

Local teachers recognized

The Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions has the distinct pleasure of recognizing David Will, Norton Community High School band teacher, and Shane Miller, Norton Community High School guidance counselor, as recipients of the 2011 Yale Educator Award. The Yale Educator Recognition Program recognizes outstanding educators from around the world who have supported and inspired their students to

achieve at high levels. Enrolling students are invited to nominate high school educators, and a committee composed of Yale admissions officers reviews the nominations individually and designates the recipients. Of the 228 nominations received for this year's Educator Award, representing 33 different states and 18 different countries, 50 teachers and 30 counselors were selected to receive the awards. In Aug., the winners were sent en-

graved desk sets and congratulatory letters, and administrators of the high schools were notified of their achievement.

The entire Yale Admissions Office credits the excellent quality of the Yale student body to educators like Will and Miller, who shape their students long before they attend Yale, and would like to thank them and all educators for their ongoing efforts in motivating and supporting their students.

STUDENT NEWS

Northern Valley High School graduate Colton Lowry recently attended Freshman Orientation at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Stu-

dents received their ID's, parking decals and met with faculty and current Northwestern students during this orientation.

Treasurer seeks contest entries

Students in 7th and 8th grade across Kansas can showcase their creativity in the 10th annual Learning Quest Essay Contest. The Learning Quest 529 Education Savings Program is Kansas' state-sponsored 529 plan, designed to help families invest for their child's continued education after high school.

"We'd love to see a record number of entries," said Kansas State Treasurer and Learning Quest Program Administrator Ron Estes. "This year, we're challenging our seventh and eighth grade students to think about their futures by interviewing someone they know about the impact higher education has had on that person's life and then consider their own future career and how higher education might help them reach their goals."

The contest, open to all 7th and 8th grade students in Kansas, began mid-August and all

entries must be postmarked by Oct. 14. To learn more and download participation materials, visit the contest website at learningquest.com/essay.

"We want our students to realize the importance of post-high school education, whether at a traditional four-year college, community college or vocational/technical college," said Estes. "We also want to encourage Kansas families to start saving now to meet the challenge of paying for that education. Learning Quest is a convenient way for them to start."

Prizes include \$1,000 and \$500 Learning Quest accounts for one winner and one runner-up, respectively, from each grade level. One randomly selected participant will receive a 529 account. And, to celebrate the contest's 10th anniversary, one randomly selected participating school will win a special

prize from Learning Quest - \$1 for each entry submitted statewide, up to \$5,000.

The Learning Quest 529 Education Savings Program helps families save for a traditional four-year college, community college, or technical and vocational school. Learning Quest investors benefit from tax deferred growth and tax-free withdrawals when used for qualified education expenses (tax benefits may be conditioned on meeting certain requirements). Kansas taxpayers can receive a Kansas tax deduction up to \$3,000 per child (\$6,000 if married, filing jointly) on contributions to Learning Quest or any other state-sponsored 529 plan.

Last year, more than 1,500 essays were received from 72 teachers at 67 schools across the state.

More, please



Kelly and Rudy Perez enjoy a BBQ feast during the Smokin In The Barn competition. After all the BBQing was done the public was treated to a meal with all of the fixings, beans, choice of meat, potato salad and a pickle.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

Sept. 5, 2005-Dale A. Brunk, St. Joseph, Mo. Speeding 75 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$165
 April 2-Luis A. Martines, Hesperia, Calif. Speeding 81 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$179
 June 4-Alexander W. Stevens, Restricted driving permit-minor passengers. Plea: Guilty. Fine:

\$198

June 18-Michael G. Schreck, Seranfina, N.M. Speeding 83 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$191
 July 9-Nicholas C. Rogers, Manhattan. Speeding 81 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$179
 Aug. 7-Patrick L. Collins, Longmont, Colo. Speeding 76 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$149

Aug. 7-Ethan A. Hays, Prairie View. Failure to wear seatbelt. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$10
 Aug. 14-Douglas R. Fitzgerald-Colorado Springs, Colo. Speeding 77 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$155

DUI crackdown set for Labor Day

Officials responsible for enforcing impaired driving laws announced an elevated enforcement initiative before, during and after the Labor Day holiday weekend.

"Tragedy follows if you drink and drive, even if you've only had one or two drinks," Sedgwick County Sheriff Robert Hinshaw said. "That's why if you're over the limit, you're going to go to jail."

Thomas Weilert, an assistant district attorney who oversees prosecution of Driving Under the Influence cases in Sedgwick County, gave an overview of legislation that took effect in July raising Driving Under the Influence penalties and expanding use of an ignition interlock device that Driving Under the Influence offenders will be required to use.

Weilert and Hinshaw spoke Friday, Aug. 12 at Fire Station No. 32, 7750 N. Wild West Drive, Wichita, during an event to announce elevated enforcement statewide over the next several weeks. Special Kansas Department of Transportation funding provides overtime to sheriffs' offices, po-

lice departments and the Kansas Highway Patrol to get drunk drivers off Kansas roads and highways.

There is no question that drinking and driving is deadly. In 2009, the most recent year for which data is available, impaired driving accounted for only 5.4 percent of Kansas crashes, but 32.5 percent of all fatal crashes.

The media event included introduction of a new 26-foot trailer full of equipment used to conduct Driving Under the Influence checklanes throughout the county. All law enforcement agencies in the Sedgwick County area will have access to the trailer.

Hinshaw and Weilert stressed personal responsibility on two levels: Making transportation arrangements before leaving for an event where drinking will take place, and reporting impaired driving when observed.

It is designed to put all drivers on notice that if they are caught driving impaired, they will be arrested.

'Green' contest under way

As classrooms around the state begin to fill with students, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment announces the Annual Kansas Don't Spoil It Calendar Contest. The goal of the calendar contest is to increase awareness of environmental issues such as natural resource conservation, waste management, recycling and general "greening" activities.

"This contest is a great way to display the beauty and natural resources of the State of Kansas," said Dr. Robert Moser, Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "I'm looking forward to seeing in art what places and things are important to our students."

Eligibility guidelines include: Only artwork submitted on 8.5

x 11 inch paper in landscaped orientation will be accepted.

Copyrighted materials (such as comic strip characters) cannot be published.

Artwork depicting team mascots is not eligible (Jayhawks, Chiefs, Royals, etc).

1st place winners from the previous two years are not eli-

gible to participate.

The postmark deadline for artwork is Sept. 30. Winners will be announced in late fall and the final calendar will be available toward the end of December.

Additional contest information and an entry form can be found at www.kansasdontspoil-it.com/.

DATE CORRECTION

Beginning September 18, 2011

RCIA Intro Class

for those who wish to join the Catholic Faith or for anyone who wishes to know what the Catholic Church teaches - St. Francis Parish Center

Wednesday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m.

Call St. Francis Rectory at 785-877-2234

or Gil Otter at 785-877-5423 or 2552

FYI

The Fall Session of Chess Club will begin at the Norton Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Participants will meet each Wednesday after school from 4-5 p.m. Jared Shelton will be teaching the various skills needed for playing chess. School age children with all levels of chess playing experience are welcome to attend. A light after school snack will be served. To register, please call the Library at 877-2481 or come in and sign up. This ongoing event is sponsored by the Norton Friends of the Library.

The Norton Post Office will reduce its window hours by one hour on Saturday, Sept. 3. The window will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. Mail will be delivered as usual. The Post Office will be closed on Monday, Sept 5. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept 6. Starting on Saturday, Sept 17, the mail truck will leave Norton at 3:30 p.m. Mail in the outside collection box will be picked up at 3:10 p.m. on Saturdays. Outgoing mail should be at the Post Office by 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday.



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