

FOCUS ON KANSAS 4TH QUARTER 2013

10-6 ROGER FRITSCHENMEYER OF PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER DISCUSSED THE ANNUAL DISABILITY MENTORING DAY, WHICH INVOLVES OVER 100 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM RENO COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS, INTRODUCING THEM TO FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT INTEREST. AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED WAS A NEED FOR VOLUNTEER MENTORS IN CERTAIN FIELDS. ALSO ON THE PROGRAM WAS LUKE BAUER, WHO TOLD US ABOUT A FUNDRAISER ORGANIZED TO HELP TRAPPER TYRELL WHO WAS CRITICALLY INJURED IN AN JUNE CAR WRECK. (TRAPPER'S FATHER, VANCE TYRELL, WAS A LONG TIME BROADCASTING INSTRUCTOR AT HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE)

10-13 DR. EDWARD HAMMOND, PRESIDENT OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY, DISCUSSED ISSUES INVOLVING HIGHER EDUCATION IN KANSAS AND ON-GOING PROJECTS THEY HAVE AT FORT HAYS INCLUDING A LONG ESTABLISHED ONLINE COMPONENT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH HUTCHINSON AND BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

10-20 PROGRAM GUESTS WERE MICHELLE GONZALEZ AND JOE ANGEL WITH IOM AMERICA, WHO DISCUSSED "SEE LIVE", AN EVENT AT STERLING COLLEGE. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS WORLD FOOD DAY WITH KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN OF AGRICULTURE AND DIRECTOR OF K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION JON FLORA.

10-27 THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTED THE ISSUES RELATED TO PROBLEMS WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND HOW IT IMPACTED EMPLOYER SPONSORED HEALTH PLANS, EXPLAINED BY KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND EXTENSION FAMILY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST ELIZABETH KISH.

11-3 GUEST WAS SONDRAL BORTH, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES THAT CARE RENO COUNTY, WHO DISCUSSED WITH US WHAT THE PROGRAM IS ABOUT, AND A MAJOR GRANT AWARDED TO THE GROUP BY THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY TO INVOLVE AND ENGAGE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG YOUTH.

11-10 GUESTS INCLUDED ROSIE O'BRIEN FROM AGING PROJECTS INC. AND CLARK JACOBS FROM THE RENO COUNTY EMERGENCY ENERGY FUND, WHO TALKED ABOUT THE ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET HELD NOVEMBER 23RD. THE EVENT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT PARTICIPATING NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND MAKE DONATIONS AS GIFTS OR IN MEMORY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS..

11-17 PROGRAM FEATURED THE DEDICATION NOVEMBER 11TH OF A VETERANS MEMORIAL IN STERLING WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR MANY YEARS. FEATURED SPEAKER FOR THE DEDICATION WAS BRIAN FOSTER, A RETIRED US NAVY LT. COMMANDER AND LONG TIME STERLING RESIDENT.

11-24 AUBREY ABBOTT PATTERSON, PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, DISCUSSED THE FUND FOR HUTCHINSON, WHICH EACH YEAR PRESENTS GRANTS TO VARIOUS NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN RENO COUNTY. PATTERSON OUTLINED A PROJECT THEY HAVE BEGUN TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE FUND FROM IT'S CURRENT 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO BETWEEN 15 AND 20 MILLION DOLLARS BY 2030.

12-1 GUESTS THIS WEEK INCLUDED WANDA KELSEY, DIRECTOR OF THE KINGMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND LYONS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANAGER SHANNON YOUNG, WHO DISCUSSED VARIOUS CHRISTMAS TIME ACTIVITIES

12-8 DEPUTY RENO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOM STANTON TALKED ABOUT THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM THE DA'S OFFICE PUTS ON EACH YEAR, AND A NEED FOR DONATIONS DUE TO ANTICIPATED HIGHER THAN USUAL DEMAND. KAY MCMILLIAN, COORDINATOR OF THE NORTHERN RICE COUNTY GOODFELLOWS PROGRAM, DISCUSSED THEIR ANNUAL PROJECT WHICH SERVES FAMILIES IN FIVE COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN 2/3RD OF RICE COUNTY AND A SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED NEED FOR DONATIONS OF ALL KINDS FOR THE PROJECT.

12-15 THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM FOCUSED ON WINTERTIME ENERGY USAGE AND WAYS TO HOLD DOWN THE COST WITH BRUCE SNEAD, DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION ENGINEERING AND A RESIDENTIAL ENERGY USE SPECIALIST AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY. ALSO DISCUSSED ON THE PROGRAM WERE NEEDS FOR THE SOUTHERN RICE COUNTY GOODFELLOWS PROGRAM WHICH SERVES THE STERLING, ALDEN AND RAYMOND COMMUNITIES. (COORDINATOR LINDA SIMPSON WAS GOING TO BE INTERVIEWED FOR THE PROGRAM BUT SHE LOST HER VOICE JUST BEFORE THE INTERVIEW WAS TO BE RECORDED)