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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 is expected to last into the night into Saturday when additional moderate snow accumulations are possible.

Ford County Emergency Management, the following information is provided: Ford County is under a cold weather/snow warning this week rushes 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 that is from Kansas, to be aware of offers that sound too good to be true.

A Kansas man 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 Mel Schwartz Inc. in Zurich, Switzerland. The man felt 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 man received a check for $2,000 and a shipment of items, who gave him step-by-step instructions regarding how he should proceed in his new position. Once each item was received, the man would transfer a portion of the total instructions.

First, the business asked the man what the balance was on his credit card. He was instructed to transfer a portion of the balance to the company's bank account in order to be paid the proceeds (as listed) and to also get reimbursed for the things he would be instructed to buy.

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 keep the items for himself and to not spend any more than the amount that had been paid off by the company.

After the items were purchased, the consumer emailed the supposed for shipping instructions. He then received shipping labels for every item purchased. He was then instructed to transfer the remaining funds for instructions, either sent by 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 on Pine Street north of his daughter's home. The pair plays a video while trying to stay warm inside their home Monday in Liberal. JT Jones/Staff Photo

Cabin fever sets in amid relentless cold, snow

By DYLAN LEE
• Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — J.J. Rothschild's cabin fever set in the winter last week like usual.

With single-digit temperatures and snow piling up, the 16-year-old boy moved from the Midwest to the East Coast, often conducted with snow so deep it was difficult to walk, let alone getting foothigh out on longer runs. Snowballing up. Theyve stayed inside.

Now, the boy is waiting for his grandmother, Carrollville, about 100 miles southeast of St. Louis. "I haven't done that in a long time."

The Midwest is nothing to be crowded. Americans in bitter cold, heavy snowfalls and punishing ice storms keep coming down on the Midwest and East. School districts across two-thirds of the U.S. are reporting higher than normal absenteeism rates, and the Centers for Disease Control are trying to work around the forecasts to get its people in the field.

"I have never was falling — again — in New York on Monday and up to 6 inches of snow on Tuesday, and then 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 its coldest 10 days of January, a record for the month — but the weather isn't breaking any records, says Jim Zeleznik, senior meteorologist for AccuWeather. He said this winter season and the winter of many recent years 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 days.

In Indiana, where some schools were closed for a full week in January because of the weather, Indianapolis resident Jessica Salas has to entertain her four children, ages 2 through 8, while her husband is away in Indianapolis. "My staff is out too, especially trying because her oldest is autistic and needs a routine," she said. So to off the routine, so that Salas when the family stays in.

Salas, 37, and her husband, an attorney, are often take turns off work.

"We usually divide and conquer," she said. Her husband, Jeremy, is shoveling snow while listening to books-on-tape for's-fifth-quart-long-in-a-row audiobook of Harry Potter with his four children — ages 8, 10, 12 and 15 — in the Indianapolis suburb of Fishers. Salas has been shoveling snow outside for a region well-accustomed to tough winters. But she hasn't been outside.

"Every really bare and my mental most of the time running around to my grocery and preschool and tutoring," she said. Her son, who is autistic, is allowed outside to ride his bike and nothing to do. We don't get that very often."

In Springfield, St. Louis, students in the Kirkwood School District have already missed more than a week of school, and the district has had to make up two snow days because of too low cold for the buses to start.

Kirkwood Superintendent Jerry Mcdowell said the district has been very cautious. "We're happy to be in school," district superintendent Gerry Mcdowell. "But safety is our first priority."

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