

NEWS PHOTO

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

The Mirror

Elwyn Jones

Great moment, peak moment, tells the story.

SECOND PLACE

Belle Plaine News

Joshua Delaughder

Great initiative in getting the picture.

THIRD PLACE

Phillips County Review

Irene DeWitt

6 am Christmas morning - DeWitt got up to get the picture!

NEWS PHOTO

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Louisburg Herald

Brandon Steinert

Effective camera angle. Effective mixing of the emotions of the day.

SECOND PLACE

Marion County Record

Ben Kleine

Use of selective focus very effective. Good exposure.

THIRD PLACE

Hiawatha World

Joey May

The seriousness of the event is quite obvious.

NEWS PHOTO

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Johnson County Sun

Edmee Rodriguez

Great emotion in image. Nice framing.

SECOND PLACE

Shawnee Dispatch

Caroline Boyer

These events never easy to photograph. Good job of capturing the scene.

THIRD PLACE

Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Prudence Siebert

Nice and tight photo. Capture the return.



NEWS PHOTO

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Ottawa Herald

David A. Flores

A touching moment. The paper ran it very nicely. Great job by the photographer of getting into position to capture the image.

SECOND PLACE

Ottawa Herald

David A. Flores

Great job of capturing the scene. He did a nice job of seeing an image from a distance.

THIRD PLACE

Colby Free Press

Cynthia Haynes

Photo has depth. Nice framing.

NEWS PHOTO

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Newton Kansan

Wendy Nugent

The reaction on lady's face says it all.

SECOND PLACE

Hays Daily News

Steve Hausler

Good job of framing the image.

THIRD PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Brad Nading

Good use of available light. Nice framing.



NEWS PHOTO

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

David Eulitt

An amazing image!

SECOND PLACE

Topeka Capital-Journal

Thad Allton

Great photo packed full of emotion.

THIRD PLACE

Wichita Eagle

Travis Heying

Very peaceful and a story teller image from the scene

FEATURE PHOTO

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Norton Telegram

Dana Paxton

Unusual action picture. Great intensity on girl's face.

SECOND PLACE

Baldwin City Signal

Jimmy Gillispie

Great expression.

THIRD PLACE

The Mirror

Shawn Linenberger

Wonderful moment between girl and goat.



FEATURE PHOTO

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Marion County Record

Phyllis Richert

Good moment - well cropped.

SECOND PLACE

Washington County News

Tom Parker

Peak moment with good expression. Should be cropped tighter on the rider.

THIRD PLACE

Kingman Leader - Courier

Connie Schoenhofer

Tender moment between old and young.



FEATURE PHOTO

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

High Plains Journal

Sage Sammons

Very nice. Clearly showing visual impact for wheat story.

SECOND PLACE

High Plains Journal

Jenna Zeorian

Mirror reflection shows visual sophistication.

THIRD PLACE

Johnson County Sun

Edmee Rodriquez

Nice picture with great depth.



FEATURE PHOTO

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Leader & Times

Janie Kitch

Good coverage of emotion of returning troops.

SECOND PLACE

Leavenworth Times

Tim Linn

Good lighting and composition with storytelling content.

THIRD PLACE

Iola Register

Bob Johnson

Selective focus effectively separates subject from background.
Nice composition - enhances flowing motion.

FEATURE PHOTO

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Brad Nading

Perfect focus on the grasshopper isolates it from the green leaves. Stunning photograph with nice light and composition.

SECOND PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Laurie Sisk

The identical action and look of the two kittens, along with the symmetrical composition raises this picture above the cute category to really interesting.

THIRD PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Rod Mikinski

Good weather feature. Tighter cropping would improve its impact.



FEATURE PHOTO

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Hutchinson News

Lindsey Bauman

We enjoyed looking at this image. Liked doing something different.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Star

Jill Toyoshiba

Telling moment. Very good!

THIRD PLACE

Kansas City Star

Keith Myers

Powerful image from a routine assignment.

SPORTS PHOTO

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Baldwin City Signal

Jimmy Gillispie

Excellent moment.

SECOND PLACE

Blue Rapids Free Press

Jon A. Brake

Beautiful moment between coach and son after a loss. Should be wrapped tighter.

THIRD PLACE

Phillips County Review

Kirby Ross

Excellent action picture.

SPORTS PHOTO

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Atchison Globe

Hank Layton

Great moment of elation. Crop out players on left and top and bring up bottom for even stronger impact.

SECOND PLACE

Sabetha Herald

Tim Kellenberger

Great action picture with good audience reaction.

THIRD PLACE

Osawatomie Graphic

David Wolman

Good emotion as one runner passed another.

SPORTS PHOTO

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Olathe News

Mike Ransdell

Effective camera angle. Sun placement balances photo. Good action.

SECOND PLACE

Olathe News

Garvey Scott

Good exposure and stop action.

THIRD PLACE

Miami County Republic

Gene Morris

Great water action. Tighter cropping could have made the photo stronger.

SPORTS PHOTO

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Elliot J. Sutherland

Good low angle shot with visual impact.

SECOND PLACE

Ottawa Herald

David A. Flores

Great roping picture that captures action and the audiences in a nicely composed frame.

THIRD PLACE

Leader & Times

Jessica Crawford

Nice action picture.

SPORTS PHOTO

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Michael Schweitzer

Great post game photo - shows dejecting players.

SECOND PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Rod Mikinski

Nice celebration! Good reaction with fans!

THIRD PLACE

Emporia Gazette

Matt Bristow

Great job of keeping an eye on the sideline. Nice reaction!

SPORTS PHOTO

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

Rich Sugg

Sensitive moment in the locker room. Well done.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Star

Chris Oberholtz

Wonderful moment, great depth and composition.

THIRD PLACE

Kansas City Star

David Eulitt

This is a dramatic picture captured at the critical moment.

PHOTO PACKAGE

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

St. Francis Herald

Casey McCormick

Package took some work to do and has real news value.

SECOND PLACE

Baldwin City Signal

Staff

Good winter stop action photos

THIRD PLACE

Belle Plaine News

Joshua Delaughder

Nice firefighter photos. Larger bottom right photo might have been more effective if not so blocked.

PHOTO PACKAGE

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Louisburg Herald

Andy Brown

Great selection of photos. Could have used tighter edit of photos.

SECOND PLACE

Washington County News

Tom Parker

Good coverage. Would have liked to see some tighter photos.

THIRD PLACE

Atchison Globe

Staff

Good overall selection. Again edit number of photos.

PHOTO PACKAGE

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Prudence Siebert

Complete series of photographs that tell a story. Good variety of angles and moments.

SECOND PLACE

Olathe News

Keith Myers

Simple, elegant display of photographs that tell the parade story well. Good combination of moments with variety of views.

THIRD PLACE

Shawnee Dispatch

Sara Shepherd

Although the photos are displayed small, each is nicely done - with effective light, cropping and content.

CMK



Gunner Nick Schaefer takes aim at a pheasant front Ernie's 20-month-old German shorthair pointer Georgia trained during the Rod and Gun Club's spring hunting dog competition March 13 at Sherman Army Airfield.



Judge Rick Hardison prepares to begin time for gunners Rob Black and J.M. Drake, with 3-year-old Labrador retriever Smoke, during the Rod and Gun Club's spring hunting dog competition March 13 at Sherman Army Airfield.



Prudence Siebert photo

J.M. Drake's 3-year-old Labrador retriever Smoke holds a pheasant he retrieved during the Rod and Gun Club's spring hunting dog competition March 13 at Sherman Army Airfield.



J.M. Drake's 3-year-old Labrador retriever Smoke flies through tall grass hunting for pheasants during the Rod and Gun Club's spring hunting dog competition March 13 at Sherman Army Airfield.

Hunting dogs rule at spring meet

Rod and Gun Club

The Rod and Gun Club's spring hunting dog competition was conducted March 13 at Sherman Army Airfield.

Top Dog was Donmich, a male Hungarian Vizsla owned and handled by Harold Sommerfeldt and supported by Erik Crews as the gunner.

Top Flushing Dog was Rain, a female Labrador retriever owned and handled by Jeff Irvine and supported by Mike Anderson as the gunner.

Second Flushing Dog was Scout, a female Labrador retriever owned and handled by Steve Hammack and supported by Nick Schaefer as the gunner.

Third Flushing Dog was Raven, a male Labrador retriever owned and handled by Jeff Vordermark and supported by his son, Seth Vordermark as the gunner.

Top Pointing Dog was Chase, a male German shorthair pointer owned and handled by Harold Sommerfeldt and supported by Bob Mayhew as the gunner.

Second Pointing Dog was Leo, a male English pointer owned and handled by Jeremy Scanlon and supported by Mike Scanlon, his dad, as the gunner.

Third Pointing Dog was Boss, a male English pointer owned and handled by Mike Anderson and supported by Jeff Irvine as the gunner.

All but one of the 26 competitors earned their Rod and Gun Club Qualified Hunting Dog route by appropriately flushing or pointing one pheasant during the competition.



Jeff Irvine prepares to plant a pheasant for the next round of competitors in the Rod and Gun Club's spring hunting dog competition March 13 at Sherman Army Airfield.

EVEN

PHOTO PACKAGE

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Elliot J. Sutherland

Good, cohesive and complete wrestling story. Well edited and designed. Really dislike the headline type on top of the picture

SECOND PLACE

Ottawa Herald

David A. Flores

Good variety of interesting images

THIRD PLACE

Leader & Times

Staff

Solid photographic coverage of soldier's funeral. Good display.

PHOTO PACKAGE

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Brad Nading

Strong graphic lead pictures.

SECOND PLACE

Great Bend Tribune

Dan Witt

Very nice mature pictures of Cheyenne bottoms.

THIRD PLACE

Hays Daily News

Mike Corn

Nice pictures and layouts.

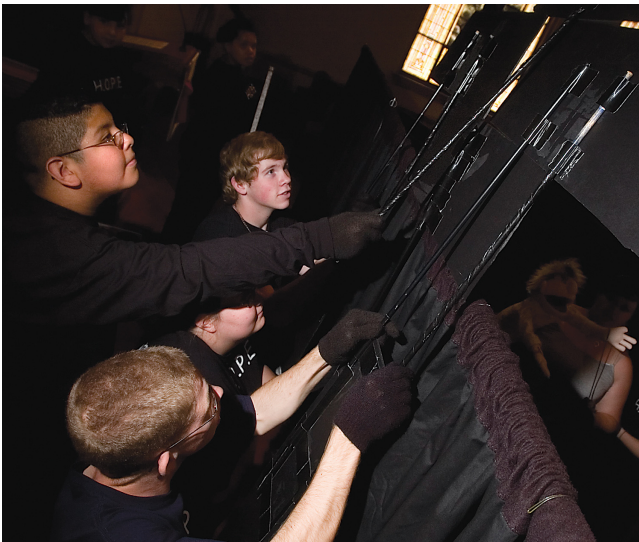


PHOTO PACKAGE

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

Allison Long

Overall, a strong package. Story telling package.

SECOND PLACE

Lawrence Journal-World

Nick Krug

Nice job following subject through. Nice-job telling different angles.

THIRD PLACE

Kansas City Star

Jill Toyoshiba

Great portraits of subjects.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Nondaily Division

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

Brad Harbold

Simple, quickly interpreted and effective.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

Brad Harbold

Well done. Needs some time to interpret.

THIRD PLACE

Osage County Herald-Chronicle

Jeremy Gaston

Good overlay. Perhaps more simplification of overlay so it could be more easily interpreted.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Daily Division

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

David Eulitt

Dramatic limited palette portrait which is technically excellent.

SECOND PLACE

Lawrence Journal-World

Nick Krug

Simple and effective illustration of averting disaster when cooking Thanksgiving dinner.

THIRD PLACE

Lawrence Journal-World

Mike Yoder

Well done stitched panorama.

BEST USE OF PHOTOS

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Baldwin City Signal

Very clean and well presented paper. Good editing of images and nice display. Keeping it simple goes a long way.

SECOND PLACE

Basehor Sentinel

Good photo play and editing. We all liked the design and presentation.

BEST USE OF PHOTOS

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Louisburg Herald

Dominant and supporting photos on front page and sports page.

SECOND PLACE

Marion County Record

Good photo placement.

THIRD PLACE

Osawatomie Graphic

Good placement of dominant and supporting photos.

BEST USE OF PHOTOS

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Olathe News

High quality image well displayed throughout the paper.

SECOND PLACE

Shawnee Dispatch

Good photographs of real moments - clean, solid display.

THIRD PLACE

Osage County Herald-Chronicle

Several papers were in tight competition for 3rd. -We chose this one with an edge to the content - although we dislike putting type on the picture.

BEST USE OF PHOTOS

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Arkansas City Traveler

Good news photographs well played with respect

SECOND PLACE

Junction City Daily Union

Good pictures, played well.

THIRD PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Very good photographs. Headlines and art-type on top of the pictures is distracting and adversely affects the readability of good photographs.

BEST USE OF PHOTOS

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Excellent photographs - displayed very well. A clear winner.

SECOND PLACE

Hays Daily News

Good candid photographs, played well.

THIRD PLACE

Great Bend Tribune

Solid use.

BEST USE OF PHOTOS

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Topeka Capital-Journal

Very nice in overall design. Great presentation. Top 3 papers very strong, but this one stood out.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Star

Nice large images.

THIRD PLACE

Hutchinson News

Crisp images.

EDITORIAL PAGES

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Baldwin City Signal

CLEAN page with good variety of staff comment, reader comment and newsmakers.

SECOND PLACE

The Mirror

Attractive page. Good use of reader comments.

THIRD PLACE

Derby Informer

Clean page. Good variety.

EDITORIAL PAGES

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Atchison Globe

Good variety of voices on the page. One of only two newspapers in the division that included a strong editorial column in each paper entered. CLEAN design.

SECOND PLACE

Belleville Telescope

Local voices! The editor and publisher both wrote signed columns for the page - they are putting themselves out there.

THIRD PLACE

Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter

I liked the use of a student writer for a different perspective.

EDITORIAL PAGES

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Johnson County Sun

This page had all the necessary elements - PLUS. Staff editorials, local columns, letters to the editor and a provocative Talk Back column combine to make this page a winner.

SECOND PLACE

Olathe News

Rick Babson's column worth the price of the paper. He offers a very nice, distinct, local voice.

THIRD PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

CLEAN, well written. Not as much variety as Johnson County, not as narrowly focused on an audience as Olathe.

EDITORIAL PAGES

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Clear winner in this division. Attractive layout. Strong editorial positions, good staff and reader columns. “Share your views with the Ottawa Herald” is a nice, useful touch.

SECOND PLACE

Leader & Times

Good mix of content, although the page is a bit of a jumble of typefaces. I like the quote at the top.

THIRD PLACE

Iola Register

The page that made this a winner was the Oct. 28 page. The editorial that stated flatly that “Kansans most assuredly should not elect Kris Kobach Secretary of State” was very, very good.

EDITORIAL PAGES

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Two things made this newspaper's editorial page stand out: 1. Strong editorial opinions 2. A ton of letters to the editor, always a hit with readers. Strong paper

SECOND PLACE

Hays Daily News

Good local editorials. Excellent column by Patrick Lowry.

THIRD PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Strong local opinions, but too much reliance on syndicated columns.

EDITORIAL PAGES

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

The Star takes a creative, thoughtful approach to it's editorial pages by offering a variety of local, state, national and international viewpoints. It has clearly thought about its market and designed pages with that market in mind. A full page of letters is a good use of space.

SECOND PLACE

Lawrence Journal-World

Lawrence gets the slight edge over Topeka because it tries to do more, providing two Sunday pages instead of one. I wonder if it couldn't seek more local voices, however.

THIRD PLACE

Topeka Capital-Journal

Clean and compact. Good local eddys.

SPORTS PAGES

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

The Mirror

Pages stand out because of good use of very good photography by Smith. Chapter headlines and breakouts offer nice points of entry.

SECOND PLACE

Baldwin City Signal

Nice layout. Very clean look. Good sports coverage.

THIRD PLACE

Derby Informer

Lots of information. Font maybe too small at times.

SPORTS PAGES

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Louisburg Herald

Better use of photography than the other entries. Always a deck headline.

SECOND PLACE

Osawatomie Graphic

Good use of color. Layout is too busy.

THIRD PLACE

Marion County Record

A lot of information on one page.

SPORTS PAGES

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Olathe News

Clean, simple and easy on the eyes. Large headlines. The paper with it’s small format makes excellent use of it with it’s football preview “The Blitz”. Other newspapers this size could learn from the Olathe’s less-is-more approach.

SECOND PLACE

Miami County Republic

Too busy on occasion, but its readers likely appreciate the paper’s editorial decisions to publish celebration photos of its tournament champions.

THIRD PLACE

First Infantry Division Post

Not your traditional newspaper, but it knows its audience. Consistent briefs package. Clean design.

SPORTS PAGES

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Clean. Photographs don’t compete. Large headlines. Promos of online photos and videos were a nice touch.

SECOND PLACE

Leavenworth Times

Great layout. Like the “Quote of Note”.

THIRD PLACE

Chanute Tribune

Great pictures. Like the “Briefly” on the left side...shows that you know what your audience is looking for.

FIRST PLACE

Hays Daily News

Lots of elements provide good information to sports fans.

SECOND PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Good sports coverage. Big photos make it more reader-friendly.

THIRD PLACE

Emporia Gazette

Lots of photos propel this section; as do the variety of stories.

Sports

1A ROUNDUP, B3



STEVEN HAUSLER • Hays Daily News
Pretty Prairie's Tanner Hines drives around Quinter's Matt Bird during Tuesday's first round of the 1A tournament at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

SEEN QUINTER, B2

SPORTS TICKER



TMP-Marian sophomore Rachel Jacobs

Tourney bound

THE FHSU MEN HEAD TO TEXAS FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT, VIBING FOR A SHOT AT THE ELITE Eight. **Franz's HBN**

Quinter advances to semis

By RANDY GONZALES [rgonzales@dailynews.net](#)

Survive and advance.

In postseason, it's not how you win, it's just that you win.

In Tuesday's first round of the Class 1A State High School Basketball Championships, Quinter's boys held on for a 63-55 win over Pretty Prairie in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"That's what the state tournament is all about -- survive and advance," Quinter coach John Crist said.

"We hung on and got a win."

Quinter (26-0), last year's state runner-up, made two big runs on Pretty Prairie (21-5), but couldn't

put away the No. 8 seed in the field.

"We told our kids this is the state tournament, and all of the teams are good," Crist said. "We've got to put teams away."

"I think we had a 21- or 22-point lead there in the third quarter, and I never felt comfortable with it," Crist said.

"I always felt Pretty Prairie could make a run, they have some good 3-point shooters."

Quinter, the top seed and ranked No. 1 in the state, took a 14-2 lead in the first quarter, but Pretty Prairie battled back to make it 16-11 after the first eight minutes.

In the second quarter, Quinter went on a 16-2 run for a 32-15 lead, and was up 38-21 at halftime.

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TMP-Marian sophomore Rachel Jacobs

State brackets

SEE THE WEEK'S UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR STATE BASKETBALL. **Page B2**

Off and running

By CONOR NICHOLL [cnicholl@dailynews.net](#)

When the season first started, the players on the Hill City prep boys' basketball were still thinking about the football season. In the fall, the Ringnecks enjoyed a 7-5 year and the first playoff berth in school history. In the postseason, Hill City lost 56-24 to Clifton-Clyde before transitioning into basketball.

"We really wasn't focused on basketball," said senior Reggie Jordan, the football team's two-year starting quarterback and a starting guard for the basketball team. "Then we started winning and everybody started caring and we started getting after it in practice."

The Hill City boys' basketball team won its first three games before dropping two of its next three games. Since Jan. 19, though, the Ringnecks have rolled off 17 straight victories and moved into the Class 2A state tournament after defeating Ellis 48-47 in overtime in the sub-state championship game last Saturday.

Hill City (21-2) is the tournament's No. 3 seed and will face Salina-Norvel Heart (19-4) on Thursday at Kansas State University's Brundage Coliseum in Manhattan. Game time is 6:15 p.m.

The Hill City boys last made state in 1996, winning it that year and also in

By CONOR NICHOLL [cnicholl@dailynews.net](#)



TMP-Marian sophomore Rachel Jacobs

Monarchs ready for 3A state

By CONOR NICHOLL [cnicholl@dailynews.net](#)

The Thomas More Prep-Marian girls' basketball team had a discussion after senior Kaylee Hoffman suffered a knee injury on Feb. 18, and couldn't play the final regular season game and in the Class 3A Lakin sub-state. Hoffman led the Monarchs with 15 points, four assists and 3.6 steals. Coach Alan Billinger asked his team: Who is going to pick it up? Who is going to shoulder the load without Hoffman, the school's career scoring leader and University of Wyoming signer?

"I told them each one of them has to shoulder that responsibility," Billinger said.

Without Hoffman, every player has improved, especially senior point guard Sophia Schippers and sophomore forward Rachel Jacobs, and the Monarchs rolled off four straight victories, including three straight at sub-state.

TMP-Marian defeated the state's No. 1 team, Kansas-Southeastern Heights, 31-17, in the sub-state championship game after Southeastern Heights beat the Monarchs in the 2009 sub-state title contest.

SEE JACOBS, B4

SEE STATE, B3

Hill City boys make first trip to 2A since 1998

Hill City's Anthony McDonald is defended by Ellis Dylan Pfeiffer (18) during Saturday's 2A sub-state title game in Wakeeney. Hill City heads to Manhattan on Thursday for the first round in the 2A state tourney.

The Ringnecks, under 4th year head coach Keith Kiehl, start no player taller than 6-foot-1, but have continually played defense and won close games.

Hill City allows 40 points a night and ranks seventh in Class 2A in scoring defense, according to [maxprepsports.com](#).

"Desire to win," Jordan said. "We are pretty short, but we bring it every night."

"Every coach wishes he can go to state," Kiehl said. "Every player wishes he can go to state, but wishing isn't going to get you there. Hard work and doing the little things can give you a chance to get there. You got to be good and you have to be lucky."

At various times this season, certain players have stepped up for the Ringnecks. Jordan and senior Corey Lewis, the team's leading scorers, both hit late free throws against Ellis to force overtime and then win the game, while sophomore Adam Pfeiffer hit free throws late to defeat Phillipsburg earlier this season. Jordan, the team's point guard, averages around 13 points per game.

SEE RINGNECKS, B4

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SPORTS PAGES

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

Good information with excellent use of photos and graphics to illustrate it all.

SECOND PLACE

Hutchinson News

Friday Blitz is sure to be popular with readers.

THIRD PLACE

Topeka Capital-Journal

Rail works well. Clean layouts. Lots of sports info.

SPECIAL SECTION

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Larned Tiller & Toiler

Told the whole story of the history of the hospital, the good and the bad.

SECOND PLACE

Larned Tiller & Toiler

Every sport included with team photos. Great job.

THIRD PLACE

Wyandotte Daily News

Comprehensive guide to the country that user-friendly and fun to look at.



A SPECIAL SECTION TO THE TILLER & TOILER

SPECIAL SECTION

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Sabetha Herald

A lot of newspapers have only superficial involvement in local schools. This section reflects a deep commitment.

SECOND PLACE

Times-Sentinel

Lots of great historical anecdotes.

THIRD PLACE

Atchison Globe

When approaching a mandatory annual report, newsrooms have a choice. Mail it in or dig in for a deep report on community change. The Atchison folks clearly chose the latter.

SPECIAL SECTION

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

This section is loaded with information and is presented in a graphically pleasing way. Nice design. Well organized.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

Great graphics, tons of information and great presentation.

THIRD PLACE

Wichita Business Journal

Fun idea for a special section. Nice presentation and fun photos. Readers must love this!

SPECIAL SECTION

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Leader & Times

Imaginative typography, use of photos and general layout make this the top choice in an excellent field.

SECOND PLACE

Junction City Daily Union

If I was moving to central Kansas or even wanted to spend a few days there, this is the definite source.

THIRD PLACE

El Dorado Times

There were 3 entries all of which had the Gazette name on them, that were very colorful, well-written and well done. The winning entry was actually submitted by the El Dorado Times; the other two entries “Welcome to Augusta” and “Welcome to Andover” from the Augusta Gazette were also good.

SPECIAL SECTION

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

The clear winners. Awesome cover graphic. Good info inside; very easy to read.

SECOND PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Readers were sure to love this info - packed section. Good covers - typography on covers.

THIRD PLACE

Emporia Gazette

A variety of information propelled this section.

SPECIAL SECTION

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Hutchinson News

This was an extremely strong category but this entry wins for the quality of the work and the historical affect on the city. It's a great section.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Star

I loved this section - First for the content - including great graphics - and also for the concept - breaking down the woes of the hopeless K.C. Royals.

THIRD PLACE

Kansas City Star

Another great combination of content, graphics and humor.

FEATURE PACKAGE

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

The Mirror

Estuardo Garcia

Good white space and typography.

SECOND PLACE

The Mirror

Estuardo Garcia

Fun graphic elements.

THIRD PLACE

The Mirror

Shawn Linenberger

Good photo choices.

FEATURE PACKAGE

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Sabetha Herald

Patty Locher, Amber Deters and Nikki McAfee

Good information and photos.

SECOND PLACE

Marion County Record

Ben Kleine

Story gets to heart of man’s hobby.

THIRD PLACE

Atchison Globe

Mary Meyers

Obviously a topic of local importance.

FEATURE PACKAGE

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

Great graphic element. Lots of information.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

Staff

Timeline, graphs provide good information. Good main graphic element.

THIRD PLACE

Wichita Business Journal

Staff

Lots of good information for readers.

FEATURE PACKAGE

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Leader & Times

Perfect use of main art.

SECOND PLACE

Leader & Times

Staff

Fun logo for story.

THIRD PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Elliot J. Sutherland and Tommy Felts

Good art makes package.

FEATURE PACKAGE

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Hays Daily News

Nich Schwien, Steven Hausler and Dawne Leiker

Great use of main art. Makes up for iffy typography.

SECOND PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Brett Riggs

Good main art and web site pullout.

THIRD PLACE

Great Bend Tribune

Karen La Pierre

Shadows on photos and use of black and white art works well.

Nor'wester

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movement



PHILLIPSBURG — Recognized as the oldest continuously operating entertainment venue in the state of Kansas, the Phillipsburg Majestic Theatre is getting a makeover thanks to the efforts of community volunteers.

Although the structure resembles many other small-town theaters, stories of the Majestic conjure images of stock company actors arriving in private railroad cars, silent movies flashing across the screen and elderly youngsters attempting free admittance to a movie by sneaking through a darkened window.

"My friends always wanted me to sneak them into the theatre free," said Connie Hull, daughter of Ralph Weisling, the theatre's original owner. "Well ... if they would give me a candy bar afterwards, we could sometimes work it out."

Hull, who was born in 1923, admitted there's a great deal about the Majestic's history that remains a mystery to her. "There are many things over the years I've wanted to ask Daddy," she said. "When you're young, you just don't realize."

The Majestic opened as an opera house in 1905, and remnants of that history remain locked away on the third floor of the structure. Tearing the theatre for the first time in many years, Hull pointed out the remote balcony where school kids always wanted to wait to sit.

"They probably didn't know what the movie was about," she said with a laugh.

Continuing up the stairs of the opera house, Hull imagined how the setting might have appeared a century ago.

"I'm thinking of those women in long dresses coming up here. The rail is still here. There was red-checked wallpaper, chandeliers, gas lamps. It was very elegant," she said.

"If walls could talk, wouldn't that be fun?"

The opera house served as a regional entertainment venue and was positioned atop a general store owned by Hull's grandfather. Her father later opened a furniture store on the lower level.

With the advent of silent movies, the opera house was redesigned to show films in 1923 by Baker Brothers Architects, a Kansas City and California-based firm.

Hull remembered a time when a feed store was located next door to the theatre, apparently causing a rat infestation. "When you watched the movie, you could see the little rats go across the stage," she said.

"Remember Dr. Mary was sitting in one of the seats, and a rat went over her feet," Hull said with a shudder. "I don't know what they did to get rid of the rats."

See MAJESTIC, C5

story by dawne leiker
daughter of the late calvert l. olters sr.

photos by steven hausler
son of the late kenneth o. hausler

John Tremblay of Restoration and Waterproofing, Topeka, works on restoring the brick on the exterior of the theater.

FEATURE PACKAGE

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

Cindy Hoedel and Jill Wendhott-Silva

Great use of graphic elements, color and white space. Easy to read, shorts are reader friendly.

SECOND PLACE

Wichita Eagle

Rod Pocowatchit

Awesome use of main art.

THIRD PLACE

Kansas City Star

Staff

Great graphic and use of photos with table of contents.

INFOGRAPHIC

Nondaily Division

FIRST PLACE

Marion County Record

Eric Meyer

Eye-catching and informational.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

Brad Harbold

Informational. Type could be bigger. Works well as main art though.

THIRD PLACE

Marion County Record

Eric Meyer

Conveys information easily. Very reader friendly.

INFOGRAPHIC

Daily Division

FIRST PLACE

Lawrence Journal-World

Patrick Giroux

Creative way to illustrate information.

SECOND PLACE

Wichita Eagle

Mike Sullivan

Eye-catching and informational.

THIRD PLACE

Hutchinson News

Ken Stephens

Readers can understand this information easily.

DESIGN AND LAYOUT EXCELLENCE

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Baldwin City Signal

Multiple elements on front pages draw readers. Good use of FYI box. Clean layouts throughout.

SECOND PLACE

Bonner Springs Chieftain

Good to get multiple elements on front.

THIRD PLACE

Basehor Sentinel

Clean layouts.

DESIGN AND LAYOUT EXCELLENCE

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Osawatomie Graphic

Good information presented with creativity and eye-catching designs.

SECOND PLACE

Times-Sentinel

Clean layouts throughout.

THIRD PLACE

Louisburg Herald

Lots of entry points for readers propelled this section.

DESIGN AND LAYOUT EXCELLENCE

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

Clean layouts. Many entry points for readers.

SECOND PLACE

Olathe News

Clean layouts. Rail works well on front.

THIRD PLACE

Miami County Republic

Clean layouts.

DESIGN AND LAYOUT EXCELLENCE

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Appealing main packages.

SECOND PLACE

Leavenworth Times

Lots of entry points. Stick with one color scheme for front.

THIRD PLACE

Parsons Sun

Good use of rail, other standard elements.

DESIGN AND LAYOUT EXCELLENCE

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Hays Daily News

Lots of entry points, good layouts: clean, eye-catching.

SECOND PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Appealing photos, entry-points. Irrelevant to this category, but LOVE “The Butler did it” headline.

THIRD PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Solid, clean layouts.



News to Me



Title town?

DID A STRONG FIRST DAY HELP THE HAYS HIGH BOYS' TRACK TEAM TO A STATE TITLE? **Page B1**



Making history

THE ELLIS BASEBALL TEAM GRABS ITS BEST FINISH AT THE CLASS 2A STATE TOURNEY. **Page B2**



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A HAYS MAN CRAFTS HANDMADE DOLLS. **Page C1**



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Preparation

ABOVE: Jace Hesford, Hays, carries a load of flags as he helps his grandfather and volunteers with the Hays American Legion and VFW place more than 1,000 flags Friday at Mount Allen Cemetery in Hays in preparation for Memorial Day. **HDN** Flags will be placed in the cemetery. **STEVEN HAUSLER • Hays Daily News**



State tourney 'rocks' for family

By DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
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MANHATTAN — A couple of youngsters running around the ballpark at Norvell Field this weekend had no idea how much meaning a statement on the back of their T-shirts held.

It was hard to read, partly because of the small size of the shirts and partly because of the number of M's (three) in the saying, "Zimmerman Rocks."

But anyone close to the Thomas More Prep-Marian High School baseball team knew what it said — and what it meant.

See **ZIMMERMAN, B5**



Ness County looking forward to population explosion

Old Settlers REUNION BEGINS THURSDAY

By GAYLE WEBER
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NESS CITY — An event at least two years in the making is about to quadruple the population of Ness City for a few days this week.

The 2010 Ness County Old Settlers begins Thursday, bringing in thousands of people for historical presentations, entertainment, a parade and class reunions.

"I think it's amazing," Old Settlers committee president Sahara Clarke said. "It's hard to believe Ness City could look the way it does for those three days."

It's the 126th anniversary of Ness County Old Settlers, an event that takes place every five years and takes years of planning to accomplish.

"It's always hard to get something specific for kids. We really tried to target them this year," Clarke said. "We tried very hard to get something that's going to interest everybody."

See **SETTLERS, A5**



Workers install a mural by Stan Herd on a building located on the southeast corner of the four-way stop in Ness City. The mural depicts portions of Ness City from 1875 to 1885. The town and county will celebrate the Old Settlers Reunion beginning Thursday. GARY GANTZ COURTESY PHOTO

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DESIGN AND LAYOUT EXCELLENCE

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Wichita Eagle

Great skys, clean, eye-catching layouts.

SECOND PLACE

Topeka Capital-Journal

Good use of photos, other graphic elements.

THIRD PLACE

Lawrence Journal-World

Good photos, many entry points.

BEST FRONT PAGE

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Basehor Sentinel

Reader-friendly design format and consistently appealing main and secondary art and skyboxes.

SECOND PLACE

The Mirror

Cute local photos and good typography.

THIRD PLACE

Bonner Springs Chieftain

Consistently solid design.

BEST FRONT PAGE

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Osawatomie Graphic

Good use of graphic elements.

SECOND PLACE

Atchison Globe

Clean layouts.

THIRD PLACE

Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter

Good use of photos.

BEST FRONT PAGE

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

Clean, good use of rail.

SECOND PLACE

Miami County Republic

Good use of color, graphic elements.

THIRD PLACE

Go 24/7

A tad busy but overall appealing.

BEST FRONT PAGE

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Junction City Daily Union

Every page submitted had a focal point with well-dropped headlines and nicely developed art. (The period at the top of the page gets our attention.)

SECOND PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Remarkable use of art.

THIRD PLACE

Leavenworth Times

Usually exciting, but there seems to be too much going on sometimes. Still, a very unique design.

BEST FRONT PAGE

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Nice use of white space, balanced elements, nice work.

SECOND PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Good use of cut outs, nice balance.

THIRD PLACE

Garden City Telegram

There is a lot of information packaged on Page 1. Good use of headlines to guide readers throughout the pages.

BEST FRONT PAGE

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Wichita Eagle

Lots of color, entry points, news.

SECOND PLACE

Topeka Capital-Journal

Good use of rail, pullouts.

THIRD PLACE

Hutchinson News

Clean, informative.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Nondaily Division

FIRST PLACE

Marion County Record

The newspaper began its coverage with the announcement of a plan to build a home for a soldier who had lost his legs in an IED explosion and it followed throughout with stories and advertising until the project was complete. A true community effort.

SECOND PLACE

Wamego Smoke Signal

The newspaper launched a 5-week campaign to raise money for the community’s annual Christmas drive. The campaign quadrupled the total from the previous year.

THIRD PLACE

Russell County News

Newspaper organized an imaginative campaign to raise money for breast cancer research. The campaign engaged readers and advertisers and raised nearly \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society.

A slab of concrete on Country Club Drive was the promise of a new home that is becoming a reality after communities came together this past weekend for a common cause.

By Sunday evening, all but one side of the house was sided and more than one-half of the roof was covered.

“It’s just pretty amazing,” Sgt. Ryan Newell, for whom the house is being built, said Sunday evening.

The build brigade — as part of the Homes for Our Troops project building a new home for Newell and his family in Marion — knew no boundaries.

It wasn’t just a Marion community project. Volunteers came from far and near to help — Nebraska, St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Haysville, Goessel, Peabody, and Hillsboro.

Under the direction of general contractor Ralph Kreutziger, the Marion High School construction class had been working prior to the organized weekend, building wall frames.

Jeremy Voth, owner of Voth Construction in Goessel, was the lead carpenter.

Why did the young builder get involved when he’s trying to get his own business going?

“I heard about it from Merle Fleming,” Voth said. “It’s a good cause and a good chance to help out another young person.”

More than 100 volunteers showed up early Friday morning for breakfast and the official launching of the project. During the course of the weekend, more than 300 donated their time.

Larry Gill, veterans’ liaison with the Homes for Our Troops organization, thanked everyone for their commitment and reminded volunteers that professionals built the Titanic but volunteers built Noah’s Ark.

“Never underestimate your value of being a volunteer,” he said.

Davey Hett of Marion said he was involved because he admired Newell’s determination to survive by tying his own tourniquets

on his legs after being wounded in Afghanistan.

“Ryan has proved he’s a man who deserves a home,” Hett said. “He’s a fighter.”

The first wall was put in place by the build brigade with assistance from Newell, his wife, Carrie, and Carrie’s father, Tom Wunderlick.

After that, there was a flurry of activity as walls were set in place.

Months of preparation paid off.

By Friday afternoon, rafters were set for the roof. A crane, which was donated by a Wichita company, was used to move rafters to the roof into the waiting hands of volunteers.

The goal was to have the 3,200 square foot, one level home weather tight by Sunday evening.

Rain showers hampered some of the construction on Friday but did not dampen spirits.

The big day for volunteers was Saturday which much of the work was completed. Doors and windows were installed as were outside walls. Fewer workers than expected came Sunday but they did their best to get the project completed as much as possible.

An unusual roofing system, which was donated to the project, also slowed the process Sunday. The roof is a plastic composite that snaps together but is difficult to cut. The high-quality construction material has a 100-year warranty.

However, Kreutziger remains optimistic.

“We plan to have the entire house finished by the end of June,” he said Sunday evening. “We want to have a big Fourth of July celebration, welcoming the Newells to their new home.”

When local volunteers complete the roofing, professionals will come in and complete work for electrical and plumbing. Sheetrock will follow.

“We still need volunteers to help finish,” Kreutziger said.

Fortunately, most of the construc-

tion that requires professionals has been spoken for.

Making strides

Newell said the road to his recovery as a double amputee has not been easy. The Army sergeant lost his legs two years ago while serving in Afghanistan after his vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb.

He was walking around the building site this past weekend with his prosthetic legs, shaking hands with volunteers, thanking everyone for their support.

“It’s been a challenge,” Newell said. “I’m getting there to get my prosthetics right.”

Originally from Goddard, the Newell family is making Marion their home because Carrie grew up in the town and her parents still live here. Carrie and the Newell’s four children were living in Marion while Newell was serving overseas.

Carrie continues to go to school, working toward a nursing degree. Originally Newell was going to train in the field of prosthetics but he is looking for a career he can establish in Marion so he can become more involved in the community.

“I want to give back to everyone who gave to us,” he said. “If there’s anything anyone needs, just call me. I’ll be there. I’ll help any way I can.”

Newell is also appreciative of the welcome he has received from the area in general.

On Saturday, he participated in the dedication of a wheelchair accessible pier at Marion County Park and Lake, dedicated in appreciation of the service of Newell and Peter Richert.

Richert, of Hillsboro, lost a leg while serving in Iraq.

“I am so thankful to be here,” Newell said. “I really appreciate the handicapped dock at the county lake.

“This is our home and this is where we’re going to stay,” Newell said. “We’re home now.”

About the house

The one-floor, handicapped acces-

sible space will have three bedrooms and a two-car garage.

A safe room with 8-inch reinforced concrete walls will also be used as a closet in a bedroom.

A roll-in shower will allow Newell to use his wheelchair to gain access as will lower counters in the kitchen.

About the organization

According to Gill, the organization has brought together 10 build brigades in April, three in the same subdivision in San Antonio.

With so many projects going on at one time, members of the organization do not lose sight of what is important.

“We have people who follow us from one build to another,” Gill said. “They do this because they care. Each build is personal.”

Even though some of the volunteers did not know Newell or his family, they wanted to help any way they can.

“We get calls all of the time from people around the country who want to know what they can do to help,” Gill said.

Many of them are veterans themselves who just want to help others.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Daily Division

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

I teared up reading about the number of hungry kids in the Kansas City area alone. A great service project.

SECOND PLACE

Hutchinson News

If journalism declines, so will our democracy. Keep up the good work.

THIRD PLACE

Emporia Gazette

A great team effort to help the most needy in the community.

Melanie Small bites her lip, trying hard to fight the tears. The mere mention of food -- the thought that on some nights she has only noodles for her three young children -- causes her to cry. She cries harder when she thinks about the times when she has no food for them at all.

Regular people, she said, those whose stomachs are full, don't understand.

"They see infomercials of starving children in other countries," Small says.

She's 33. Separated. Her kids are 10, 7 and 5.

"I think people have this image of starving African children," she continues. "They don't see us. They don't see the kids here in America who are hungry."

Yet in the six-county metro area alone, an estimated 100,000 children live in homes where cupboards too often are bare, where the parents may not know where the next meal is coming from. One-third of those children live in extreme conditions where some days they go hungry.

And it's worse here than in most parts of the country. Missouri ranks fifth in the number of homes with unstable food supplies. Kansas comes in 12th.

Educators and

social workers see the faces of childhood hunger every day. The elementary school student in Kansas City, Kan., who tucks part of her lunch into her pocket so she can eat it that night. The teenager in Kansas City who, embarrassed, reveals that there's no food at home. The kid in Warrensburg, Mo., who asks every week if he, too, can get a Harvesters backpack of food for the weekend.

Schools on both sides of the state line are feeding breakfast to a record number of children each morning. More kids are on free and reduced lunch, and their families rely on food pantries as if they were grocery stores. Teachers keep stashes of granola bars and crackers, knowing that a hungry kid is a distracted kid who struggles to learn.

The stakes are high.

"If we can keep kids eating, we can keep them growing and healthy," said Gail Hendrix, nurse for the Harrisonville School District. "Not only are we helping them, but in the end they'll do better in school and in our communities."

Relief workers, even churches and small towns, are doing what they can. But

they're haunted by it not being enough.

That's why this holiday season The Kansas City Star has partnered with Harvesters to host a virtual food drive for hungry children. The goal is to raise money to support the BackSnack program, which provides weekend food to children in 269 schools across 26 counties.

Harvesters estimates that 30,000 children in the six-county area need that food to tide them over to Monday, yet the agency can afford just 10,000 packs each week.

"That's 20,000 children (in the metro area) we know who could use a backpack and aren't getting one," said Ellen Feldhausen, Harvesters' director of communications.

It's time, experts said, that communities realize no one agency, church or school district can feed all the hungry children.

Over the next two weeks, as the food drive continues, The Star will share stories about kids who go to bed hungry and who get excited not about candy, but about a can of corn or a loaf of bread. One little girl's letter to Santa asked him to bring food.

Other stories will

show how communities, churches and regular people have stepped up to feed our kids.

The challenge is for more people to do the same.

"People talk about us being in the heartland, being the farmland of this country," said Jeanna Repass, director of Kansas City missions for Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, which is in its second year of a ministry to help feed the area's hungry children. "When people used to homestead, whole communities would come out and raise a barn together. If someone had sickness, they helped with the crops.

"Somewhere along the line, we lost that. When you talk about children, they are our most vulnerable and are victims of their parents' circumstances. It's incumbent on the entire community to say, 'This isn't OK.' "

Feldhausen breaks down the numbers on the sheet of paper in front of her. Numbers tallied using the most recent U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics and census data.

More than 40,000 children under 18 in Jackson County are in "food-insecure" homes -- those without enough nutritious food or any food at all.

In Johnson County, there are about 28,000. In Clay County, more than 13,000.

Keep in mind, Feldhausen cautions, that these numbers use USDA statistics from 2006 to 2008. We don't know how many kids in the metro have gone without enough food the past two years, during the worst of the recession.

Yet relief agencies, including Harvesters, have some clue.

In Johnson County, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas is seeing more families so far this fiscal year than last. Nearly half of the people who received assistance in the first five months of fiscal 2011 were under the age of 19, and the vast majority of those received food.

Earlier this year, when the Catholic Charities pantry in Olathe had fresh fruit and vegetables to give out, a line of families snaked around the downtown building.

"I've never seen that here before," said director Tamra Brandes. "It was like something you see in Mexico or inside small villages in other countries."

Last month, a church in Paola gave away nearly twice as many Thanksgiving

baskets as last year, most to families with children. And at Harvesters, the overall need in the 26-county area is up 40 percent this year, with 37 percent of the people served under age 18.

"We've tried to step up everything we're doing to get food into the community," said Karen Haren, Harvesters' president and CEO. "People want to make a difference if they know people are going hungry."

According to USDA figures, the number of families nationwide who went to food pantries increased 44 percent from 2007 to 2009 to 5.6 million households. As of August, 42.2 million U.S. residents were using food stamps, a 17 percent increase from the year before.

The number of food-insecure households also jumped. In 2008, 15 percent of American families reported having to compromise in the amount of food or quality of food they consumed. That was up from 11 percent of families in 2007.

"For a country with the amount of resources we have, to have kids going hungry is obscene," said Mark Rank, professor of social work at Washington University in St. Louis and an expert on poverty.

The people hurting aren't just the homeless. Or families living on welfare and getting full food stamp benefits. It's also the working poor, said social workers and resource specialists.

People working two or three low-paying jobs just to put food on the table and keep the lights on. Single moms who make just enough to pay the bills, but if anything goes wrong, they have less money for food.

"Some parents are just scraping together what they can for their kids," said Cindy Foreman, Phoenix Family services coordinator at the Parvin Estates housing complex. "They paid rent maybe instead of getting food. And then they're even embarrassed to use the food pantry."

One 43-year-old mom from Olathe is raising a teenage son on her own. She wants to give him nutritional food, but often can't. On this day she's at the Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas pantry in Olathe.

"You can only afford food with fats and sweets," said the mom, who didn't want her name used to protect her son. "You just eat what you can get."

Relief workers realize that no matter what the numbers show, no matter how many parents tell their stories of bare cupboards, some people will refuse to believe there's a problem. Children aren't going hungry, especially not here.	She's raising her teenage son and has taken in a niece and nephew, ages 10 and 11.	to not get enough nutritious food, the country will pay,	are four times as likely to have poor health later.	much money she can spend at the grocery store. Many times, meat is just too expensive. They go without.
Not here in middle America, where churches are chock-full each Sunday with people who routinely shell out money to charitable organizations.	Each month she gets \$167 in food stamps and \$674 for her son, who has a mental disability. That's it. She has no more money coming in.	said John Cook, an associate professor of pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine.	People don't realize, Rank said, what poverty and childhood hunger are doing to the country.	The kids get reduced-price lunches at school and eat a small meal right after school through Harvesters' Kids Cafe program at the Parvin Estates community center in the Northland.
Not here, where school kids and organizations constantly collect canned goods for food banks and pantries.	When there's not enough food, she makes do. With a little of this and a little of that.	When children are distracted in school for a day, that's one thing. Yet when that happens day after day...	"If a student is not learning to his full potential, it comes back to haunt us as a society," Rank said. "You want to invest in the future generation."	For a minute, with tears still in her eyes, Small thinks about what she wants life to be like one day. When she doesn't have to work three jobs and only be able to put noodles and Vienna sausages on the table.
The thing is, those pantries were designed to help families fill the gap once a month between paychecks -- not to be the virtual grocery stores families today need them to be.	"I try to make dinner fun for the kids," she said. "I say, 'Come help me. What should we put in here tonight?'"	"It may seem like a minor thing, but when that accumulates over a year or several years, the accumulative effect is the child misses a lot," Cook said. "The child falls farther and farther behind."	Not ensuring that kids have enough nutritional food, he said, "is perhaps one of the most foolish things you can do from a policy perspective."	"I want to have pork chops, mashed potatoes and green beans," Small said, her tears making room for a small smile crossing her face. "I want to be able to sit down and eat with my kids and not have to worry about having enough food."
These pantries can't handle it, though workers try never to turn people away.	Hill doesn't want them to know there's not enough money for food. Like so many parents, she'd rather go without than have the kids sacrifice anything.	Childhood hunger can affect health, education and job readiness. In the end, it can cost society billions in lost dollars, Cook said.	Melanie Small works three jobs. The first one, for \$12.84 an hour at a trucking company, pays her bills. Rent. Car. Insurance. Health expenses.	She's not there yet. But one day. One day.
"We're seeing some people every week," Brandes said as she walked through the Catholic Charities pantry, past some emptying shelves.	So when there's not enough to eat, she doesn't make a plate for herself. Instead, she scrapes from their plates and makes do with their leftovers.	One recent study, conducted by the National Cancer Institute and the University of Calgary, found that if a child goes hungry for just one day, it can have a lasting effect.	She makes \$23 a month too much at that job to qualify for food stamps. So she works job two (at the housing complex where she and her children live) and job three (driving for a valet service) to buy food for Michael, Rilynn and Derikka.	For now, it's spaghetti in white sauce, no meat. One slice of bread on the side.
Some wonder what it will take for people to see what many children go home to every night.	"My children didn't ask to come here," she said, shaking her head. "I feel bad when I can't provide for my children. We need help."	Researchers analyzed 5,809 children ages 10 to 15 and 3,333 youths ages 16 to 21. They found that one episode of hunger made a young person 2 1/2 times as likely to have poor overall health 10 to 15 years later, compared with those who never had to go without food.	"And sometimes that's not enough," Small said. "Sometimes you rob Peter to pay Paul. And sometimes you don't pay Peter and just pay Paul."	NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY
Teresa Hill lives in the East Hills housing complex near 75th Street and U.S. 71.	Then she broadens the plea. She knows so many others who have only what she has or less.	Experience hunger two or more times and they	She's up at 5 every morning and not in bed most nights until about 10. She plans meals based on how	The Star is teaming with Harvesters on a virtual food drive for kids this holiday
	"Our kids are hurting," she said, her tone rising. "These kids are hungry."			
	If children continue			

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

The Kansas City Star is partnering with Harvesters to host a virtual food drive. All money raised will go to Harvesters' BackSnack program, which provides schoolchildren with food to take home for the weekend.

Go to feedingkckids.org to give Harvesters \$5 for a case of shelf-stable milk or \$10 for macaroni and cheese, or to pay for a child to receive a food-filled backpack. All donations are tax-deductible.

If you'd like, dedicate a donation in a family member's name as a holiday gift. The Star will publish names from dedications on Christmas Day. (If you're interested, follow the directions in Harvesters' donation confirmation e-mail.)

For more information, call 816-929-3010. You can also send checks made out to Harvesters, designated in the memo line for "FeedingKCKids," to Harvesters, P.O. Box 412233, Kansas City, MO 64141-2233.

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Nondaily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Basehor Sentinel

Plenty of news with local offering, plus an interesting look at the field of dreams rebate story, part of a vigorous lineup of local government coverage

SECOND PLACE

The Mirror

Nicely laid out and populated with newsy local content. Videos on “Kansas Day” is above the fold and a nice example of adding another layer to its coverage

THIRD PLACE

Bonner Springs Chieftain

Clean, straight forward layout. This day’s edition featured a profile of a local NAACP leader.

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Nondaily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Times-Sentinel

Good hometown presentation of news and features, including on this day the Air Force jazz band video and the excellent “On the Road” blog.

SECOND PLACE

Atchison Globe

Busy, news-filled site with an attractive layout and a lot going on, from developing stories to the Corn Shock video

THIRD PLACE

Marion County Record

Good flash module for photos entices readers inside.

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Nondaily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Business Journal

A flash module stocked with strong stories and usuals anchors this site. Clean navigation through updates, the calendar and on to premium content.

SECOND PLACE

Wichita Business Journal

Nice job posting plenty of updates throughout the morning. Clean, attractive layouts with intuitive navigation and lots of content.

THIRD PLACE

Osage County Herald-Chronicle

Clean, business-like presentation of top news, anchored by a carousel at the top.

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Leader & Times

Attractive design with strong photos in the carousel and a good use of solid news coverage, including the \$46,000 lawn mower debate. Good use of visuals and social media.

SECOND PLACE

Winfield Daily Courier

Good hierarchy of news, features and local use - submitted contents in an attractive, easy to navigate setting.

THIRD PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Great sense of a real hometown website. Good use of photos, with an emphasis also on breaking news.

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Manhattan Mercury

Interesting usuals including a video carousel live at the top. Attractive, intuitive design. Popular searches, local guides and other interactive features are easy to find.

SECOND PLACE

Dodge City Daily Globe

Nice open design with strong usuals and good hierarchy of news offerings. Plenty of updates give the site a fresh feel.

THIRD PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Great use of the usuals including the main photo position, combined with videos above the fold.

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Wichita Eagle

Good job layering the Mubarak story on a major news day. Plenty of other updates, photos, video and reader engagement. Intuitive navigation in a very attractive design.

SECOND PLACE

Kansas City Star

Strong visual orientation on this active site. Great job handling city breaking Mubarak story. Sense of personality with presentation of columnists and blogs. Deep site with plenty to explore.

THIRD PLACE

Hutchinson News

Lovely, attractive site with plenty of breaking news and video above the fold.

ONLINE VIDEO (NEWS)

Nondaily Division

FIRST PLACE

Atchison Globe

Good video of an important community event.

ONLINE VIDEO (NEWS)

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Courtney Servaes and David A. Flores

Wonderful and heart wrenching video.

SECOND PLACE

Winfield Daily Courier

Vincent Putera

Good breaking news video.

ONLINE VIDEO (NEWS)

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Hays Daily News

Gayle Weber and Raymond Hillegas



Good news video!

SECOND PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Rachael Gray



Good news video! Wonderful video quality and editing!

THIRD PLACE

Dodge City Daily Globe

Ryan Buchan



Would be a great commemorative video!

ONLINE VIDEO (NEWS)

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Wichita Eagle

Travis Heying

Wonderful video with a timely topic.

SECOND PLACE

Hutchinson News

Kristen Roderick

Wow! What a great video about an interesting topic.

THIRD PLACE

Lawrence Journal-World

Mike Yoder

Good video.

ONLINE VIDEO (FEATURE)

Nondaily Division

FIRST PLACE

High Plains Journal

Ambitious narrative piece on a community’s celebration of antique farm equipment. Excellent video quality, steady shooting and story telling highlight this effort.

SECOND PLACE

Atchison Globe

Well shot slice of life on shucking corn. Crop video with good natural sound.

THIRD PLACE

The Mirror

Elvyn Jones

Nice job catching the spirit of a story teller recalling the past.

ONLINE VIDEO (FEATURE)

Daily Division 1

FIRST PLACE

Ottawa Herald

Elliott J. Sutherland and Meagan Patton-Paulson

Wonderful job catching this musician in stills and audios.
Good content, nice techniques make this an enjoyable watch
and listen.

SECOND PLACE

Winfield Daily Courier

Vincent Putera

Perfect use of video to catch the coaches submitting to
blindfolded beauty treatments. Sound - lipstick - spackled
guy at the end was great.

ONLINE VIDEO (FEATURE)

Daily Division 2

FIRST PLACE

Garden City Telegram

Rachael Gray

Good job capturing this event in stills, stop-motion and great audio. Very good piece.

SECOND PLACE

Hays Daily News

Staff

Nice job. She’s a good host with an engaging, easy style. The two camera shot is handled very well.

THIRD PLACE

Emporia Gazette

Matthew Fowler

Good work finding the right person to explain this and then layering with good B-roll.

ONLINE VIDEO (FEATURE)

Daily Division 3

FIRST PLACE

Kansas City Star

Chris Oberholtz

Excellent, unusual coverage of a powerful story, including behind the scenes moments that puts us right in the action on this incredible day. Great story telling.

SECOND PLACE

Lawrence Journal-World

Kevin Anderson

Exhausting just to watch this workout and its effect on a previously in-shape person. Real good videography, sound and time-lapse.

THIRD PLACE

Wichita Eagle

Travis Heying

A noisy battle over peace and quiet. Beautifully shot and edited. This is excellent story telling. Good job getting these two men to cooperate and share this story. By the end the music’s maddening effect is all too obvious.