

Dancing to the music



Students of Chanda's Dance Illusions performed at the East Campus Auditorium Friday and Saturday evening. The theme of the recital was "Blast to the Past." The students danced to "It's A Hard Knock Life," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "Butterfly Kisses," among other songs.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Beef and cattle day nearing

The Kansas State University Southeast Agricultural Research Center will host its Beef Cattle and Forage Crops Field Day on Thursday, May 7 at the center's Mound Valley Unit. The site is two and a half miles west of Mound Valley on U.S. Highway 160 (formerly K-96), then one-quarter mile south on Elk Road.

The event will begin with registration, including complimentary coffee and donuts, at 8:30 a.m., with the program starting at 9 a.m. Presentation topics and K-State Research and Extension speakers will include:

- Mineral Supplementation of Grazing Beef Cattle — Justin Waggoner, livestock specialist
- Bermudagrass Variety Selection — Joe Moyer, forage agronomist
- Factors Affecting Market Value of Feeder Cattle — Karl Harborth, livestock specialist
- Pasture Weed and Brush Control Update — Doug Shoup, crops and soils specialist
- Evaluation of Hay Storage Systems — Lyle Lomas, animal scientist and head of K-State's Southeast Agricultural Research Center.

FYI

A Kansas Public Employee Retirement System pre-retirement seminar will be held at the East Campus Auditorium next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The seminar is designed for covered employees that are within five years of retirement. The seminar is free, but pre-registration is required. Anyone interested in attending should call 1-888-275-5737.

The Norton Public Library will host a special family story hour for children and their parents at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in the Community Room. Cookies and milk will be served.

There will be a guitar recital

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Service offers program for farmers

The Acting State Executive Director of United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in Kansas Jack Salava said producers can elect and enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election program beginning April 27.

The program is a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill.

"The Average Crop Revenue Election program is an innovative alternative to the traditional farm safety," Mr. Salava said. "This new option presents an opportunity for producers to review both programs and decide which one will work best for their operation."

Producers have until Aug. 14, to make their decision for the 2009 crop.

The department will not accept any late-filed applications.

Producers who elect to use the program for a farm agree to:

- Forgo counter-cyclical payments
- Accept a 20-percent reduction of the direct payments
- Accept a 30-percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm.

Commodities eligible for program payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crambe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas.

The program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments.

Producers may elect and enroll in the program for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

To elect the program for a farm, producers must complete Form CCC-509 ACRE, which

irrevocably elects the program for the farm through crop year 2012.

Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in the program, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

For more information about the program please visit your local Farm Service Agency county office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Week celebrates children

Mayor David Corns signed a proclamation declaring April 18 to 24 as the "Week of the Young Child" at Wednesday night's council meeting.

According to Holly Puga, coordinator, Week of the Young Child is designed to bring communities together for children.

Several day care providers in Norton have activities planned for each day next week to celebrate Week of the Young Child.

Children in Holly's Clubhouse will be having a balloon launch, a craft night/cookie day, and will decorate sidewalks with chalk. Other providers:

Sunshine Learning Center

• Saturday — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Presenters, \$6.00, parents only

- Sunday — Parent night
- Monday — Balloon launch at Eisenhower Elementary at 6:30 p.m., hot dog roast following.
- Tuesday — Cookie Day during class

- Wednesday — Decorating Andbe Home and singing
- Thursday — Sidewalk chalk at the courthouse, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday — Story hour at the Library, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday — Wag-a-thon nature walk through Elmwood Park, 3 p.m.

Suzi Brooks, Little Angels Daycare

- Monday — Balloon Launch
 - Tuesday — Plant a Seed Day
 - Wednesday — Nature Hike Day
 - Thursday — Project Day
 - Friday — Hat Day
- ### April Bashford, Busy Bees Daycare
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 - Wednesday — Parent night
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