

FOCUS ON KANSAS 2nd QUARTER 2015

- 4-5.1 RON SELLERS AND BOB FEE, CO-CHAIRS OF HUTCHWINS!, DISCUSSED PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HUTCHINSON SPORTS ARENA THAT WOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH A .35% SALES TAX THAT WILL BE VOTED ON IN THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON APRIL 7TH. THE PROJECT INCLUDES RENOVATION OF THE EXISTING BUILDING AND ADDITIONS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH ENDS THAT WILL INCLUDE TWO REGULATION SIZED PRACTICE GYMS AND OTHER SPACE AND MAKE THE ARENA ADA ACCESSIBLE.
- 4-12.1 (52 MINUTE PROGRAM) THE PROGRAM FEATURED A TOWN HALL MEETING WITH FIRST DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN TIM HUELSKAMP (R-KS) HELD IN LYONS APRIL 9TH. TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS, THE PATRIOT ACT, PROPOSED EPA REGULATIONS, EDUCATION, IRAQ, AND IMMIGRATION.
- 4-19 BECKY SPENCER FROM GRAND STAFF MINISTRIES DISCUSSED THE PROJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S HOME IN SWAZILAND, AND A FUND RAISING AUCTION TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT. ALSO ON THE PROGRAM WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GUARDIANS OF THE CHILDREN SALT CITY CHAPTER, WHO DISCUSSED THE ACTIVITIES THEY UNDERTAKE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL OR OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES AND A FUN DAY THEY CONDUCT EACH YEAR.
- 4-26 THE PROGRAM FEATURED ESTHER ACOSTA, AURIE WORMKEY, AND CONNIE JOHNSON FROM THE CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION WHO TALKED ABOUT THE UPCOMING ANNUAL CELEBRATION.
- 5-3 NICK GOSNELL, CHAIR OF THE 102ND MCPHERSON COUNTY ALL SCHOOLS DAY CELEBRATION, DISCUSSED THE HISTORY OF THE EVENT THAT HONORS SCHOOL CHILDREN IN MCPHERSON COUNTY AND ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION.
- 5-10 THE PROGRAM FEATUED PHIL SILVERS, PAST DIRECTOR OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, WHO DISCUSSED CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND THE ROLE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS PLAY IN THAT. HIS REMARKS WERE PART OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE HUTCHINSON ROTARY CLUB MAY 4TH.
- 5-17 THE PROGRAM ALSO FEATURED REMARKS FROM RETIRED US AIR FORCE MAJOR DAVID DOZIER WHO WAS THE FEATURED SPEAKER FOR THE RENO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL COMMERATION MAY 15TH.
- 5-24 THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM INCLUDED JIM UNRUH, ANGIE RATZLAFF AND WILLIAM MCCRORY FROM CIRCLES OF HOPE OF RENO COUNTY, WHO DISCUSSED THE GOALS OF THE CIRCLES ORGANIZATION THAT ASSISTS FAMILIES IN ESCAPING FROM POVERTY AND A FUND RAISER THEY CONDUCTED MAY 28TH.
- 5-31 MICHELLE GRIMM FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS DURING THE SUMMER AND THE PROCESS INVOLVED IN GIVING BLOOD AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE DONATIONS AFTER THEY ARE MADE. THIS PROGRAM WAS IN SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF AREA BLOOD DRIVES THAT WOULD BE TAKING PLACE IN THE COMING TWO WEEKS IN A NUMBER OF AREA COMMUNITIES.
- 6-7 HUTCHINSON MAYOR JADE PIROS DE CARVALLO DISCUSSED A DRUG TASK FORCE SHE HAS ASSEMBLED TO LOOK AT DRUG ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY AND WAYS TO SOLVE THEM. THE TASK FORCE WAS FORMED IN THE WAKE OF ISSUES BEING RAISED WITHIN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON THE IMPACT DRUGS HAVE IN RETAINING OR RECRUITING EMPLOYEES ALONG WITH ISSUES BEING DEALT WITH IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITIES.
- 6-14 THE INCREASING ACTIVITY OF BULLYING VIA SOCIAL MEDIA WAS DISCUSSED BY KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST ELAINE JOHANNES, WHO CITED FINDINGS FROM A SCHOOL CRIME SUPPLEMENT TO THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY THAT INDICATING STUDENTS ARE INCREASINGLY MORE LIKELY TO BE HARASSED BY SOCIAL MEDIA THAN IN PERSON.
- 6-21 THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM TOOK A LOOK AT MOVES BEING MADE BY THE US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO BAN TRANS FATS FROM ALL FOODS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. KANSAS