

# Teens doing mission projects

Teens for Christ Connection, an interdenominational youth ministry based out of Phillipsburg, recently took 39 teenagers and 24 adults on four different mission projects; Jamaica, Mexico, Mississippi and South Dakota. The theme for this year was Thrive, from the song by Casting Crowns. In the song, it tells us that we're not just made to survive, but to thrive as we live our lives for Christ. Many of the teenagers on these different mission projects learned to trust God in all things. These four projects were all so different, but yet many of the teens learned the same lesson.

Teens for Christ is a year-round disciple-making ministry that does a lot more than just host mission projects. Teens for Christ is a not-for-profit ministry that reaches out to the American teenager in the rural Kansas/Nebraska setting. We are dedicated to connecting teens with the truth of Jesus Christ, teaching and equipping them to carry out the Great Commission. This is done through weekly meetings and monthly rallies during the school year along with a summer camp program. Teens for Christ has about 19 groups spread throughout northwest Kansas and southern Nebraska and is gaining new groups steadily. Mission projects are a great way for teens from across the area to come together, serve the Lord and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

This year we set out for four different locations, two in country, and two out. As stated previously, the theme was Thrive and the theme verse was John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." A primary function of Teens for Christ's mission trips is to not only serve but to help the teens grow as they read and study the Bible. All four teams look at the same scriptures each day and this year the teams looked at three different disciples of Jesus: Andrew, Phillip and Nathaniel. The teens learned through these devotions what it means to thrive and not just survive as they became followers of Christ.

The first destination was West Moreland, Jamaica where the team served alongside King-

dom Builders ministry. Everything this team did was to help the Kingdom Builders ministry earn the right to share the gospel of Jesus with the people of Jamaica. Kingdom Builders focuses on the poor in villages that have been specifically rejected by others. After they have built relationships, which helps them identify needs, they use teams like Teens for Christ to help meet those needs that will further their right to come alongside people pointing them to Christ and teaching them about Christ. The Teens for Christ team helped with several work projects in those villages, such as carrying buckets of rock and supplies to help build foundations for two new houses, carrying water for elderly people that do not have running water, and doing ministry with the children in those villages. They also had the joy of serving two schools - one where they were able to point to Jesus with a skit and a Biblical lesson and another where they were able to deliver cleaned-up playground equipment to a preschool in a village. In addition the team also had a chance to share Christ by visiting and praying with people in the hospital and the infirmary (nursing home). The dates for this project were May 28-June 4.

The second out of the country destination was Delicias, Mexico. The dates for this project were from May 28-June 11. The team served a church while they were there by painting roofs, tearing out trees, landscaping, and cleaning around the church and community. The team was challenged as they spent lots of time with a group of believers that are thriving spiritually in Mexico. Several of the families invited the team to have supper with them and the youth groups welcomed the group into their meetings. The team was able to both encourage and be encouraged through their time with this body of Christ. It was encouraging to see how this community of believers served the team with their generosity and encouragement towards the team. The love of Christ and the unity of His people was apparent throughout the trip.

One of the two in-country destinations was Cary, Miss.,

in the heart of the Delta. Teens for Christ has been serving with Cary Christian Center since 1986. Cary Christian Center serves people in their area who need help breaking out of the cycle of poverty. They do this by building one relationship at a time through home repairs when someone cannot afford to do it on their own. One of the requirements of the ministry is that the home owner must help with the labor of the project. This is a great opportunity for the team to get to know the people they are serving. Some of the projects that the team worked on were: laid ceramic tile and painted at the ministry's thrift shop in Rolling Fork, replaced a shower faucet that was leaking and causing significant financial difficulties, painted a trailer, and installed skirting around a trailer house. The Mississippi project went from May 28-June 9.

The other in-country destination was Custer, S.D. The team served Camp Volunteer in Custer by doing a variety of different projects including: painting picnic tables, painting horse shoes, spraying weather sealant on the main building, cleaning gutters, removing tree stumps, raking pine needles, moving rocks and organizing the garage. The team also had the opportunity to serve two of the widows in the church by doing yard work for them and spent some time getting to know them. This was the team's favorite project because they had the chance to get to know the people they were serving.

Many people sponsored these teenagers to go on these four mission projects. They make it possible for these teens to get closer to God by learning what it means to serve God and His people. The staff of Teens for Christ want to express their deep gratitude to all who made all this possible. Many people supported the teens in prayer and that was equally appreciated. If you would like to know more about the organization of Teens For Christ Connection please visit our website at [tfc-connection.org](http://tfc-connection.org) or write to us at 667 7th Street, Phillipsburg, KS 67661, or call 785-543-5294.

# An update on Disaster Assistance Program

The United States Department of Agriculture has processed 106,000 payments to farmers and ranchers in 40 states who suffered drought, blizzard, and other weather related losses between October 2011 and passage of the 2014 Farm Bill. More than \$1.2 billion in payments to qualifying farmers and ranchers have been processed. The Department of Agriculture estimated that roughly \$2.5 billion would be provided in disaster relief to cover losses from October 2011 through September 2014. If those estimates prove accurate, it would mean nearly half of all disaster payments have already been provided.

While disaster relief is a critical lifeline that can prevent farmers and ranchers who do not have access to crop insurance from being wiped out by weather-related losses beyond their control, most producers only receive support equal to 60 percent of their actual losses.

The United States Department of Agriculture disaster programs include:

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides payments for grazing losses due to drought and livestock deaths due to adverse weather.

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program provides assistance for livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), weather, wildfires and colony collapse disorder, or for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill.

The Tree Assistance Program provides financial assistance to eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines that were lost or damaged by natural disasters.

Specific program deadlines

are as follows:

2011-2013 Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program - Aug. 1, 2014

2011-2014 Livestock Forage Disaster Program - Jan. 30, 2015

2011-2014 Livestock Indemnity Program - Jan. 30, 2015

2011-2014 Tree Assistance Program - Feb. 2, 2015

Producers affected by adverse weather should contact their Farm Service Agency county office to make an appointment and learn if they are eligible for disaster assistance. For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program and Tree Assistance Program fact sheets online, or visit any local Farm Service Agency office.

# Veterans can get one year waiver from CDL testing

For one year after their deployment, military veterans will be able to waive a commercial driver's license skill test if they have two years of safe driving in a comparable military vehicle.

The option previously had been available for veterans who had returned within 90 days of the application. The extended waiver option allows veterans returning from an overseas deployment more time to adjust to the civilian world.

"Kansas has a strong military community, when our veterans come home with skills that are useful in the civilian world we want to help them put those skills to work," said Director of

Vehicles Lisa Kaspar. "We are happy to offer the longer waiver period as a way to help our veterans transition into civilian life and find employment."

Since it was created in 2012, 6,000 active duty and military veterans in Kansas have taken advantage of the waiver.

The waiver applies only to the drive portion of the commercial driver's license test; applicants will still need to have valid medical certification, pass the written test, have a valid commercial learners permit and verification of two years safe driving in a comparable military vehicle.

The American Association of

Motor Vehicles Administrators, the Department of Defense and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration developed the skills test waiver sample form, and updated version of which is re-posted on websites.

Call or email Shylo with all of your local news. 877-3361 [spaxton@nwkansan.com](mailto:spaxton@nwkansan.com)

# Running the barrels



The Norton County Fair kicked off Saturday at the Equine Center in Elmwood Park, with the Fun Day Open Class Horse Show. (Pictured) Kylie Kinderknecht had an impressive run in the barrel race.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# 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.

### June 26

June 13-Gabriel Anderson, Prairie View; Charge: Careless driving; Plea: No Contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, Costs \$76, Total \$176.

May 21-Maren Westra, Lincoln, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 30 in 20 School Zone; Plea: No Contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, Costs \$76, Total \$176.

June 10-Cloyce Culver, Norton; Charge: Disorderly Conduct; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$500, Costs \$76, Total \$576, 30 days jail suspended if fines paid by Sep. 30.

May 10-Elaine Schukman, Norton; Charge: Stop sign violation; Plea: No Contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, Costs \$76, Total \$176.

May 14-Landon League, Alma; Charge: Stop sign violation; Plea: No Contest; Found:

Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, Costs \$76, Total \$176.

June 18-Terry Billings, Norton; Charge: Obstruction of windshield; Other Action: Dismissed/Fixed.

May 20-Kylie Murphy, Long Island; Charge: 1. Illegal Tag 2. No Proof Insurance; Other Action: 1. Dismissed by City Prosecutor 2. Dismissed/Proof Provided.

### July 3

June 24-Carissa Ridenour, Alma; Charge: 1. Illegal Tag 2. No insurance; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. \$200 2. \$300, Costs \$76, Total \$576, 30 days in jail, suspended if fines paid by Dec. 31, 2014.

July 3-Francisco Olueva-Rosa, Long Island; Charge: No drivers license; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$300, Costs \$76, Total: \$376, five days jail, suspended if fines paid by July 31.

May 30-Tenessa Wooley, Norton; Charge: 1. Illegal Tag 2. No proof of Insurance 3. No child restraint, two children; Plea: No Contest; Other Action: 2. Dismissed/Proof; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. \$100 3.

\$120, Costs \$76, Total \$296, 30 days in jail, suspended if fines paid by Aug. 1, 2014.

May 22-Tyler Graham, Norton; Charge: Driving while suspended; Plea: Guilty-Plea Agreement; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$250, Costs \$76, Total \$326.

May 7-Amy Wesley, Oberlin; Charge: Speeding 50 in 35; Plea: No Contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$60, Costs: \$76, Total \$136.

June 18-Stephani Kinnaman, Edgar, Neb.; Charge: No Insurance; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$300, Costs \$76, Total \$376.

June 24-Carissa Ridenour, Alma; Charge: 1. Illegal Tag 2. No Insurance; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. \$200 2. \$300, Costs \$76 Total \$576, 30 days in jail, suspended if fines paid by Dec. 31, 2014.

April 19-George Shewey, Norton; Charge: No turn signal; Plea: Not Guilty; Other Action: Failed to appear at trial-Fail to comply; Sentence: Sent to state to suspend license.

## District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

### July 3

June 11-Debra Rose Meier, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 17-Jose Francisco Mota, Garden City, Kan.; Charge: Over weight limits on wheels and axles; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$150.

July 1-Norman LeRoy Nel-

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

May 26-Steven Lynn Overmiller, Oberlin; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 29-Cherlyn Beth Rosales, Mesa, Ariz.; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

June 26-Matthew Scheetz, Wichita, Kan.; Charge: Speeding 87 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$219.

July 1-Raymond D. Wait, Norton; Charge: Speeding 81 in

65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$189.

June 26-David James Weber, Aurora, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$183.

June 15-Kirk Andrew Girard, Prairie View; Charge: Wildlife, Parks and Recreation; Boating and Water Activities, no boat registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

April 30-Michael D. LeHigh, Longview, Ill.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, 1st conviction, failure to check traps in a calendar day; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$196.

# Mary Ann Amis Kohfeld's 80th Birthday

Mary Ann was born during the "dirty thirties" on 16 July 1934 to Clarence Vernon (Bruce) and Nellie Hazel Wilkerson Amis on a farm in Smith County, Kansas, the second of four children. Mom remembers her childhood years being happy, carefree, and feeling safe and loved. In 1945 they moved to town-Smith Center.

The move to Norton, Kansas for Mom's junior high years was not welcomed but changed her life. Being next door to the Kohfelds was not unfortunate at all! It was not until shortly before moving back to Smith Center that she gained new appreciation for one handsome neighbor boy-Kenny Kohfeld. Mom knew she wanted to marry him.

Mom spent her high school years in Smith Center. She had many activities and friends. School plays, pep club, student council, studying to succeed in school occupied her time.

Serving her grandma Amis who lived with them was enjoyable. Mary Ann attended Kansas State College/University. After being in a serious car accident she moved home to recuperate. This set the conditions to eventually reunite with Kenny in California, where he was serving in the Navy. They were married 4 September 1954 in San Francisco.

After Kenny was discharged spring 1955 they returned to Kansas, became parents in late July to Kathryn, then settled in Manhattan for Kenny to attend K-State. In August 1956 Kenny contracted polio. With family support, Mom and Dad came through this horrific time. The birth of Susan, conversion to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Dad's graduation from K-State in Agricultural Economics in January 1960 followed.

Kenny, Mary Ann, and girls then settled in Norton for Kenny's employment with the family banking business. During the next eight years many happy events occurred: the trip to sealing in the Salt Lake Temple, the birth of two more children, Kurt and Julia, and immersion in family



and church. Then...11 March 1968 the unexpected death of Kenny! Mom was pregnant with their fifth child-Kenneth, born June 1968.

To make a short review of our Mother's life is difficult! Mom moved our family to Logan in October 1968, raised five children as a single mother, serves valiantly in church callings, makes service to others a 'profession', still lives in the same home, does family history work and has a happy and cheerful nature.

Mom has 16 grandchildren and 23+ great grandchildren. She really likes to make homemade vanilla ice cream and homemade chocolate sauce, go for long walks and her favorite novel is Les Miserables by Victor Hugo.

Your love and influence is felt each day. What an exceptional legacy you give us Mom, we love and honor you on your 80th birthday!! With love, Your family