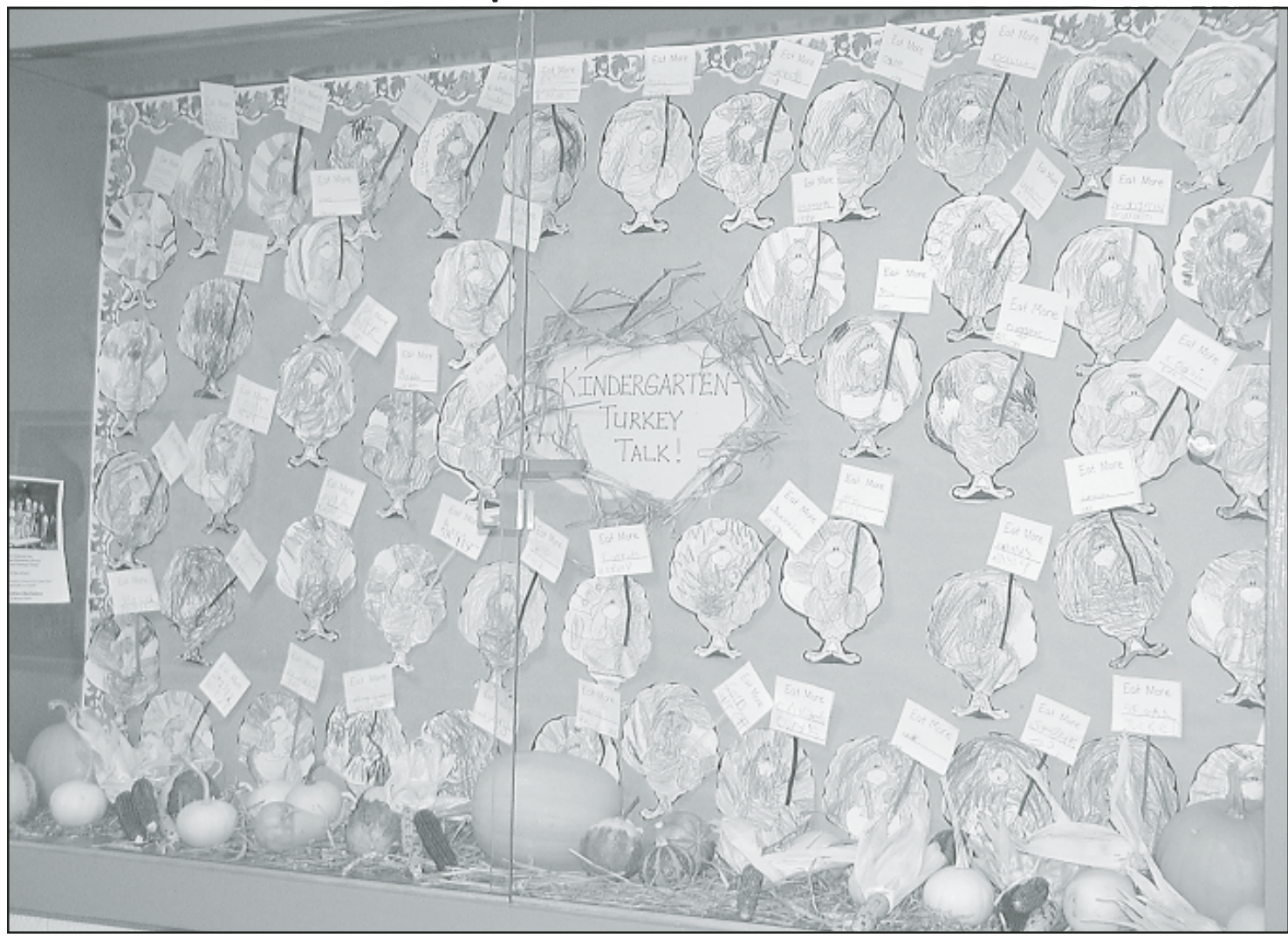


# Let's talk turkey...



Turkey Talk was the theme of the bulletin board in the main entry at Eisenhower Elementary School. All the turkeys were made and decorated by the kindergarten students. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Kansas group sponsoring Beech factual story contest

TOPEKA — Entries are being accepted for the 2007 Kansas Factual Story Contest sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas. The annual contest encourages preserving in writing factual, unpublished happenings and anecdotes in the lives of Kansans.

Olive Ann Beech, Wichita, provided cash awards for winners for over 30 years. Following her death, this support has been continued by her daughter, Mary Lynn Oliver, Wichita.

Beech Memorial Cash Awards are: first place, \$175; second place, \$125; third place, \$100 and \$50 each for two honorable mentions. Entrants are asked to keep copies of their entries; none will be returned. All stories may be preserved in the manuscript department of the Kansas State Historical Society.

Contest rules are simple. Stories should have taken place in Kansas in earlier days; be limited to 750 words; be true and not have been published. The contest is open to everyone. Only one story may be entered per person. Entries must be postmarked no later than Dec. 9, 2006.

A panel from the Kansas State Historical Society will judge the stories. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas at the Maner Conference Center in Topeka on Friday, Jan. 26, 2007. The Banquet is open to all who wish to join for an evening to honor the Great State of Kansas. Distinguished Kansans will also be honored at the event.

This contest encourages the preservation of stories which provide a glimpse into the lives and times of the real world of Kansans in times past, stories which might not otherwise be preserved by the written word. The stories give poignant and humorous insight into the lives of Kansans.

Winners for 2006 were: first, Donna J. Adee, Minneapolis; second, Thelma Allendorf, Topeka; third, Karen Haag, Emporia; honorable mention, George Paris, Topeka and Beryl H. Roberts, Denver.

Submit entries and direct questions to June Windscheffel, contest chairman, 1100 SW Belle Avenue, Topeka, Kan. 66604-2043, telephone (785) 272-2831.

# Norton student selected to be area KAY president

The Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) has informed *The Norton Telegram* that Norton Community High School junior Ashley Maybon has been selected to serve as Area 4 KAY president.

The selection took place on Nov. 8 at the 2006 Regional Conference at Smith Center High School, hosted by that school's KAY Club.

Ashley has served the Norton Community Junior High KAY Club as president and the high school club as Faith, Reporter and Vice President. Selected for her dedication and years of experience with the program, she will serve the clubs of Northwest Kansas. Among her duties will be to attend a training meeting in Topeka, write up to three newsletters for the

clubs she serves, attend KAY Leadership Camp on July 23-27, 2007 and help conduct the 2007 Area 4 KAY Regional Conference.

"We are honored to have Ashley Maybon serve as a KAY Area president," said Cheryl Gleason, assistant executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association and KAY State Director. "Her strong background in the KAY program, her proven leadership and enthusiasm for serving others will serve as a valuable motivator for the KAY Clubs of Northwest Kansas."

Ashley joins a list of former KAY Area Presidents from the Norton Community, including: 1982, Paula Thompson (Jr. High); 1983, Anissa Enfield (Jr. High); 1994, Marlee Schultz; 1997, Kiera Mann; 1998, Megan Menagh; 1999, Erin Foley; 2003, Kayla Peterson; and 2005, Chelle Donovan

According to the state's high school activities association, the Kansas Association for Youth is a character-building, leadership training, service organization directed by the activities association. This nationally acclaimed organization provides students an opportunity to learn to assume their citizenship responsibilities and to enrich their personalities

through well-organized programs. These programs emphasize four areas of service: school, community, nation and world.

The activities association said the program is available to any member school's students. Local organizations are under the direction of the school principal, who, in turn, appoints a sponsor(s) to lead the guide the club's program. Mirla Coleman and Erin Hill are the sponsors at Norton Community High School.

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# It's flu season again.

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# Cash prize available for essay winner

TOPEKA — Kansas students grades 8 to 12 can compete for a cash prize of \$200 in the annual essay contest "Kansas! Say It Above A Whisper!", sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

Essays must be limited to 250 words (about one double-spaced typewritten page) and postmarked no later than Dec. 9, 2006. Send entries to June Windscheffel, 1100 SW Belle Ave., Topeka, Kan. 66604-2043.

The contest title, which deals with pride in the state of Kansas, was coined by early-day Kansas newspaperwoman, Mamie Boyd of Mankato and Phillipsburg, whose family provides the cash awards. Past essays have described the interesting and strong-hearted people of Kansas, the state's wheat fields, enchanting diversity in population, the state's beauty and the emotions and pride evoked by that beauty.

The essay contest is judged by a panel of Kansas Professional Communicators (formerly Kansas Press Women). The judges look for originality, creativity and sincerity in expressing pride in the state of Kansas.

The winner will be announced and recognized by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas at their annual banquet Jan. 26, 2007 at Maner Conference Center, Topeka. The Kansan of the Year and other honorees will be featured at the banquet.

Winner of the 2006 prize was Lauren Wheeler, a student at Ellis High School.

This contest is only open to Kansas students grades 8 to 12. No entries will be returned. They will be turned over to the Kansas State Historical Society to be preserved in the manuscript department.

For more information, contact June Windscheffel at (785) 272-2831.

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