



Destin McMurray and Jonah Ruda listened to Assistant Sheriff Rich Wenzl at the 911 safety station during the "Summer of Safety" Youth Day Camp which was held at Elmwood Park two weeks ago. The children rotated through lawnmower safety, hand-washing, games and 911 safety stations. Children ages kindergarten through sixth grade were invited to attend, with volunteer 4-H junior leaders, FFA members and adults in charge of the fun-filled activities for the day.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

# Day Camp was successful

Elmwood Park was the scene for fun and excitement for approximately 50 campers and 30 leaders and presenters who attended the 2010 Youth Day Camp sponsored by Twin Creeks K-State Extension, Norton 4-H Council and Norton County Farm Bureau. Youth ages 5-12 attended the camp on June 15. The theme for the day was "Summer of Safety."

Norton FFA members and 4-H Junior leaders who served as group leaders, presenters and helpers with four groups of campers included Anthony Wente, Carissa Wentz, David Cressler, Ryan Blecha, Cody Smith, Robert Blecha, Chance McMullen, Andy Nickell, R.J. Ellis, Cody Ellis, Meaghan Peterson, Wyatt Wentz, Quentin Wentz, Dylan Sprigg, Marisa Maddy, Bailey Ambrosier and Austin Hager.

Tyler Montgomery, Northern

Valley FFA member, demonstrated grain safety; Keith Van-Skike, Twin Creeks Extension agent, advised campers of proper lawn mower safety; Deputy Rich Wenzl and Brandy Keith discussed 911 etiquette and how to call for help when needed; Stephanie Ricke, KSU program assistant for FNP, demonstrated proper hand washing techniques as campers hands "glowed in the dark" in areas that still contained germs; Patsy Maddy, Norton County Farm Bureau coordinator, had campers wondering about edible and non-edible products in a Poison Look-A-Like Display. Tug of war competitions, hillbilly golf, bochie ball, water relays and parachute activities got campers and leaders active and a little wet throughout the day's activities.

A general assembly after a grilled hamburger lunch got everyone's attention as Brian Haug,

Prairie Dog State Park ranger, visited with those in attendance about boating and water safety. Participants also got to examine and ask questions about the new search and rescue jet ski.

Youth also enjoyed a snack in the morning and afternoon and received a camp t-shirt as well as safety information from the various stations to take home and share with family members.

Jamie Wentz, 4-H Community Leader, Jeana Yost, Twins Creeks Extension Office professional and Abby Bainter, Extension summer help, were very instrumental in helping make the day's activities run smoothly assisting with activities and food preparation.

The day camp activities were funded in part by participants fees, 4-H Council and Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Education.

# New traffic laws go into effect this week

Several new laws go into effect this week, and two laws that were effective last July with a one-year warning period become enforceable with a citation. The Patrol would like to remind motorists of these changes, and encourage them to follow these important traffic laws.

Kansas' new Primary Seatbelt law has been effective since June 10 and beginning June 30, drivers and passengers can be cited for violation of the law. This law changes Kansas' seatbelt requirements from a secondary violation to a primary violation, making it possible for law enforcement officers to conduct a traffic stop if the driver or front seat passenger is not wearing their seatbelt. A requirement has also been added requiring adult passengers in the rear seats of a vehicle to wear their seatbelts. Effective June 30, citations can be issued for violation of this law, with a \$5 citation being issued for the first year, and a \$10 citation being issued on and after June 30, 2011. There are no court costs associated with this violation. The Safety Belt laws for those under the age of 18, and the Child Restraint Law have not changed.

A texting ban is another new piece of legislation in Kansas. The texting ban prohibits a driver from using a wireless device to write, send or read a written communication while operating a motor vehicle on a public road or highway. This includes text messages, instant messages and e-mails. Exemptions to this exist in the following instances:

- Law enforcement officers or emergency services personnel using the device as part of their

scope and duties of such employment.

- A vehicle stopped off the regularly travelled portion of the roadway.
- As required to read, select or enter a number or name to place a phone call.
- Read emergency, traffic or weather alerts.
- Receiving a message related to the operation or navigation of the vehicle.
- Reporting current or ongoing illegal activity to law enforcement.
- Preventing imminent injury to a person or property.
- Information between for-hire operators and their dispatcher using a device permanently affixed to the vehicle.

The ban is effective July 1. Warnings will be issued for violation of this law through Dec. 31. Citations can be issued beginning Jan. 1, 2011.

License Plate Visibility is addressed by a new law which is effective July 1. This law prohibits a license plate from being covered in whole, or in part, by any clear or opaque material, or any other plastic-like material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity. Starting July 1, a citation can be issued for violation of this law.

Two laws that were effective last July, become enforceable by citation effective July 1, 2010. The "Move It Law" mandates that drivers involved in non-injury crashes on interstate, U.S. highways or any divided or multi-lane roadways in the state, as long as the vehicles are not transporting hazardous materials, move vehicles out of the lane of traffic

if it is safe to do so. This law is intended to keep drivers and passengers safe by getting them out of the lane of traffic and away from oncoming vehicles. If vehicles can be driven, they should be moved to a safer location such as a shoulder or the nearest exit to exchange information or to contact law enforcement. Law enforcement should always be called if:

- There are injuries;
- A vehicle cannot be moved;
- One of the drivers appears to be intoxicated;
- Damage exceeds \$1,000;
- One of the drivers has no insurance; or
- One of the drivers leaves the scene of the crash.

The warning period for the "Right Lane Law" also expires after June 30. The Right Lane Law prohibits vehicles on highways outside the corporate limits of any city, divided into two or more lanes of traffic proceeding in the same direction, from being operated in the far left lane, except when:

- Overtaking and passing another vehicle;
- Preparing to make a proper left turn;
- Otherwise directed by traffic-control devices; or
- Otherwise required by other provisions of law (e.g. Stopped emergency or maintenance vehicles).

The Patrol would also like to remind motorists that traffic fines increase by \$15.00 effective July 1. As an example, a speeding fine for 80 mph in a 70 mph zone would be a \$45 fine, with \$93.50 in court costs, for a total fine of \$138.50.

# Tech college funds to be kept

The Kansas Board of Regents voted unanimously Wednesday to keep the money for the technical colleges for next year at the same level as this year.

Dr. Ed Mills, president of Northwest Kansas Technical College, said it was a good meeting and he was glad to see a unanimous vote of the nine regents to keep the money at the same level as this year.

On Monday the Technical

Education Authority had revisited a proposal to transfer about \$318,000 from Northwest Tech and \$212,000 from North Central Technical College to technical colleges in Wichita and Manhattan.

The telephone conference vote on Monday was 8-3 to keep the same level of money for each technical college as they received this year.

The authority is a nine-member

board under the Board of Regents to handle the \$18 million the legislature set aside for funding the technical colleges.

Mills said it was good to get a unanimous vote from the regents, and the college will be able to count on the funding level for the next year.

Mills said he expects Northwest Tech to show an increase in students of more than 10 percent when classes start in the fall.

# Police Log

**June 8**  
6:37 p.m. Report of semi parked at rural fire station  
7:32 p.m. Report of dog running loose, 300 block Jones  
8:07 p.m. Report of individual dropping off child and told to find own way home  
9:50 p.m. Parking citation  
9:53 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning phone calls  
10:11 p.m. Barking dog complaint, 600 block Norton  
10:56 p.m. Barking dog complaint, 100 block Woodfield  
11:07 p.m. Suspicious vehicle  
**June 9**  
6:34 a.m. Report of activity at house, 400 block N. Jones  
8:03 a.m. Report of two missing dogs,  
8:22 a.m. Missing dogs found  
11:41 a.m. EMS assist  
12:30 p.m. Two party dispute concerning vehicle  
12:50 p.m. Report of small child being hit by van, 600 block N. Jones  
1:21 p.m. Report of gas skip, Diamond Shamrock  
3:27 p.m. Report of two individuals arguing, 500 block Jones  
4:04 p.m. Activated alarm, The Bank  
7:03 p.m. Report of vandalism to mailbox  
8:20 p.m. Report of stolen skateboard  
10:11 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
**June 10**  
9:29 a.m. Report of dogs running loose, 300 block N. Graves  
10:15 a.m. Check on transient, S. Highway. 283

11:31 a.m. 911 hang-up, Diamond Shamrock  
4:26 p.m. Report of dog running loose, 300 block Main  
6:40 p.m. Request for information on accident  
9:14 p.m. Report of open door,  
9:17 p.m. Report of individual driving by house several times  
**June 11**  
4:10 a.m. Report of items missing, 1000 block Kennedy  
9:44 a.m. Activated alarm, Loves  
11:47 a.m. Request for information on accident  
12:37 p.m. Report of theft from Dollar General  
7:20 p.m. Welfare check  
8:06 p.m. Report of ex-spouse

possibly taking child  
8:28 p.m. welfare check  
9:24 p.m. Report of possible drunk driver  
9:27 p.m. Report of street light throwing sparks, Brooks Motel  
9:34 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 1000 block 2nd  
**June 12**  
12:04 a.m. Welfare check  
2:50 a.m. Report of vehicle stranded in street  
7:53 a.m. Activated alarm, First State Bank  
8:17 a.m. Report of smells coming from house, 1000 Wabash  
10:14 a.m. Funeral escort  
11:14 a.m. Barking dog complaint, 300 block W. Washington  
12:52 p.m. Report of dog run-

ning loose, 200 block Graves  
**June 13**  
1:55 a.m. Report of harassing text messages  
3:24 a.m. Report of individuals in vehicle causing trouble, Jones & Wilton  
5:47 a.m. Report of 21 year old individual sneaking out of house  
8:47 a.m. Report of purse left in Pizza Hut  
9:22 a.m. Report of four tires being flattened

1:51 p.m. 911 hang-up, 400 block 2nd  
4:18 p.m. Report of dog running loose,  
6:52 p.m. Report of two children playing by creek  
10:16 p.m. Report of kids harassing people at Valley Hope  
10:21 p.m. Report of vehicle driving around race track  
10:22 p.m. Report of vehicle driving very fast through park



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## STOP THE CYCLE



**Did you know Kansas ranks higher than the national average for underage drinking in surveys of 8th, 10th and 12th graders?**

Youth under the age of 21 account for 25% of all admissions for alcohol abuse. It is estimated underage drinking cost Kansas citizens \$727 million in 2007. In FY09 treatment of alcohol abuse for underage persons cost Kansas over \$1.4 million. 29.2% of 10th graders and 42.4% of 12th graders report alcohol is easy to get.

**We need to stop the cycle.**


This isn't about money, it is about the lives of our youth and the next generation.

Report persons who are providing or allowing access to alcohol for underage persons. KSA 41-3610 makes it unlawful to host or allow minors access to alcohol with punishment of up to \$2,500 in fines and 1 year in jail. The social hosting law also makes you liable for minors accessing alcohol at your residence even without you being present.

**Get control. Be the adult. Just say NO.**


See [www.kansasfamily.com/getinvolved-ksleadership.cfm](http://www.kansasfamily.com/getinvolved-ksleadership.cfm) for more information

**LODGE NOTICES**



**American Legion  
Harmonson Redd  
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Second Monday  
Darren McMullen, Commander



**Eagles Lodge  
FOE 3288**

Second and Fourth  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.


Larry Hawks, President  
Secretary, Vacant



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American Legion**

Second Monday  
7:30 p.m.


Steve VanDerVeen, Commander  
Doyle Brooks, Adjutant



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First Mon. of each Month

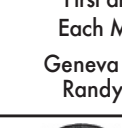
Curt Archibald, Commander  
Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster



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Geneva Tierl, Noble Grand  
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