

Coordinator named outstanding teacher

Jean Ann Wilson, coordinator of the Colby Community College nursing program at Norton, has been honored as the school's outstanding instructor of the year.

She received the Tange-man Award for Teaching Excellence at the Nurses' Pinning Ceremony on May 12 at the Community Building.

A native of Almena, Wilson received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Fort Hays State University in 1968. She earned a Nurse Clinician Certificate from the University of Kansas branch at Wichita State University in 1974.

She has served as a nurse clinician and office nurse as well as a staff nurse at Norton County Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Wilson began teaching Level I (practical nursing) for the college in 1980 and serves as nursing coordinator at the Norton campus for Level I nursing.

Wilson also is active in civic organizations and was named Volunteer of the Year for Northern Valley in 2000.



Jean Wilson

Wilson was a member of the Kansas Core Curriculum Committee in 2008 and has completed many continuing education hours during her career at the college.

The Norton nursing program has experienced a significant expansion this year. Beginning Monday, classes previously held in the hospital will now be held in a newly renovated building which previously housed the doctor's clinic.

The state Board of Nursing recently approved adding 12 practical nursing students and 20 registered nursing students to the Norton program.

To accommodate students' schedules, the college will offer a new two-year evening program for both in Norton. Completion will take six semesters, and 10 students will be accepted into each program. In addition, two practical nursing students will be added to the day program at Norton, bringing the total from 18 to 30.

Pocket Ranger app a guide for state parks

Just in time for the summer travel season, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has launched the Kansas State Parks Pocket Ranger app, a free, interactive mobile guide to Kansas state parks.

The Kansas State Parks Pocket Ranger app is designed to provide information and technology to guide and enhance state park visits and to provide added safety and enjoyment at all of Kansas' 26 state parks.

The Pocket Ranger app offers an interactive global positioning system and mapping technology for tracking trails, marking waypoints and locating landmarks in the state parks. Users are also able to locate friends within parks using the Friend Finder feature. The Alert feature supplies coordinates to designated contacts in case of an emergency. Guests can also cache - store - park maps in advance so they can still navigate if they lose mobile reception.

The GeoChallenge feature offers the novice explorer or more adventurous geocacher various geoquest activities and games throughout the year to guide them on their quests.

In addition to its state-of-the-art global positioning technology, the app has other tools that make exploring the state parks a breeze. Visitors can decide which park to visit using a comprehensive list of activities or search for a park within a particular region. A calendar of events will help visitors find upcoming events for each park. Park rules and regulations are a click away, which is especially helpful to anglers and sportsmen. Users will even be able to reserve a campsite or cabin.

The free Kansas State Parks app is available on iTunes and PocketRanger.com and will soon be available for Android phones. Blackberry and feature phone users can use the mobile website version of the Kansas State Parks Pocket Ranger.

The Pocket Ranger Mobile Tour Guide tutorial is available at www.youtube.com/user/PocketRangerApp.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Friday

6:02 a.m. - Caller reported a female screaming. No report.

8 a.m. - Miscellaneous report filed for call at 6:02 a.m.

10:40 a.m. - Funeral block for Kersensbrock's Funeral Chapel from United Methodist Church to Beulah Cemetery.

11:55 a.m. - Served arrest and detain order from Northwest Kansas Community Corrections.

12:17 p.m. - Subject came to station about lost license tag. Report filed.

12:34 p.m. - Caller reported seeing a white sports utility vehicle speeding numerous times. Written warning given to subject on traffic stop.

1:20 p.m. - Caller reported possible phone scam. Provided information to reporting party.

3:54 p.m. - Assisted Social and Rehabilitation Services.

8:05 p.m. - 911 caller reported someone threatening his girlfriend. Spoke with subjects.

8:36 p.m. - Collision at Walmart.

8:18 p.m. Caller reported someone harassing her. Report filed for criminal threat and harassment.

10:20 p.m. - Caller reported barking dogs in her neighborhood. Unable to make contact with own-

ers.
11:17 p.m. - Walk through at Walmart.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Friday

12:05 p.m. - Booked Hannah Elizabeth Pyle.

12:30 p.m. - Subject called about child custody matter. Provided information, civil matter.

1:09 p.m. - Took two inmates to Sherman County Sheriff's Office.

5:15 p.m. - Removed debris from roadway on U.S. 24 by Waggoners.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR BARRETT TOWNSHIP, MORGAN TOWNSHIP, AND FIRE DISTRICT #3

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at Levant Township Hall 426 Hovey, Levant, Thomas County, Kansas, on the 12th day of June, 2012 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. to consider whether Barrett Township and Morgan Township, Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such township in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Bond requires book reports

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) - A man charged in an undercover sting operation in Northern California that ended in gunfire has been ordered released on bond on the condition that he read and write book reports.

U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers allowed 23-year-old Otis Mobley to be freed Monday, although she delayed an order to allow prosecutors to appeal her decision.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* reports (bit.ly/JEa7BI) that under the bond order, Mobley would be required to spend an hour reading and a half hour writing each day as he awaits trial on robbery and assault charges.

Mobley and two others are accused of arranging to sell a grenade launcher for \$1,000 to an undercover federal agent in Richmond, Calif.

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Sun., Sept. 23, 8pm

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LEAGUE
June. 16, 8pm

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Sept. 30, 8pm

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Oct. 5, 8pm

VINCE GILL
Oct. 11, 8pm

STRAIGHT NO CHASER
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