

Let the March games begin!



Jason Bowen and his children, Katie Gleason and Devon Bowen enjoy the sunshine at Elmwood Park Saturday in a game of basketball. — Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Kids can dig for fossils at museum

"I love being a Paleontologist!" said Cole Morton, grandson of Elton and Wendy Beougher, Hays. The Beougher family was visiting the new Fossil Dig Pit attraction opened recently at Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History.

"This is their favorite place to go," said Wendy Beougher. "As soon as they get into town, they want to come. The Sternberg is a great place to bring kids."

In this exhibit, children can dig in sand to find fossils such as the Pliosaur from the Kansas chalk fields. They can try to identify creatures who lived in the warm seas that covered Kansas during the age of dinosaurs. Different fossils are put in periodically.

Brian Bartels, museum educator, showed the children who were

digging in the pit on one recent Saturday a model of the Pliosaur they were uncovering.

Opening April 1, a Pliosaur fossil cast will take the place of the mammoth in the front entrance of the museum. The exhibit will be called "The Sea Monster." The mammoth will be moved to the second floor to join other fossils and fossil casts.

"This is a great learning opportunity and a great hands-on tool for Ian to learn about dinosaurs," said Jan Schmidt, mother of Ian Schmidt who was playing in the pit. "When we leave, he always wants to go dig for fossils at home."

The Dig Pit, constructed at the Sternberg Museum in response to demand, is very popular based on successful traveling dig pits the Museum has had. The Museum

staff wanted a permanent one. It was a project of the museum exhibits staff, Greg Walters, exhibits director, and Beatrice Bauer, exhibits preparator.

"The Dig Pit is open whenever the museum is open. This is an exhibit in itself, open to the public and very interactive," said Mark Kellerman, director of public relations.

"This exhibit is meant to make kids feel like they were George Sternberg in a tent uncovering fossils," said Morgan Lampe, a public relations intern.

The museum provides many other programs, exhibits and collections for visitors. For more information, visit www.sternberg.fhsu.edu or call 785-628-5298. The museum is open Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Leadership class accepting applications

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program will accept applications through April 15 from state residents interested in participating in Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership's 2011-13 Class XI. This is the 20th Anniversary Class of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program.

The two-year program includes three study tours, as well as nine winter, 48-hour seminars at sites across the state, said Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership director Jack Lindquist. The program schedules its two national seminars and a "capstone" international tour for November-March - generally known as production agriculture's "off season" in Kansas.

"Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership alumni and current class members both have gone out of their way to tell me that the 50-day commitment (over two

years) is much more than just well worth the investment. It's needed in today's changing and competitive environment," he said.

Adrian Coberly, farm producer and Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Class X member from Gove County recently spoke of the "wow" factor of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program.

"The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership class seminar experience guarantees that you will take home at least one (if not more) gem of an idea or piece of knowledge. And you will have the opportunity to network with some very sharp people," he said.

Class XI will begin its training in August with a weekend retreat. To be considered for that class, applicants must submit a completed profile form. The form is on the Web at <http://www.karlprogram.com/> or available at the Kansas

Agriculture and Rural Leadership office at 785-532-6300.

The new 30-member class will be announced on June 1 after going through a selection process.

The criteria for eligibility are leadership experience and a devotion to Kansas agriculture and rural communities, Lindquist said. "Dedication to a more positive future is the key to being selected," he said.

Tuition for the not-for-profit training program is \$1,500 per year or a total of \$3,000. Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership donors pay the remainder of the expenses, nearly \$14,000 per person.

Lindquist said more details about what the curriculum will include and/or how to become a Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership supporter are available at <http://www.karlprogram.com/> or calling 785-532-6300.

SHERIFF'S LOG

January 12
8:18 p.m. Received a report of a stolen cell phone.

January 13
6:23 a.m. Got a call about a car with a flat tire.

11 a.m. Courthouse architect and contractors arrived to look at updates for the office.

12:56 p.m. Got a call from a person wanting to file trespassing charges.

January 14
2:06 a.m. Got a call from the hospital asking if they needed to report on a fight that occurred in another state when victims show up here.

2:20 a.m. Got a call from Furnas County, Neb., asking that officer go to hospital and take a report for them.

10:15 a.m. FBI agent arrived at office to speak with under sheriff.
12:31 p.m. Got a call from the hospital saying they had three subjects needing help with fuel to get back to Hutchinson.

3:38 p.m. Received a call that an unknown man was standing in one of the high school parking lot exits watching the students leave the school area.

3:58 p.m. Got a call that a Chevy Silverado was driving crazy on ice while small children were walking nearby.

7:38 p.m. Got a call about a maroon pickup pulling a trailer with no lights on State Street in Norton.

9:54 p.m. Got a call from a man, who was having trouble with his girl friend. She was trying to kick him out.

January 15
12:29 p.m. A man called saying he was bringing his son, who had a possible knee injury, to the Norton hospital from Hoxie.

5:01 p.m. Got a call about an accident involving a utility pole. The pole did not appear to be damaged.

6:09 p.m. Received a call that a pickup was broken down about five miles north of Norton and a man was walking.

7:19 p.m. Got a call that a foster child had stolen money off a counter in Lenora.

January 16
1:37 a.m. Sent out a Kansas and Nebraska state-wide attempt to locate message for a subject who had left Valley Hope.

2:10 a.m. Received word subject had been located.

2:47 p.m. Got a call that a black Dodge pickup with Colorado tags was backed up to an old farmstead north of Lenora and was loading items into the vehicle.

3:44 p.m. Got a call from person who had noticed damage to the inside of their garage roof area.

11:32 p.m. Got a call that a man was sitting in a vehicle in Love's parking lot for about an hour and caller was concerned.

January 17
10:36 a.m. Got a call requesting traffic control for the purpose of moving cattle at Road S and Highway 283.

3:20 p.m. Received a call from Furnas County about an overdue motorist, an elderly male who left Furnas County early in the morning and has not returned home. Left word for deputies to be on the lookout.

10:38 p.m. Received a 911 call about a two vehicle accident in Lenora.

11:05 p.m. Got a 911 call from a concerned friend about a person in Dickinson County that is talking about suicide. He said the county number is a recording. Contact made with Dickinson County and welfare check will be done.

January 18
10:50 a.m. Man came in to the office to see if Highway 23 from Grainfield is still closed.

1:19 p.m. 911 call reporting a non-injury accident west of Valley Hope on Highway 36 and vehicle is in the north ditch.

5:58 p.m. Person came in to report vandalism at family farm.

January 19
6:52 a.m. Report of dead deer in the roadway on Highway 36.

12:31 a.m. Got a call from motorist saying his hood came unlatched and smashed his windshield and now he needs a tow to Norton. He is driving a 1998 Green Honda Civic.

5:08 p.m. Got a call regarding a silver Pontiac, that was driving fast and then it pulled over and one individual was out puking. Driver is headed west on Highway 36.

5:27 p.m. Got a call from Hol-drege saying they received a 911 call about two bull-haulers passing cars about 55 to 60 miles per hour on Highway 383.

January 20
9:57 a.m. Caller reported he hit a school speed limit sign in Alma.

January 21
7:25 p.m. Got a call from Graham County regarding a reckless driver. The vehicle is a green semi with a black trailer and the driver is driving from 20-80 mph and is throwing debris at passing vehicles. Semi is north bound on Highway 283.

January 22
2:19 p.m. Caller advised he had checked on a stranded motorist one mile west of town and they have someone coming to help them.

3:11 p.m. Got a call about a vehicle that is stranded on the north

side of the road 1 to 2 miles west of Reager and they have children inside the vehicle.

January 23
8:27 p.m. Got a call about a maroon Chevy pickup heading west into Norton and it is all over the road.

January 24
9:37 p.m. Got a call from woman saying she is on the line with another female who is saying a vehicle has been following her for the last half hour. Vehicle has had plenty of chances to pass and has not passed and she is scared. She is driving east on Highway 36 and just entering Norton and going through to Alma.

January 25
8:34 a.m. Got a call from On Star saying an emergency button had been hit in a rental vehicle and the operator has not been able to make contact with driver.

12:11 p.m. Got a call requesting traffic control for the movement of cattle across Highway 383.

January 26
3:54 p.m. Got a call saying a semi on Highway 9 at Densmore is driving fast and crazy.

4:54 p.m. Got a call saying that a fence looks like someone ran into it. Wants officer to come to KDOT so a complaint can be filed.

January 27
6:42 a.m. Driver of semi called to say he hit an unknown object about 5 miles north of Norton and now he is leaking diesel fuel.

10:32 a.m. Got a call about a semi that had just dumped his crap all over the highway and is about a mile from the prison.

6:03 p.m. Caller said there is a pop up camper on his property and he doesn't know who it belongs to. Later called back to say the owner showed up and he knows who they are and everything is fine.

January 28
6:57 p.m. Got a call that there is a hitchhiker on Highway 36 just west of mile marker 109 heading towards Norton.

January 29
1:01 p.m. Request for traffic control while cattle are moved across Highway 283 at Road T.

January 30
10:28 a.m. Got a call from Phillips County saying a man has left a residence last night and has not been located. He may be driving a pickup and pulling a car trailer.
2:02 p.m. Got a call from home owner in Alma saying when they left the the door was padlocked shut and now door is wide open. Wants residence checked by deputy.

5:55 p.m. Got a call from woman saying there is a sick raccoon in their yard. It has been there all day and only moves its head.



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we will be selling some of the office furniture, file cabinet, chairs, and other miscellaneous if you would like to stop by and make a purchase or offer