

Pulling for practice



Several area adults and youth gathered at the Norton Black Powder Range Saturday morning for a trap shoot. The event was sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion and featured the SAL five-stand shooting style. Participants got the opportunity to improve their shooting skills and get together with other shooters interested in trap shooting.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Northwest Tech on cutting edge

By Ron Wilson

Fast Company magazine, fall 2010. An article describes “five technologically decked-out schools,” including Notre Dame, Stanford, Duke University, and...Northwest Technical College in Goodland, Kansas. What is a technical college in rural Kansas doing on this list of technological giants? It's today's Kansas Profile.

Diane Stiles is assistant vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Technical College in Goodland, population 4,775 people. Now, that's rural. The college is known as Northwest Tech. Diane told me about Northwest Tech's innovative initiative to have an iPad for every student.

Dr. Ed Mills became president of Northwest Tech in 2009. “We've got to have cutting edge technology,” Mills said. He was working with the college's chief information officer, Ben Coumerilh, on a proposal to provide every student with an iPod. Then in March 2010, Apple announced the iPad, a lightweight tablet computer.

“The benefit (of the iPad) is that you can create content, not just consume it,” Diane said. So Northwest Tech launched an iPad Learning Initiative under which every full-time student would receive an iPad for their use. Various applications for the iPad were integrated into technology classes and general education classes.

“We were the first two year college in the nation to have a one-to-one initiative, with one iPad per student,” Diane said. With 400 students on the campus, Northwest Tech suddenly became very technologically

empowered.

“Teaching is something that we've got to be able to adapt to the way people learn nowadays, and the iPad has allowed us to bridge that gap,” said Coumerilh. “(The iPad) is a tool students can use and have fun with while actually learning.”

Then Eagle Communications partnered with Finley Motors to donate a car which was raffled off so that iPads could be purchased for faculty members as well. Now faculty are using iPads to communicate with students and in the classroom and laboratory.

Diane Stiles is excited about what the iPads can mean to the students. Getting a textbook as an e-book, for example, means that the virtual backpack can now be a one-pound electronic device, rather than a big, heavy load of paper to carry around.

“There are all kinds of apps and customized uses which students and faculty are exploring, from auto mechanics to cosmetology,” Diane said. “I think Apple was interested in seeing how their iPad would do in a rough environment such as the diesel shop. And because of the high quality camera on the iPad, students can develop an e-portfolio of their work to show to potential employers.”

Apple filmed a documentary about Northwest Tech's work which will be featured on the Apple Education website. Each year Apple features six colleges a year out of 200 proposals.

Diane is evaluating educational outcomes, but there is clearly an excitement around this new equipment.

“The change in the commitment of faculty to using technol-

ogy in their teaching is incredible,” Mills said. “The change in students to use technology as a part of the learning process here is amazing.”

The City of Goodland (with the motto “Kansas Begins Here!”) also adopted an iPad initiative.

“We are the first or among the first to implement the usage of iPads for a paperless agenda,” said Doug Gerber, Goodland city manager. “We use an application called Dropbox which commissioners can access electronically. This saves lots of paper, time, and money.”

Other municipal functions benefit as well. For example, a building inspector can use the iPad's high-definition camera to take a digital picture of a code enforcement issue, which the computer can identify through GPS. In the municipal electric system, the city plans to use iPads to manage distribution which would allow delinquent accounts to be cut off at the touch of a button - reducing what had been a dayslong process to literally seconds.

Fast Company magazine, fall 2010. Northwest Tech in Goodland, Kansas is on the high-tech college list because of the iPad Learning Initiative. We commend President Ed Mills, Ben Coumerilh, Diane Stiles, Doug Gerber, and all those in Goodland who are making a difference with this pioneering use of technology in education and community.

Audio and text files of Kansas Profiles are available at www.kansasprofile.com. For more information about the Huck Boyd Institute, visit www.huckboydinstitute.org.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Oct. 20

Sept. 25- Conor C. Cox, Norton; Charge: Driving in violation of age restrictions; Plea: Guilty; Other action: Amended to, no driver's license on person; Found: Guilty, as amended; Sentence: Community service to be assigned March 1, 2012.

Sept. 10- Christopher M. Chastain, Norton; Charge: 1. Driving in violation of age restrictions, 2. Curfew violation; Plea: 1. Guilty, as amended, 2. Guilty; Other action: Amended 1. To, no driver's license on person; Found: Guilty, as amended;

Sentence: Community service to be assigned March 1, 2012.

Sept. 21- Alec R. Hager, Norton; Charge: 1. No proof of insurance-proof provided and dismissed, 2. Driving in violation of age restrictions; Plea: No contest; Other action: 2. Amended to, no driver's license on person; Found: 2. Guilty, as amended; Sentence: Community service to be assigned March 1, 2012.

Sept. 21- Garrett F. Otter, Norton; Charge: Driving in violation of age restrictions; Plea: No contest; Other action: Amended to, no driver's license on person; Found: Guilty, as amended; Sentence: Community service to be assigned March 1, 2012.

Sept. 28- Jordyn M. Gosselein, Norton; Charge: Driving in violation of age restrictions;

Plea: No contest; Other action: Amended to, no driver's license on person; Found: Guilty, as amended; Service: Community service to be assigned March 1, 2012.

Oct. 6- Elizabeth A. Saulsbury, Norton; Charge: Curfew violation; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Community service to be assigned March 1, 2012.

Sept. 17- Norman E. Myers Jr., Norton; Charge: 1. Domestic battery, 2. Disorderly conduct; Plea: 2. Guilty; Other action: 1. Domestic battery dismissed in plea agreement; Found: Guilty of disorderly conduct; Sentence: \$500, costs \$76, total \$576. 10 days jail if not paid by June 30, 2012.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

Oct. 20

Oct. 8- James Martin Bates, Lenora; Charge: Driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$198.

Aug. 31- Russell C. Gibson,

Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Sept. 29- Donald J. Hildebrand, Lenora; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$143.

Oct. 8- Frederick Martin Howse, Manhattan; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Oct. 13- Eric A. Sidman, Norton; Charge: Improper stop lamp or turn signal; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$143.

Oct. 3- Paula J. Sund, Hastings, Neb.; Charge: Failure to yield at stop or yield sign; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$173.

Oct. 3- Paula J. Sund, Hastings, Neb.; Charge: Transfer of ownership of vehicles, expired 30 day tag; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$75.

Oct. 6- George Fivas Yannetsos, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$155.

SHERIFF'S LOG

Oct. 14

Animal call
Incident-Verizon Wireless
VIN inspections
Creating a hazard
Disturbance-fight
Cattle out
Traffic stop

Oct. 15

Animal call
Cattle out
Gas or hazardous fumes

Oct. 16

Domestic disturbance
Motor vehicle accident with

animal

Creating a hazard

Oct. 17

Animal call
Finger prints
Traffic stop
Attempt to locate

Oct. 18

Animal call
VIN inspections
Contact with public
Disturbance-noise

Oct. 19

Animal call
Traffic stop

VIN inspections

Oct. 20

On call deputy/officer
On call deputy/officer
Motor vehicle accident with animal

VIN inspections

Traffic stop
Cattle out
Follow up activity
Disturbance-noise
Traffic stop
Cattle out

Road construction begins in Norton County

Beginning on approximately Tuesday, October 25, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin work to re-pave two sections of US-36 Highway in Norton County.

The scope of the project includes rehabilitation on two separate stretches of US-36. The first section begins at West Street in Norton, and extends to the east city limits. The second stretch starts at the east US-36/K-383 Junction and ends at the Phillips County line. The two projects total 9.1 miles.

“The project in the city of Norton consists of a three-inch mill and inlay performed in two lifts,” explains KDOT Construction Engineer Jim Riener - of the Phillipsburg office. “The other section beginning at the junction begins with a profile mill, followed by a two-inch overlay.”

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through both work zones during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected throughout the construction

time frame.

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through a road work zone. Slow down and “Give ‘Em A Break”.

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$1,336,000 - to APAC Kansas, Inc. Shears Division of Hays. Subcontractors on the job include: Dustrol Inc, of Towanda, milling; Roadsafe Traffic Systems, of El Dorado, pavement markings; and Garcia-Chicoine, of Milford, Neb., rumble strips.

The pavement repair project is funded by T-WORKS, the

transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May, of 2010.

Weather permitting, the construction work will take approximately a month to complete.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Jim Riener at (785) 543-2163 or mail to: jriener@ksdot.org in Phillipsburg; or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or mail to: kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton. T-WORKS projects may also be viewed at the T-WORKS website at <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks>

LYLE NEWS

My tomatoes, the only garden item that survived the big hail, gave up to freezing temperatures last week. The tomatoes were still green, but I picked a bucketful with hopes of having a few ripen later.

People in and around Norcatour attended the meeting Monday evening concerning the Post Office closing. It is up to officials in Washington D.C. to listen to our objections and make the decision. Very few Washington people know that we don't have access to trains, planes, grocery stores [or any other store],

or eating places, and we really don't want to lose the Post Office also.

There seems to have been a slowdown in local activities last week. June went to her KT Club at the Community Center in McCook.

Toots Magers played pitch with the Senior Citizens, and said there were nine players. Judy Easton stayed with Toots Saturday night and attended church with her on Sunday.

Larry Sumner's daughter, Amanda and children, Spencer and Shelby also visited church

and Spencer honored us with a tune on the piano. Our regulars and visitors added up to 14 on Sunday, and we ask the Lord's blessing on each one.

Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson, Carolyn Plotts and myself enjoyed the delicious Oberlin Herald luncheon on Friday.

The Norcatour soup and pie supper and bazaar brought a good crowd, followed by a lot of fun at the sale. Duane McEwen, auctioneer, did a good job as usual.

Norton youth competes in stock show

Kelsie Griffith, of Norton, was among the 656 competitors at the 79th Kansas Junior Livestock Show, held Sept. 23-26, in Wichita.

Griffith entered two crossbred market steers and finished seventh and ninth in two respective classes. A total of 102 steers was exhibited at the show.

Prior to the Auction of Champions, KJLS awarded \$21,500

in scholarships to 11 exhibitors.

Since the inception of the KJLS scholarship program 18 years ago, 243 exhibitors have been awarded \$305,100 for their achievements in academics, community service and 4-H/FFA.

Youth from 89 counties showed a total of 1,234 head of livestock.

For help with your advertising needs please give Dana a call 877-3361 email: dpaxton@nwkansas.com

HONOR ROLL

Northern Valley Middle School

1st 9 weeks:

Honor Roll

8th Grade - Brooke Baird, Sarah Baird, Jesse Courtain, Camden Cox, Trey Hall, Allison Keith, Eli Lowry, Brianna Martin, Ryan Thrailkill and Shayna Vincent.

7th Grade - Kylie Kinderknecht

6th Grade - Katie Johnson, Caden Kinderknecht, HalLee Linner, Chaylee Lowry, Makensy Schroeder and Nicole Thrailkill.

Honorable Mention

8th Grade - Colten Bach, Mathew Florence, Cody Land, Talia Lowry, Michaela Sorenson and Adam Woomer.

7th Grade - Johnathan Tower, Carson Wallace and Damian Wellman.

6th Grade - Turner Linner, Cooper Mussman, Keegan Smith, and Morgan Wright.

GOT DRUGS?
Turn in Your Unused or Expired Medications for Safe Disposal on Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Norton County Sheriff's Department
For more information call the Sheriff's Department or visit www.dea.gov or call 800-882-9539 for a collection site near you

HOMESTYLE
Chicken and Noodle Dinner and Baked Goods Sale
Saturday, October 29
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
— Proceeds Support Radio Ministry and Other Church Projects —
MENU FEATURING:
•Chicken and Noodles •Mashed Potatoes •Green Beans •Garden Salad •Apple Sauce •Dinner Rolls •Homemade Pies
All You Can Eat!!
Adults: \$7.00; Children (6-12): \$4.00
FOR CARRY OUT OR DELIVERY CALL 877-2196