



GBHS Newsletter

February 2010

Notes from the Principal

02/06/10 Act Test

**02/12/10 Madrigals
Singing Valentines**

**02/13/10 Speech
Tournament
State Scholars bowl**

**02/15/10 Presidents'
Day No School**

**02/16/10 Parent-
teacher conference
5 pm to 8 pm**

**02/18/10 Parent-
teacher conference
5 pm to 8 pm**

**02/20/10 State piano
festival Wichita**

**02/25/10 Regional
KSPA journalism con-
test WSU**

GREAT BEND JUNIOR/SENIOR AFTER PROM PARTY

Junior and Senior Parents:

The Junior/Senior Prom for Great Bend High School is scheduled for April 10, 2010. The After Prom Party Committee is sponsoring an alcohol-free party from midnight to 3:00 a.m. at the Walnut Bowl. We are requesting donations from parents, to help offset the cost of bowling, pool, casino games, food and prizes. If you would like to help with this project, please send your donation to:

**Great Bend High School
Attn: Pam Jenkinson
2027 Morton
Great Bend, KS 67530**

Thank you for your help in keeping our young people in a safe environment.

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Great Bend High School Drama Department to present Hilarious Dinner Theatre Production.

Actors and technicians are hard at work creating a fantastic production titled: The Brothers Grim SPECTACULATHON. The dinner-theatre production will be performed in the GBHS Jack Kilby Commons March 7, 8 and 9. Tickets for the Sunday dessert-only matinee are \$5 while tickets for Monday and Tuesday evening dinner show are \$10. Seating is limited, so reservations are encouraged. Contact Mr. Heath for reservations or information.

Help Refuel School Supplies

Items Needed

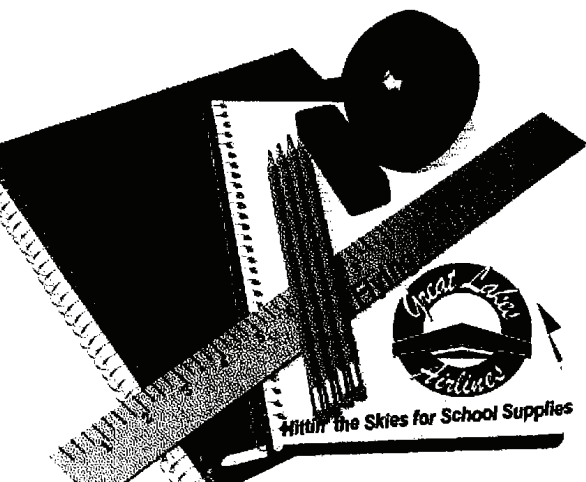
Supplies will benefit Great Bend Unified School District 428

- ✈ **Crayons**
- ✈ **#2 Pencils**
- ✈ **Colored Pencils**
- ✈ **Kleenex**
- ✈ **Wide-Line Notebook Paper**
- ✈ **Wide-Line Spiral Notebook**
- ✈ **White Glue**
- ✈ **Erasers**
- ✈ **Markers**
- ✈ **Report Folders**
- ✈ **Red Ball Point Pens**
- ✈ **Pencil Box**

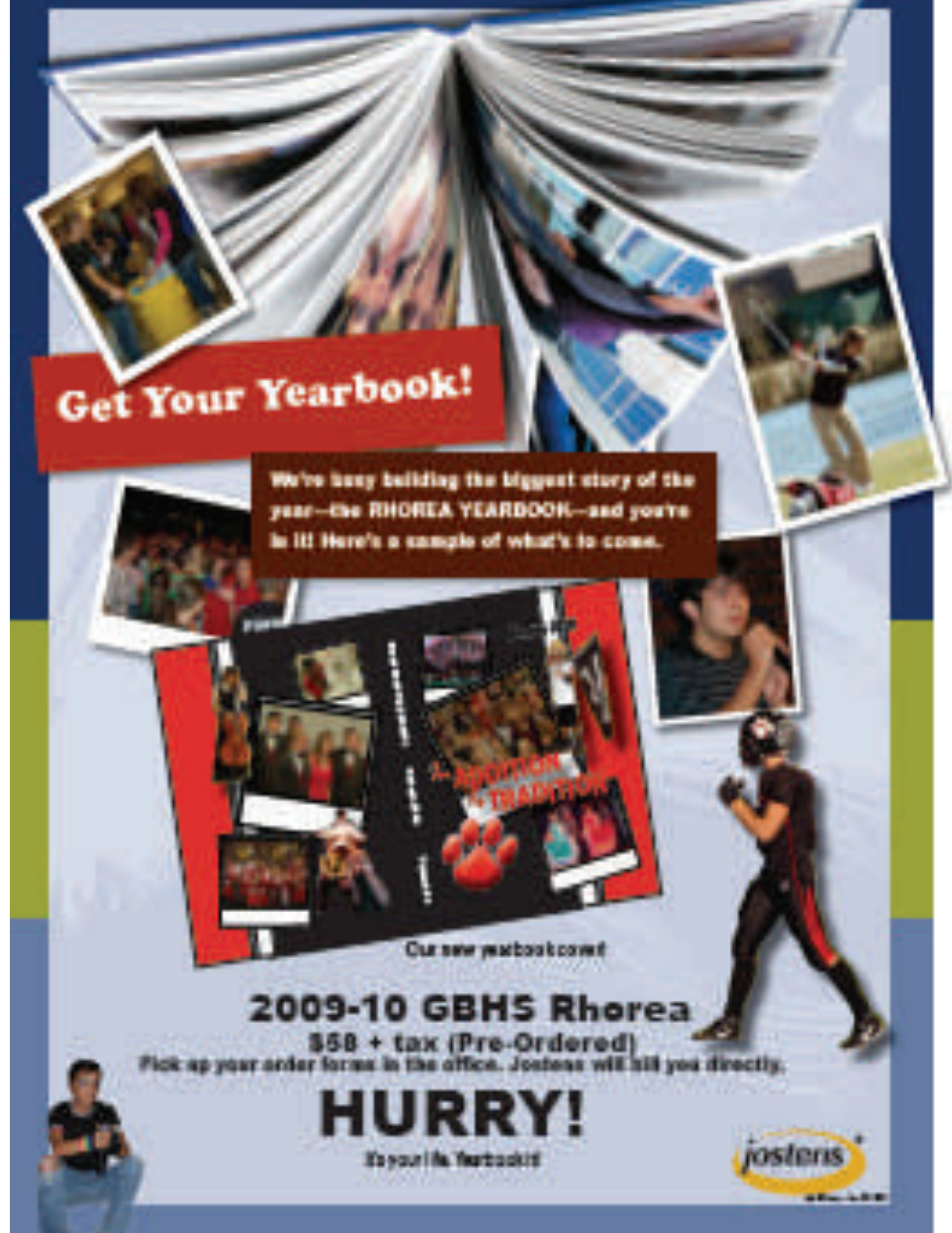
Hittin' the Skies for School Supplies

Bring Needed Items to Great Bend Municipal Airport,
9047 6th Street, during the month of January.

Register to Win 1 Round Trip Ticket to Kansas City*



Drawings will be held each week during
the month of January.



Get Your Yearbook!

We're busy building the biggest story of the year—the RHOREA YEARBOOK—and you're in it! Here's a sample of what's to come.



Our new yearbook cover!

2009-10 GBHS Rhorea
\$58 + tax (Pre-Ordered)

Pick up your order forms in the office. Jostens will bill you directly.

HURRY!

It's your life. Yearbook it!



News from the Guidance Office – January 2010

Dates to remember

Jan. 05 – Registration deadline for Feb. ACT

Jan. 13 – Financial Aid meeting @ 7:00 in auditorium

Feb. 06 - ACT

Mar. 05 – Registration deadline for Apr. ACT

Web Resources

Scholarship searches

www.scholarshiphelp.org

www.fastweb.com

www.cashe.com

www.collegenet.com

www.asla-scholarships.org

www.collegeedge.com

www.finaid.com

www.gocollege.com

College & Career Planning

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.theeigroup.com

Financial Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.pin.ed.gov

College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday, an afternoon of **free** financial aid advice for high school seniors and parents, will be held at The Front Door Facility from 2-4 p.m., Feb. 21, 2010. Students and parents should take their 2009 tax returns and W-2 forms to complete the FAFSA. At each of the 19 College Goal Sunday locations, four students will win a \$500 scholarship that may be used at any college or vocational school in Kansas.

Making College Financial Planning Count

By visiting [Making College Financial Planning Count online](http://www.makingitcount.com), students and their families will have a golden opportunity to start developing their personal college funding strategy! This free resource provides an interactive overview of the college funding process including information about the FAFSA, the types of financial aid available, and more.

They will also have access to the electronic College FundPath(TM) Worksheet, which allows families to customize their college funding strategy. They can learn at their own pace, and they will also be able to save, update and print their personal plan any time they like. Access the site @ <http://elearning.makingitcount.com/elearn/options.asp>

Financial Aid Meeting

A financial aid meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. January 13, 2010, in the high school auditorium. Junior and Senior Parents are encouraged to attend. Sue Cooper, the assistant Director of Student Financial Assistance at BCC will give a short presentation on completing the FAFSA and other tips on how to maximize your chances for financial aid. Following the presentation, BCC financial aid staff will be available to answer individual questions and will provide 1:1 application assistance.

GBHS Enrollment

On January 25th GBHS students began entering course requests for the 2010/2011 school year. Parents will be able to review requests on their student's access online and make any changes with their child. **During parent/teacher conferences in February**, parents will be able to meet with teachers to discuss recommendations and view student schedule requests in a computer lab. In addition, junior and senior parents have the opportunity to meet with counselors to discuss post-secondary planning options and sophomore parents will be able to discuss the results of the PLAN and PSAT tests.

Recommendation Letter:

If you need a teacher/counselor to write you a recommendation letter, PLEASE give them plenty of time to do so. Give them a stamped envelope addressed to whom it should go to, AND your own resume with activities so we have information to use. The counselor MAY want to give you an additional list of questions to answer so that we can write you an AWESOME letter!

Upcoming College Events and Scholarships

Fort Hays State University

*Apr. 1st and Apr. 2nd the nursing department will host "The Nightingale Experience", a two day event for **sophomores and juniors interested in nursing**. There is no cost to attend the event, with the exception of travel expenses. Room and board, materials, activities, and attendance at Hays Medical Center's Center for Health Improvement are all included in the experience. The event begins at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1st and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd. Students are selected based on criteria. A limited number of seats are available so apply early. Applications are available in the guidance office and **must be submitted before February 16, 2010.***

Kansas State University

Kansas State University **Civic Leadership Scholarship** requirements

- Exemplary record of community service
- Admitted to K-State
- Completion of K-State scholarship application

Completion of K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship supplemental application at www.k-state.edu/nss/civicleadership.

Golden Belt Community Foundation Scholarship

Full-time undergraduate

3.0 GPA

Demonstrate good moral character, community service and extra-curricular activities

*Access application at www.goldenbeltcf.org and submit before **February 27, 2010**.*

University of Kansas

Hixson Opportunity Award requirements

- Financial need and/or personal hardships

Apply at www.scholarships.ku.edu/hixson.shtml **before February 1, 2010**.

Pittsburg State University

Feb. 1 Scholarship deadline

Mar. 1 Federal Financial Aid priority deadline

Honors College Scholarship requirements

- 3.5 GPA
- 28 ACT
- Leadership positions in school and community

Apply at www.pittstate.edu/admin/vpaa/honorscollege.html **before February 1, 2010**.

Barton Community College

BCC is recruiting students for the new Crop Protection Program that will begin in January. As part of the program, students will have the opportunity to earn a CDL, 1A certificate, and GPS/GIS training. Contact Steve Pottorff at pottorffs@bartonccc.edu for more information.

Emporia State University

Feb. 15 Priority Scholarship Deadline

Colby Community College – Presidential Scholarship – (let your counselor know if you're planning on attending Colby)

Barton Community College Sports Medicine Program:

BCC is looking for individuals interested in joining our student athletic trainers' staff while continuing education in college. Twenty students (including returning sophomores) are selected to join the athletic training staff each fall semester. Qualifying students receive a books and tuition performance award. A minimum of 12 semester hours and overall GPA of 2.0 must be maintained to renew both the student-athletic trainer position and the award each semester. To learn more visit <http://www.bartonccc.edu/sports/sportsmedicine/default.htm> and complete the "Student Athletic Trainer Questionnaire, located under Prospective Student Athletic Trainer.

VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Endowment Scholarship

Must be completed and returned by January 23, 2010. *The student must be the child or, grandchild of, or a member of the Department of Kansas, Veterans of Foreign Wars or its Ladies Auxiliary. This is for one \$500 - \$2,000 1 to 4 year scholarship. See your counselor for an application.*

AFA Teens Scholarship

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America scholarship requirements:

Two copies of completed application form

Two copies of US birth certificate

Two copies of biography

Two copies of high school transcript

Two copies of cover letter with essay title, name and address

Two copies of essay: 1,200 – 1,500 word essay that answers the following questions:

How has Alzheimer's disease changed or impacted your life?

What have you learned about yourself, your family and/or your community in the face of coping with Alzheimer's disease?

*Deadline to submit application and supporting documents is **Feb. 15, 2010.***

FFA Scholarships

Each year the National FFA Organization awards approximately \$2 million in scholarships designed to fit the diversity of their applicants. Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. The selection process takes into account the whole student - FFA involvement, work experience, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), community service, leadership skills and academics.

More than 1,000 scholarships available – just one application to complete at www.ffa.org

Bethany College

Full-tuition Award requirements

- 3.5 GPA
- 25 ACT composite or be in top 25% of graduating class

Write an essay and interview with faculty

SAMMY

Are you getting ready to fill out college applications? Then you should consider applying for the 2009 Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) Awards. If you want to star in a Milk Mustache ad and you excel at school, in sports and in your community then you should check it out!

25 student-athletes will win a \$7,500 scholarship, an all-expense paid trip to Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. and a spot in a special Milk Mustache ad to run in USA TODAY.

Seniors who participated in a high school sport or club sport during the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applicants selected as a scholarship winner must be enrolled as a full-time student at a state accredited college or university for the 2009 fall semester. Apply online at

www.bodybymilk.com. **Application deadline is March 5, 2010.**

KACRAO Quality Leadership

The Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers offer scholarships to reward students who have demonstrated quality leadership during their high school years. **Postmark deadline is March 13, 2010.** To be considered for these scholarships students must:

- Have a 3.25 GPA
- Score of at least a 22 on the ACT
- Write a one-page essay
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or principal
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a community leader

Submit a detailed resume

Applications are available online at www.kacrao.org > info for high school students > KACRAO scholarship, and in the guidance office.

Barton County Farm Bureau Assoc. Scholarship

Applicant must be a high school senior whose parents/legal guardians are current Barton County Farm Bureau members. There will be 4 scholarships given for \$500 each. Student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. See your counselor for an application. They are **due to the Farm Bureau office April 15.**

ENF Legacy Awards (Elks)

Legacy awards are available to any child or grandchild of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2007 or a charter member of a lodge instituted on or after April 1, 2007. The member must be a current paid member. Great grandchildren are not eligible to apply. To apply, you must be a high school senior and apply online ONLY at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Please visit this website to get more information. Applicants must take the SAT or ACT by December 31, 2009. Deadline is January 8, 2010

USA Funds

USA Funds offers \$1,500 scholarships. Students can apply online through **February 16, 2010**, at www.usafunds.org/scholarship

Vocational Educational Scholarship Program

The Vocational Education Scholarship Program provided financial assistance to full-time students who enroll in designated one or two-year vocational programs. Approximately 50% of students who test receive scholarships. To apply for the scholarship you must be a Kansas resident and take the designated vocational scholarship test, which will be given on March 6, 2010, in Hays. Registration forms are located in the guidance office and must be **postmarked before February 19th**.

American Legion Scholarships - see your high school counselor or local American Legion for applications and requirements for the scholarships below:

Oratorical Contest – Due January 5

Music Committee– Due Feb. 15

Shooting Sports – Due Feb. 15

Hobble (LPN) Nursing – Due Feb. 15

Eagle Scout of the Year – Due. Feb. 15

Hugh A. Smith – Due Feb. 15

Ted and Nora Anderson – Due Feb. 15

Albert M. Lappin – Due Feb. 15

Rosedale Post 346 – Due Feb. 15

Charles W & Annette Hill – Due Feb. 15

U.S. Udie Grant - Due Feb. 15

Dr. Click Cowger Baseball – Due. July 15

American Legion Baseball – Due July 15

Paul Flaherty Athletic – Due July 15