

Business/Community News

FSHS, FSCC teams compete in 15th Annual Stick Welding Invitational

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Chanute, Kan. – On Thursday, April 17, Neosho County Community College (NCCC) hosted the 15th Annual NCCC Stick Welding Invitational at the Mitchell Career and Technology Center.

The competition was split between a technical weld test and a digital knowledge test, and featured 89 students from 18 teams.

Teams from Fort Scott High School and Fort Scott Community College competed in the event.

Quiton Thompson of NCCC-La Harpe finished first as an individual in the College Division with an average score of 93.5. Anthony Alexander-Holmes of NCCC-Ottawa finished second with a score of 91.5, while Aidan Bean of Chanute High School finished third with a score of 86.5.

NCCC-Ottawa finished first in the team standings with an average team score of 81.08, followed by NCCC-La Harpe with 68.14, and Chanute High School with 67.

In the High School Division, the top overall individual finish came down to a tie between Kaden Keil of Bluestem High School and 2024 Stick Welding Champion Mason Brenton of Bluestem High School with scores of 77. Luke Harris of Fort Scott High School finished second with a score of 62.5, while Kaden Cannon of Fort Scott High School finished third with a score of 59.

Bluestem High School came away with the team title in the High School Division with an average score of 57.07, followed by Fort Scott High School with a score of 51.86, and

Ottawa High School with a score of 48.5.

The top three individual finishers and winning teams were presented with a laser-cut plaque created by the NCCC Welding Department. Individuals also went home with prize baskets full of welding gear, including new helmets and gloves.

All contestants were entered in a raffle for various welding equipment and gear, and enjoyed a catered barbeque lunch provided by Thompson Brothers Welding Supply.

Scores
High School Individual
Mason Brenton (Bluestem) 77.00, Kaden Keil (Bluestem) 77.00, Luke Harris (Fort Scott) 62.50, Kaden Cannon (Fort Scott) 59.00, Zaylain Baldwin (Labette County) 58.00, Sam Taylor (Baldwin) 57.00, Logan Hiedeman (Bluestem) 57.00, Kingston Hoglin (Ottawa) 57.00, Finn Magee (Fort Scott) 56.50, Leuie Umbarger (Cherryvale) 54.00, Tristan Campa-Garcia (Bluestem) 53.50, Francisco Torres (Humboldt) 52.50, Teegan Stiles (Fort Scott) 51.00, Jaden Billings (Bluestem) 49.50, Landon Rowe (Bluestem) 49.50, Kamberlyn Rubick (Ottawa) 49.50, Treyton Valentine (Fort Scott) 47.50, Wyatt Dempsey (Baldwin) 45.50, Mason Sterling (Humboldt) 45.50, Mason Smith (Fort Scott) 44.00, Layne Ellison (Humboldt) 44.00, Raylee Cowan (Fort Scott) 42.50, Brantly Allen (Labette County) 41.50, Dawson Wiley (Labette County) 40.00, Carson Russell (Humboldt) 39.50, Cayden Evenson (Cherryvale) 39.00, Karston Rhodes (Ottawa) 39.00, Tayton Claibourn (Labette County) 38.50, Ray Lemon (Baldwin) 37.50, Gus Kastner (Bluestem) 36.00, Carter Rousselle (Cherry-

vale) 35.50, Emmitt Carson (Humboldt) 33.00, Trenton Grimm (Cherryvale) 32.50, Hunter Brown (Baldwin) 31.50, Hunter Jatala (Baldwin) 30.00, Josie Lemon (Baldwin) 30.00, Justin Nash (Labette County) 29.50, Isaac Brooks (Cherryvale) 28.50, Colt Griffin (Labette County) 28.50, Ethan Barr (Labette County) 25.50, Ty Kopley (Chanute) 24.50, Bryce Culbertson (Humboldt) 22.00.

High School Teams
Bluestem 57.07, Fort Scott 51.86, Ottawa 48.50, Humboldt 39.42, Baldwin 38.58, Cherryvale 37.90, Labette County 37.36, Chanute 24.50

College Individual
Quinton Thompson (NCCC-LaHarpe) 93.50, Anthony Alexander-Holmes (NCCC-Ottawa) 91.50, Aidan Bean (Chanute) 86.50, Willie Meador (NCCC-Ottawa) 86.00, Lucas Maier (NCCC-LaHarpe) 84.00, Mitchell Larkin (Chanute) 83.00, Jenson Barker (NCCC-LaHarpe) 81.50, Reed Hurt (Chanute) 80.00, Cody White (NCCC-Chanute) 80.00, Charlie Meador (NCCC-Ottawa) 80.00, Dillon Reifschneider (NCCC-LaHarpe) 79.50, Micas Bolley (NCCC-Ottawa) 79.50, Jonathan Wren (NCCC-Chanute) 76.00, Gabriel Savage (NCCC-Ottawa) 75.50, Shane Circle (NCCC-Ottawa) 74.00, Roman Barnes (NCCC-Garnett) 71.00, Brody Latto (NCCC-Garnett) 69.50, Nelson Stipp (NCCC-Chanute) 69.00, Jarrett Birk (NCCC-LaHarpe) 68.00, Hunter Jennings (NCCC-Chanute) 67.50, Ethan Schneider (Ottawa) 65.50, Braden Thomlinson (Kansas City Kansas Community College) 63.00, Kent Stuckey (NCCC-Garnett) 63.00, Molly Hickman (Kansas City Kansas

CC) 62.50, Makenzi White (Kansas City Kansas CC) 62.00, Kole Traylor (Cherryvale) 61.50, Amari Berry (FSCC) 60.50, Joe Luttrell (Chanute) 60.00, Hunter Wolke (NCCC-Chanute) 60.00, Hank Robison (NCCC-Garnett) 59.50, Cody Fowler (Chanute) 59.00, Ross Spencer (Ottawa) 58.00, Isaac Ramirez (Kansas City Kansas CC) 57.50, Joseph Chavez (NCCC-Chanute) 56.00, Alex Bolling (NCCC-Garnett) 56.00, Drew Robinson (NCCC-Chanute) 55.50, Aura Brillhart (FSCC) 51.00, Guillermo Meza (Kansas City Kansas CC) 47.00, Cale Elkington (NCCC-Garnett) 44.00, Caddian Rider (Baldwin) 42.50, Grant Shelly (FSCC) 40.00, Wade Thompson (FSCC) 39.00, Brayden Riggs (NCCC-Garnett) 36.50, Matt Poyner (NCCC-LaHarpe) 35.50, Ty LaRue (NCCC-LaHarpe) 35.00, Hunter Stokes (Chanute) 33.50, Johan Arriola (FSCC) 32.50.

College Team
NCCC-Ottawa 81.08, NCCC-LaHarpe 68.14, Chanute HS 67.00, NCCC-Chanute 66.29, Ottawa HS 61.75, Cherryvale HS 61.50, Kansas City Kansas CC 58.40, NCCC-Garnett 57.07, FSCC 44.60, Baldwin HS 42.50

About NCCC
NCCC is a two-year college located in Chanute, offering 40-plus associate degree and certificate programs. NCCC serves 2,200-plus students annually in Neosho, Franklin, and northern Anderson counties, and throughout eastern Kansas at two campuses, five outreach sites, and seven high schools. For more information, visit neosho.edu.

Briefs

Library Board openings

The city of Fort Scott has two openings for four-year terms on the Library Board.

This board meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Fort Scott Public Library. For further information please contact the library director, Jennifer Gum-Fowler at 620-223-2882

The deadline for letters of interest is May 7. Submit all letters of interest to the city clerk by the deadline either in person at City Hall, 123 S. Main Street or by email cityclerk@fscity.org. Be sure to include all contact information.

All letters will be verified, and all candidates must appear before the city commission when scheduled by agenda. If letters cannot be verified, they will not be considered.

Friday Night Concert

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Friday concert series kicks off with St. Martin’s Academy choir, band

The Friday Night Concert season opens this week with what is expected to be an exhilarating evening of music.

Students representing the St. Martin’s Academy vocal choir and band will take the stage with their enthusiasm and musical talent.

“They’re really an eclectic group coming from all

across the country,” concert organizer Ralph Carlson said. “And they’ve been a crowd favorite for years.”

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Friday at the Heritage Park Pavilion at 1st and Main streets.

Sound is provided by Dave Oas of Dave’s Music Gear, Jim Butler and John Williamson.

Items from the past

Executives tour industrial park

25 Years Ago 2000

May 1
About 1– employees working at two Key Industries plants will be looking for work next month. In a short statement issued this morning, Key Industries chief executive officer Bill Pollock announced that the company has decided to close production facilities here and in Hermitage, Mo. Doors will close at both facilities on June 30, the statement said.

50 Years Ago 1975
May 1

Photo Caption: “Executives from major industries across the nation were in Fort Scott today to learn about the advantages and industry here. A panel discussion and slide presentation at Fort Scott Community College followed a first-hand look at the 197-acre Industrial Park south of the city and afterward the group was taken on a tour which included the historic Old Fort area. The program was sponsored by Mid-America Inc.”

75 Years Ago 1950

May 1
Five Bourbon County stockmen already have indicated to County Agent Clarence Hollingsworth that they plan to go with him to Manhattan for the annual Kansas State College Livestock Breeders’ Day observance. Those who will

make the trip are Roy Graham, Lorea Pease, George Sinn, Ted Robinson and Joe O’Bryan.

100 Years Ago 1925

May 1
Professor R.I. Throckmorton made a striking comparison at a meeting of dairymen last night at the Y.M.C.A. He said a man’s labor on a corn crop in Bourbon County is worth only about 17 cents an hour, as compared with 90 cents an hour for labor on alfalfa. Throckmorton, head of the agronomy department of the Kansas State Agricultural College, spoke at the regular monthly meeting of the dairymen of this locality. Prof. Throckmorton said that it had been computed at the Agricultural Colleges that a man’s time devoted to the growing of 35-bushel an acre corn is worth about 45 cents an hour. And he noted that the same time devoted to the growing of alfalfa is worth 90 cents an hour. As the average yield of corn in the county is only about half of 35 bushels an acre, it is evident that a man’s work on such a crop would be worth only about 17 cents an hour.

125 Years Ago 1900

May 1
Steve Lotterer, 205 Market Street, is storing stoves for the summer and taking care of them at reasonable rates.



Wednesday Writers Club

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Wednesday Writers Club is open to all ages and all levels of writers. There is no fee to attend and attendance is “as you can come.” It is a group to encourage writers, not a critique group. The club meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Fort Scott Public Library, 201 S. National Ave. For more information, contact Jennifer Gum-Fowler, 620-223-2882 or Wednesday Writers lead Kathy Probis, 620-215-0223.

A love letter

By Gail Moore

We can say we have all received a love letter. God wrote one to us. We can know of the love He has for us in our reading of His Living Word. He writes, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. As with any loving father that wants the best for his children, so does our heavenly Father wants for us. We may be in need of correction – For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth. Holding us accountable for our sins is a love saving us from hell – For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son,

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. As we read His letter Biblical History comes to life. A Personal God will share His deity within a Trinity; God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Within their unison are workings of bringing man to heavens door--No easy flight upon arrival. Man’s flesh will require a death – Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

He tells us that we are created in His image. A

prototype of His holiness, a position most difficult to accomplish. But He tells us of a Helper; the Holy Spirit that comes will live within believers to guide, instruct and illuminate His Word. He will take us to Jesus. Coming to Jesus will not only save us from our iniquities, but will give to us a peace that passeth all understanding – I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. The Holy Spirit lights the path that leads to our salvation. He takes us to the cross; much suffering and blood was shed for our sins. God’s great love for us was shown that day at Calvary – For God so loved the

world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God’s plan of salvation not only saved us from eternal damnation, but His Sovereign Love is preparing for us an eternal home--Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also – Amazing Grace, that’s the message we learn within the words of this letter.

Fort Scott, Pleasanton students among KSU ambassadors

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MANHATTAN — The College of Health and Human Sciences at Kansas State University welcomes its 2025-26 student ambassadors.

Student ambassadors work on and off campus to pro-

mote the college to alumni, friends, prospective students, families and current K-State students.

Ambassadors from Kansas include Gwenyth Fry of Fort Scott, junior, communication sciences and disorders; and Madison Umphenour of Pleasanton, junior, human development and family science.



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