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Youth Academy loses critical funding source

The Rosedale Youth Academy, formerly known as the Saturday Academy, has lost its primary funding source for next year due to state budget cuts in allocations to Wyandotte County. Without other funding sources, these budget cuts threaten the continued existence of the program.

The Youth Academy, which is now held on Wednesday afternoons and is staffed by KU social work students from the Rosedale Community Project (RCP), is a juvenile delinquency prevention program for 5th and 6th graders in Rosedale. The students participate in educational and community service activities in a fun and safe environment. The program has been in existence since 1999 and has served over 250 students from the community. By most accounts, it has been very successful (see pg. 2).

Donna Devine, RCP Project Manager, is very concerned about the situation. “The Academy provides so many positive experiences for the youth who participate, that it would be a great loss to the community if it can no longer be provided.”

The Academy’s primary funding source—a juvenile delinquency prevention grant from the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (JJJA)—has been eliminated for fiscal year 2006, which begins July 1, 2005. JJJA distributes money to 29 judicial districts in the state of Kansas. For a number of reasons, JJJA cut the funds available for the prevention grants for Wyandotte County.

For the Youth Academy, this source provides the funding for program activities, field trips, food, utilities and other in-house costs, and part of the program manager’s salary. Without this funding, RDA and the Rosedale Community Project must search for alternative funding sources or face the prospect of closing the Academy.

Please call Donna Devine, (913) 677-2561, if you have any ideas regarding potential funding sources.

Business Feature

Ever seen the popular MTV show, “Pimp My Ride”? and wanted to give your vehicle an overhaul? Well, now’s your chance. Mojo’s Customs, an auto detailing shop in Rosedale, can give your car, truck, or motorcycle a sleek new look at a reasonable price.

“I’m proud of what I do,” says Jerry Hope-Florez, Mojo’s owner. “I want my work to be structurally sound and to look awesome.” The shop provides custom fiberglass and metal finishing, paint and graphics, and body restorations.

If you need someone to “pimp your ride,” go to Mojo’s for experienced, quality service.

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Rosedale Notes

RDA's annual Feed-a-Family program has been a resounding success. Many people and organizations from the Rosedale community donated items and/or money to support families in need during the holiday season. There are more than 20 families and 80 total people being served by the program. RDA would like to publicly thank those who contributed to the effort. These include:

Helen Edwards
Bob O'Neal
Vickie Phillips
Janette Strong
Steve Howard, Fire Station No. 10
Dr. Gerard Lozada, Rosedale Vision Center
Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 4

The KC CASH (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) Coalition, which provides free tax assistance and preparation to households with income below $36,000, is sponsoring ten Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout the metro area starting January 22. Volunteers are needed to greet and screen clients, prepare tax returns, and interpret Spanish/English.

If interested in volunteering, please contact Janice Willard at (816) 966-2307 or janice.m.willard@irs.gov. The KC CASH website, www.kccash.org, includes volunteer position descriptions and the tax preparer training schedule.

Crime has decreased 10% in the KCPD's South Patrol area over the last year, according to the South Patrol captain. Rosedale is part of the South Patrol area. This is good news for our community!

Youth Academy students assist senior citizens at Landon Center on Aging

The current session of the Rosedale Youth Academy, the second one of the year, is going well. On Wed., Dec. 1, the students made holiday gift baskets for senior citizens at the Landon Center. The gift baskets consisted of Wal-Mart gift certificates and an assortment of household items. Several of the students expressed satisfaction with being able to help the seniors. "I liked it when we made cards because they were for seniors," said Sarah Walker, one of the students. Andrew Green agreed, "I liked wrapping presents at the Landon Center and I had lots of fun."

Dagwoods hosts annual holiday dinner

On Monday, Dec. 6, Dagwood's restaurant, 1117 Southwest Blvd., held its annual holiday dinner for families in need from the local community. In addition to the meal, Santa was present to pass out toys to children, and to distribute clothes, blankets, and coats.

Over 400 people attended the event, making it the largest turnout since Dagwood's first had the dinner in 1998.

Dagwood's owner Ruby Moran hosts the event as a way to give back to the community. She expressed gratitude to the many business owners and community members who helped keep Dagwood's open after the 1993 and 1998 floods. Many of those same businesses and residents also contributed to the holiday dinner, by donating supplies and money, and by helping to serve the meal.

Robbery Prevention Tips

There are many things you can do to protect yourself, your home, and/or your business from robbery. These include:
- Calling police if you notice suspicious activity, keeping a clear, unobstructed line-of-sight from the outside to the inside, and keeping cash on premises to a minimum.
- Contact Officer J.J. Wilt (KCK Community Police) for more information.

Construction update on Shawnee Road bridge over 7th St.

John Mendez, 3rd district U.G. Commissioner, recently informed RDA that the inactivity in construction for the Shawnee Road bridge over 7th St. is due to manufacturing delays on the part of a Russell, Kansas-based subcontractor who is supposed to produce specialized deck materials for the bridge.

The Public Works Department, the project's consulting engineer, and the project's main contractor are frustrated with the lack of progress. They are pushing the subcontractor to speed up production of the deck materials so that construction on the bridge can resume.

A specific timetable was not available, but the invested parties are confident that the project will move ahead as soon as the deck materials arrive. Much of the deck placement is not weather-dependent, so even with the onset of winter, the project should proceed (except in extreme conditions). RDA will attempt to periodically update residents and businesses on the progress of this project.

Seasons Greetings

The staff and Board of Directors of RDA would like to wish everyone a fulfilling holiday season and a happy new year.

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January 2005

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Check out K.C. area celebrations (www.sclckc.org)

Jan. 18 — RDA Board meeting, Taqueria Mexico, 3300 Rainbow, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 — Rosedale Leadership Council meeting, 1403 Southwest Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 22 — “Rosedale Responds,” pancake breakfast to assist tsunami victims. Held at Rosedale Congregational Church, 4326 Lloyd, 8 a.m.-noon.

Jan. 25 — First new session of “Building 21st Century Leaders,” a KCNA leadership development program. Held at 1403 Southwest Blvd., 6-8 p.m.

“Rosedale Responds” pancake breakfast to raise funds for tsunami victims

Mark your calendars for an important upcoming event. On Saturday, January 22, from 8 a.m.-noon, a pancake breakfast and community gathering—called “Rosedale Responds”—will be held at the Rosedale Congregational Church (4326 Lloyd, KCK 66103) to benefit victims of the recent tsunami disaster. The public is invited.

Donations are encouraged, but there is no required amount to attend the event. People should feel free to give whatever they can. All proceeds will go to Heart to Heart International, an Olathe-based global relief agency.

In addition to the pancake breakfast, there will also be door prizes and a silent auction and raffle. Area businesses will contribute to the event and several community groups will have informational booths, as well.

Organizers of the event envision it as a way for the Rosedale community to collectively reach out to the victims of the deadly tsunami waves and their aftermath. During the week after Christmas, as scenes of the devastation were relayed around the world via TV and the Internet, many people wanted to do something to help. The international response has been tremendous so far, but aid workers say the rebuilding in affected areas will be a long process.

The pancake breakfast is one way residents of Rosedale and the K.C. metro area can join the international relief effort. Plan to attend on January 22!

Business Feature

“I really believe in this community,” says Joe Van Dolah, president/owner of The Illustrators, Inc., a full-service photography studio specializing in catalogs and brochures. “This is a wonderful area and I’m proud to be here.”

The Illustrators, Inc. has been in business for nearly 30 years. It has been in its current location in Rosedale for six years. The company not only offers professional model/fashion photography services; it also provides complete catalog development, including layout, design, color separations, and printing. The Illustrators, Inc. has produced publications for such national clients as Catalina Bay, US Aprons, and Will Rogers Follies.

Van Dolah has an impressive photography resume. He has a Master of Photography degree, was elected president of the American Society of Photographers, and prior to founding The Illustrators, Inc., became Chief Photographer at Hallmark Cards, Inc.

According to Van Dolah, The Illustrators, Inc. has been successful because of its innovative drive and competitive edge. "We are price-conscious and quality-conscious," he says. "We really try to keep our prices down."

THE ILLUSTRATORS

Name of Business: The Illustrators, Inc.
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Feed-a-Family program assists Rosedale residents

Thanks to all who donated, food, time and money to the 2004 Feed-a-Family Program. Your generosity helped provide holiday meals for 21 families and four senior citizens in Rosedale. A total of 92 people were served.

The program, now in its 22nd year, is a joint effort between RDA and the University of Kansas Fraternal Order of Police-Lodge No. 37. An extra special thanks to the following donors and volunteers:

**Businesses/Organizations**
Westwood Apple Market, Fraternal Order of Police-Lodge No. 4, TranSystems Corp., Mission Hy-Vee, Hairlines Salon, Rosedale Ministerial Alliance, St. Paul AME Zion Church, Wal-Mart, Shawnee Road residents.

**Individuals**

Turner Campbell, grandson of RDA office manager Linda Wright, and Sandy Caligu, KU social work student, help sort toilet paper into baskets for RDA’s Feed-a-Family program.

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Rosedale youth brighten holidays for three local seniors

Jennifer Ryan and Faith Waters love spending time with senior citizens. So this Christmas, the two Rosedale Middle School students decided to do something extra special for a few Rosedale seniors—they “adopted” them.

“We wanted them to know that they’re appreciated,” said Jennifer, who lost her grandmother in December 2003. “The women we adopted reminded me a lot of my own grandmother, so spending time with them was really fun for me.”

The Adopt-a-Grandparent Project was made possible through RDA’s Community TREE program, which allows Rosedale youth to apply for a mini-grant and work with an adult sponsor to carry out a service project in their community.

Jennifer and Faith used their grant to purchase “comfort baskets”—filled with items ranging from Kleenex and air fresheners to large-print crossword puzzle books—for three seniors they’d never met before.

From the Chair of the Board

January is a clean slate. Just the right time to set about making improvement plans. Let’s see—clean the house from top to bottom, exercise daily, eat less and become a better person. If your list looks like mind, it’s time for a makeover.

Many experts tell us that change in ourselves is likely to happen when action plans are clear, realistic and doable. One of the reasons improvement plans fail is when goals are too fuzzy. Though the desire to become a better person is a great goal, unless I describe what a better person is, it’s unlikely that I’ll become one.

How about if I decide that the way I will become a better person is to become a better neighbor? By making my goals more specific, I have a road map to accomplish it. Here’s how I think I can become a better neighbor:

1. Get to know people. (Smile and say hello. Introduce myself if they are receptive. Offer to collect mail, take care of plants or pets, invite for coffee.)
2. Understand and follow the community rules. (Pay attention to parking restrictions, control pets and get trash ready for pick-up.)
3. Keep my home neat and attractive. (Pick up litter and regularly do yard work.)
4. Control noisy activities. (Lawn work, music, loud talk, parties and barking dogs are the kinds of things to restrict to daytime hours.)

- Stefan Reynolds, Board Chair

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Bring items to Rosedale Middle School or the RDA office
Deadline: Feb. 11, 2005

For more information, call Kelly Jander @ 677-5097

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