

FOCUS ON KANSAS PROGRAMS FOR 3RD QUARTER 2015

- 7-5 BRADFORD WILES, A CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST FOR K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION, DISCUSSED KEEPING CHILDREN ENGAGED IN LEARNING DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, CITING STUDIES SHOWING STUDENTS TEND TO SCORE LOWER ON STANDARDIZED TESTS AT THE END OF SUMMER THAN AT THE BEGINNING.
- 7-12 SHARA GONZALEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEW BEGINNINGS, DISCUSSED THE SITUATION INVOLVING A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THEIR NOEL LODGE EMERGENCY SHELTER DUE TO A KEY GRANT NOT BEING RECEIVED AND EMERGENCY FUNDRAISING CONDUCTED TO GET THE FACILITY RE-OPENED. SHE ALSO PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ORGANIZATION IS INVOLVED WITH.
- 7-19 ROGER FRITSCHENMEYER FROM PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER DISCUSSED THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND RALLY PILR HOLDS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE ADA AND ISSUES INVOLVING THOSE WITH DISABILITIES.
- 7-26 LISA GLEASON FROM UNITED WAY OF RENO COUNTY AND CYNTHIA FREDERICKS, DIRECTOR OF THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF RENO COUNTY, DISCUSSED A VOLUNTEER SUMMIT THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE HOLDING JULY 30TH TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES INVOLVING RECRUITING AND RETAINING VOLUNTEERS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. TOMI ANN FOUST FROM BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF RENO COUNTY WAS ALSO A GUEST AND SHE TALKED ABOUT BOWLING FOR KIDS SAKE, A MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION THAT IS COMING BACK THIS YEAR AFTER NOT BEING HELD THE PAST THREE YEARS DUE TO LACK OF A BOWLING ALLEY LOCALLY.
- 8-2 MARY MECK HIGGINS, A HUMAN NUTRITION SPECIALIST FOR K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION, DISCUSSED THE COST OF THROWING AWAY FOOD. HIGGINS SAID ON AVERAGE AMERICANS THROW AWAY 14 PERCENT OF THE FOOD THEY BUY, WHICH FOR A TYPICAL FAMILY OF FOUR COMES TO A COST OF OVER 700 DOLLARS A YEAR.
- 8-9 MIMI MEREDITH, PRODUCER OF THE HUTCHINSON FOLLIES, DISCUSSED THE HISTORY OF THE EVENT WHICH OVER THE YEARS HAS RAISED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS. THE FOLLIES ARE BEING BROUGHT BACK IN NOVEMBER AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE RENO COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL AND SHE DISCUSSED PLANS FOR THE EVENT, AUDITIONS, AND A LITTLE ABOUT THE MEMORIAL.
- 8-16 (PART 1 OF 2) PROGRAM FEATURED TONA TURNER AND LISA GLEASON FROM UNITED WAY OF RENO COUNTY AND RUSS REINERT, CHAIR OF THE 2015 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN. THIS PROGRAM TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN BUT MAINLY FOCUSED ON TWO EVENTS UNITED WAY IS INVOLVED WITH... NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM MEETINGS IN THE AVENUE A SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD OF SOUTHWEST HUTCHINSON AND THEIR ANNUAL COMMUNITY WORK DAY AUGUST 29TH.
- 8-23 (PART 2 OF 2) 2015 UNITED WAY OF RENO COUNTY CAMPAIGN CHAIR RUSS REINERT AND TONA TURNER AND LISA GLEASON FROM UNITED WAY DISCUSSED SPECIFICS OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN.
- 8-30 LOVELLA KELLY, HOLY CROSS CHURCH COORDINATOR FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DISCUSSED THE PROJECTS THE ORGANIZATION UNDERTAKES IN THE COMMUNITY AND A FUNDRAISING WALK THEY ARE HAVING SEPTEMBER 26TH
- 9-6 LORI HART, INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KANSAS STATE FAIR, DISCUSSED EVENTS AND OTHER PROJECTS CONNECTED WITH THE 103RD KANSAS STATE FAIR INCLUDING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR'S ICONIC YE OLD MILL ATTRACTION AND THE VARIOUS YOUTH EVENTS DURING THE FAIR. THE DISCUSSION ALSO COVERED CHANGES IN POULTRY EXHIBITS NECESSITATED BY A STOP MOVEMENT ORDER DUE TO AVIAN FLU ISSUES THAT HAS BANNED ALL POULTRY SHOWS AND SALES IN KANSAS.
- 9-13 (60 MINUTE PROGRAM) THIS WEEKS' PROGRAM FEATURED AN AGRICULTURAL FORUM HELD AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR SEPTEMBER 12TH FEATURING SENATOR PAT ROBERTS (R-KANSAS) AND CONGRESSMAN KEVIN YODER, WHO REPRESENTS THE KANSAS SIDE OF THE KANSAS CITY METRO AREA BUT GREW UP IN RURAL RENO COUNTY WHERE HE HAS MANY RELATIVES AND HIS PARENTS STILL FARM.