is a concept where we take seismic cables and geophones connect them all in line, so you spend less time moving the geophones between different shot points," Hoch said. "What is conventionally done now is that each geophone is individually buried into the snow. The streamer takes an idea borrowed from marine seismic surveys, where you should be able to just drag the sensors along and acquire data more quickly."

The KU student cautions that when operating sensitive equipment at bone-chilling temperatures, sometimes things go awry.

"Machinery breaks down," Hoch said. "Sometimes, we can..."
fix it in the field. But Antarctica is not a very friendly environment for putting electronics back together. So we take spare parts and we're well-trained on how to fix equipment in the field — but things do break."

Whatever the outcome, Hoch said he is appreciative for the research opportunity in Antarctica that he has earned through his job at CReSIS and studies at KU.

"When I first came here I really didn't know which department I was going to be in, he said. "Geology was something that I always liked, so I picked it up as a study at KU. Originally I only intended on completing my bachelor's degree. But the fact that I'm here doing Ph.D work really amazes me. It's good work."

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The Ness County News thanks Myra Coker for telling us about this story!
County, area students earn KSU scholarships

A number of Graham County students, as well as other northwest Kansans, were among the more than 5,000 Kansas State University students who have been awarded academic scholarships totaling $1,000 or more for the 2008-09 school year. In all, students received nearly $14.8 million in scholarships.

Most of the scholarships are made possible through donations and gifts to the Kansas State University Foundation. Among this year’s scholarship recipients are 66 K-State students who were selected as new Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars through the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas.

Graham County recipients included: Hill City – Joeline Diane George, Achievement Award and Laverne H. and Edna I. Spears – O.E.S. Scholarship; Skye LeSage, Achievement Award; Kylie Diane Worcester, Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence and June D. Hull Sherrid; Cancer Center Scholarship and Educational Fund; Lindsey Beth Worcester, Leadership Scholarship; and Matthew Shane Worcester, June Roberts Scholarship.

Penokee – Katelyn Jo Keith, Leadership Scholarship.


Oberlin – Kellen Terel Doeden, Tomorrow’s Teacher Scholarship and Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship; Lora Elizabeth Marietta, Human Ecology Telefund Fund and Dr. James and Cynthia Staley Kenyon Scholarship and Mary Inez Mann Scholarship and Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship and Veda Ellen Hiller Willgen Memorial Scholarship; Kelly Louise Olson, The Gary J. and Carol L. Lazarus Scholarship in Education and Elvon G. and Lydia E. Skeen Education Fund and Mabel Strong Leadership Award and Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship; Kurt Robert Olson, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund; Breck Victor Simonsson, Col. Delbert Townsend Scholarship; and Jennifer Marie Tally, Marion H. Pelton Keyboard Scholarship.

GOVE COUNTY: Gove – Jared Wayne Cook, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund and Leadership Scholarship; Rebecca Ruth Woodall, Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence and Willard S. and Ors O. Ruliffson Memorial Scholarship. Grainfield – Stacy Rene Schuster, Achievement Award, Roscoe S. Coberly Memorial Scholarship and Jennie Irene and Gene Snell Scholarship.

Grinnell – Allison Lerae Dohm, Taylor L. and Katherine G. Jones LMIC Scholarship; Andrew Lawrence Mense, David and Ruth Martin Farmhouse Fraternity Scholarship; and Steven Rodney Mense, Activity Scholarship. Quinter – Brittany L. Leathers, Achievement Award; and Crystal Quint, Achievement Award.

NORTON COUNTY: Le- nora – Caitlin Rose James, Vet Training Program; and Valerie Christine Wagoner, Phebe Bissell Memorial Scholarship in Human Ecology. Norton – Chelsea Leigh Cox, Ralph and Neva Adams Scholarship in Arts and Sciences; Jared Alan Engelbert, Business Administration Dean’s Scholarship; Preston Eriel Herman, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund and Putnam Scholarship; Kelsey Ann Holste, Agricultural Enhancement Fund; Klaire Jessie Mann, Phebe Bissell Memorial Scholarship in Human Ecology; Nathan Donald Pollock, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund; Heath Allen Vincent, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund; Tabitha Mae Vincent, Achievement Award, Calvin H. Grove Scholarship, Rosa-
mond P. Haeberle Music Education Scholarship, Eric Haskins Memorial Scholarship and KSU Marching Band Scholarship.


Phillipsburg – Christina Elizabeth McCall, Business Administration Dean's Scholarship; Brett Dane McClain, Engineering Scholarship, Leadership Scholarship, and Walter T. W. Poos Scholarship in Agricultural Engineering; Nam Hoang Nguyen, Mabel Laughlin and Chas. Selby Scholarship, Memorial Scholarship, and Rathbone Scholarship; Ashley Rachelle Thomas, Wendell and Pauline Gardner Honors Scholarship and Kennedy and Coe LLC Scholarship in Accounting.


ROOKS COUNTY: Damar – Rebecca Ann Benoit, Activity Scholarship, Phebe Bissell Memorial Scholarship in Agriculture, Floyd A. Blauer Memorial Scholarship, KSU Alumni Association Scholarship, and Rhonda Stutzman Memorial Scholarship; Rodney Scott Landis, Kay Meggers-Siemens Corporation Management Scholarship and The Alvin E. and A. Katherine Mulanax Scholarship Fund; and Wesley Ryan Landis, Activity Scholarship. Palco – Summer Lin Steeple, Charles D. Singleton Scholarship in Grain Science and Industry.

Plainville – Heath Lloyd Rath, Activity Scholarship and William and Melissa Harold Memorial Scholarship; Nicole Lee Wessel, Beth and Dan Bird Scholarship in Business Administration, Robert Davis Scholarship in Business, Graham Family Scholarship, Ron and Joyce Lutz Scholarship, Payless Shoe Source Scholarship and Dennis and Sally von Waaden Business Scholarship.

Stockton – Daniel Riffle, Engineering Scholarship, Foundation Scholarship, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund, Jacob Jaros Memorial Scholarship and John H. Russ Memorial Scholarship; Jarrett Daniel Riffle, The J. Keith Melvin Scholarship, Leigh W. Muir Memorial Scholarship and June Roberts Scholarship.

SHERIDAN COUNTY: Hoytie – Jennifer Kay Heim, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund, Max E. and Jean Hollinger Scholarship in Journalism and Mass Communication and Putnam Scholarship; Jill Elizabeth Kennedy, Bob and Chris Chalender Leadership Scholarship; Kyle William Kennedy, Achievement Award, Agricultural Enhancement Fund and Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund; Michaela Rae Mauck, Achievement Award; Benjamin Christopher Mense, Theta Xi Scholarship; Adrienne Maureen Schamberger, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship; Kurt Allen Schamberger, Perini Building Company Scholarship in Construction Science and Management.

Selden – Andrew Gerald Broeckelman, Engineering Scholarship, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Fund and Putnam Scholarship.

TREGO COUNTY: WaKeeney – Lorinda Larae Bejot, Walter T. W. Poos Scholarship in Agricultural Engineering; Craig Bollig, Benjamin W. and Lillie M. Johnson Lafene Lambda Chi Alpha Scholarship and June D. Hull Sherrid Cancer Center Scholarship and Education Fund; Casey Crossland, CHS Foundation Cooperative Studies Scholarship and Fran and Dee Johnson Memorial Scholarship; Paul Christopher Flagler, National Science Foundation – Elite; Crystal Marie Geist, Borck Leadership Scholars, The George L. Dickey Industrial Engineering Memorial Scholarship, Engineering Scholarship and Kansas State University Parents Telefund Scholarship; Stacy Lee Littlechild, Leadership Scholarship and Special Scholarship; Aubrey Ann Riedel, Achievement Award and Opportunity Scholarship; Whitney Lynn Riedel, Achievement Award; and Ben Schoenberger, Business Administration Dean’s Scholarship and Ron and Joyce Lutz Scholarship.
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Eileen Marjorie Remley - English BA Freshman - Dane G. Hansen Fund; Anschutz Scholarship; Frank G. Crowell Scholarship. She is the daughter of Patricia and James Remley and a graduate of Concordia High School.
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66413 OS Burlingame Sadie Maria Johnson daughter of Neil and Katherine Johnson Pre-Pharmacy Freshman Effie J. Jones Memorial Scholarship Osage City High School Osage City KS
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66402 SN Auburn Jean Bernard Menager son of Henri and Mona Menager Human Biology BA Sophomore Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship Washburn Rural High School Topeka KS

66402 SN Auburn Zachary John Turner son of John and Lori Turner Piano BM Senior Sabatini Family Found. St. Lawrence Young Catholic Scholars Home School - State of Kansas KS


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66402 SN Auburn Laura Christine Westfall daughter of Carol Westfall Medicine MD Prof 1 Office of Cultural Enhancement and Diversity NIH Scholarship Washburn Rural High School Topeka KS Emily V. Berger Scholarship Washburn Rural High School Topeka KS

66401 WB Alma Carolyn Ann Haller daughter of Darrell and Diane Haller Applied Behavioral Science BGS Sophomore Emily V. Berger Scholarship Wabunsee Senior High School Alma KS

66431 WB Harveyville Christopher Daniel Walker son of Jacqueline Floyd Mathematics BA Freshman KU School Halls Scholarship Burlingame High School Burlingame KS

66507 WB Maple Hill Nicole Dawn Niehues daughter of Denis and Julie Niehues Architectural Engineering BS Freshman Allen Memorial Scholarship Mission Valley High School Eskridge KS

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Local students receive KU Endowment Awards

Two area University of Kansas students will receive privately funded scholarship support during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Justin Klenda, La Crosse, has received an Adrian W. Wallace Fund Award and Frank W. Basgall, Otis, has received a Glen W. Dickinson Scholarship in Law.

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Rebecca Lea Temaat, daughter of Ronald and Beverly Temaat, of Spearville, received a Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship, the Nell D. Weaver Scholarship, the Elizabeth Bowen/Carl Frederick Gustafson Scholarship, the KUAA Rock Chalk Scholarship and the University Scholars Program Scholarship.

Brad J. Werner, son of Denny and Yvonne Werner, of Spearville, received the Edmund Rex Sigley Memorial Scholarship.

Robyn Alyssa Crane, daughter of Bill and Lana Crane, of Wright, Kansas, received the Evah Frances Osborne Allied Health Memorial Fund, the Helen M. Sims Memorial Allied Health Scholarship and the Robert Ord Christian Scholarship in Medicine.

Sarah Marie Stegman, daughter of Rean and Jerri Stegman, received the Helen Jedlicka Mandigo Student Scholarship in Human Development and Family Life.
Spicing things up in Atchison

Glo Widick is proud to announce the arrival of another great-grandson, Cody Eugene, named for his late great-grandfather, Gene Widick. Cody has an older brother, Dylan, and lives in Liberty with his mom and dad, Greg and Kristine Durkin. Grandparents are Jenny and Dan Durkin of Atchison and great-aunt is Lynn Turner.

Fr. Blaine Schultz at St. Benedict’s Abbey reports that the show by Elizabeth Alisha Zeller at the Abbey gallery will continue until the end of the month. A few new pieces have been added to her already extensive sculpture and iconography display. You can call Fr. Blaine at 360-7847 to make an appointment to see the show.

Charlie and Iris Smith were in town over the long weekend to visit his parents, Janie and Fritz Smith. Their daughters joined them. Caitlin is a junior at University of Texas, Austin, studying special education, and her older sister, Ashley, is a state and local assistant for the Democratic Leadership Council in Washington D.C. She graduated in May from the University of Kansas in political science and American studies. Her grandfather is thrilled she is a KU graduate, but still coping with the fact that she is working for Democrats. But hey, she’s a college grad with a job, Fritz!

I received an e-mail from a woman by the name of Carol Yoho, whose husband, Max, lived here from 1944-49. His dad worked as a crossing flagman for the Santa Fe Railroad and they lived on the corner of Second and Atchison streets.

They came to town to hear Jim Hoy perform Kansas folk music at the historical museum and especially enjoyed our Riverfront area. Max is a Kansas author and has written three novels all set in Kansas, one of which is a collection of poems, essays and short stories called “Felicia, These Fish are Delicious,” which includes a tribute to the Missouri River at Atchison.

Dave Laurie “Harry Muchnic used to say that if you work on New Year’s Day, you’ll work all year.” Dave worked at LFM for years for Mr. Muchnic, who began the company now known as Bradken.

Atchison is excited about the pending opening of its newest restaurants, Iron Horse BBQ, at 306 Commercial, and Mark Wolters’ Maid Rite on the corner of Eighth and Commercial.

Mark Wolters wants to report that his mom, Roberta, who underwent surgery in October, is weathering through additional treatments but is holding up well. Keep her in your prayers.

Jan Otte, formerly with Daylight Donuts, now works in several locations, including Memorial Hall and the Law Enforcement Center. But her schedule changes daily. “If I forget what day it is, I’m in trouble,” she said.

Many parents and grandparents are familiar with American Girl dolls. They have been in business since 1986 and feature dolls from various periods of our history, like pioneer days, colonial times, and World War II. Their Web site brags that their dolls highlight the spirit of American girls.

This past week, our youngest daughter had a birthday and we gave her an American Girl Bitty Baby. When I was getting ready to throw out the box the doll came in, I noticed a sticker: Made in China.

A sure sign of spring — the seed catalogs have begun to arrive.

Merry Christmas.

See you around town.