



NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS  
*of Kansas*

# ANNUAL MEETING

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# Program

Welcome ..... Henry Schwaller IV and Jennifer Schmidt  
*Co-Presidents Native Sons and Daughters*

National Anthem ..... Paula Landoll-Smith  
Grace Miller (Pianist)

Introductions ..... Henry Schwaller IV and Jennifer Schmidt  
*Co-Presidents Native Sons and Daughters*

Invocation ..... Father Tom Baker

## *Dinner*

Beech and Boyd Essay Awards ..... Kansas Historical Society

Kansans...As Talented as you Think! Art Awards .. Washburn University

**Kansan of the Year** ..... **Governor Bill Graves**  
The Honorable Jack H. Brier *Introduction*

**Entrepreneur of the Year** ..... **Don Landoll**  
Patrick and Peyton Smith *Introduction*

**Entrepreneur of the Year** ..... **Dr. Lisa Stehno-Bittel**  
Henry Schwaller IV, Co-President Native Sons and Daughters *Introduction*

**Humanitarian of the Year** ..... **Lon Frahm**  
Jennifer Schmidt, Co-President Native Sons and Daughters *Introduction*

Home on the Range ..... Paula Landoll-Smith  
Grace Miller (Pianist)

Benediction ..... Father Tom Baker





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2018  
AWARDS

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*Governor  
Bill Graves*

# *Kansan of the Year*

2018

From January 2003 through June 2016, Graves served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the ATA, the national trade and safety organization of the United States trucking industry. Representing an industry that delivers nearly 70 percent of the nation's freight, under Graves leadership, the ATA developed numerous initiatives designed to improve truck safety and the safety of those with whom they share the road. ATA also adopted a number of proposals for improved environmental stewardship and advocated for an increase in the federal fuel tax in order to sustain a strong Federal role in funding maintenance and new construction of the nation's highway infrastructure.

Previously, Graves served as Governor of the State of Kansas from January 1995 to 2003. As governor, he enacted significant business and individual tax cuts, re-structured governance of higher education, privatized many social service programs, and signed into law a historic 10-year, \$13-billion comprehensive transportation program improving highways, railroad infrastructure, airports, and public transit service. In January 2003, Graves completed his second term as governor of Kansas, capping 22 years of service to the state.

Currently, Graves serves on the board of directors for International Speedway Corporation ("ISC"), founded in 1953; is a leading promoter of motorsports themed entertainment activities in the United States. The Company owns and/or operates 13 of the nation's premier motorsports entertainment facilities, which in total have approximately 761,000 grandstand seats and 560 suites, which includes the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas

Additionally, for almost 70 years, members of the Graves family were involved in the trucking industry and operated fleets including Graves Truck Line. Graves earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Kansas Wesleyan University in his hometown of Salina and attended graduate school at the University of Kansas. He lives in Northern Virginia with his wife Linda and daughter Katie.

## *Kansan of the Year*

The Kansan of the Year is a person who:

Exhibits exceptional effort and influence in his or her service to Kansans over many years, who has led a life of service to others, and who has contributed to the overall quality of life of a significant number of Kansans; or

Is an exceptional leader in his or her chosen profession or industry and whose professional accomplishments in the national or international arena have brought acclaim to Kansas by way of his or her roots in this state; or

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, has contributed to or represented our state in such a way and to such an extent as to deserve our highest honor and recognition.



*Don Landoll*

# *Business Leader of the Year* 2018

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Don Landoll was born and raised on a farm near the small town of Hanover, Kansas. He is the eldest son of eight children. From a very early age, his aptitude for building was recognized and encouraged by his parents. By his freshman year in high school, Don's father had helped him purchase his first welder to make repairs at the farm and help their neighbors.

Through his work on the farm and education at St. John's Elementary School and Hanover High School, especially in the Vocational Agriculture class, Don learned many life lessons including the importance of a strong work ethic. Phrases such as, "One man's problem, is another man's opportunity" and "Take what you know to figure out a solution for what you don't know" began to shape young Don's critical thinking and develop his ingenuity.

After graduation in 1961, Don began work at Hanover Implement and Manufacturing. He continued to hone his welding skills and in November of 1963, along with a partner, Jesse Moffit, decided to purchase Quick Service Welding Company in Marysville, Kansas. After three years in business together, Moffit decided to return to work for the railroad and sold Don his half of the business.

From the beginning, Don wanted to design and manufacture branded products of his own. By 1966, he had produced a Landoll Pickup Stock Rack and in 1969 was awarded his first patent for his innovative traveling axle trailer. This product quickly gained popularity around the country, changing the way some agriculture

equipment was hauled and eventually revolutionized the entire hauling industry. In 1997, Don was inducted into the Towing and Recovery Association's Hall of Fame.

Don and the Landoll Corporation went on to develop and patent a multitude of innovative agricultural, transportation and material handling products serving numerous industries, nationally and around the globe. Don's entrepreneurial spirit and introduction of new and improved products led to substantial growth.

The company was also successful in growing by acquisition. In 1993, the Bendi narrow aisle forklift product line was acquired from the UK, bringing manufacturing jobs back to Kansas. Likewise, in 2003, the workforce expanded when Landoll acquired Drexel Industries, a Pennsylvania company, which was Landoll's largest competitor in the Very-Narrow Aisle Forklift Industry. ICON Industries in Beloit, Kansas was purchased in 2007. The business was destined to close but since the acquisition by Landoll it remains a vital manufacturing facility and houses the Landoll agricultural sales and engineering departments. Brillion Farm Equipment of Brillion, Wisconsin was acquired in 2010, bringing 100+ manufacturing jobs back to Marysville and helped solidify Landoll as a leader in the Farm equipment industry.

The once three-man welding repair shop occupying 12,500 square feet has expanded to over 800 employees in multiple facilities totaling over 960,000 square feet.



Don attributes much of his company's success to the adherence to several key business principles implemented from the beginning, including, product and market diversification, vertical integration, and total customer satisfaction. He has always been quick to give credit to anyone he learned from along the way, be it at home, in school, on the job, or from local, state and national industry associations.

Throughout the years, Don has graciously given back of his time and resources. He is a man of vision, not only for his own products but has the ability to share his enthusiasm for the entrepreneurial way of life with others to encourage growth in rural communities and throughout the state of Kansas. He has served on many local, state and national boards and associations focused on economic growth and enhancing the quality of life.



*Don Landoll (center) watching the St. Gregory's Clock Tower (built by Landoll) being placed in position.*



*Landoll Corporation - North Street Facilities - Marysville, KS*

Don also promotes learning and leadership programs within the company, local schools, colleges and trade schools. He generously has given financial support along with hosting tours and programs to develop interest in students of all skill sets. He is currently developing an in-house weld training center offering technical training for those seeking employment in the manufacturing industry. After 55 years in business, he continues to identify areas of need and answers those needs with solutions; still helping his neighbors. Don's educational, economic and philanthropic contributions have been far reaching and are destined to continue for future generations.

## *Business Leader of the Year*

The Business Leader of the Year is a person who has:

Shown exceptional leadership and success in his or her chosen field, including founding, building, expanding, or contributing to a business that provides jobs, resources, and pride to Kansans; or

Established or improved an industry through a discovery or advancement, creating or improving a product, making a scientific discovery or invention, opening a market, or otherwise contributing to the betterment of the lives of Kansans through exceptional ingenuity, vision, intelligence, and perseverance; or

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*Dr. Lisa  
Stehno-Bittel*

## *Business Leader of the Year* 2018

*In 2012, Lisa licensed her laboratory patents from the University of Kansas and co-founded the company Likarda, LLC, a world-class, cutting-edge biotech research laboratory. Likarda provides services to science entrepreneurs, bio consortiums, and contract research organizations, and holds patents on regenerative medicines that manage diabetes in dogs and cats. Lisa has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Faculty Research Award from the University of Kansas Medical Center and the Jim Baxendale Commercialization Award. Ingram's Magazine named her one of "50 Kansans You Should Know" and Lisa was awarded the Women in Medicine and Science Sirridge award for female role models.*

Stehno-Bittel began her academic career at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., where she earned her bachelor's degree in physical therapy. She then advanced her education at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., where she obtained a doctorate in physiology. After her post-doctoral work in pharmacology at the Mayo School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn., Stehno-Bittel returned to the KU Medical Center to join the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science as a faculty member. She served as department chair from 2004

to 2015. Stehno-Bittel reduced her time at KU so she could devote more time to her company.



Stehno-Bittel has dedicated her research to curing diabetes through islet transplants. During that process, her team discovered that smaller islets survived the transplant procedure better, and their research helped to improve transplant outcomes. That finding led to new innovative ways to make large islets smaller so that they could function better after transplant, resulting in the Micromold, a patented



mold that forms hundreds of thousands of cellular clusters in a small area. The process to create the improved islets, and to protect them from the recipient's immune system, are at the basis of her company's unique position in the marketplace.

In 2012 Stehno-Bittel licensed her patents from KU and formed a biotech company, Likarda, which was named one of the 50 most promising start-ups in the world during Global Entrepreneur week. Since then Likarda has grown to provide drug discovery and product testing services – as well as produce cell-based therapies – for companion animals. These advances have allowed the company to reach profitability just 18 months after launching.

In 2015 she was named by *Ingram's Magazine* as one of the top “50 Kansans You Should Know.”



Lisa Stehno-Bittel, PT, Ph.D., serves as director of a medical imaging course for physical therapy and audiology students as well as for an administration course for physical therapists. Additionally, she teaches a grant-writing course for doctoral and post-doctoral students from across the KU Medical Center campus. To add to her credentials, Lisa is internationally published in over 60 major magazine, scientific journals, books, etc.

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*Lon Frahm*

# *Humanitarian of the Year* 2018

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*As the 6th generation Kansan and leader of Frahm Farmland, Lon Frahm has redefined what it means to be a farmer. Lon and his team share a deep commitment to making a positive impact on their community, one which they define as worldwide. From his education -- which includes degrees in business administration and agribusiness -- to his widespread interest in fine arts, international travel, and aviation, Lon has shared both his expertise and philanthropic resources with national, international, statewide and local boards and programs. He was named Farm Journal's Top Producer of the Year in 2009. One might say that Lon Frahm has managed to create a life in agriculture that, while centered in a rural, western Kansas town, knows no boundaries. He farms more than 34,000 acres with a vibrant team empowered to make Frahm Farmland one of the most successful farming operations in the Midwest.*

Lon was just 28 years old when he took over his family's 30,000 acre farm upon his father's death. It was his grandmothers' belief that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on earth." This belief has become an integrated part of Lon's personal, professional and community life and continues to influence his decisions for the future.

This view also translates into the awareness and importance of sustaining our environment. Without a healthy Mother Nature, our ability to do the one

thing we love most — farm — would be compromised. Because of that Frahm Farmland makes a constant, concerted effort to utilize responsible techniques and make farming choices that will help conserve our resources and keep our environment healthy for generations to come.

Lon Frahm and Frahm Farmland are national leaders in No-till farming, keeping plowing, discing or other tillage to a minimum, thus increasing the quantity of residue present in the field (such as wheat straw or corn stalks). This residue is key to protecting the soil from wind and rain erosion, as well as increasing moisture retention and reducing our need for irrigation.

His vital contributions in the ag community can be seen with his work with various water conservation projects with the Kansas Water Office and as a volunteer in the USDA The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). The CSP encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities. As a part of the CSP, Frahm Farmland has made a concerted effort to carefully preserve our precious natural resources.

As evidence of his commitment to improving his community, Lon established a Frahm Farms Advised Fund at his local community foundation. Through

the fund, employees make annual gifts of volunteer time and service to the deserving organization of their choice. Frahm employees are encouraged to be involved in the community by participating in leadership programs, serving on school boards and booster clubs, and working as a team for community clean-up days or blood drives.

Lon takes his commitment to community seriously on a personal level. He volunteers for a wide variety of local organizations, including Leadership Kansas, Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL), and Leadership Thomas County. Locally, he also serves on the local boards for the medical and senior centers, historical society and Groundwater Management. He is also on the board of regional organizations including Midwest Energy and High Plains Public Radio, and has served on statewide organizations including the Kansas Geological Survey, Hall Center and Kansas Humanities Council, Arts Commission and Water Board. While this is a long list, Lon's service on each is valuable, sincere and in-depth.

*To be the premier agricultural operation in the region, improving lives of owners and employees, improving the environment and improving communities.*

**FRAHM FARMLAND - MISSION STATEMENT**



## Humanitarian of the Year

The Humanitarian of the Year is a person who has selflessly, generously, and steadily:

Shown regard for the plight of fellow Kansans, who, through the gift of time and/or financial resources, has significantly contributed to the alleviation of suffering, poverty, illness, pain, or need; or

Contributed to the betterment of Kansans, who, through the gift of time and/or financial resources has promoted the arts, music, education, or civic causes thereby greatly improving the quality of life in our state and for our residents; or

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, has shown sympathy or care for fellow Kansans in such a way and to such an extent as to deserve this high honor and recognition.





# Essay Winners

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The Kansas Factual Story Contest encourages the preservation in writing of factual, unpublished anecdotes and happenings in the lives of Kansans. The winners receive a \$500 cash award provided by Mary Lynn Oliver of Wichita.

## *Olive Ann Beech “Kansas Factual Story” Essay Contest 2018 Winners*

### **FIRST PLACE**

“NIGHT SLEDDING”

by Adrian Zink, Overland Park, Kansas

### **SECOND PLACE**

“ALONG INDIAN BLUFF -  
DECEMBER 23, 1985” -

by O.D. Sperry, Carl Junction, Missouri  
(lived in Kansas until 2006)

### **THIRD PLACE**

“MY LETTER FROM HOME”

by Carol & Delores Schmitz, Caldwell, Kansas

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

“CHRISTMAS CAME IN JULY”

by Sheryl Brenn, Levant, Kansas

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

“KANSAS FACTUAL STORY”

by Michelle Koch, Baileyville, Kansas

The late Mamie Boyd of Mankato and Phillipsburg was an early day newspaperwoman who coined the phrase, “Kansas! Say it Above a Whisper”. In 1976, Mrs. Boyd’s family chose to honor her by initiating an annual essay contest for Kansas students, grade 8 through 12.

## *Mamie Boyd “Kansas! Say it Above a Whisper” Essay Contest 2018 Winners*

### **FIRST PLACE**

by Ellie Marie Seeler, Easton, Kansas

### **SECOND PLACE**

by Noe Gauna, Goff, Kansas

### **THIRD PLACE**

by Michelle Koch, Baileyville, Kansas

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

by Dulce De Los Rios, Kelly, Kansas

*Essay Judges:  
Kansas Historical Society*

# Beech “Kansas Factual Story”

## FIRST PLACE

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### NIGHT SLEDDING

*by Adrian Zink, Overland Park, Kansas*

Larned, Kansas is different than a lot of towns out in the western part of the state, and one feature in particular made it a great place to be a kid in the wintertime. Unlike many of its flatter neighbors, Larned is built on a great, big hill. The town also has many surviving brick streets from the early 20th Century. My great-grandfather was on the crew that put many of them down when he moved from Indiana during the 1910s.

When you combine these brick streets and the hill, you have an ideal site for a great sledding hill. To someone's credit, the town blocks off two whole blocks of 5th street whenever there is a big enough snow to warrant sledding. Growing up right there on the sledding hill, it was great to pull our sleds out of the garage and head up the hill whenever we wanted. Being that it was a street, it had a nice, wide sledding lane and was ideal for racing. It also ended nice and flatly near the Dillon's grocery store at the bottom of the hill. Kids from all over town would congregate at our house for sledding races and hot chocolate all winter long.

During the winter of 1992, when I was ten years old, we had a particularly glorious snowfall, followed by a slight ice storm. It gave the snow on the hill the perfect conditions for speed. Having invited five of my friends over to spend the night, we thought it would be a great idea to have ourselves a night race. The hill would be free with all of the other kids heading home for the evening, and we had the street lights to illuminate the hill for us.

Nearly every race we had endless arguments about who had actually won. We tried spray-painting a line on the snow, using a string for a finish line and even taking turns as judges. None of those solutions seemed satisfactory to our minds so we hatched a brilliant plan...let's get as many empty aluminum cans as we can and line them across the road. The sled to hit the cans first would make such a noise as to legitimately declare victory.

We raided all of our houses for the requisite Coke, beer and other cans that we could, and started taking them out to my yard. Once we had a pile of a couple hundred cans, we set to our task of lining them up across the road. We managed to stack the cans at least 4 rows deep across both lanes, which was quite a feat in our eyes. Our wall was magnificent and we dragged our sleds up the 2 blocks of the hill to our starting point.

This race involved two boys per sled, with one steering in the front, and another on the back to provide weight for the rear. I was on the sled with my friend Chris, with our other friends John and Sam on the other. I remember excitedly seeing the wall glinting in the streetlight from the top of the hill. There was not a soul in sight to interrupt us because it was probably 11 p.m. Our referee for this race was a boy named Heath, and we were off when he gave the shout to go.

Being that we had liberally applied Dove soap to the bottom of our metal rudders on our sled, Chris and I quickly gained an advantage on John and Sam. They failed to use the right soap and were lagging behind. John grabbed at our rudder at one point to try to crash us, but lost his grip. The race was thrilling, and when we collided with the cans, they made a ridiculously loud clatter in the still of that empty street. Cans flew and rattled in all directions, and then again as the next sled collided with another section of the wall.

We all hooped and hollered and the chaos we caused... until lights started coming on in the houses on either side of the street. A few neighbors and a couple of our mothers came out and gave us a chewing-out that I will remember forever. We were then forced to pick up the cans pronto and marched off to bed. I still think about that night sometimes when I'm home and I see kids sledding there. I often wonder if they are as dumb as we were.



# Beech “Kansas Factual Story”

## SECOND PLACE

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### ALONG INDIAN BLUFF - DECEMBER 23, 1985

by O.D. Sperry, Carl Junction, MO  
(lived in Kansas until 2006)

Just south and west of Erie, extending along and above the Neosho river, is a rocky escarpment and associated prominence, known locally as “Indian Bluff”. At least, that was the name of this geological feature given to me by a local historian, by the name of Wendell Shaw. Having been confined by an early winter snowstorm, bringing on a desire for escape, I ventured to Indian Bluff just prior to Christmas in 1985. The following passages describe my impressions of that trek:

Entering the wood along the towering bluff I can see far below. There runs the Neosho, running high for December, swift and cold. Ice flows breaking loose in the deep shadows on this day of thaw, breaking winter’s grip but momentarily. Laid out like a monumental serpent, the Neosho runs slate gray, sinuously, its course across rich bottom earth. Some fields are still filled with an abundant harvest, yet to be retrieved, fields waiting to be relieved of their offering. Just across from my position on this prominence I see the mouth of Canville creek, surprisingly narrow in its insignificance as it spills into the Neosho. The Osages, and their predecessors, knew of the wealth of this land, these waters, for millennia. Trudging onward, I scale the bluff, even higher, moving cautiously using a walking stick. My boots slip a bit on the snow, the frozen clay beneath where the ground is untouched by the faint sunlight in the dense forest. Here and there, where the light has penetrated, there are circular patches of melting snow, appearing like sugary frosting on ginger cookies. This thought stimulates an image of a warm oven’s offerings. I ponder if the Osages would have celebrated at day like this, almost spring-like, a time to move about, to take stock of their provisions, in a winter’s pause. Perhaps they would hunt or repair a lodge, maybe secure firewood before the next winter’s blast.

Descending now from the rock escarpment that defines the bluff top, I hear water falling somewhere. A ways ahead, lower now, I look up to see tremendous icicles, hanging like daggers from a rocky protuberance, slowly melting. The drops falling from the icy points perhaps ten feet, or more, then splashing onto heavy beds of leaves. A seasonal source of

drinking water, naturally filtered through sandstone. A cycle of liquid having been turned into ice, now returning to liquid to soon repeat the cycle. Further on down the steep slope I grab scrub oaks to slow my descent, while still jabbing with my walking stick. Falling deeper into the shadow of the bluff, twilight seems to be enveloping the valley. Once I am at last at the bottom of the slope my noisy arrival sends squirrels scurrying. All around me stand great walnut trees, some greater in height than the bluff I have just descended. Bending and twisting, I make my way through a maze of vines and undergrowth. Stepping down I am startled by a sudden “crack”. Instantly, I realize that I am on ice, concealed by a coverage of snow. Leaping away quickly, I avoid wet boots. All around me at this low elevation is the debris from a recent flash flood. Soon, I complete my journey through the valley and it is time to ascend the bluff, once more.

As I complete that ascension, oak leaves begin to rustle, picking up the slightest breeze, magnifying the sound into a rattle. The rattle becomes a chorus as more leaves blow, building to a crescendo, in the moan of the north wind. Winter whispers in the media of the wind, warning of a change in the weather reminding that this day is merely an interlude in nature’s presentation of the season. Onward I tread, down through more gullies, up more hills, past a fishing cabin. I am above a fiord where the Osage likely crossed the river. As I look northward I imagine the old ‘Indian trail’, threading across an ancient prairie toward Ft. Scott, many miles distant. Nowadays, there is no trace and instead, merely a flood plain denuded of timber. There is no timber left now to obscure the view of a farm perhaps three miles away, on the Shaw road. Upon this spot the Osage had a vantage point from which to watch for enemies, or more likely, the approach of game. Then again, to merely enjoy a magnificent view.

Then it is time to make my departure, so I turn toward the place I parked my car. Along my retreat I disturb two deer--small White Tails--who bound gracefully away. The only sign I find from whence they came are a few cloven footprints pressed into the thawing soil. As I leave this historical sanctuary I am reminded that the old Indian days are now merely a remnant in my imagination. Yet, my experience here has helped me to connect with those imagined days of yore when human survival in this place was much more austere.

# Beech “Kansas Factual Story”

## THIRD PLACE

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### MY LETTER FROM HOME

*Carol and Delores Schmitz, Caldwell, Kansas*

“Look what I learned from reading my letter from home about one of my first graders. He was in the service for 37 years, had a Masters’ degree, owned his own business, and he also played for the Denver Broncos. I bet he raised a nice family, too. He had a very successful life, and I got him started on all that, when I taught him how to read.”

My mother, Delores Bramlage Schmitz, shared this obituary with me one day in 2015. I’ve never forgotten her pride in this student, a little boy she knew for only one year. It was for her evidence that she was a successful teacher. And why not? My friends who are teachers have that justification from former students they tracked for years, or if not during their career certainly that vindication occurred at their retirement. But Delores never had a retirement party and moved out-of-state only a couple of weeks after finishing the job with that first grader. So, I am happy that she received this proof of her success finally in an obituary about Harry Wullschleger, a man who died at age 75.

Delores is a proud native of Marshall County, Kansas. She was born near Herkimer in 1926 and attended the Allison rural school west of Frankfort. In 1944, Delores graduated as salutatorian of Frankfort High School and was recruited to be a teacher for a rural school. She earned her emergency war-time elementary teaching credential at the close of summer school at Kansas State. Delores began teaching at Crane rural school south of Home City. She had 8 students the first year and 6 the second year, and she remembers all their names. She taught reading, arithmetic, penmanship, spelling, English, American history, and geography, along with being janitor, school nurse, etc. She loved being a teacher and had the satisfaction of preparing students for the compulsory county exams at the eighth grade. For her two years as a teacher, Delores earned an *annual* salary of \$840 and \$1,000.

I asked Delores about her favorite part of teaching, and she said the money. Trying to interpret the smile on her face and the twinkle in her eye, I immediately thought this was a joke. But she meant it, after all there was the excitement of earning her first ever pay check and to an 18-year-old in

1944 that was good money. Although, almost immediately she added that it was enjoyable to watch the students learn. My siblings and I had grown up hearing her lament the loss of the rural school. She often quoted a University of Nebraska professor whose work she had studied while earning her credential. He had praised rural schools as ideal educational experiences. Like him, she believed in the value gained when students overheard the recitations of younger students and it reinforced their previous learning.

On May 28, 1946, Delores Bramlage married Adelbert John Schmitz, her war-time pen pal, and moved to a farm near Wakita, OK. Adelbert’s dad had grown up near Marysville and maintained ties there after homesteading in Oklahoma. Delores met Adelbert in May 1942 in Marysville, when his oldest brother married her aunt. Soon after, Adelbert was drafted and departed for the South Pacific, and the next time she saw him was after his discharge in January 1946. In Oklahoma, Delores and Adelbert partnered on his career as a farmer, salesmen, and eventually a manufacturer, and in raising their family. Today at 92, Delores resides in Caldwell as a widow and heads a large family of 10 children, 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, and this from someone who was an only child.

But what is the significance of the “letter from home?” At a time when newspapers are viewed by some people as dinosaurs of a bygone era, Delores started subscribing to her hometown newspaper in February 2015. This came after a casual call to a relative in Marysville resulted in learning the person, she hoped to talk with had passed away three months earlier. As fewer and fewer of her peers are still with us, Delores craves news from Marshall County and in the absence of any other correspondents, she thinks of the *Marysville Advocate* as “her letter from home.” And on June 29, 2015, her letter from home affirmed something she had always wondered. Her letter seemed to say, “You did good! You were a great teacher and those kids turned out pretty good.”

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## Beech “Kansas Factual Story” HONORABLE MENTION

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### CHRISTMAS CAME IN JULY

*by Sheryl Brenn, Levant, Kansas*

My most memorable Christmas did not occur in December. It came in the midsummer of about 1948.

All I ever wanted for Christmas from the time I was 2 years old was a pony. I wanted one so badly that I pretended to be one myself. I would get down on my hands and knees, holding wooden alphabet blocks in my hands in order to make the “clopping” sounds on the linoleum of our house that a horse’s hooves make on the ground. I would have my mother put Cheerios in a bowl and I would eat it on the floor without using my hands, just eating like a horse would. Whinnying sounds emanated from my little voice frequently.

I had a habit of chewing my fingernails and they were always down to the skin. My Daddy wanted to break me from chewing my fingernails so he told me he would get me a pony when I quit chewing them. Believe it or not, I was able to break my habit! Then he had to make good on his promise of a pony. I was four years old when my parents, brothers and I traveled (it seemed like a long distance) to look at a pony to buy. I think it was somewhere near Bellville or Glasco, KS. I never really asked my mother in later years just where we did get our ponies.

We looked at an old pinto mare named Old Beauty. She was mainly a Shetland, black and white pinto. Her gray coat showed my Daddy that she was getting quite old, nearly 30 years. Old Beauty had a yearling filly named Trixie. She was mostly dark brown with some white patches on her coat, mane and tail and white socks. She was beautiful! Her sire was a Quarter Horse stallion so she was going to be a larger horse than a pony.

My Daddy bought both Old Beauty and Trixie. We could ride the older mare right away as she was very gentle. Trixie was just a yearling and was only broke to lead. My Mother worked with her and as the next year passed, trained her so I could ride her. My brothers and I rode our ponies without saddles most of the time and we became quite good over the years, riding like Indians.

I was ecstatic! I had my very own horse! Never mind that it was a young pony and not yet broke to ride. It was a horse and my very own! The original owner told my parents that she was born on July 18th. That was my birthday but 3 years later! I never knew if that was really the truth but it seemed so and gave credence to the thought that she was mine because we shared the same birthdate!

I finally got my Christmas wish of a pony of my very own! That year Christmas came in July!

### KANSAS FACTUAL STORY

*by Michelle Koch, Baileyville, Kansas*

“Michelle, Adam. I need your help with something. Go put your stuff inside and change into some everyday clothes,” our dad yelled from his shop.

As Adam and I walked up our long driveway from the bus, I asked him, “What are we going to do? Why was the tractor covered in mud?”

“I don’t know. Don’t ask me. Come on hurry up Dad needs help,” Adam said in his commanding voice.

Before we went inside, I stuck out my tongue at him, like any little sister would. Inside we changed our clothes and when back outside to Dad standing at our tractor saying, “About time, now get on. We are going to the pond to change some of the fish in the back pond up to the front pond.”

Since we did not own any fishing gear, Dad made some. He made a net out of a stick and a fan cover. Then Dad decided to call this “Redneck Fishing.”

Once we arrived at the pond, I began to get close to the water to look at the bird footprints. Then Dad yelled, “Michelle, get away from there you are going to get stuck!”

After I backed away from the pond, Dad explained what we were doing and to be careful not to get stuck. After a while, Dad left Adam and I alone. I ended up getting stuck and Adam only helped because I was crying and it was time to eat.

“Next time, Michelle you are on your own,” Adam said with so much sass, I wanted to tell Mom.

By the end of the day, we had moved over 20 fish and both my sister and I had gotten stuck. Adam helped us both out because it was because he is a good big/little brother. That day will always be remembered in my life. It will always be my favorite day in Kansas because you never know what Kansas will bring you in life.

# Boyd “Kansas! Say it Above a Whisper”

## ESSAY WINNERS

### FIRST PLACE

#### KANSAS!

#### SAY IT ABOVE A WHISPER

*by Ellie Marie Seeler, Easton, Kansas*

I am proud to be from the state of Kansas. The official nickname for Kansas is “The Sunflower State,” and as you drive through the countryside in late summer, you are reminded why. To me, sunflowers are a symbol of Kansas’s past, present, and future. Native Americans are to thank for the beautiful sunflower as we know it today; they took the wild sunflower and developed it into the beautiful sunflower that people see throughout Kansas.

Sunflowers are particularly endearing to me, as I see them dot the landscape of my family’s farm. I feel blessed to be a part of a farming family and that I grew up experiencing farm life. Every day, I pass crops that farmers carefully laid out and tended to; I see rolling hills and grassy pastures with livestock grazing and feel pride that I am a part of this hard-working state. I am from a small town where everyone knows everyone, but in Kansas even when people travel to a big city, they are met with small-town kindness. Some people might think of Kansas as a simple, flat, “land of Dorothy” state, but I am here to tell you that anyone that calls Kansas their home is a lucky person. I have lived here my entire life, plan to go to college here, and I hope someday I will be able to raise my family here with the same Kansas values that were instilled in me.

### SECOND PLACE

#### KANSAS!

#### SAY IT ABOVE A WHISPER

*by Noe Gauna, Goff, Kansas*

Kansas is a very special place to me. The reason Kansas is such a special place to me is because it has brought me so much opportunity. I moved to Kansas from Nebraska about seven years ago. The move was difficult at first, but very soon I became very fond of the state of Kansas. From the beautiful sunsets, corn fields, and the people here, it made it an easy move. Moving to Kansas gave me the opportunity to live on a farm, which led to allowing me to attain a farming permit and allow me to drive at the age of 14. Not only that, but I am very proud to be living in Kansas for being very rural and living in a wonderful community. I am proud to be living in the state of Kansas because it has provided me jobs that will help me in my future. It has brought friendships that will last a lifetime and a community full of support. In conclusion, I am thankful and proud that I get the opportunity to live in the state of Kansas.



Boyd “Kansas! Say it Above a Whisper”  
ESSAY WINNERS

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THIRD PLACE

**KANSAS!**  
**SAY IT ABOVE A WHISPER**

*by Michelle Koch, Baileyville, Kansas*

**M**y dad has lived in Kansas since he was born. He is the second out of twelve children. Dad likes to go on vacations to other states and when they ask him where he is from. He always says Kansas with so much pride that I cannot help but smile at him. One day I asked Dad why he has so much pride from being from Kansas. He looked at me and said, “Do you not have pride?”

All I could do was look at him and think why have pride in Kansas? Then dad went on his rant about why he loves Kansas. My dad said, “Look outside. See nature. It is calm and soothing with a hint of disaster waiting for the weather to change. See the people. We all know each other and care about our futures. Everything around us is beautiful and quiet but we know that can all change very quickly. Now I ask you, what makes you not proud to be from Kansas?” After I didn’t respond, he continued to say, “See we are lucky here, and we should take pride in what others don’t have.”

After thinking about what he said I realized I do have pride in Kansas and why anyone else from Kansas should be proud to.

HONORABLE MENTION

**KANSAS!**  
**SAY IT ABOVE A WHISPER**

*by Dulce De Los Rios, Kelly, Kansas*

**K**ansas pride is something that a Kansan is proud of. When I think of Kansas pride, I think of people building each other up and being united in the state. People that show pride in Kansas work hard in what they do for each other and work together. Kansas has a population of people that are very different but still alike in the way we support and connect to each other. Every Kansan has different things that they can bring to the communities across the state, and each person can use those differences to come together and support each other when needed.

Kansans across the state show pride when they choose to welcome new people every day and give them a chance to succeed by giving them the resources that they need. Kansas is known for its museums that hold a lot of things about different people from the state that have made history. A person that showed Kansas Pride was Dwight Eisenhower, who became the President of the United States and served in World War II. He became a world-wide figure in history for many reasons. Even though he was a 5-star general after World War II and President, he had so much pride for the state he grew up in that he continued to support his home state all through his Presidency, and his hometown of Abilene chose to turn his boyhood home into a museum and create a museum full of items from his life. He chose to return to his hometown after his death and be buried there.

There are many ways to show Kansas pride, but I believe that the best way is to be supportive of each other and work hard to stay united.





# *Kansans, As Talented As You Think!*

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## *Individual Category Winners*

These entries are on display this evening for the Native Sons and Daughters Banquet. Enjoy!

### **BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY WINNER**

Issais Scott  
“Stay With Me”  
Wichita High School East  
Instructor: Shelly Salley

### **COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY WINNER**

Fleetwood Walker  
“Foolish Art”  
Wichita East High School  
Instructor: Shelly Salley

### **DRAWING WINNER**

Abigail Jefferis  
“Something to Crow About”  
Uniontown High School  
Instructor: Chris Woods

### **MIXED MEDIA WINNER**

Abby Brown  
“Self Love Found In Nature”  
Lawrence High School  
Instructor: Angelia Perkins

### **PAINTING WINNER**

Miriam Leal  
“Tower”  
Wichita East High School  
Instructor: Shelly Salley

### **PASTEL WINNER**

Rhoey Cruz  
“Heinz estd. 1869”  
Marysville Sr High School  
Instructor: April Spicer

### **PORTRAIT WINNER**

Jenny Huynh  
“Nutter Butter”  
Wichita East High School  
Instructor: Shelly Salley

### *Art Judges:*

*Professor Benjamin Wills, (Washburn University),  
Henry Schwaller IV, Jennifer Schmidt and Paula Landoll-Smith*

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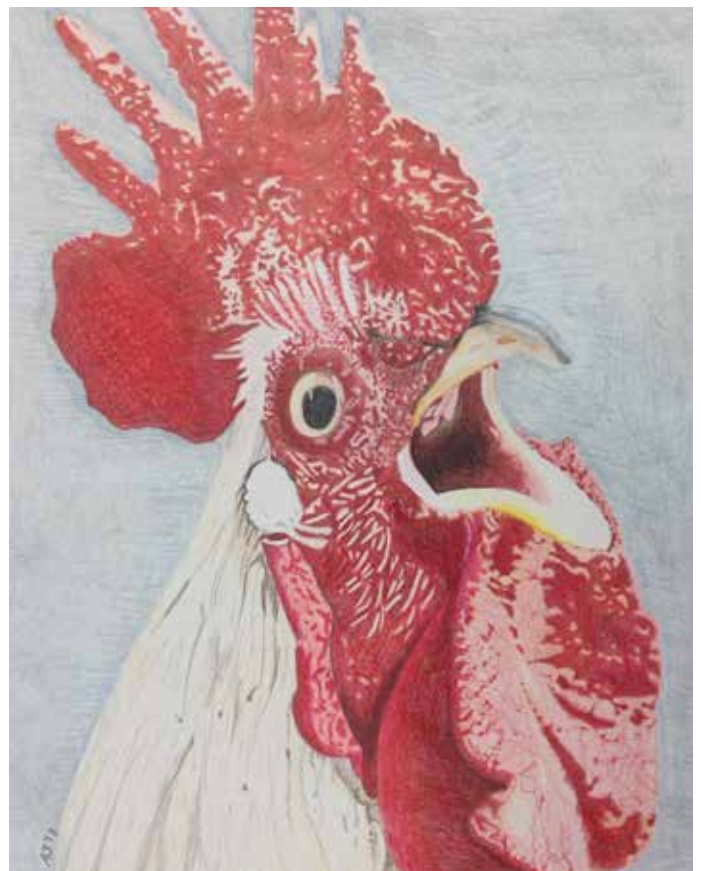
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*Black & White Photography*  
WINNER



**"Stay With Me" by Issais Scott**  
Wichita High School East

*Drawing*  
WINNER



**"Something to Crow About" by Abigail Jefferis**  
Uniontown High School

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*Color Photography*  
WINNER



**"Foolish Art" by Fleetwood Walker**  
Wichita East High School

*Mixed Media*  
WINNER



**"Self Love Found In Nature" by Abby Brown**  
Lawrence High School



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*Painting*  
WINNER



*"Tower"* by Miriam Leal  
Wichita East High School

*Portrait*  
WINNER



*"Nutter Butter"* by Jenny Huynh  
Wichita East High School

*Pastel*  
WINNER

*"Heinz estd. 1869"* by Rhoey Cruz  
Marysville Sr High School





# Our History

## *Past Kansans of the Year*

2017 - Philip F. Anschutz	1994 - Samuel Ramey, Colby	1970 - Duane L. Wallace, Wichita
2016 - General James D Latham USAF (Ret.) Arlington, TX	1993 - John Brooks Slaughter, Topeka	1969 - Charles B. Rogers, Ellsworth
2016 - Gale Sayers, Elkhart, IN	1992 - Stephen A. Hawley, Salina	1968 - Hugh F. Edwards, Hamilton
2015 - Dr. Jim Hoy, Emporia	1991 - Marynell D. Reece, Scandia	1967 - Debbie Barnes, Moran
2014 - Dayton Moore, Leawood	1990 - Jordan Haines, Wichita	1966 - Jim Ryun, Wichita
2013 - No Award Given	1989 - Bob Billings, Lawrence	1965 - Debbie Bryant, Overland Park
2012 - Marilyn Maye, Overland Park	1988 - Marianna K. Beach, Hays	1965 - Jim Ryun, Wichita
2012 - Dick Davidson, Bonita Springs, FL	1987 - Fred C. Bramlage, Junction City	1964 - Laurin W. Jones, Dodge City
2011 - Harold Stones, Topeka	1986 - George E. Nettles, Jr., Pittsburg	1963 - Mrs. O.L. Koger, Topeka
2010 - Deanell Reece Tacha, Lawrence	1985 - Gordon Parks, Fort Scott	1962 - Rees H. Hughes, Pittsburg
2009 - Robert M. Gates, Wichita	1984 - Bernard W. Rodgers, Fairview	1961 - Harry Darby, Kansas City
2008 - Delano E. Lewis, Kansas City	1983 - Mrs. Olive White Garvey, Wichita	1960 - Maurice E. Fager, Topeka
2007 - Jim Richardson, Lindsborg	1982 - Carl Nordstrom, Topeka	1959 - R.A. Clymer, El Dorado
2006 - Max Falkenstein, Lawrence	1981 - Joe H. Engle, Chapman	1958 - Mrs. Frank Boyd, Mankato
2005 - Martina McBride, Sharon	1980 - Keith G. Sebelius, Norton	1957 - Mrs. Olive Ann Beech, Wichita
2004 - Lynette Woodard, Wichita	1979 - Daphyne Smith Cauble, Wichita	1956 - Karl A. Menninger, Topeka
2003 - Bob Dole, Russell	1978 - G.W. Tomanek, Hays	1955 - Arthur D. Weber, Manhattan
2002 - Jack St. Clair Kilby, Dallas, TX	1977 - Emerson D. Yoder, Denton	
2001 - Ross Beach, Hays	1976 - J. Rex Duwe, Lucas	
2000 - Dean Smith, Chapel Hill	1975 - Nyle Miller, Topeka	
1999 - Shirley Knight, Goessel	1974 - Edward W. McNally, Pittsburg	
1998 - Pat Roberts, Dodge City	1973 - Lyle E. Yost, Hesston	
1996 - Robert Sudlow, Lawrence	1972 - Robert L. Brock, Topeka	
1995 - Stan Herd, Lawrence	1971 - Ray E. Dillon, Sr., Hutchinson	

## *The Most Outstanding Kansans of the Past 100 Years*

Olive Ann and Walter Beech  
The Honorable Robert J. Dole

The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower  
Gordon Parks

William Allen White

2017



# *Past Distinguished Kansans of the Year*

2017 - KANSAS	2003 - Ruth Garvey Fink, Topeka	1985 - Richard D. Rogers, Topeka
2016 - No Award Given	2002 - General Richard Myers, Arlington, VA	1983 - Bill Curtis, Chicago, IL
2015 - Dr. Jerry Farley, Topeka	2001 - George Brett, Mission Hills	1983 - Zula Bennington Greene, Topeka
2014 - Harry Walter Colmery, Topeka	2000 - Jon Wefald, Manhattan	1982 - Bradbury Thompson, Riverside, CT
2014 - Juan Sepulveda, Topeka	1999 - Pat Roberts, Dodge City	1981 - Georgia Neese Gray, Topeka
2013 - Steve Doocy, New York	1998 - Bill Snyder, Manhattan	1980 - Robert B. Docking, Arkansas City
2012 - No Award Given	1997 - Elizabeth Farnsworth, Berkeley, CA	1979 - George M. Stafford, Valley Falls
2011 - No Award Given	1997 - Roy Williams, Lawrence	1978 - Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Maize
2010 - Shelia C. Blair, Potomac, MD	1993 - Donald C. Coldsmith, Emporia	1977 - James A. McCain, Topeka
2009 - No Award Given	1992 - Patricia Brooks Carey, Hutchinson	1976 - Bob Dole, Russell
2008 - Bill Self, Lawrence	1991 - Ewing Kauffman, Shawnee Mission	1972 - Henry A. Bubbs, Topeka
2007 - Marc Addason Asher, M.D., Leawood	1990 - Jim Lehrer, Washington, D.C.	1971 - Ronald E. Evans, Topeka
2006 - Dr. Richard Bergen, Salina	1989 - Elizabeth "Granma" Layton, Wellsville	1969 - Alfred M. Landon, Topeka
2005 - Marci Penner, Inman	1988 - General Larry D. Welch, Liberal	
2004 - Emery E. Fager, Topeka	1987 - Wayne D. Angell, Ottawa	

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## *Past Presidents - Native Sons*

1902 - Col. A.S. Johnson, Topeka	1952 - C.W. Porterfield, Holton	1986 - Stanley R. Metzger, Topeka
1916-17 - Gov. Arthur Capper, Topeka	1953 - Maurice E. Fager, Topeka	1987 - Lanny Kimbrough, Topeka
1918 - Sen. Walter E. Wilson, Washington	1954 - R.A. Clymer, El Dorado	1988 - Bill Michener, Topeka
1919 - Sen. J.E. Hillery, Lyndon	1955 - G. Clay Baker, Topeka	1989 - Gary Rumsey, Salina
1920 - Harry W. McAfee, Topeka	1956 - Jim Reed, Topeka	1990 - Don Hazlett, Lawrence
1921 -23 - Keith Clevenger, Abilene	1957 - Charles M. Carter, Wichita	1991 - Jerry Hedrick Olathe
1924 - Earl W. Evans, Wichita	1958 - Roy L. Bulkley, Topeka	1992 - Dick Mellinger, Lawrence
1925 - Carl P. Bolmar, Topeka	1959 - Wayne P. Randall, Osage City	1993 - John Tillotson, Leavenworth
1926 - Judge Otis Hungate, Topeka	1960 - Dean E. Yingling, Topeka	1994 - Theodore Ice, Newton
1927 - A.E. Crane, Topeka	1961 - Floyd R. Souders, Cheney	1995 - Michael E. Francis, Topeka
1928 - C. Benjamin Franklin, Topeka	1962 - Emery E. Fager, Topeka	1996 - Charles Apt, III, Iola
1929 - Judge William B. Mitchell, Beloit	1963 - Marshall C. Gardiner, Leavenworth	1997 - William B. Barker, Topeka
1930 - A. Harry Crane, Topeka	1964 - Glenn D. Cogswell, Topeka	1998 - David R. Platt, Junction City
1931 - Ralph Noah, Beloit	1965 - Glee Smith, Larned	1999 - James S. Maag, Topeka
1932 - Earl Hatcher, Topeka	1966 - Dora I Hawks, Topeka	2000 - William L. Muir, Manhattan
1933 - Frank Carlson, Concordia	1967 - E.J. Rolfs, Jr., Junction City	2001 - Harold A. Stones, Topeka
1934 - L.E. Wyman, Hutchinson	1968 - E. Newton Vickers, Topeka	2002 - Ted Haggart, Lawrence
1935 - Everett E. Steerman, Emporia	1969 - Ray Schultz, Great Bend	2003 - John D. Pinegar, Topeka
1936 - E.A. Thomas, Topeka	1970 - Tom Schwartz, Topeka	2004 - Steven C. Johnson, Lawrence
1937 - A.W. Logan, Quenemo	1971 - Ross Beach, Hays	2005 - Don Chubb, Topeka
1938 - C.C. Cogswell, Topeka	1972 - George G. Schnellbacher, Topeka	2006 - Dick Boyd, Norton
1939 - Erle W. Francis, Topeka	1973 - Ellis Cave, Dodge City	2007 - Edward R. Moses, Great Bend
1940 - Hart Workman, Topeka	1974 - James H. Metzger, Topeka	2008 - Steven R. Bitner, Pittsburg
1941 - Bert Michner, Hutchinson	1975 - John Crofoot, Cedar Point	2009 - John Fontron Fager, Topeka
1942 - Glenn L. Archer, Washington, D.C.	1976 - Anderson Chandler, Topeka	2010 - The Hon. K. Gary Sebelius, Norton
1943 - W.M. Richards, Emporia	1977 - J. C. Tillotson, Norton	2011 - Don Landoll, Marysville
1944 - Nyle H. Miller, Topeka	1978 - Roger H. Franzke, Topeka	2012 - Dean F. Ferrell, Topeka
1945 - Judge Homer Hoch, Topeka	1979 - R. G. Wellman, Alden	2013 - Jeff Hiestand, Topeka
1946 - Frank Haucke, Florence	1980 - John C. Dicus, Topeka	2014 - Eric Sexton, Derby
1947 - Warren W. Shaw, Topeka	1981 - G. W. Greenwood, III, Topeka	2015 - Bruce J. Woner, Topeka
1948 - Wm. T. Beck, Holton	1982 - Harry Craig, Jr., Topeka	2016 - Stephen R. Morris, Hugoton
1949 - Wm. L. Jungdahl, Menlo	1983 - Edmund N. Morrill, Topeka	2017 - John C. Frieden, Topeka
1950 - Guy D. Josserand, Dodge City	1984 - Phil W. Coolidge, Topeka	
1951 - Edwin R. Jones, Topeka	1985 - Clarence Rupp, Manhattan	

# Special Citations

2017 - Citation for Distinguished Service, The Honorable Pat Roberts	2013 - Citation for Distinguished Service, The University of Kansas Cancer Center, National Cancer Institute Designated	1999 - Citation for Distinguished Statesmanship, Robert F. Bennett, Overland Park
2016 - Citation for Distinguished Service, Kansas State University, Sesquicentennial	2008 - Citation for Pioneers of the 21st Century, City of Greensburg, KS	1999 - Kansan of the Century, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Abilene
2015 - Citation for Distinguished Service, Washburn University	2007 - Citation for Distinguished Statesmanship, John William Carlin, Manhattan	1998 - Citation for Distinguished Statesmanship, William H. Avery, Wakefield
2014 - Citation for Distinguished Service, Amelia Rose Earhart	2006 - Citation for Distinguished Service, Polly Roth Bales, Logan	1991 - Artist Citation, John Steuart Curry
2014 - Citation for Distinguished Service, Susan Sutton	2001 - Citation for Distinguished Statesmanship, Dan Glickman, Wichita	1989 - Centennial Citation, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Abilene
2014 - Citation for Distinguished Service, Wichita State University	2000 - Citation for Distinguished Statesmanship, Nancy Kassebaum Baker, Wichita	1984 - Citation for Distinguished Statesmanship, Bob Dole, Russell
2013 - Citation for Distinguished Service, Kansas State University, Sesquicentennial	2000 - Citation for Distinguished Service, June S. Windscheffel, Topeka	1980 - Kansan of the Past Decade, McDill "Huck" Boyd, Phillipsburg
		1968 - 50th Anniversary Citation, Frank Carlson, Concordia

# Past Presidents - Native Daughters

1915-18 - Mrs. DeWitte C. Nellis, Topeka	1954 - Mrs. Ethyl Godin, Wamego	1986 - Mrs. Charles N. Henson, Topeka
1919-23 - Cora Wellhouse Bullard, Tonganoxie	1955 - Miss Nannie Bingham, Sabetha	1987 - Mrs. Judy Bray, Topeka
1924-25 - Miss Fern Bauersfeld, Coffeyville	1956 - Mrs. J. B. McKay, El Dorado	1988 - Mrs. Jan Ray, Manhattan
1926-27 - Miss Wilhelmina F. Bertsch, Topeka	1957 - Mrs. George Marshall, Basehor	1989 - Mrs. Judy Krueger, Lawrence
1928 - Mrs. Elizabeth Warning Green, Topeka	1958 - Mrs. Hobart Hoyt, Lyons	1990 - Mrs. Pam Clutter, Topeka
1929 - Mrs. George Allen, Jr., Topeka	1959 - Miss Evelyn Ford, Topeka	1991 - Mrs. Alice Ann Johnston, Lawrence
1930 - Dr. Margaret Bostic, Topeka	1960 - Mrs. J. C. Tillotson, Norton	1992 - Mrs. Betty Dicus, Topeka
1931 - Miss Nanon L. Herren, Topeka	1961 - Mrs. Chester Dunn, Oxford	1993 - Mrs. Jolene Hill, Manhattan
1932 - Miss Jennie S. Owen, Junction City	1962 - Mrs. Glenn Henry, Oskaloosa	1994 - Mrs. Mary Andersen, Topeka
1933 - Mrs. Etta B. Beavers, Marysville	1963 - Mrs. Everett Steerman, Emporia	1995 - Mrs. Karen Welch, Topeka
1934 - Mrs. R. C. Guthrie, Marysville	1964 - Mrs. Joe E Beyer, Sabetha	1996 - Dr. Marty Vanier, Manhattan
1935 - Miss Olive I. Thompson, Kansas City	1965 - Mrs. B. J. Lempanau, Topeka	1997 - Mrs. Betty S. Cleland, Topeka
1936 - Miss Stella B. Haines, Augusta	1966 - Mrs. Dane G. Bales, Logan	1998 - Mrs. Elizabeth A. Duckers, Salina
1937 - Mrs. Frank W. Boyd, Phillipsburg	1967 - Mrs. Clair G. Landahl, Topeka	1999 - Mrs. Ruth T. Barker, Hutchinson
1938 - Mrs. Frank Kambach, Topeka	1968 - Mrs. LaVerne Spears, Rossville	2000 - Mrs. Elizabeth F. Fager, Topeka
1939 - Mrs. J. E. Johntz, Abilene	1969 - Mrs. Adrian Allen, Topeka	2001 - Mrs. Marcia F. Anderson, Salina
1940 - Miss Margaret Guthrie, Topeka	1970 - Mrs. Amo Windscheffel, Smith Center	2002 - Mrs. Janet M. Frieden, Topeka
1941 - Mrs. Howard M. Richardson, Pratt	1971 - Mrs. John Fontron, Topeka	2003 - Mrs. Janene M. Schneider, Logan
1942 - Mrs. Charles H. Benson, Topeka	1972 - Mrs. G. D. van Blaricum, Minneola	2004 - Mrs. Mary M. Nichols, Topeka
1943 - Mrs. George L. McClenny, Topeka	1973 - Mrs. Robert B. Kruse, Topeka	2005 - Mrs. Barbara Morris, Hugoton
1944 - Mrs. F. S. Hawes, Russell	1974 - Mrs. Reynolds Shultz, Lawrence	2006 - Patricia A. Reeder, Topeka
1945 - Mrs. W. H. von der Heiden, Newton	1975 - Mrs. Henry Knouft, Topeka	2007 - Sue Peterson, Manhattan
1946 - Mrs. John C. Nelson, Topeka	1976 - Mrs. Don Hall, Oakley	2008 - Mrs. Darlene Werner Elwood, Topeka
1947 - Mrs. C. I. Moyer, Kansas City	1977 - Ms. Mary Turkington, Topeka	2009 - Mary Lou Reece, Wichita
1948 - Mrs. Kenneth W. McFarland, Topeka	1978 - Mrs. Earl Minturn, Clay Center	2010 - Mrs. Carol Nazar, Andover
1949 - Mrs. Ella Ruehmann Balderson, Wamego	1979 - Mrs. Chris Armstrong, Topeka	2011 - Nancy L. Cole, Topeka
1950 - Mrs. P. A. Petitt, Paola	1980 - Mrs. John Blythe, Manhattan	2012 - Amy Hendrickson, Chanute
1951 - Mrs. Thomas H. Norton, Topeka	1981 - Mrs. James M. Macnish, Jr., Topeka	2013 - Rita L. Noll, Council Grove
1952 - Mrs. Ray Pierson, Burlington	1982 - Mrs. Dick Wyatt, Sterling	2014 - Judyanne Somers, Topeka
1953 - Mrs. David McCreath, Lawrence	1983 - Mrs. Ken Perry, Topeka	2015 - Kelly E. Callen, Wichita
	1984 - Mrs. Donald R. Schnacke, Topeka	2016 - Ruth Teichman, Stafford
	1985 - Mrs. Janet Chubb, Topeka	2017 - Gilda G. Lintz, Topeka



*The purpose of this organization is to assist in preserving Kansas history, to show loyalty to Kansas traditions, to join in honoring our pioneer ancestors, and to have a part in instilling the ideals of patriotism in youth.*

*This non-partisan organizations is for all Kansans. Any native-born Kansan is eligible. Persons who have adopted Kansas as their native state are welcomed as associate members.*

*The Native Sons and Daughters first met in joint session to celebrate the state's birthday on January 29, 1918. From that date, meetings have been held annually, except during the war year of 1945.*

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**MEMBERSHIP** - The group is an organization for all Kansans. Any native-born Kansan can become a member and those who have adopted Kansas as their home state are welcomed as associate members. Lifetime membership is obtained by sending \$10 to the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

**KANSAS HERITAGE ENDOWED FUND** - In honor of Kansas' 150th birthday, the Board of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas created the Kansas Heritage Endowment Fund at the Topeka Community Foundation. The money raised will be used to ensure the mission of the Native Sons and Daughters to preserve Kansas history, show loyalty to Kansas traditions and instill patriotism in our youth. This will be done by providing scholarship awards for young Kansas artists and writers who are recognized at the Annual Banquet and statewide education efforts to people of all ages.

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The Board of Native Sons and Daughters wishes to express its gratitude  
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John Pinegar for volunteering for almost 20 years as an Executive Director.  
Thank you for all your hard work.

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Grace Miller, Marysville High School student, for playing the piano.



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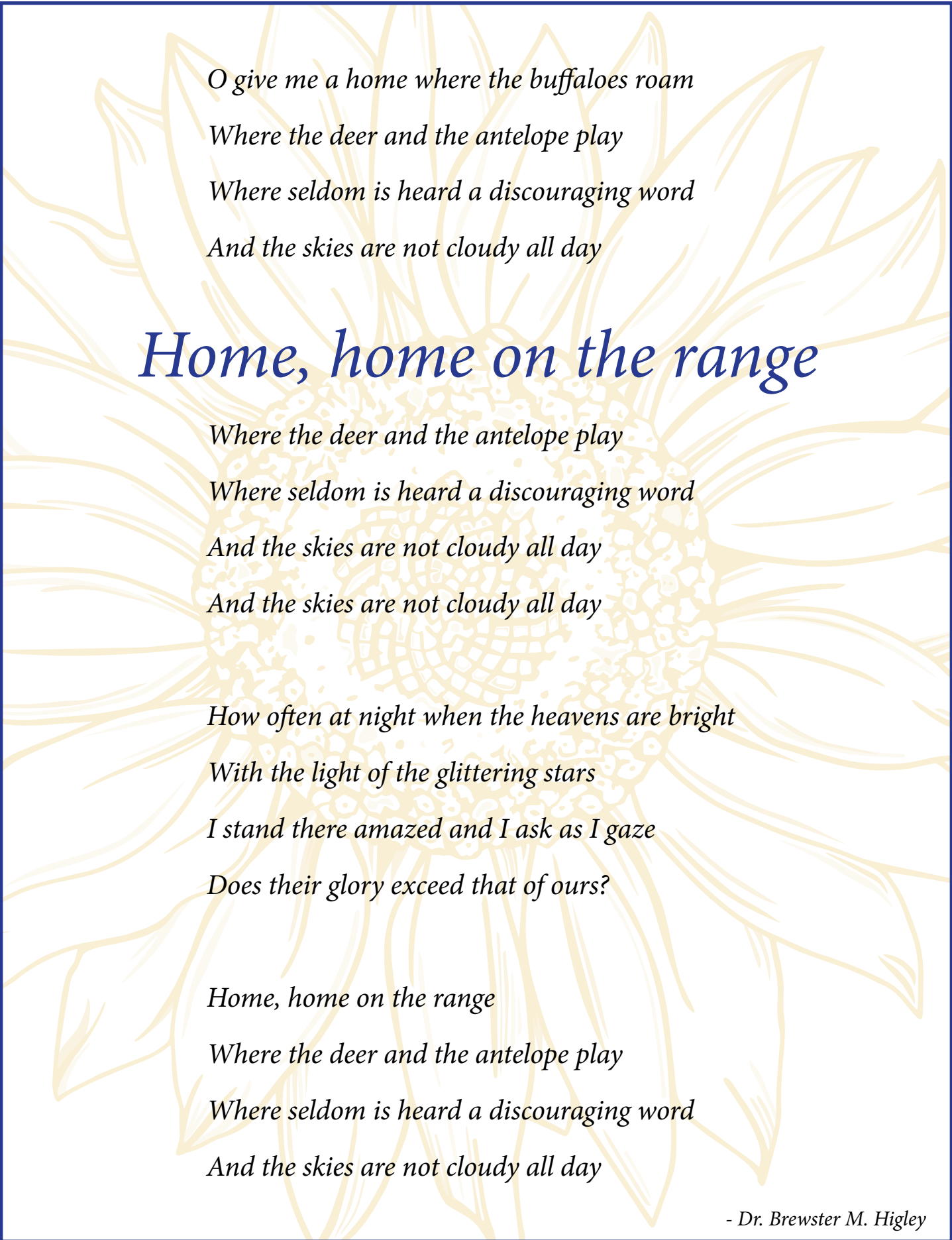
# SAVE THE DATE!

## FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2020

Please join the Native Sons and  
Daughters of Kansas in honoring our  
**2019 HONOREES!**

5:30 Social Hour | 6:30 Dinner  
Topeka, KS

**KANSAS DAY IS  
JANUARY 29, 2020**



*O give me a home where the buffaloes roam  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day*

## *Home, home on the range*

*Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day  
And the skies are not cloudy all day*

*How often at night when the heavens are bright  
With the light of the glittering stars  
I stand there amazed and I ask as I gaze  
Does their glory exceed that of ours?*

*Home, home on the range  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day*

*- Dr. Brewster M. Higley*



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