

Pistol training class



Scott Kleinschmidt, Russ Erbert and Shane Wyatt offered a pistol training class last Saturday and are seen here showing the proper handling of a hand-held firearm. This class is offered more than once a year and they are hoping to have greater numbers the next time the offer the class. Dates for this have yet to be set. —Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Student News

Hutchinson Community College has announced the honor rolls for the Spring 2011 semester, including grades through the end of the interterm session.

Norton student Amanda Delimont earned the President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

A total of 18 students from the Northwest District Future Farmers of America were awarded their State Future Farmers of America Degrees on Friday at the 83rd Kansas State Convention.

The State Degree is the highest honor the Kansas Future Farmers of America Association can bestow upon its members. In order to achieve this award members must meet the following requirements: have received their Chapter Degree, been a member and agricul-

tural education student for at least two years, earned at least \$2,000 or worked 600 hours in their Supervised Agricultural Experience program, given a six-minute speech about agriculture or Future Farmers of America, participated in eight different leadership activities and received a "C" average or better in high school and shown a record of outstanding leadership and community involvement.

The members who met these qualifications and their respective Future Farmers of America Chapters from Norton are Robert Blecha and David Cressler.

The Kansas Sheriffs Association recently announced the 2011 Scholarship winners. This is the 20th year the Kansas Sheriffs Association (KSA) has been provided scholarships to qualified

college students. This year the association will be providing eight \$1,000 scholarships.

In addition to the eight scholarships the Kansas Sheriffs Association will also provide one Sheriff Matt Samuels \$2,000 scholarship.

The association started this scholarship in 2005, the year Sheriff Matt Samuels was killed in the line of duty.

Scholarship applicants must be full time students taking at least 12 hours of college credits and be related to a member in good standing of the Kansas Sheriffs Association.

Alyssa Thomson of Norton County was a winner this year and her Kansas Sheriffs Association sponsor is her father Troy Thomson.

Rewarding an employee

Ray Dreher was selected as the State Community Corrections Employee of the year award.

Dreher was presented the award by Governor Sam Brownback at the Topeka Capital building on May 27. Dreher was also presented the award by the Kansas Community Corrections Director on June 15 and was then acknowledged the award by the Northwest Kansas Governing Board on June 16.

Dreher has been employed with Northwest Kansas Community Corrections for 17 years. He has worked as a community corrections officer, juvenile officer, Juvenile Justice of Authority officer, parole officer, and is currently the North West Community Corrections Assistant Director with a full time caseload.

Ray was nominated by North West Community Corrections Director John Trembley.

"This is a tremendous award

that is richly deserved.

There are 31 community corrections programs in the state. The nominees this year were very good. There were community corrections employees from Johnson County, Sedgwick County and from other large programs in the state. For him to receive the award, residing in Norton, speaks volumes about his work. Ray was selected for not only his work as a community corrections officer but for his work with the North West Community Corrections Governing Board, his commitment to his community and for always going out of his way to help his offenders succeed while keeping his communities safe. Though his office is in Norton, he covers Graham, Smith, Phillips, Decatur, Osborne, Sheridan, and helps with Rooks County. Ray is responsible for supervising community corrections offenders residing in those counties as

well as parole offenders released from prison that reside in those counties. Ray is literally my right arm. Everything that North West Community Corrections has accomplished or will ever accomplish simply would not have been accomplished without Ray. The North West Community Corrections Governing Board, judges, county attorneys, and his fellow co-workers all have respect for his work ethic. He has set a standard for all present and future North West Community Correction employees that will not be surpassed. Being the Director of North West Community Corrections can be very stressful and challenging, having him as the Assistant Director makes my job so much easier. Ray has worked with me my entire career. I certainly can not imagine being the Director of North West Community Corrections with out him".

NORTON LIBRARY

2011 Norton Public Library Schedule:

July 7 - 10:30 a.m., Ada Arford

2 p.m., Sue Ann Stutheit

7-8:30, 7 - 12 grades Asia-Chinese Lanterns.

Dragon tail Game. Tea Tasting and Asian donuts.

July 14 - 10:30 a.m., Randy's Music Jam, One Program Only

7-8:30, 7-12 grades Antarctica-Sugar Cube Igloos.

Freeze Tag. Snow Cones.

July 21 - 10:30 a.m., Tranda Watts from KS Extension

2 p.m., Tranda Watts

7-12 grades The Whole World-Chocolate Night. Habitats from all over. Brownies for dessert. Bring candy, cookies and lots of chocolate to build with.

July 28 - 10:30 a.m., Mary, the Librarian

2 p.m., Sue Ann Stutheit

Aug. 4 - 10:30 a.m., Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure, One Program Only

Aug. 11 - 10:30 a.m., Jennifer Hauser, One Program Only

Aug. 18 - 10:30 a.m., Rosalie McMullen, One Program Only

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
4TH OF JULY

Register for the "Valley Adventure Race"

Ag Valley Coop and Tri Valley Healthy Living Center Team Up for "Valley Adventure Race" with proceeds to go to Area School Wellness Programs.

A three-part race consisting of biking, running/walking, and a water activity in addition to navigating the route by map, an adventure race is a team event that provides participants excitement, teamwork, and well, adventure. On Aug. 20, southwest Nebraska will play host to the inaugural "Valley Adventure Race" sponsored and organized by Ag Valley Coop and Tri Valley Healthy Living Center. Margo Kent, a veteran of adventure racing, is also assisting with the organization of the event.

In an adventure race, teams consisting of three individuals work their way through a course

while always remaining together. They also complete challenges at various checkpoints and are not given the route of the race until they reach the starting line. The thrill of adventure racing is open to all experience levels and gives racers an immense feeling of accomplishment when they finish, no matter their placing.

Race director Christina Houghtelling of Tri Valley Healthy Living Center immediately jumped on board when approached with the idea of Valley Adventure Race by Kevin Nielson of Ag Valley Coop. She and co-director Margo Kent are now very eager for adventure racing to come to southwest Nebraska.

"Adventure racing is not only for athletes or for those who simply enjoy the outdoors, it's really for anyone who would like to

challenge themselves both mentally and physically," said Houghtelling. "As a team event, it's also a lot of fun and incorporates a great deal of teamwork."

Organizers from both Ag Valley and Tri Valley were also in agreement regarding where proceeds for the race should go.

"Both organizations are really committed to wellness," said Houghtelling. "Individuals who are conscious of their wellness, are active, and eat well reap so many benefits throughout their lifetime. With this in mind we really want to contribute to kids learning as much as they can about this aspect of life so it was an easy decision to give the proceeds to our area schools for their wellness programs."

The Aug. 20 Valley Adventure Race will be held in Cam-

bridge, Neb. and will feature two courses:

A short course of approximately 15 miles biking, 3 miles running (or walking) and 8 checkpoints; and a long course of approximately 30 miles biking, 5-6 miles running (or walking) and 15 checkpoints.

There will also be men's and women's divisions; however, teams can be co-ed with their division determined by the majority; two men and one woman will be in the men's division while two women and one man will be in the women's.

Registration is currently open and will close at 5 p.m. on Aug. 10.

Information for the event can be found at agvalley.com, trivalleyhealth.com or by calling 308-697-1400.

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Great Plains

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★ Mobile Vietnam War Museum & other Military Displays	★ Games (FREE & Prizes given)
★ Wilbur Wright Re-enactment	★ Seatbelt Convincer
★ Ident-a-kid	★ Radio Control Aircraft & Rocket Club
★ Fire Extinguisher Demo/Training	★ Airport Fire Truck Demonstration
★ Hamburger & Hot Dog Lunch*	★ Golf Ball Drop
★ Helicopter Rides (\$25 and \$45)	★ Planes from Far & Wide!

Additional information: (785) 628-7370 E-mail: rjohnson@haysusa.com

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Sheriff accident log

June 29: At 8:59 a.m. a 2000 Ford, driven by Judy Arnold of Lenora, was traveling west bound when a deer entered onto the roadway from the south ditch. The driver was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported as a result of the accident. The accident was investigated

JUNIOR GOLF Starts Monday, July 11

Junior golf will start on Monday, July 11 with registration at 5:30 and begin at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and run every Monday thereafter in July

Aug. 1 will highlight the year with a Pizza Party at 5:15, followed by a 9-hole golf tournament at 5:45 and a swimming party following golf

Cost this year is \$20.00 per participant aged 7 to 14. Registration this year will include a nice golf shirt. Come and learn the lifelong game of golf. Adults welcome to come, watch, and help mentor the junior golfers

Pre-register for only \$20.00 by mailing it to: Tyler Rutherford, 506 West St., Norton, KS 67654, 785-202-0214 or Connie Miller, 806 N. Valley Vista Dr., 785-877-5649 with the name, age, and shirt size of the participant.



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