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MacArthur uses every scrap of space

Students at award-winning school meet in hallways, on stage

By MICHEL COLPHAM
Leader & Times

Space is tight at MacArthur Elementary. Liberal's award-winning school has moved its music set up in the hallway outside the administrative offices. Backing curtains cover each of hallways lockers. Students sit on the floor in the center with clipboards in hand. Maybe that dark spot on the ceiling cluster aside from the computer lab is the cracking, sun, and a proportionately malleable silver cancer is anything but pure.

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Traffic moves slowly on Pine Street earlier today due to the snow that accumulated overnight. School drop-off zones were also heavy with traffic and moving slowly as cars inserted along its streets. The storm is expected to drop 6 inches of snow today and as of 9:30 a.m., accumulation had reached 2 inches. JT Jones/Staff Photo

County chooses to support school bond issue as individuals

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Snow expected all day

• Posted by the Leader & Times

The National Weather Service has announced snow will become widespread in southwest Kansas at times during the last half of the day.

Widespread 3 to 6 inches of snow is likely with accuracy in excess of 6 inches possible across far west-central Kansas near the Colorado line. Blowing and periods of reduced visibility could occur.

Bitterly cold weather is forecast and to late week with periods of light snow. The cold weather continues through the end of the night into Saturday when additional moderate snow accumulations are possible.

From Seward County Emergency Management, the following information is provided: Seward County is under a cold weather/snow warning this week rather today an excellent time to make sure all residents are prepared for the effects of this

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Kansas man loses thousands in work-at-home scam

• AP

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Nebraska, South Dakota, the Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa has received reports of a work-at-home scam in Iowa, Kansas, in the sense of offers that sound too good to be true.

The Kansas pizza contacted the BBB after accepting an online job offer that ended up costing him thousands of dollars.

He had submitted his resume through various online job search websites and received an email response for a position as Purchasing Manager/Agent from Mel Schwartz of Pizza Hut. The email said the position in Switzerland. The man told that he would receive a salary of $1,200 every two weeks, plus additional commissions and bonuses.

After extensive emails and phone calls with representatives from the company's "office" in New York, the Kansas man received a check for $2,000 and instructions on how to open bank accounts in Switzerland and how to deposit proceed in his new position. Once such deposit was made, the man would receive instructions for his next instructions.

First, the business asked the man what the balance was on his credit card. He was instructed to open a bank account in Switzerland, and then wire the funds from his account to cover the purchase of a bank account. Next, he was to purchase goods and forward to another destination. He'd be obliged to would be instructed to pay.

Many his credit card was at a zero balance, the consumer was told to purchase high-end electronics from a list of Digital SLR cameras, and Mac laptops. The consumer was told to pay the vendor in full and not to spend any more than the amount that had been paid off by the company.

After the goods were purchased, the consumer emailed the supposed for shipping instructions. He then received shipping labels for every item purchased. The man was told to pay the shipping company for the instructions, either cash for U.S. Mail, FedEx or UPS. All merchandise was shipped to Russia. Nothing

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Mike Beck carries his daughter Jacqueline on his back through the snow and cold to his daughter, Ellie, who plays a video while trying to stay warm in cabin fever Monday in Liberal. JT Jones/Staff Photo

Cabin fever sets in amid relentless cold, snow

By JIM LEWIS
• Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — J.T. Rothschild's children haven't been out in the winter long enough to be sick.

With single-digit temperatures and snow piling up, the Missouri dad and his mom from the Midwest to the East Coast, often conducted with snow or ice on the ground, have had to deal with getting toddlers out on longer and longer bundling up. They're staying inside.

Jim Lewis of Lincoln, Neb., is a meteorologist, and Rothschild, who lives in Centerville, about 100 miles southeast of St. Louis, "I haven't done that in a long time."

Jim Lewis is waiting to be crowded American or bitter cold, heavy snowfall and punishing ice storms keep coming. Nearly 40 million people in the Midwest Northeast, across two-thirds of the U.S. are reporting higher than normal snowfall totals, and the Weather Channel statistics agencies are trying to wait around the forecasts to get to people in time.

"I have never was falling — again — in New York on Monday and up to 6 inches of snow in Washington, D.C., and in Kansas City, Mo. Later this week more was forecast from the Plains to the East Coast, with no break in the cold.

Some records have been broken — Chicago, for example, saw 21 days in a row below zero in January, a record for the month — but the weather isn't breaking any records, says Jim Lewis, senior meteorologist for AccuWeather. He said this winter and the cold and snow of many recent winters have been tough.

"A lot of people probably are going to look at the broad picture, that is, look at the broad picture, that is probably a once in 20- to 25-year event. We were probably due for it in some sense."

That isn't welcome news for those kicked up at home, especially parents whose children keep tracking up snow boots.

In Indiana, where some schools were closed for a full week in January because of the weather, Rothschild's son, Joshua Julius, has to entertain his four children, ages 2 through 8, in the house. He's a stay-at-home Indianapolis "dad" and it can be especially trying because his oldest is autistic and has difficulty sitting still for a lot of the routine, so that little when the family stays in.

"It's hard," he said, "and my wife, Jill, is a teacher and sometimes she takes her out of work.

"We usually divide and conquer," he said. Jill Rothschild, who is a doctoral student while bringing in a books prescribed her's child's quiet time, has been taking her daughter with her four children — ages 8, 10, 12 and 15 — to the Indianapolis suburb of Carmel, where the school system has been modest for a region well-accustomed to tough winters. But she has been stuck at home.

"Every really busy and my mind most of the time running around to my grants and projects and lessons," she said. "I have to be with them all day and I have to be with them all day and nothing to do. We don't get that very often."

In Springfield, St. Louis, students in the Kickerson School District have already missed more than a week of school, and the district has had to make sure the week lost because of bone-low cold for the bonus to start.

Superintendent Jeff Jones, who has kids were like, "We're happy to be in school." district superintendent Cathy Jones said. "Our safety is our first priority."

The weather also has brief continuing effects on the economy.

St. Louis has already spend the city's main emergency functions shelter more than budgeted. In Kansas, county officials keep lists of people who need to be checked on during inclement winter storms, and can call the National Guard to help if needed.

Snow and ice also have been serious for the state national general.

Programs that provide in-home services, such as Meals on Wheels, have had to plan around the forecasts. Jim Lewis, who was in Atlanta in progress to Atlanta, Ga., said last weekend storms kind of the programs shut down for two days. Valentines, owner of the forecast, provided board and lodging — or the winter bed chosen to sit.

The bigger concern, McKinney said, is that the elderly weren't able to check on their clients.

"We check on these people five to seven days a week and we're seeing them four-to-five," McKinney said. "We're going to be two full business days behind."

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