

Kansas 511 is now offering personalized traveler information

Just in time for the holidays, the Kansas Department of Transportation has made it easier than ever for travelers to get the latest information about their route to work, school or holiday gatherings.

Travelers may now subscribe to free text or e-mail message alerts about current conditions on the routes they travel. Subscribers to My Kansas 511 select the route, the time of the day and the type of information they want, such as road closures or National Weather Service warnings. To subscribe, visit www.kandrive.org, KDOT's traveler information portal, and select "Plan Your Drive" or "Get More Travel Info."

"My Kansas 511" is just one of a number of new content options and features now available through the Kansas 511 phone system.

New Content includes:

- Kansas City Traffic info - includes road condition, construction, incident/event and speed/congestion info for the greater metro area, including Kansas and Missouri
- National Weather Service Warnings (tornado; severe

- thunderstorm; flash flooding; blizzard; winter storm and ice storm)
- Rest Area locations/information
- Silver Alerts (in addition to AMBER Alerts)
- Other New Features include:
- System Menu - new features and design
- Call Transfers - provides the ability to access information across the state for the following info from 511: 1) transit info in Kansas City, Lawrence, Topeka, Salina and North Central Rural; 2) Tourism; 3) Central Permitting Office for commercial vehicles; and 4) Motorist Assist in Kansas City, Kan.; Topeka, Wichita, Salina, Southwest Kansas, Southeast Kansas, Northwest Kansas and the Kansas Turnpike Authority)
- City or town segment location assistance - allows the caller to select a city/town and the system automatically provides the route segment where the city/town is located.
- Emergency messages - may now be interruptible (not interruptible in the past) and allows repeat callers to bypass the message.

A single call to 5-1-1 from any phone anytime, from anywhere in Kansas or 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. will get you all of the information you need to plan your trips - or provide updates as you travel. Information includes route-specific road conditions, work zone information, including detours and closed roads, and travel-related weather information.

KDOT also encourages travelers to use other free traveler information services to assist them with trip planning or in staying informed as they travel:

- KanDrive, www.kandrive.org, KDOT's traveler information gateway for Kansas, provides essential information you need to plan your trip. KanDrive features include camera images, motion camera and electronic sign message views, an interactive 511 map of Kansas roads, road conditions and work zones and links to Metro Traffic Management Center websites (Kansas City (www.kcscout.org) and Wichita (wichway.org) and other helpful transportation resources, such as Kansas Turnpike information, Kansas

Byways, weather information and links to travel info in other states. RSS feeds and GeoRSS feeds to the 511 map (511.ksdot.org) are also available.

The 511 Mobile site at 511mm.ksdot.org provides map, camera and electronic message sign views, road conditions, work zone and event information and links to weather. The site is accessible from multiple devices, including iPhones, Droids and Windows mobile devices, Version 6.0 and higher. Any devices not compatible with the new application will be able to access text information only for road conditions and work zones.

KDOT also reminds travelers to be prepared for driving this winter. Knowledge and preparation are essential to minimizing winter weather driving hazards.

Drivers should use basic safe driving habits at any time of the year - buckling up and safely securing children in safety seats, driving alert and sober, operating your vehicle at a safe and legal speed, and avoiding driver distractions such as talking or texting on your cell phone.

Calling all coyotes



There were 36 teams from ten counties that took part in last Saturday's coyote calling contest sponsored by the Norton Archery Club. The team of Lon Ninemire and Mat Armknecht from Hill City took first with two bobcats, one coyote and one crow. Second place went to the Ness City team of Phillip Morgan and Brian Wick with one bobcat and one coyote and third place was the Logan team of Sam States and Patrick Chester with one coyote and one bobcat. There were a total of five bobcats, 13 coyote and seven crow called in. The next calling contest will be on Feb. 9, 2013. Club members are seen here weighing in the coyote from the winning team.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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Two Husky underclassmen earn All-District honors

By Mike Stephens
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The Northern Valley Huskies football team came up just short of post-season play this season but two of its players have been named to the 2012 All-District Team on offense and defense. Junior Ian Vincent was named first team offense at guard and first team defense at linebacker. Vincent, six feet tall and 222 pounds, created huge holes for the Huskies vaulted running game, and was a real force on defense, with 96 tackles on the season.

Sophomore Phillip Bryant was also named first team offense at running back and first team defense at defensive line in his first year of playing high school football. Bryant, five feet and five inches tall and 158 pounds, ran the ball with power and aggressiveness, finishing the season with 811 yards and seven touchdowns on 138 rushes for a 5.9 yards per carry average.

"I like offense, carrying the

ball and scoring, but I also like defense because I like sacking the quarterback and hitting people hard," said Bryant.

According to Bryant, there were plenty of good memories from this past season but the play that sticks out in his mind is a mistake he made against St. John's-Beloit on a punt return where the ball hit him and was recovered by St. John's-Beloit.

The Huskies had a successful season finishing with a 7-2 record but Bryant said they can get better.

"This year we got off to a slow start in the first half and then we would get going in the second half. We need to get going in the first half," said Bryant.

In all, six Huskies were named to the All-District Team.

The following is a complete listing of the All-District Team as selected by the coaches and listed in order of vote totals:

8-Man Division II District 5 2012 All-District Team

1st Team Offense

Center-Kade Dennis, Thunder

Ridge, Sr.

Guard-Ian Vincent, Northern Valley, Jr.

Guard-Chandler Hoskins, Thunder Ridge, Sr.

End-Greg Yoxall Thunder Ridge, Sr.

End-Luke Eilert Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, Jr.

Running Back-Trevor Lowe Thunder Ridge, Jr.

Running Back-Phillip Bryant Northern Valley, So.

Quarterback-Garrett Krueger Thunder Ridge, Jr.

1st Team Defense

Defensive Line-Kade Dennis, Thunder Ridge, Sr.

Defensive Line-Chandler Hoskins, Thunder Ridge, Sr.

Defensive Line-Phillip Bryant, Northern Valley, So.

Linebacker-Ian Vincent, Northern Valley, Jr.

Linebacker -Garrett Krueger, Thunder Ridge, Jr.

Defensive Back-Eriq Perez, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, Sr.

Defensive Back-Trevor Lowe,

Thunder Ridge, Jr.

Defensive Back-Derick Reed, Thunder Ridge, Jr.

1st Team Special Teams

Kicker-Jackson Stull-Meiers, Natoma, Jr.

Punter-Conner Eilert, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, Jr.

Kicker Returner-Eriq Perez, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, Sr.

Punt Returner-Trent Rietzke, Thunder Ridge, So.

2nd Team Offense

Center-Dalton Customborder, Natoma, Sr.

Guard-Benton Hrabe, Thunder Ridge, Jr.

Guard-Kyle Pakkebie, Logan, Jr.

End-Derick Reed, Thunder Ridge, Jr.

End-Tyson Callaway, Northern Valley, Sr.

Running Back-Eriq Perez, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, Sr.

Running Back-Trent Rietzke, Thunder Ridge, So.

Quarterback-Hunter Chandler, Northern Valley, Jr.

2nd Team Defense

Defensive Line-Luke Eilert, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, Jr.

Defensive Line-Benton Hrabe, Thunder Ridge, Jr.

Defensive Line-Terry Shradler, Northern Valley, Sr.

Linebacker -Connor Eilert, Beloit St. John -Tipton, Jr.

Linebacker - L a r a m e Boyle, Thunder Ridge, So.

Defensive Back-Brett Pinkerton, Logan, Jr.

Defensive Back-Tyson Callaway, Northern Valley, Sr.

Defensive Back-Hunter Chandler, Northern Valley, Jr.

2nd Team Special Teams

Kicker-Greg Yoxall, Thunder Ridge, Sr.

Punter-Derick Reed, Thunder Ridge, Jr.

Kick Returner-Greg Yoxall, Thunder Ridge, Sr.

Punt Returner-Jordan Baird, Northern Valley, Jr.

Honorable Mention

Center-Regan Kats, Logan,

Fr.

End-Jaden Williams, Stockton , So.

Running Back-Jordan Baird, Northern Valley, Jr.

Running Back-Connor Eilert, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, Jr.

Quarterback-Trey Dubbert, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, So.

Defensive Line-Brad Holmes, Natoma, Sr.

Linebacker -Elijah Holmes, Natoma, Jr.

Defensive Back-Trey Dubbert, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, So.

Kicker-Conner Eilert, Beloit St. Johns-Tipton, Jr.

Kick Returner-Tyson Callaway, Northern Valley, Sr.

Kick Returner-Brett Pinkerton , Logan, Jr.

Punt Returner-Jackson Stull-Meiers, Natoma, Jr.

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transportation and lodging costs.

Mr. Sproul also said that the group is working with Northwest Planning and Development out of Hill City to get a grant for downtown revitalization for the Sidles Building, which is on the southwest corner of Washington and State streets across the street from the economic development and Chamber of Commerce offices.

In other development news, property in the northwest part of Norton has been donated to the Frontier Community Foundation to be used to build 12 duplexes which will result in 24 new homes. The dirt work should be started at any time. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

The economic group is also working with the Norton County Appraiser to implement a geographic information system which will chart all of the area's

utilities and infrastructure both above and below ground. This information will help businesses interested in locating here know what is available, what they might have to work around and what they might have to look at putting in or getting put in in the way of roads, utilities, etc.

The board members also looked at the 12 businesses that would be spotlighted in 2013. Each month, a board member writes up a piece about the featured business.

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missioner Richard Thompson.

Ms. Smith also asked about her salary and benefits. She is a part-time employee now and does not have any benefits.

County Clerk Robert Wyatt said that the insurance company sets 35 hours a week as a full-time employee and she is only hired for 30 hours a week.

Ms. Smith said that she has been helping the road and bridge department with its sign work and that has increased her

hours.

The commissioners said that if she is working more than 30 hours a week, she'll just have to cut back on what she does for other departments because she is only budgeted for that amount.

Mr. Miller suggested that she talk to the commissioners next year before they set the 2014 budget.

Ms. Smith also told the commissioners about the Local Emergency Planning Committee she runs. The committee

meets quarterly, she said.

The county has to have the committee to apply for emergency management grant money from the state, she said.

"We don't just have an LEPC on paper," she told the commissioners proudly. "We get really good participation.

Dr. Peterson praised her work.

"This young lady is one terrific organizer," he told the rest of the group adding that she had worked for him for awhile and done a great job.

Delivering Our Thanks

We're ho-ho-hoping a bundle of good news and glad tidings lands on your doorstep this holiday season. We appreciate your loyal readership!

We would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas

- Dana
- Vicki •Marcia
- Mike
- Dick •Derek

THE NORTON TELEGRAM