Go rural or go home?

For many of the KU School of Medicine–Wichita’s students and residents, rural Kansas is home. In fact, statewide, nearly one in three Kansans call a rural community home. From the sense of belonging to the rich history of ingenuity and the wealth of products and services that these communities provide, rural Kansas is an important part of the success of the state. Rural hospitals play a significant role by serving as the economic foundation of the communities in which they are located.

Looking past rural Kansas’ expansive plains and impressive livestock, there’s a real need for more physicians to provide innovative and comprehensive care. It’s true that health care in these communities allows providers to form an uncommon bond with their patients, but even more importantly, it enables physicians to use their medical training in ingenious and resourceful ways to ensure accessibility to quality health care. Most of the time, many of us tend to think that these areas are simply in need of care for chronic conditions, routine checks, and aches and pains. Unfortunately, one of the most alarming statistics is that across rural America, where only 20 percent of the nation’s population lives, nearly 60 percent of all trauma deaths occur, creating a critical need for ambulatory and emergency medical services. Otherwise, it can take more than an hour to reach a level I or level II trauma center.

There are certainly unique health care challenges facing Kansas’ 100 rural counties, but there are ever-evolving innovations in place and a strong commitment to excellence to provide these resilient residents with the care they need. For this reason, on Thursday, Nov. 17, Kansas will join other states in the nation to celebrate the first-ever National Rural Health Day. Join Rural Health Education and Services in the Meadowlark Room from 3 to 4:30 p.m. for refreshments and to recognize the community-minded, can-do spirit that prevails in rural Kansas and the needs of these communities to stay healthy and vibrant.

**Fun Fact**

Approximately 21.9 percent of residents in remote rural counties are uninsured, compared to 17.5 percent in rural counties adjacent to urban counties and 14.3 percent in urban counties.
KUMC has several e-learning modules for employees. Topics include:

- Career Advancement: Success for the Promotion Seeker
- Management/Leadership: Hiring Competent Employees, What Every Supervisor Should Know, and Writing Effective Position Descriptions
- Policies & Procedures: Corrective Action, Family & Medical Leave Act, FLSA, Overtime/Compensatory Time, Shared Leave, and Workplace Violence
- Professional Development: Managing Your Time, Preventing Harassment in the Workplace, and Conflict Management.

To complete these trainings, click here. You will need to use your network username and password to log in.

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Announcement of awards

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**KUSM-W in the News**

- Nov. 10—Kan. official to speak on aging issues
- Nov. 10—Doctors return to hometown to open new medical practice
- Nov. 7—Kan. medical school expands for more physicians

For the latest news about KUSM–W, click here.

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**HealthQuest Newsletter**

Click here for the latest issue.

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**White Coat Canteen has 24/7 Service**

The White Coat Canteen is now open 24 hours a day. Using self-checkout, shoppers can simply swipe a credit or debit card or use a preloaded Avanti Markets card, which can be loaded using cash, credit card, or debit card. DEBIT CARD PURCHASES or AVANTI MARKETS CARD LOADING HAS A MINIMUM ACCEPTANCE AMOUNT OF $5.

Fresh food will continue to be delivered daily.

*Note: Security cameras are in use.*

**Vending Machine Changes**

The vending machines outside the bookstore are scheduled to be removed. The basement vending machines will be reduced to one snack and one soda machine. The soda machine near the patient check-in area will remain. These changes will occur the week of Nov. 7.

**Extra! Extra!**

Questions or comments for the White Store Canteen can be sent directly to the vendor using the link on the Canteen web page. Check us out! [http://mywichita.kumc.edu/whitecoatcanteen.html](http://mywichita.kumc.edu/whitecoatcanteen.html).

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**Bored? Need a break? See a movie!**

VIP discount tickets to the Warren Theatres (East, West, and Old Town) are sold in HR during regular business hours. Price per ticket is $7. Check with the theatres prior to purchase as passes are not accepted for all performances. For further information, or to check on availability of passes, contact HR at 3-2615.

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**KU Pride**

KU Pride will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. in the Sunflower Room. Don’t miss a special follow-up to the recognition of World AIDS Day.

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**Fun Fact**

Since it began in 2004, the Kansas Recruitment Center has helped 123 providers find a place to practice and serve 1,297,563 Kansans.
How long have you worked at KUSM-W and what was your job before you came here?
I have worked at KUSM-W for a little over a year. Previously, I worked as an administrative assistant for a technical college in Wichita.

What are your job responsibilities and what do you like most about your job?
My main priorities are being the receptionist for the PMPH department; assisting with purchasing; and assisting Dr. Dismuke with the Health of the Public (HoP) course. I have really enjoyed all the new things I am learning while helping Dr. Dismuke with HoP and getting to know some of the medical students.

What do you do in your spare time?
We have a very busy three year old that keeps us on our toes. I know so much more about trains, cars, and dinosaurs than I did three years ago. We also recently purchased an older home that we now lovingly refer to as our “money pit” and spend quite a bit of time patching, painting, and re-attaching handles, etc.

What’s a favorite movie and/or book?
“The Woman in White” by Wilkie Collins (considered to be one of the first mystery novels) or anything by Agatha Christie or Jane Austen.

Who is your hero or the person you most admire and why?
Oh so many people, but something that has really touched my heart recently is learning what military families go through. I can’t begin to express my appreciation for their courage and sacrifice.

Trisha Wolgamott
Administrative Specialist, Preventive Medicine & Public Health

Hometown: Valley Center, Kan.

Family: Chris (husband) and Connor (son, age 3)

New art in the West Wing

West of Elmdale by artist Mike Livingston is located outside of the offices for medical sciences on the second floor of the West Wing. The work was donated by Dean Wilson and is a fine art print of the oil original chosen as the 2011 winning entry for the commemorative 2011 Symphony in the Flint Hills art print. Signed and numbered by the artist, the print is part of a limited edition of 100 prints.
**Wanted: Research Study Participants**

The KU School of Medicine–Wichita needs participants to enroll now for a study that will offer cutting-edge treatment to individuals in Wichita and south central Kansas suffering from treatment-resistant major depression. Participants must be between 18 and 65 years old. The study will consist of five visits, including one 24-hour inpatient stay at the KU Wichita Clinical Trial Unit in Wichita. Participants will be compensated for their time. Individuals interested in learning more about the study may call (316) 293-1821 or e-mail komo@kumc.edu.

If you are involved in a study that is recruiting subjects and would like to have it listed in Jayhawk Talk Online, please e-mail wicpa@kumc.edu with the specifics. Once we draft the copy, we’ll send it back to you for IRB approval then publish it.

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**TIAA-CREF on Campus**

Do you have questions about your individual retirement planning? A representative from TIAA-CREF will be on campus on Tuesday, Dec. 20, for one-on-one retirement planning sessions. To discuss your plan and options for managing your retirement savings and to schedule an appointment, call (800) 732-8353, Monday thru Friday, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (EST).

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**12 Days of the Holidays**

Date: December 5-16

Inspired by the “12 Days of Christmas” song, get ready for the 12 Days of the Holidays, which will take place Monday, Dec. 5, through Friday, Dec. 16. The count down to the holiday season will bring fun surprises each day before holiday vacations begin. Read future issues of Jayhawk Talk Online for more details.

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**Congratulations!**

Fourth-year medical student Amanda Baxa and her husband, Tim, are the parents of a baby girl born on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Welcome, Sophie!

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**Fun Fact**

Every dollar spent on rural hospitals generates approximately $2.20 for the local economy.
**The Kids Christmas Project**

The Kids Christmas Project, a tradition of the KU Wichita Midtown Clinic to provide Christmas gifts for children of families in distress, is in need of your help! Many of these children have no other Christmas gifts and the needs list grows annually.

The Ryan White Part D staff use donated funds to purchase items based on the “wish list” parents provide. Last year, the program helped create a memorable holiday for 46 children in Wichita under the age of 13.

You can be a part of bringing smiles to the faces of these children at Christmas by donating cash, or a check, and gift cards. Donations for the Kids Christmas project should be submitted to Jennifer Herington in the MPA office, located on the third floor of the main building. Contributions to the KUSM–W Medical Practice Association are tax deductible and contributors will be given a tax receipt for the amount of the donation.

Any donation you can make will be appreciated and put to good use. For more information, contact Rhonda Breedlove at 293-3408 or rbreedlove@kumc.edu.

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**Fall/Winter Wellness Challenge**

Think you’ve got what it takes to go the distance? If so, join the eight-week wellness challenge, which began Monday, Nov. 14, and concludes Friday, Jan. 13. Click here for more information.

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**Congratulations!**

The National Cancer Institute has recognized student alum and Internal Medicine volunteer faculty member Dennis Moore, Jr., MD, and Internal Medicine volunteer faculty member Shaker Dakhil, MD, and the Wichita Community Clinical Oncology Program research staff for having some of the nation’s highest patient enrollments in National Cancer Institute Treatment and Cancer Control Clinical Trials.

Dr. Moore, who enrolled 73 patients in trials, earned recognition for the second-highest patient enrollment in the nation. Dr. Dakhil, who enrolled 71 patients, was recognized for the nation’s third-highest enrollment. Nationally, other Community Clinical Oncology Programs enrolled an average of 40 patients during the same period.

**Also recognized:**

Platinum Awards for enrolling more than 25 patients:

- Michael Cannon, MD  
  *Internal Medicine* volunteer faculty
- James Delmore, MD  
  *KUSM–W* resident alum and part-time OBGYN faculty
- David Johnson, MD  
  *Internal Medicine* volunteer faculty
- Bassam Mattar, MD  
  *KUSM–W* resident alum and Internal Medicine volunteer faculty
- Nassim Nabbout, MD  
  *KUSM–W* resident alum and Internal Medicine volunteer faculty
- Pavan Reddy, MD  
  *KUSM–W* resident alum and Internal Medicine volunteer faculty

Silver Award for 16-19 enrollments:

- Phu Truong, MD  
  *KUSM–W* student and resident alum and Internal Medicine volunteer faculty

**Fun Facts**

There are 83 Critical Access Hospitals (usually found in smaller communities, these facilities generally have 25 beds or less and have limited services, yet are fully functioning) serving rural Kansas.
Aches & Pains:
How to Treat Chronic Pain
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 14
Roberts Amphitheater

Sheryl Beard, MD
Senior Associate Director
Family & Community Medicine
KU School of Medicine–Wichita

Did you miss the Nov. 8 lecture about the Informed Patient with Robert Badgett, MD? FREE audio recordings and notes are available online at wichita.kumc.edu/livelearn within a week after each lecture.

Faculty Development

But You Can’t Fail Her! Diagnosing and Remediating the Problem Learner
Led by Deborah Kroeker, MD
Pediatrics assistant professor
Wednesday, Dec. 7
Noon to 1 p.m.
Santa Fe Room

These faculty development opportunities have been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. For more information, please call Marianne Eyles at 293-3560.

Abby Arthur Nov. 17
Brent Crane Nov. 17
Linh Nguyen Nov. 17
Rebecca Reddy Nov. 17
Lauren Rowland Nov. 17
Glenn Veenstra Nov. 17
Marcus Weiser Nov. 17
Lucas Armstrong Nov. 19
Tyler Doyle Nov. 19
Dominique Garrett Nov. 19
Colleen Loo-Gross Nov. 19
Lorene Valentine Nov. 20
Leenan Abugisisa Nov. 21
Crystal Harvey Nov. 21
Molly Lindquist Nov. 21
Giao Pham Nov. 21
Patricia Powell Nov. 21
Melanie Runge Nov. 21
Melissa Cardwell Nov. 22
Robin Heinrichs Nov. 22
Satinder Mahal Nov. 22
Kimberly Walker Nov. 22
Kathy Clark Nov. 23
Malea Hartvickson Nov. 26
Margaret Horton Nov. 26
Pamela O’Neal Nov. 26
Bradley Haupricht, Jr. Nov. 27
Forest Kirkpatrick Nov. 27
Steven Allen Nov. 28
Gustav Fischer Nov. 28
Sheryl Kelly Nov. 28
Whitney Smith Nov. 28
Mark Stovak Nov. 28
Keith Hillis Nov. 29
KU Pride Day for United Way

Please join us for the next KU Pride day for the United Way Campaign, Wednesday, Dec. 21. With supervisor’s approval, you may wear jeans to work if you purchased a year pass or by purchasing a sticker for $2.50 in Human Resources. All proceeds will benefit United Way. For more information, please contact Tyler Doyle at 3-2649 or tdoyle@kumc.edu.

United Way T-shirts available for purchase

For a $30 donation to the United Way campaign, you receive a whole year of KU Pride days through December 2012 as well as a special KU T-shirt. KU Pride days are on the third Wednesday of every month and you can wear jeans (with supervisor’s approval) to benefit the United Way. Simply fill out the form by clicking here and return it to Jennifer Eaton in Public Affairs. Checks should be made payable to KUSM–W and taken to Human Resources. The shirt orders and donations are due by Friday, Nov. 18. All proceeds will benefit United Way and are tax-deductible. For more information please contact Tyler Doyle at 3-2649 or tdoyle@kumc.edu.

Family Medicine Winter Symposium

The 31st Annual Family Medicine Winter Symposium will focus on problems commonly encountered by family physicians, with a special emphasis on refining diagnostic and therapeutic skills. The symposium will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Wichita Marriott Hotel. For more information and to register by Friday, Nov. 25, click here. With pre-registration, KUSM–W resident physicians and medical students may attend, and lunch on Friday will be provided without charge.

Save the Date: the Family Medicine Spring Symposium will be held on Friday, April 13, 2012.

Fun Facts

There are 4,118 primary care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in rural and frontier areas of all U.S. states and territories compared to 1,960 in metropolitan areas.

The average median income for rural U.S. residents is $40,615 compared to $51,831 for urban residents.

Congratulations!

Surgery volunteer faculty member Kyle Vincent, MD, has received board certification by the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Vincent joined Via Christi clinic in August.

Third-year Internal Medicine resident Jeremy Kempke, MD, received the Mahlon H. Delp award at the American College of Physicians Kansas Chapter Scientific meeting. The award is presented in memory of Dr. Delp, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, to a recipient who demonstrates integrity, compassion, and dedication to the care of patients as individuals. A committee of Internal Medicine faculty nominated Dr. Kempke for his excellence throughout his career.

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“Keenan’s Perspective: The Photographic View of a Three-Year Old”

An exhibit of 15 digital photographs by Keenan Shea Mears.

William J. Reals Gallery of Art – East

If you have any questions, contact Anita Peeters, IT, ext. 3-3400.

Way to go!

The departments of Psychiatry and Family & Community Medicine received five-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Five years is the best accreditation allopathic residency programs can receive.

Fun Facts

The most recent issue of KU Wichita is now available. The cover story features KU School of Medicine–Wichita graduates Doug and Shelly Gruenbacher and their lives as rural doctors in Quinter, Kan.

Also featured:

• Historic first-year medical students
• Public Health degrees in action
• Largest third-year class

Printed copies are available in the lobby or in Public Affairs.

In the last 10 years, Kansas Locum Tenens (a program run by Rural Health Education and Services that allows providers in rural Kansas to have KUMC residents or faculty work in their practice on a temporary basis) has provided nearly 3,300 days of primary care temporary coverage in rural Kansas.

Only 10 percent of psychologists/psychiatrists and 20 percent of masters-level social workers work in rural areas.

While nearly 85 percent of U.S. residents can reach a Level I or Level II trauma center within an hour, only 24 percent of residents living in rural areas can do so within that time frame, despite the fact that 60 percent of all trauma deaths in the United States occur in rural areas.

Rural residents spend more on health care out of pocket than their urban counterparts. On average, rural residents pay 40 percent of their health care costs out of their own pocket compared with the urban share of approximately one third of the cost. One in five rural residents spends more than $1,000 out of pocket in a year.

There are 27 Safety Net Clinics (clinics set up to help the uninsured or underinsured in an outpatient setting) serving rural Kansas.
A JayStar is a “spot award” recognition program designed to acknowledge and reward employees. To learn more about the award and how you can nominate someone, go to JAYSTARS.

Debbie Janzen
Rockhill Psychology Office

Debbie is what holds the Psychology Office at the Rockhill Clinic together. Without her careful organization, planning, double-checking, and triple-checking, our office would fall apart. She works overtime when necessary because she cares so much about completing tasks in a timely manner. Debbie is friendly to everyone and is an essential part of our office family. Thank you, Debbie, for all of your hard work and dedication.  
Nominated by MPA

Kristie Eubanks
Public Affairs

Kristie had the great idea to create a media training program for some KUSM–W faculty members, a program that would prepare them to be great spokespeople for medical-related media inquiries and pitches. She created a workshop for faculty to learn dos and don’ts of media interviews and she collaborated with the WSU journalism department to arrange practice interviews between faculty and journalism students, providing both groups with practice. With a lot of moving parts, as Kristie says, it was quite the undertaking and took a significant amount of planning. The result: a successful workshop and event that has prepared several KUSM–W faculty members to give great media interviews and represent the medical school well. Great job, Kristie!  
Nominated by Cari Merrill, Public Affairs

We cordially invite you to attend a Grand Opening and University of Kansas

FACULTY & STAFF
Appreciation Event

MONDAY, NOV. 28 – FRIDAY, DEC. 2

20% off Entire Purchase of KU Merchandise (valid Nov. 28 – Dec. 2)  Gift with Purchase (while supplies last)
Jered Windorski  
**Hometown:** Douglass, Kan.  
**Family:** David (father), Marsha (mother), Andrew (brother-in-law), Jessica (sister), and Jak (nephew)  

**When and how did you first get interested in medicine?**  
I first became interested in medicine after talking with a doctor of mine, Dr. Yoram Leitner. We had talked about how he came to be in medicine; I had always admired his kindness and patience, and so when he offered to let me shadow him over spring break while I was in college, I accepted. After that week, I was sure medicine was what I was supposed to do with my life.  

**What field of medicine are you leaning toward?**  
I have absolutely no idea.  

**Whom do you most admire, or who is your hero, and why?**  
Both of my parents are my heroes; I would not be the person I am today without their love and patience.  

**What is one interesting fact or unusual trait about you?**  
I tell terrible jokes that are so terrible they make people laugh, so I guess I continue to win at life after all.

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Betsy Simison  
**Hometown:** Wichita, Kan.  
**Family:** Christine (mother), Mark (step-father), Mary (sister), Frances (sister), Angela (sister), Evelyn (sister), Joseph (brother), Ian (brother), and Alexander (brother)  

**When and how did you first get interested in medicine?**  
My father had three total hip replacements when I was very young. After each procedure, he would pull out an anatomy book and walk us through what the surgeons had done. He also brought home two of the artificial hip joints that had been removed and let us examine them. This really sparked my interest in human anatomy and medicine.  

**What field of medicine are you leaning toward?**  
Ophthalmology  

**Whom do you most admire, or who is your hero, and why?**  
My grandfather, who passed away three years ago from Multiple Myeloma. He was the most selfless and hardest working person I have ever known. Even during his illness, he took care of others and put their needs before his own.  

**What is one interesting fact or unusual trait about you?**  
I have played the harp since I was 9 years old.

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**Fun Facts**

Approximately 15.4 percent of rural U.S. residents live in poverty compared to 11.9 percent of urban residents.  

Only nine percent of all physicians and 12 percent of all pharmacists practice in rural areas.  

There are only half as many specialists per 100,000 residents in rural areas compared to urban areas.  

Rural areas average about 30 dentists per 100,000 residents while urban areas average approximately twice that number.
Say “hello” to...

Jacqueline Aday, RN
RN/Diabetic Educator
MPA
Cypress

Tracie Collins, MD, MPH
Chair
Preventive Medicine &
Public Health

Martha Lindemann, ARNP
MPA
Wesley Medical Center
Pediatrics

Sarah Martling, ARNP
MPA
Carriage Parkway
Pediatrics

Eric McDaniel
Research Associate
Family & Community
Medicine

MPA Cookbooks for Sale!

The MPA has compiled 178 of the staff’s favorite recipes to create a cookbook to sell. Cookbooks are $6 and may be purchased from Kristi Friesen, HR Coordinator in the MPA office (Suite 3049). Checks, made payable to UKSM–W MPA, or cash for the exact amount are accepted. For more information, contact Kristi at 293-2620 or kfriesen2@kumc.edu.

Fun Fact

Approximately 62 million Americans, nearly one in five, live in rural and frontier areas.
Don’t miss the JTO deadline changes for the holidays

Throughout the year, the deadline to submit information for inclusion in JTO is the Monday of the week prior to JTO publication. Please note that the deadlines to submit information for the issues that will publish around the holidays have changed to noon on the following dates:

**Friday, Nov. 18**  
(for the JTO that will publish on Wednesday, Nov. 30)

**Friday, Dec. 16**  
(for the JTO that will publish on Wednesday, Dec. 28)

**Tuesday, Jan. 3 - due to the state holiday on Monday, Jan. 2**  
(for the JTO that will publish on Wednesday, Jan. 11)

Please contact Jennifer Wise, PA, at 293-3534 or jwise@kumc.edu with any questions or special needs.

**Fun Fact**

Rural Americans reside in 80 percent of the total U.S. land area but only make up 20 percent of the U.S. population.

**Kids need books!**

The Wesley Pediatric Residency Clinic and KU Pediatric Faculty Clinic are in need of new or gently used children’s books for infants and young children. The used books are given to children seen at the clinic as well as their siblings. No religious or holiday books please.

Donated books may be placed in the collection box located on the Wichita Campus in Human Resources. Books also may be dropped off at the Wesley Clinic, located at 620 N. Carriage Parkway. If you have a large donation that needs to be picked up, or if you have questions, please contact Julie Wellner, RN, at 962-7386 or julie.wellner@wesleymc.com.

Classifieds

**Free**

FREE to a good home. Dog—terrier-mix named Benny. 6 months to one year old, good with kids and other dogs, playful and loving, house-broken and crate-trained, has had all shots. Call Kathy at 316-655-6694.

**For sale**

Floral tan loveseat. $50. For photos, visit [http://wichita.craigslist.org/fuo/2648357624.html](http://wichita.craigslist.org/fuo/2648357624.html). Contact Leona at njlj08@sbcglobal.net.

Magnavox Projection TV. $50. For photos, visit [http://wichita.craigslist.org/fuo/2648357624.html](http://wichita.craigslist.org/fuo/2648357624.html). Contact Leona at njlj08@sbcglobal.net.

If you have an item to buy, sell, or trade, consider listing it as a FREE classified ad in JTO. This service is available to students, residents, faculty, staff, and others who work for KU, MPA, and affiliates.

Remember, you must resubmit – by e-mailing wicpa@kumc.edu or calling 293-2643 – to list an item again!
Fun Facts
Since it began, the Kansas Bridging Plan has distributed more than $2,100,000 to participants. This successful loan forgiveness program for primary care physicians has retained 80 percent of participants in Kansas.

100 out of the 105 counties in Kansas are considered rural for participants in the Kansas Bridging Plan.

Photos included in this issue of JTO are the winning submissions for the Rural Health 2011 Rural Kansas Photography Contest. To see all of the winners, click here.