

## Reading material



Children's Librarian Kathy McConney worked to shelve books at Norton Public Library yesterday. The librarians were busy this week organizing the books, a venture they sometimes take on. The library is home to over 75,000 books.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

# Youth hunt is scheduled

Prairie Dog State Park is accepting applications for the Annual Youth Pheasant Hunt which will be held on Jan. 16 at 8 a.m. The hunt is limited to 12 youth hunters ages 10 to 15.

All participants must wear blaze orange during the special hunt and each youth must be accompanied by an adult.

If more than 12 youth apply for the hunt, local staff will conduct a drawing to determine who will

be eligible to hunt in this year's event.

In cooperation with the Norton Longspur Pheasants Forever, the annual youth hunt is held as part of the Kansas Hunter Recruitment and Retention Program called "Pass It On." This program addresses the need to recruit new hunters and retain existing hunters in order to ensure future hunting in Kansas.

The Prairie Dog State Park

Youth Hunt is designed to encourage young hunters and should offer a quality experience with a better than average chance of success.

To apply, contact the Prairie Dog State Park Office at (785) 877-2953 no later than January 13 with your name, birth date and phone number. Park staff will notify the participants by phone on Jan. 14 with the results of the drawing.

# Applications being taken for land protection programs

Kansas agricultural producers and landowners interested in protecting or improving natural resources on their land are being urged to contact their local U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office by the cutoff dates listed below to apply for a program and to be considered for Fiscal Year 2010 funding. After the cutoff date, NRCS will evaluate and rank applications for the following programs:

Environmental Quality Incen-

tives Program (EQIP) cutoff date - Jan. 15

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) cutoff date - Jan. 15

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) cutoff date - Feb. 19

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) cutoff date - Jan. 22

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) cutoff date - Feb. 15

All NRCS natural resources programs are voluntary and may be applied for throughout the

year, however, funding cutoff dates are set as listed above for evaluation and ranking of the signed applications.

In Kansas, historically underserved, socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers may receive a higher payment through EQIP and WHIP for structural and vegetative practices.

More information about the conservation programs listed is available on the Kansas Web site at [www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov).

# Still accepting nominations for Employer Support Freedom Award

The beginning of the new year marks the final days for Kansas Guard and Reserve members and their families to nominate supportive employers for the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

With 24 nominations from Kansas already submitted, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency, continues to

encourage nominations of employers who have gone above and beyond in their support of military employees. Nominations will be accepted at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) through Jan. 18.

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve

in the Guard and Reserve. With almost one-half of the U.S. military comprised of the Guard and Reserve and the ongoing global operations, U.S. employers play an increasingly important role in their support for employees who serve in the military.

The 15 2010 recipients will be announced in the spring and honored in Washington, D.C. at the 15th annual Secretary of De-

fense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony on Sep. 23.

Recipients of the 2009 Freedom Award met privately with President Barack Obama and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. Dr. Jill Biden, Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Dennis McCarthy presented the awards at a ceremony attended

by members of Congress, senior government and military leaders from all Guard and Reserve components.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community.

ESGR is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972 to gain and maintain employer

support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law and resolving conflict through mediation.

For questions regarding the Freedom Award nomination process, please visit [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) or contact Maj. Melissa Phillips, ESGR Public Affairs, at 703-380-9262.

## Sheriff's Log

**December 20**  
6:12 p.m. Received a report of a dead deer in the middle of the highway approximately 3 miles west of Norton on Highway 36  
6:18 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above

**December 21**  
11:00 a.m. Received a call from employee with transport reference delivering a home this afternoon and will be traveling 13 miles west of Edmond on Highway 9 and then just north to their final destination, will have flagger vehicles, and just wanted information passed along  
11:16 a.m. Advised Deputy Land of above  
2:01 p.m. Received a call from subject in Alma reference to an ongoing problem with neighbors' dogs digging in RP yard.  
2:03 p.m. Called Deputy Land reference above and he will call subject

**December 22**  
9:31 a.m. RP advised SO of two vehicles that need to be moved off the snow route in Alma. Subject has been contacted.  
6:51 p.m. Received 911 call reporting a dead deer lying in the highway approximately 1 mile west of Norton/Decatur County line

**December 24**  
11:45 a.m. Received 911 call and no one on line  
11:45 a.m. Called 911 number back and went to voicemail  
11:46 a.m. Received another 911 call from same number and no one on line again, map showing call came from approximately 1/2 mile west of E10 on Highway 36  
11:46 a.m. Called 911 number again and left voicemail  
11:46 a.m. Advised Deputy Land of 911 calls received, advised of the location and unable to make contact with caller.  
11:50 a.m. Received 911 call from subject stating she had received a phone call from her mother who is about 10 miles east of Norton on Highway 36 and mother advised a truck had gone off the roadway in front of them and thought everything was OK, the mother started screaming and connection was lost, advised RP a Deputy is en route to check on subjects.

11:52 a.m. Advised Deputy Land of above call  
11:57 a.m. Deputy Land advised

to page ambulance for standby for above

11:59 a.m. Deputy Land advised there is a one-vehicle roll-over mm 124 on Highway 36, vehicle is on its top

12:00 p.m. Paged Norton Jaws for above

12:01 p.m. Deputy Land advised both occupants out of vehicle, not complaining of any pain, keep ambulance coming but can disregard others.

**December 25**  
2:13 p.m. Called Under Sheriff Wenzl and advised of power outage in Edmond and Lenora areas with unknown problem and Midwest Energy does not have an ETA of when it will be restored  
2:39 p.m. Advised Sheriff Thomson of power outage in Edmond and Lenora and do not have any ETA yet on when it will be restored

2:45 p.m. Received a call from subject in Lenora in reference to an elderly female subject they are concerned about because of the power outage  
2:46 p.m. Advised Deputy Douglas of above  
2:57 p.m. Received a call from subject needing to report an accident that happened earlier today  
2:57 p.m. Advised Deputy Douglas of above

8:10 p.m. Received call from RP reporting vehicle is stuck in middle of county road E2/36 approximately a mile south  
8:29 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above

**December 26**  
8:33 a.m. Received a call from subject approximately 8 miles west of Prairie View on High-

way 36 who slid off in the south ditch and requesting a wrecker be called

8:34 p.m. Advised Deputy Douglas of above

11:04 a.m. Received a call from subject in Lenora with keys locked in a Dodge Durango and vehicle is running. Deputy Douglas spoke with subject on phone

11:18 a.m. Received a call back from above subject advising they were able to get inside vehicle and Deputy is no longer needed

11:18 a.m. Advised Deputy Douglas of above  
9:30 p.m. Received a call from Decatur County advising a Red Dodge pickup will be en route to the NCH with flashers on

9:32 p.m. Advised Deputy Annon of above  
**December 27**  
6:41 a.m. Received a 911 call reporting black cows out lying in the road 3 miles west of the cemetery

10:28 a.m. Received a call from RP needing to speak with an officer referencing a vehicle stuck south of Densmore on Road AA

10:41 a.m. Advised Deputy Annon of above call, he advised that he is going to meet with subject, accident report needed

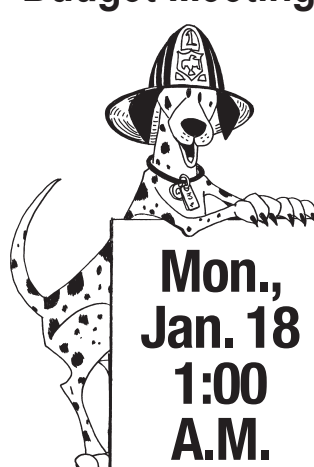
10:41 a.m. Received call from RP reference he received a report that a gray Cadillac side swiped a friend's vehicle near Calvert and did not stop, vehicles are heading towards Norton.

10:43 a.m. Advised Officer Wahlmeier and Deputy Annon reference above

6:24 p.m. Received a 911 call from male subject reference he hit a deer 1/2 mile south of Norton on

Highway 283  
6:27 p.m. PS Deputy Annon in ref to above, he advised he will come to the SO to do a deer report  
6:35 p.m. Male subject arrived at SO for a deer report  
8:11 p.m. Received call from RP stating he hit a deer on Highway

PUBLIC NOTICE  
**Norton Rural Fire District #2 Budget Meeting**



Mon.,  
Jan. 18  
1:00  
A.M.

AT THE  
Norton Rural Fire Station

E-mail social news to Harriett  
[hgill@nwkansas.com](mailto:hgill@nwkansas.com)

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Solomon Valley Rural Fire District No. 3

Monday,  
Jan. 11, 2010

7:00 P.M. at the  
Fire Station in Lenora, Kansas



Riemann ~ Richeson

Come Celebrate with Kelly and Jim on their wedding day!



at the Eagles in Norton on Fri., Jan. 8  
6:00-8:00 p.m.