

Kansas honor scholars

Students from ten Kansas high schools will be honored Thursday, April 7, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 35 seniors from high schools in Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips and Smith counties will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 7 p.m. dinner and program at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Plaza Community Room, 110 W. Main St., Logan.

The Kansas Honors Program celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. Since 1971, the program has recognized 114,000 scholars, who rank in the top ten percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of occupational plans or higher-education goals. Each year, the KU Alumni Association and its volunteers host 41 programs that reach all 105 counties across the state.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary, in both hard-back and electronic versions, presented by Jacob Strecker, assistant

director of Kansas programs for the KU Alumni Association.

Mary Ellen Kondrat, dean of the School of Social Welfare, will speak to the students and their parents and guests.

Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of \$15 each.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Dave Rankin, of Phillipsburg, is the site coordinator. Rob Wenzl, of Phillipsburg, is the coordinator for Graham, Phillips and Smith counties. Kevin Baughman and Tom Baumann, of Norton, are the Norton County coordinators. Philip Hardman, of Osborne, is the Osborne County coordinator. Carol Bales, of Logan, also is a coordinator for the program.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible by KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program.

Hill City High School: Morgan Cade, Erin Deenihan, Marcus Goetz and Lexi Hardiek

Lakeside High School: Audrey Doane and Connor Shoemaker

Logan High School: Brady Tien

Natoma High School: Eric Beiker, Cameron Eickhoff and Khole Mathews

Northern Valley High School: Matthew Dole and Staci Dole

Norton Community High School: Melinda Becker, Maia Carlson, Dakota Dreher, Zoey Meyers, Spencer Shirk, Dustyna Sprigg and Rebekah Streck

Osborne High School: Jerilee Cameron, Jana Eakin, Aubrey Geist and Jessica Gregory

Phillipsburg High School: John Boyington, Cody Kennedy, Kim Nguyen, Trevor Smith, Megan Suchsland and Levi Werner

Smith Center High School: Carley Ohmstede, Kaden Roush, Whitney St. Clair and Sara Timmons

Thunder Ridge High School: KimbraLee Adams and Cory Rahjes

Forensics team dedication

Ken Tharman

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I am continually amazed at the dedication of the students that join Forensics.

Most of the tournaments we attend are on Saturdays. The students are extremely busy all week with class assignments and sports and still find time to meet with me for practices and attend our events. If you happen to overhear them talking to themselves, that is okay - As far as forensics goes.

On Feb. 26, the following individuals attended the Hays Invitational tournament:

Bryant Tharman, Prose; Kenzi Husted, Poetry & IDA; Gunnar Hays, Extemporaneous Speaking and Prose; Jasmine Drone, Humorous Solo Acting; Alex Tharman, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting; Kayla Lowry, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting; Haley Graham, Poetry; Daniel Field, Poetry and Jon Compton, Improvised Duet Acting.

After three grueling rounds, the students that made it to the final rounds and placed were:

Gunnar Hays, 1st in Extemporaneous Speaking and Prose and Kayla Lowry and Alex Tharman, 6th in Duet Acting.

Congratulations to all of those students that achieved personal bests as well. We had several of those. Keep encouraging your kids to do their best. The season is well under way now.

Until next time, the stage is yours.

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March 5th, found the Northern Valley Forensic team waking up way to early and making a trip to Ellis for their annual Invitational Forensic tournament. Those making the trip and their events were:

Morgan Black, Poetry; Bryant Tharman, Prose; Jon Compton, Improvised Duet Acting; Kayla Lowry, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting; Alex Tharman, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting; Kenzi Husted, Improvised Duet Acting and Poetry; Matt Dole, Prose; Staci Dole, Poetry and Dakota Hilburn, Prose.

As always, the Long Island cooks continue to fatten the kids up with their delicious cookies. The reason I say "the kids", is because I never seem to get any of those treats.

Thank you Irma and Launa for all of your support. Maggie Burger went along with us to assist in judging and acting as a sponsor.

After three great rounds of competition, Kenzi Husted and Alex Tharman made it to the finals and placed.

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I know it has been a while since I have posted any articles, but I am finally getting caught back up with myself.

This time I am going to consolidate the last three forensic tournaments into one article. The main reason for this is due to the fact that they have all happened within a five day time period. I know a lot isn't it?

We traveled east to Smith Center on March 24th, southwest to Colby on March 26th, and southeast to Wilson on March 28th.

Those students attending the Smith Center meet were:

Staci Dole, Informative Speaking and Poetry; Kenzi Husted, Poetry and Improvised Duet Acting; Haley Graham, Poetry; Morgan Speer, Poetry; Bryant Tharman, Prose; Matt Dole, Prose; Alex Tharman, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting; Kayla Lowry, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting and Jon Compton, Improvised Duet Acting.

Those students attending the Colby meet were:

Matt Dole, Prose; Bryant Tharman, Prose; Kayla Lowry, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting; Alex Tharman, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting; Daniel Field, Poetry; Haley Graham, Poetry; Morgan Speer, Poetry and Dakota Hilburn, Poetry.

Those students attending the Northern Plains League (our new league) in Wilson were:

Jon Compton, Improvised Duet Acting; Kayla Lowry, Improvised Duet Acting and Duet Acting; Bryant Tharman, Prose; Matt Dole,

Prose; Dakota Hilburn, Prose; Alex Tharman, Duet Acting; Staci Dole, Informative Speaking; Daniel Field, Poetry; Haley Graham, Poetry and Morgan Speer, Poetry.

As you can see, many of the students attended all three events and several were doing double duty. Like I said in an earlier article, I am continually amazed at how these students are dedicated to this extracurricular activity in addition to all of the other things they are involved with. This speaks highly of the examples you at home have set.

Keep encouraging these youngsters to be involved in their school and community.

Bryant Tharman received 5th place in Smith Center in Prose and Matt Dole placed 3rd in the same event. Kayla Lowry and Alex Tharman placed 5th with their Duet at the same meet and then placed 4th with it in Colby. Kayla Lowry & Jon Compton placed 6th in Improvised Duet Acting at the League meet in Wilson.

We are now heading back to Northern Valley and I am trying to get all of this written up before my computer battery dies.

The kids are noticeably tired, but still in great spirits. We are now down to our last meet on April 7th in Phillipsburg.

If you have the chance to drive over and cheer them on, they would thoroughly enjoy your presence. Hard to believe that the season is winding down already.

I would like to take this time to tell you about our annual Dinner and a Show.

The event will be on held on April 11th this year. That is not too far away, so mark your calendars.

If you are new to the area, this is a combination of a spaghetti supper - fund raiser and a showcase of the students and the events they have been participating with this forensic season.

We will be posting flyers shortly with the details. We hope to see you there.

Until next time, the stage is yours.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton Community High School

Monday, April 4

Monday and Tuesday - FC-CLS Convention

State Math Assessments

9th grade orientation - 1 p.m.

Student Focus Group - A.P.

JV Track at Smith Center - 4:30 p.m.

KAY Board - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5

State Math Assessments

Jay Singers - 7:30 a.m.

Winter Awards Assembly - 2 p.m.

Varsity Golf at Smith Center - 3 p.m.

KAY Member-Mother Social and Officer Induction - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

State Math Assessments

SAC Presidential Election - A.P.

Thursday, April 7

Forensics at Phillipsburg - 3 p.m.

KAY Board - A.P.

Jay Singers - 7:30 a.m.

SAC V.P. Elections - 8:30 a.m.

Kansas Honors Program at Logan - 6:30 p.m.

B.A.S.S. meetings/Prom Server practice - 6 p.m.

Friday, April 8

School dismissed at 2:45 p.m for Norton Track Meet - Early dismissal grades 9-12 only

Golf varsity Norton Invite (H) - 9 a.m.

Track Norton Invite (H) - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

ACT Test

PROM 7 p.m. Promenade at Stull gym 6:30 p.m.

Norton Junior High

Tuesday, April 5

KAY Member-Mother Social and Officer Induction - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

TEAM - 7:30 a.m.

8th Grade summer driver's Ed meeting - JH gym - JH A.P.

SAC Presidential Election: Stull gym - HS A.P.

Thursday, April 7

SIT - 7:45 a.m.

Track-Norton Invite (H) 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 8

Lego Robotics competition at Fort Hays State University - 10:30 a.m.

Eisenhower Elementary School

Wednesday, April 6

Staff meeting - 3:40 p.m.

Thursday, April 7

IEP Day

EC/2 GLM - 3:40 p.m.

All Schools

Wednesday, April 6

Administrative Team Meeting at USD Office - 9:30 a.m.

High School and Junior High Menu

All meals are served with milk.

Alternate meals; Breakfast: cold cereal, toast and jelly; Lunch: Chef salad.

Monday

Breakfast: Hard boiled egg, hash brown patty, fruit or juice.

Lunch: BBQ meatballs, whipped potatoes, carrots, rolls with margarine, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin, fruit or juice.

Lunch: Spaghetti and shredded cheese, garden salad, garlic bread, peaches.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Breakfast round, fruit or juice.

Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes and gravy, carrots, rolls with margarine, peanut butter and celery, peaches.

Thursday

Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, sausage patty, fruit or juice.

Lunch: Grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce and tomato, corn, applesauce.

Friday

Breakfast: Yogurt, bagel with cream cheese, fruit or juice.

Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich, combo salad, green beans, pasta salad.

Eisenhower Elementary School

All meals are served with milk

Monday

Breakfast: Rolled up sausage link, tater tots, grape juice.

Lunch: Baked Chicken, potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, french bread

Tuesday

Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, peaches, orange juice.

Lunch: Pizza roll-ups, salad, pears, cookie

Wednesday

Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, apple juice.

Lunch: Potato boats, baked beans fruit cocktail, roll.

Thursday

Breakfast: Hard cooked eggs, toast, orange juice.

Lunch: Sloppy joe, homemade bun, corn, tater tots, banana spears.

Friday

Breakfast: Breakfast cake, grape juice.

Lunch: Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges

Northern Valley Schools

Monday, April 4

K-4 Grandparents Day in Al-

mena - 9 a.m to noon

Junior High Contest Recital at Long Island - 1:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5

Junior High Contest at Logan

9th Grade Science Assessments at 8:30 a.m

10th Grade Science Assessments at 10 a.m.

Greg Ice from Jostens here to meet with junior class at 11 a.m. in the conference room

Wednesday, April 6

11th Grade Social Studies Assessments at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 7

6th-8th Grade Track meet at Norton 10:30 a.m.

KS KU Honors Banquet at Logan

Friday, April 8

High School track meet at Norton 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

ACT Test 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Almaena

Junior Senior Prom Banquet 6:30 p.m. at High School Auditorium

Grade 9 - 12 Dance - 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. High School Auditorium

Post Prom 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. Big Gym

Northern Valley School Menus

All meals are served with milk.

Breakfast offers cold cereal daily.

Monday

Breakfast: French toast stix, ham, scrambled eggs, oranges.

Lunch: Nacho with ground beef, salad, buttered cauliflower, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, hash browns, fruit punch.

Lunch: Ham patty on a bun, mashed potatoes, dill spear, buttered peas, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit cup.

Lunch: Monterey jack sandwich, ranch wedges, California blend vegetables, butterscotch pudding.

Thursday

Breakfast: Donuts, ham slice, juice, scrambled eggs, hash browns.

Lunch: Pizza, french fries, buttered corn, ice cream

No menu received for Friday, April 1

Vote on Tuesday!

NORTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 5 - 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Basement
Public Welcome - Refreshments

Thank You

We would like to thank all of our customers for the past 15 years of doing business with us. Those years were wonderful for us and we enjoyed each and every one of you.

We will miss seeing you but hope you continue to support Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse and the new owners, Sherry and Brian Hickman.

Annette and Greg Overlease

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