



University of Kansas Athletics Director Lew Perkins (above) collected money from the crowd for God's Pantry by inspiring a little "friendly competition" at Monday's Norton Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. Mr. Perkins was one

of the featured speakers. University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemmingway (right) spoke of how the university prepares its students to live in a globally competitive world.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Chamber speaker raises money for Pantry

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First to speak was Mr. Hemmingway, who was introduced by Chamber Board member Kelly Hill as the 16th chancellor of the university that's gained national respect for its academic programs and achievements under his guidance.

"I always enjoy coming to this area," Mr. Hemmingway said. "I grew up in Hastings, Neb. and its like coming home."

He said he was proud to be in Norton as one of the city's students, Mathew Shepard, was the winner of a \$20,000 Horatio-Alger scholarship and would be attending the University of Kansas.

"He's accomplished a lot so far," he said, "and I think he'll accomplish a lot more."

Mr. Hemmingway said the university's goal was to prepare its students for global competition.

All of the university's programs, from academics to athletics, were geared toward this.

"The University of Kansas is a university that prepares you to go out and compete in an international economy," he said. "Students have to get an education that allows them to compete on an international scale. That's our goal, preparing people to compete in the 21st century, whether its in education or athletics."

Mr. Perkins was next to speak. "I'm very honored to be here," he said. "One of the things I like to talk about is fund raising. I like to raise money. The chancellor has repeatedly told me I'm here (at K.U.) to raise money. So, I'm going to raise a little money for God's Pantry."

"It'll be a friendly competition." To start off, he had everyone associated with Kansas State Uni-

versity stand.

"Now," he said, "everyone standing, come up and give me two dollars."

Next was the University of Kansas people's turn, who had to give him a dollar "since I'm with K.U.," he said.

Those who had no affiliations with either school had to give him \$3, while a smart comment about Denver paid out another \$20.

"Just to show I'm a supporter, I'll donate \$20 too," he said. "I'm a firm believer in supporting the community. It's all about competition; friendly competition."

Mr. Perkins said in the four years he's been at the university, the athletic budget has gone from \$24 million to \$54 million, mainly because of fundraising, which is small compared to some of the other state colleges' athletic budgets.

The athletic department has im-

proved and so has its student athletes.

"We have over 300 students on athletic scholarships and give the university about \$13 million of our budget for those scholarships," he said.

"We're proud to be a part of the university. We have one of the highest number of student athletes in the nation with a GPA (grade point average) of at least 3.0. We have 47 student athletes with a 4.0 or better.

"We don't just preach student athletes, we practice student athletes."

The University of Kansas, he said, is not just about football and basketball. There are 16 other sports the university competes in.

"We want to be the best in everything," he said. "And the University of Kansas has one of the greatest athletic programs out there."

Mr. Perkins ended his speech by saying, "I appreciate the opportunity to come here tonight. I think the people from Norton are very, very special and I'm proud to be with K.U., so I can be around people like you."

"Thank you and go Jayhawks!"

Chamber Board President Marvin Matchett said the Chamber has been busy in a good and successful way. Each of the Chamber's promotions, like Crazy Days, Moonlight Madness, Spring Cents, the Fourth of July Celebration and Twelve Days of Christmas, have been a growing success. The Chamber has started a few new things, like selling porkburgers at its free fireworks display, hosting a beer garden at the annual car show, and hosting

The Winner's Circle, a new event.

Mr. Matchett recognized the Chamber Board — Randall Ball, Don Kaus, Joel Duscher, Kathy Erbert, Rich Hageman, Kelly Hill, Mary Oswald and Doug Ray; Chamber Director Karla Reed; and the Chamber Ambassadors — Evelyn and Chriss McDiffett, Ruth and Denzel Lofgreen, Georgia and Lyman Rowh, Jean and Warren White, Marcia and Richard Wiltfong, Shirley Erbert, Mel Rice, Norma Howorth, Alberta Slaby, Jake Durham, Genevieve Poage and Ruby Pflieger.

Door prizes were given away. Winning were Gil Otter, Dr. Roy Hartley, Mary Oswald, Mark Keilig, Kevin Baughman, Veronica Monier, Megan O'Connor, Darla Ellis and Marcia Wiltfong.

Committee looking into agency problems

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran asked the House Agriculture Committee to examine problems at the Farm Service Agency (FSA), including an ineffective computer system and delays farmers are experiencing when signing up for Direct and Counter-cyclical Programs (DCP). Moran asked Chairman Collin Peterson to conduct a hearing to investigate the situation and begin finding ways to resolve it.

"For many months, farmers and ranchers across Kansas have informed me of the antiquated and inept computer system used by

FSA," Congressman Moran said. "In one FSA office in Kansas, the staff must shut down all of the computers in the office to download a single form onto the system. Not only does this delay producer sign-ups, but it is a waste of staff time and taxpayer dollars. I am worried that the problems farmers and ranchers are experiencing today are just the beginning and that without significant technology changes, a catastrophic computer collapse will occur."

On Friday, FSA had to extend the DCP sign-up deadline due to problems with the computer system. The delay in DCP sign-ups is also being caused by extensive FSA paperwork reviews of all farm operations. The reviews were ordered after audit findings showed 11 percent of FSA payments were improper. However, about 91 percent of the improper

payments were attributable to paperwork errors.

"While the government should be held accountable and every effort should be made to correct paperwork errors, forcing unnecessary audits that delay DCP sign-ups and payments to producers who are in compliance is unjustified," the congressman said.

Action by the House Agriculture Committee also comes at an important time as FSA is in the process of consolidating county offices. FSA is telling farmers and ranchers that consolidation will not adversely affect them because they can complete the paperwork online. This has not been the case, however, because the computer system cannot even handle current in-office use.

Congressman Moran is a senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Wall honors lost loved ones, offers hope

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Sales of the bricks raised more than \$26,000. That money will be used to provide scholarships for patients who need assistance with the cost of treatment, as well as books and personal care items.

This is the 40th year of the Valley Hope Association Foundation and Norton was selected as the site for the wall. It is located on the south side of the ga-

zebo on the grounds of the Valley Hope Treatment Center, West U.S. Highway 36.

Valley Hope maintenance crew Ryan Keith and Don Jackson completed the carpentry work to ready the site for brick. Taking advantage of near-perfect weather, Mr. Rudolph and Mr. Sheley built the wall with assembly line precision.

Mr. Sheley laid the bricks, face down, on the concrete pad in front

of the gazebo, then applied adhesive to the back of the bricks. Next, he applied adhesive to the top side of the last row laid. Then, it was Mr. Rudolph's turn. With a taut line for a guide, he placed each brick in place, carefully tapping it into place, making sure each brick was perfectly level.

You can learn more about the treatment center by going to their website at www.valleyhope.com.

Agreement made on water rights

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higher for the people who use the lake for recreation and it will also be good for the irrigators.

"It's not very often you get a win/win situation all around, but I believe this is one of them."

Mr. Hayden said the project is in the 2008 fiscal year budget and, once the formal agreement is signed, the Irrigation District will be paid on or before July 10 of this year.

Stamp, postal prices rising on May 14

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ratecase and select *New International Rates, Fees and Country Listing*. The Norton Post Office is located at 302 E. Washington, and the phone number is 877-3212. Window hours are 9-11:30 a.m., and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9-11 a.m. Saturday.

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No.	Course	Cr.	Instructor	Place	Time/Day	Start Date
ITV CLASSES						
PS176	General Psychology	3	L. Koon	Hospital	MTWThF-8:00-a-5:30p	5/21 to 5/25
PS276	Developmental Psychology	3	K. Carter	Hospital	TWThFSat-8:00a-5:30p	5/29 to 6/2
PI276	Intro. to Ethics	3	M. McVay	Hospital	MTWThF-2:00-5:00p	6/4 to 6/22
SO176	Intro. to Sociology	3	L. Koon	Hospital	Mon.-6:00-10:30p	5/21 to 7/20
HE101	Basic Nutrition	3	M. Kane	Hospital	MTWThF-8:30-11:30a	6/4 to 6/22
MON./WED. CLASSES						
SP176	Public Speaking	3	E. Hill	NHS	MW-6:00-9:00p	5/30 to
MU176	Intro. to Music	3	S. Stutheit	NHS	MW-7:00-10:00p	5/30 to
ML237	Spanish Comp. & Conversation	3	A. Stiles	NJHS	MW-7:00-10:00p	6/4 to 7/18
MON./WED./FRI. CLASSES						
CH176	Fundamentals of Chemistry	5	J. Green	NHS	MW/F-1:00-5:00p	6/7 to
CH176L	Fundamentals of Chemistry Lab	0	J. Green	NHS	MW/F-1:00-5:00p	6/7 to
MON./TUES./TH/FRI. CLASSES						
EN110	Medical Terminology	1	J.A. Wilson	Hospital	MTu/ThF-12:30-2:30p	June 4,5,7,8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18
TUES./THURS. CLASSES						
EN176	English Comp I	3	J. Votopka	NJHS	T/Th-3:00-6:00p	5/29 to
EN177	English Comp II	3	J. Votopka	NJHS	T/Th-6:00-9:00p	5/29 to
MA178	College Algebra	3	L. Bailey	NCHS	T/Th-6:30-9:30p	5/29 to
MA076	Beginning Algebra	3	W. Davis	NJHS	T/Th-TBA	6/4 to
MA250	Elements of Statistics	3	W. Davis	NJHS	T/Th-TBA	6/4 to
MA185	Plane Trigonometry	3	W. Davis	NJHS	T/Th-3:00-5:00p	6/4 to
MA177	Intermediate Algebra	3	W. Davis	NJHS	T/Th-TBA	6/4 to
WEDNESDAY CLASSES						
PH103	Earth Science	5	G. Rossi	NJHS	Wed.-6:00-9:00p	6/6 to
PH103L	Earth Science Lab	0	G. Rossi	NJHS	Wed.-6:00-9:00p	6/6 to
THURSDAY CLASSES						
HI177	American History 1865 to	3	R. Walz	NJHS	Thurs.-6:00-9:00p	6/7 to
SATURDAY CLASSES						
BI296	Microbiology II	2	E. Temmel	Hospital	Sat.-8:00a-1:00p	5/19 to 6/30
FRIDAY/SATURDAY CLASS						
AL123	Medication Aide Update	1	J. Rima	Andbe	F/Sat.-5:30-9:30 p.m. (F) 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (S)	5/25-5/26