

Brass in Blue coming to Colby



The Air Force Heartland of America Band's ensemble, Brass in Blue, will land in Colby later this month to perform "Once Heard, Never Forgotten..." The free concert, sponsored by the Colby Free Press and Western Plains Arts Association, will be Thursday, Jan. 26, at the

Colby High School auditorium. Guests can begin arriving as early as 6:30 p.m. and need to be seated at least 10 minutes before the 7:30 p.m. start.

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LYLE NEWS

Kathy Van Meter's bank hosted a 'pound' Bingo party on Thursday where all the gifts were a pound, [weight], and topped it off with a pound cake. She won several times.

June Jolly went to bingo on Wednesday and Thursday where she won one and lost one. She and three other ladies played at a card party on Friday, Jan. 13. Her usual partner, Karen Brown, was away at an American Legion meeting.

Jane Engelhardt visited Toots Magers on Sunday and gave her a haircut. Judy Easton had a cold, so she didn't come out.

Gary and Cathy Anthony went to watch grandson, Jack, wrestle at Oberlin. I haven't heard how it came out.

Carol Moye picked up Joyce Price, Babe Hawkins, Carolyn Plotts and Veda Wood and met Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter at Lyle for their monthly Liberty Star Club

meeting. They planned their calendar for 2012 and enjoyed finger food.

Dwight Wood suffered an accident on Saturday night, breaking his right heel, and has orders to not put weight on it for six weeks. It was one of those instances where you take a wrong step. We're sorry, Dwight, our prayers are with you.

JENNINGS NEWS

The community of Jennings extends sympathy to the family of Elwood Bailey, of Norton, formerly from Jennings. Elwood passed away Saturday Jan. 14. A funeral will be Wednesday morning Jan. 18 in Leoville.

The Sunflower Senior Dinner Tuesday, Jan. 10 was enjoyed by Bob and Neoma Tacha. Stan and Ramona Shaw, Ruth Chance, Rachel Carter, Eleanor Morel, Barbara Patterson, Wayne and Louise Cressler. Bingo was played following the meal.

Those playing pinocle Wednesday at the Center were Bob Jones, Carla Latimer, Eleanor Morel, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Diane Carter and Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Carla Latimer, City Librarian, had Children's Reading Hour Saturday at the library. A nice sized crowd of children enjoyed making bird houses and learning about birds. Snacks were served.

Weather permitting, the city water meters will be read on Jan. 21. Please post your reading if your meter is still inside your home.

Small town brings big services

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

It's fun watching a puppy grow. Seeing a dog grow and learn is one of the benefits of taking the dog project in 4-H. Today we'll learn about a group of people involved with the 4-H dog project who not only developed their dogs, they helped develop a new service which is now benefitting hundreds of people with disabilities.

Glenda Keller is a long-time K-State Research and Extension agent in Washington County. She explained that, in the 1980s, she had 4-H members in the dog project who were raising puppies for out-of-state guide dog services. As the 4-Hers tracked where those dogs went, they found that virtually none of the dogs were being placed in the Midwest. The dogs were being shipped to the populated areas on the east and west coast.

So, 4-H leaders and others in Washington County wanted to set up a service through which dogs could be trained to serve people with disabilities in the central section of the country. In 1990, these leaders organized the Kansas Specialty Dog Service, also known as KSDS Inc. It was established in the county seat: the rural community of Washington, population 1,197 people. Now, that's rural.

A former restaurant building

in Washington was available. It became the dog training center with a canine housing unit next door. Local volunteers set out to train dogs to assist people who are blind or otherwise handicapped.

KSDS now offers three separate programs: Guide dogs to help the visually impaired, service dogs to help those who are physically impaired, and social dogs which are utilized in medical settings, by educational facilities, and by social work professionals.

The primary breeds of dogs used in this service are yellow and black Labrador retrievers and golden retrievers. Most of the dogs are born and bred in Washington County, and then placed with puppy raisers across 17 states. The puppy raisers care for the dogs from the age of eight weeks to 18 or 20 weeks, at which point the dogs come back to Washington.

All of the dogs are screened at the K-State veterinary school to evaluate their temperament and physical characteristics such as the dogs' eyes and hips. If a dog should not meet the standard for some reason, the puppy raisers get first choice to acquire the dog. If the puppy raiser declines, there is a waiting list of others who are interested in the dogs.

But those dogs that do pass are

slated for a rewarding career as an assistance dog. KSDS trainers evaluate what type of service work the dog is best suited for, and what type of training would be most appropriate for them.

Meanwhile, KSDS receives applications from individuals who have a need for a service dog trained for special needs. In order to help understand the type of setting in which the dog will work, applicants might be asked to send in a video of their home and surroundings. KSDS will evaluate the physical demands and type of assistance needed, and then try to find the ideal match of the person and the dog. When the dog is two years old, it will be matched and placed with a person.

Remarkably, this service is free of charge to the recipients. KSDS has been offering this service from its home base in Washington for 21 years. Glenda Keller, now retired from K-State Research and Extension, is vice president of the KSDS Board of Directors.

"We've defied all odds to be successful here," Glenda said. "There were a lot of naysayers when we got started. But these dogs are changing the lives of the people they work with. It's almost a miracle," she said.

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Food

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- Katelyn Skrdlant, Busy Beavers, Nana's Chilly Day Chili
- Blue Ribbons
- Shane Cozad, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Jucy Lucy's
- Devin Shearer, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Slam Dunk Personal Pizzas
- Bryndon Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, Salisbury Steak
- Scott Sansom, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Pumpkin Bread
- Kimberly Lowry, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Chili Soup

Carson Wallace, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Hayes Heirloom Spaghetti

Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, Chicken Enchiladas

Blue Ribbons

Damian Wellman, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Red Velvet Cupcakes

Jarrett Wentz, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Dirt Cake

Dalton Smith, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Tortilla Wraps

Keegan Smith, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Peanut Butter Honeycomb Crunch

LEVEL III

- Purple Ribbons
- Molly Maddy, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Strawberry Tiramisu Dessert Shooters
- Eli Lowry, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Cream Cheese Dessert

LEVEL IV

Purple Ribbons

Talia Lowry, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Taco Salad

Rebecca Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, Strawberry Cheesecake

Anthony Wentz, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Halloween Black Cat Cake

The committee in charge of planning was Jamie Wentz, Lee Ann Shearer and Lois Wentz. Parents that assisted the judges were Cheri Brooks, Emily Lowry, Amber Johnson and Patsy Maddy.

Over 60 people attended the tasting tables that were set up to allow the public to sample the 4-Hers favorite foods. Gifts were awarded to all participants. 4-H Favorite Food Show is sponsored as an event of the Norton 4-H Events Council and K-State Research and Extension for those 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Foods and Nutrition project.

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT
CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS
For the Period from October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

FUNDS	1 Old balances (last report)	2 Receipts	3 Disbursements (warrants paid)	4 Net treasury cash
GENERAL OPERATING	574,885.81	236,274.74	371,491.46	439,669.09
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	61,892.46	6,695.92	24,143.02	44,445.36
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	204,236.46	19,470.04	4,424.66	219,281.84
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	6,682.97	0.00	0.00	6,682.97
SPECIAL PARKS	19,143.87	2,413.34	0.00	21,557.21
CEMETERY DONATION	17,240.53	72.89	0.00	17,313.42
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	47,268.15	827.52	0.00	48,095.67
TOURISM	0.00	7,756.36	7,756.36	0.00
LIBRARY	0.00	4,942.82	4,942.82	0.00
LIBRARY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	0.00	1,921.31	1,921.31	0.00
FIRE PROCEEDS CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL HEALTH	71,774.83	101,326.92	101,693.46	71,408.29
LIBRARY BOND FUND CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOND & INTEREST	6,181.16	2,752.88	0.00	8,934.04
IMPROVEMENT FUND GO BOND	1,040,536.40	2,176.53	339,949.08	702,763.85
DEBT SERVICE GO BOND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COST OF ISSUANCE GO BOND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CDBG FIRE TRUCK GRANT	2,108.60	0.00	2,108.60	0.00
AIRPORT BOND & INTEREST	4,398.36	0.00	0.00	4,398.36
NORTHDRIDGE BOND & INT.	2,559.88	0.00	2,538.26	21.62
ELECTRIC	1,085,933.08	875,770.18	890,852.75	1,070,850.51
WATER	300,094.38	236,441.28	144,429.82	392,105.84
SEWER	309,773.37	166,183.24	51,459.30	424,497.31
REFUSE	195,946.32	90,751.00	74,213.02	212,484.30
REVOLVING LOAN	1,159.70	7,069.62	6,631.32	1,598.00
ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT	504,388.86	25,590.81	30,283.76	499,695.91
ELECTRIC DEPOSITS	74,488.89	5,820.46	6,272.77	74,036.58
WATER DEPOSITS	21,311.25	1,568.85	1,780.71	21,099.39
WATER REPLACEMENT	37,483.73	1,800.00	0.00	39,283.73
SEWER REPLACEMENT	43,816.60	1,800.00	0.00	45,616.60
REFUSE REPLACEMENT	34,889.89	1,500.00	0.00	36,389.89
PAYROLL	41,579.44	423,231.82	422,834.53	41,976.73
PRIOR YEAR	0.00	200,234.63	0.00	200,234.63
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				0.00
TOTALS	4,709,774.99	2,424,393.16	2,489,727.01	4,644,441.14

Available Cash:

FIRST STATE Bank	4,299,441.14
FIRST SECURITY BANK Bank	345,000.00
THE BANK Bank	0.00
Total Available Cash (To agree with total funds above)	4,644,441.14

LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

NORTHDRIDGE HOUSING REFUNDING BOND (2003)	\$ 9,355.00
AIRPORT REFUNDING BOND ISSUE	\$ 255,000.00
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 9,578.37
DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK	\$ 40,382.00
WASTEWATER PLANT KDHE REVOLVING LOAN	\$ 3,349,245.95
WATER PLANT KDHE REVOLVING LOAN	\$ 1,474,371.09
WASHINGTON SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 330,000.00
RESCUE TRUCK	\$ 62,713.46
REFUSE TRUCK	\$ 56,838.54
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER PLANT BONDS	\$ 3,193,431.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,780,915.41

I, Patty Rowh do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.
Signed, Patty Rowh, City Treasurer

2011 Norton AYSO Soccer Registration

FINAL REGISTRATION:
Saturday, January 23 — 2-5 p.m.
Cost is \$40.00 Per Child
AGES: 4 1/2 to 19
We are planning on having an under 19 (ages 14 to 18) division

LOCATION FOR BOTH REGISTRATIONS WILL BE:
Library Community Room
1 Washington Square, Norton, Kansas

We are in need of volunteers to fill several board positions as well as coaches and referees. Please consider donating your time and talents. For more information please contact:
Julie Baughman..... (785) 877-2678
Deena Wentz..... (785) 871-0442

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What's Coming Up!!

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FFA Week Special
Wrestling Booster Pages
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