

# Lenora volunteers recognized at event

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 This year, they're also supporting a city-wide cleanup day.  
 Basgall, who moved back to Lenora two-and-a-half years ago, credits local citizens and their willingness to work together for building a sense of community.

"Much of what we do has a social aspect, and that is an important part of building community," she said.  
 For more information, contact Basgall at 785-567-3125.  
 More information about the Kansas PRIDE Program and the 2013 award recipients is available at [www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu](http://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu).

# Painting techniques taught at museum

How many of you have been flipping through channels on the television and happened to come across the Joy of Painting with Bob Ross program. If you stopped for only a moment, you would have been captivated by the simple and easy method of his painting techniques. We will again have two certified instructors that teach classes at the Hansen Museum on a regular basis. T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone, Arriba, Colo., will be here to entertain and instruct, step by step, revealing how easy and fun it is to paint the Bob Ross way. No previous experience is necessary and

anyone can do it.  
 On Saturday, June 1, the class will be painting John Deere at Home and on Sunday, June 2, Moonlight Camp. The classes will run from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. both days.  
 This fabulous learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continued Education Program and offered to the public at a reduced rate. For more information call 785-689-4846 or go to our web at [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org). All you need to bring is a roll of paper towels, all other supplies are provided.

# Headstart's 'Big Truck Event'



The Big Truck Event, sponsored by Norton Headstart/Early Headstart, held April 25 at the Norton Fairgrounds was an opportunity for kids and parents to see big trucks up close, and interact with various drivers to learn about the vehicles. (Pictured from left to right) Devaney Wells, Phillip Wells, Riley Griffin, Toby Wells, and Peyton Lawson view the inside of an ambulance. The firetruck, especially the bell, was also very popular with the kids.  
 -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# Professional Bull Riding event set for June 1 in Phillipsburg

The bulls and bull riders of the PBR will stampede their way into Phillipsburg again this year!  
 The second annual Phillipsburg PBR will take place on June 1, with forty bull riders gritting their teeth for the eight second ride!  
 Two of the best bulls in the nation will be in Phillipsburg. Barring injury, Gray Squirrel and Mississippi Hippy, who have both bucked on PBR's Built Ford Tough Series, will be in town. Both are owned by Jimmy Crowther and New Frontier Rodeo. Mississippi Hippy, who has an 80 percent buck-off rate, bucked off Cody Nance at the PBR Finals last October. Gray Squirrel has a 92 percent buck-off rate and bucked off Robson Palermo and Jordan Hupp at the PBR Finals last year, and two cowboys at the National Finals Rodeo last December.  
 Crowther, whose ranch is located at Gypsum,

Kan., has been raising bulls for years, and loves it. "I enjoy starting those young bulls and watching them grow into PBR and NFR caliber bulls." He plans on bringing between 50 and sixty bulls, from some of his younger bulls to the older, seasoned bulls. "We'll bring the very best end of them for an event like Phillipsburg's."  
 The Phillipsburg PBR will be held in conjunction with the Riverless Fest, which will run June 1-2 and include an arts and crafts fair, flea market and a variety of other activities.  
 The bull riding will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale in early May at Heritage Insurance Company in Phillipsburg. For more information, contact the Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce office at 785.543.2321. Information can also be found at [www.Facebook.com/PhillipsburgPBR](http://www.Facebook.com/PhillipsburgPBR).

# Gun and education bills sent to governor for approval

This is an update on the bills sent to the Governor for signature at "turnaround." The House and Senate passed a measure addressing sovereignty concerns regarding federal agents attempting to confiscate firearms, firearms accessories, or ammunition manufactured commercially or privately and possessed in Kansas.  
 Originally, the bill required state and local law enforcement officers to arrest federal agents acting on orders of superiors. It was altered to block arrests and gave local and state prosecutors authority to seek court orders forcing out-of-state agents from taking Kansas made weapons.  
 Both houses also agreed to a bill creating a four-year glide path to imposition of a law mandating state and municipal buildings have metal detection or trained guards at entries or lift a ban on people with conceal carry permits.  
 Public schools, correctional facilities, and jails would be allowed to retain policies prohibiting concealed handguns on the premises without adopting heightened security. A local school board, university chief executive or community

college official could authorize licensed employees to carry a concealed handgun at work.  
 There were so many bills introduced pertaining to K-12 education this year it will take several articles to highlight them. Today - I will update on the Governor's Read to Succeed proposal.  
 The House and Senate passed HB 2140, a substantially amended version of the original intent. The bill provides that beginning in 2016-2017 school year, districts that have a higher percentage of students scoring in the lowest achievement level on state reading assessments will have to adopt a policy for possible retention of certain students in first grade, rather

than third grade as proposed by the Governor and adopted in some other states.  
 The bill also creates a new grant program to assist struggling readers in the early grades, a task force to study reading interventions, and a recognition program for schools demonstrating the most improvement in fourth grade reading results.  
 Whether the bill is signed and then funded remains to be seen. It certainly has drawn attention to how important it is for young students to read and I would hope parents and schools continue to focus on reading and it's importance.  
 As of April 22 the Governor has signed 120 bills into law.

# Kansans turn in five tons of medication

Kansans turned in more than 5 tons of unused medications during last Saturday's National Drug Take-Back Day, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said.  
 Local law enforcement officials collected 10,193 pounds of medications at 101 locations across the state. The semi-annual event was sponsored nationwide by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, which collects and safely destroys the medications. This was the highest amount ever collected in Kansas during a take-back day. More than 17 tons of medications have been collected in Kansas since the program began in 2010.  
 "Kansans clearly understand the importance of

safely disposing of unused medications," Schmidt said. "By safely disposing of these medications, these drugs are no longer at risk of accidental or intentional misuse."  
 Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are increasing, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and

friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that traditional methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - pose potential safety and health hazards and should be avoided.  
 Unused prescriptions can be turned in year-round at many local law enforcement locations. Kansans should contact their local sheriff's office or police department for more information.

The Norton County Road Department will be going to a summer work schedule beginning Monday, May 6. We will keep these hours through August 29. Our hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Should you have a request for road work after hours, please leave a message by calling 785-877-5740. Please leave your name and telephone number so we can contact you regarding your request. In the event of an emergency please call 785-877-5780, 785-874-8444 or 785-871-1840.

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