

# 4-H Achievement Night held Sunday in Norton



The 4-H Achievement Night was held Sunday at the 4-H Building in Norton. The evening featured award presentations for 4-H members and leaders who worked hard throughout the year. Pictured above is County Extension Agricultural Agent Keith VanSlike presenting Megan Wentz with the 2011 Key Award. Wentz is a member of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club.

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 —Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Norton graduate to present at Rural Enforcement Institute

A 1979 graduate of Norton Community High School, Ed Howell, Director of the University Police at Fort Hays State University, been selected by the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center to present and receive training at the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Institute Dec. 4 - 9 in Annapolis, Md.

The presentation is called "Bridging Technology with Practicality in a University Policing Environment."

"I feel honored to be selected by the NLECTC to present a topic on technology and to receive enhanced training in areas relational to technology leadership, information and assistance that benefit

criminal justice agencies across the nation," said Howell. "This gives me an opportunity to showcase our existing technology at UPD and how it's applied in a collegiate law enforcement environment."

The National Law Enforcement and Correction Technology Center is a program of the Office of Science and Technology of the National Institute of Justice. Created in 1994, it serves as a broker offering support, research findings and technological expertise to assist state and local law enforcement and corrections personnel in performing their duties with enhanced safety and efficiency.

# Career Fair planned in Hill City

Nearly 600 students from 13 northwest and central Kansas high schools are expected at the Nex-Generation Career Fair and Expo on Nov. 9 at the Hill City Jr./Sr. High School in Hill City.

"We are very pleased with the response to this year's event," said Nex-Tech/Rural Telephone Youth Services/Community Development Coordinator Jacque Beckman. "What a terrific opportunity for these students to hear about the many types of jobs and careers available right here in their own, rural Kansas communities."

Scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the career fair will feature a keynote address by Bill Cordes, Lawrence; an expo featuring a variety of businesses, professions, and career resources; as well as 11 breakout sessions conducted by Kansas business owners, professionals, and entrepreneurs from a wide range of career paths.

"Some of the businesses that will be represented include entrepreneurs, professional services, healthcare, utilities, social services, retail, and state and local government," said Beckman. "Over 20 exhibitors will showcase their businesses during the expo."

"We are interested in providing every opportunity for our youth to understand and edu-

cate themselves on the state-of-the-art technology available in our area communities and the variety of business and career opportunities available to them right here in western Kansas." In addition to the students, any individuals looking to re-enter

the job market can benefit from this event and are welcome to attend," Beckman said.

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# State commits to wellness program

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback pledged his commitment to child health and wellness by declaring "Fuel Up to Play 60 Day" in Kansas. Fuel up to play 60 is an in-school health and wellness program that encourages youth to consume nutrient-rich foods and achieve 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Secretary of Agriculture, Dale Rodman; the program advisor and student body from Wilbur Middle School in Wichita; former Kansas City Chiefs player, Eddie Kennison; Kansas dairy farmers; and members of Midwest Dairy Council joined the Governor to celebrate the day at Wilbur Middle School.

At a school assembly, the Governor praised the progress of Kansas students and pledged his support for Fuel Up to Play 60, indicating the program is a positive step toward helping Kansas students achieve pathways to better nutrition and fitness for life.

"The health and nutrition of Kansans is very important," Gov. Brownback said. "This program encourages students to make healthy decisions in the foods they choose and to get proper exercise."

Launched by National Dairy Council and the National Football League, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Fuel Up to Play 60 has activated more than eight million students in 70,000 schools nationwide, including more than 450,000 students in Kansas, to be healthy, get active and make a difference. Today, more than 1,260 schools across Kansas are designated as Fuel Up to Play 60 schools.

"As dairy farmers, we have always cared about

legacy and the importance of passing on a better future to the next generation," said dairy farmer Steve Strickler, from Iola. "To date, the dairy community has awarded more than \$74,000 in funding to Kansas schools to help jumpstart and champion school wellness efforts."

Any Kansas school who enrolls in the free program is eligible to apply for funds to help increase awareness of and access to nutrient-rich foods and physical activity opportunities for their students. As part of Fuel Up to Play 60, schools also can receive a free Quick Start Resources kit with planning tools and in-school collateral materials to help them implement healthy eating and physical fitness plans.

The program, now in its second year, also encourages young people to consume nutrient-rich foods (low-fat and fat-free dairy, fruits, vegetables, lean meat and whole grains) and to perform at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. The ultimate goal is to ensure changes made at school are sustainable and to provide children with more opportunities to be physically active and choose nutrient-rich foods.

"As a parent and teacher, I rank good health as the number one thing I want most for students," said Carri Flores, a physical education teacher and Fuel Up to Play 60 Program Advisor at Wilbur Middle School. "Fuel Up to Play 60 provides dynamic tools that help me accomplish my mission of educating and motivating students to live healthier, happier lives, while also providing students a voice to influence their peers toward making healthy choices."

# Number of student teachers higher

The number of elementary education student teachers from Fort Hays State University is currently the highest it has been in the last 16 years, according to Kerry Schuckman, teacher licensure specialist in the Department of Teacher Education.

"If you combine elementary education and early childhood unified emphasis, the number of student teachers is at an all-time high," said Schuckman. Early childhood unified is an elementary education degree with an emphasis in children and families from birth to grade 3. The unified portion of this degree includes special education coursework.

Sixteen years ago, in the fall of 1995, there were 39 student teachers. This number varied until it hit a low point with only 17 student teachers in spring 2009, elementary and early childhood uni-

fied emphases combined. From there the number rose and stayed in the 40s and 50s until this year when the number hit the highest mark with 59 student teachers. The projected number of student teachers for spring 2012 is 64, which would be the all-time high in the last 20 years.

The job placement rate for student teachers at the university has also been very high. The placement rate includes those employed in their major field, employed outside of their major field, continuing their education and not seeking employment. In the academic year 2007-2008, the placement rate was 100 percent. It was 93 percent in 2008-2009, and 96 percent in 2009-2010.

More specifically, the placement rate for student teachers who acquired a job in their major field was 84 percent in 2009-2010. It was 80 percent in 2008-2009 and 100 percent in 2007-2008.

# Pigskin

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Island; Justis Posson, Norton.  
 John Simpson, Sacramento, Calif.; Alberta Geil, Almena and Ashley Brown, Norton, each missed six games.

**This week's entries**  
 The 11th week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Monday or you may bring them to the Telegram office

before 5 p.m. on Friday.  
 See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.  
 The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.  
 Scores of last week's games were:  
 Plainville 52, Sacred Heart 21

Stanton County 35, Ellis 34  
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 Arkansas 44, South Carolina 28  
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 Iowa State 13, Kansas 10  
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