

# Party set for meteor shower

An annual meteor shower that produces more fireballs than any other will be the centerpiece of a party at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center at 9 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11.

"The Perseid meteor shower is perhaps the most beloved meteor shower of the year for the Northern Hemisphere," said Curtis Wolf, KWEC manager. "The shower builds gradually to

a peak and often produces 50 to 100 meteors per hour in a dark sky at the peak."

He said the meteors radiate from the constellation Perseus the Hero but appear in all parts of the sky.

Activities, such as creating a star chart, making a meteor ball and having a marshmallow roast will be available for children.

"Bring the family out to the

KWEC to watch," said Wolf.

Information will also be presented on meteors, he said. The event is free and open to the public.

The KWEC is located at 592 NE K-156 Highway, northeast of Great Bend.

For more information, visit wetlandcenter.fhsu.edu, call 1-877-243-9268 or contact Wolf at cjwolf@fhsu.edu.

# 'Songs old and new, bright and blue'

By Ron Wilson  
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"We have songs old and new, bright and blue. Here's a song just for you." Does that sound like something an old-time disc jockey would say on the radio? Today we'll meet a man who began as a disc jockey but who had the vision and hard work to develop a successful communications enterprise.

Bob Schmidt is chairman and retired president and CEO of Eagle Communications in Hays, Kan. Bob has small-town roots, having grown up at the rural community of La Crosse, population 1,346 people. Now, that's rural.

Bob went to college at Fort Hays State. While a student, he got a job on a new local radio station, KAYS, as a play-by-play announcer in 1949.

"I didn't want to be a manager or a salesman," Bob said. "I wanted to be a disc jockey, to spin the records and call the ballgames." Yes, on-air broadcasting is fun. Bob worked at perfecting his craft.

After graduation, he did become a manager for KAYS. He partnered with visionary entrepreneur Ross Beach to expand the business. In 1958, Bob was promoted to CEO of what is now known as Eagle Communications.

During the next 40 years, Eagle Communications of Hays would become a leader in the broadcast and telecommunications industry. "We built or purchased 20 radio stations, four television stations, and twelve cable systems in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Texas," Bob said. He eventually ac-

quired the business from Ross Beach.

Bob Schmidt gave lots of leadership and expanded this communications business in a time of remarkable change. He saw a time when radio was declared dead, and then he saw its resurgence. He saw changes in the regulatory environment with less government interference from the FCC. He saw the growth of television and then the Internet.

"I'd like to say I envisioned all this, but I can't," Bob said. "When you were in radio, you didn't want to embrace television. It was a competitor, and the same for TV versus cable. But I had a partner who encouraged me. Perhaps I had a knack for looking for the opportunities that were just around the corner."

Today, Eagle owns and operates 28 radio stations in Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska and 30 cable systems in Kansas and Colorado.

In 1998, Bob Schmidt retired as president and CEO and began transferring ownership of the company to his faithful employees through an employee stock ownership plan. He remains chairman of Eagle Communications.

"That means I work for the employees," he said. Bob also provides management of his 6,000 acre ranch northeast of Hays.

This remarkable individual is 86 years young. "I've been married for 64 years and in broadcasting for 65 years," he said. "It's been a very rewarding life." His personal foundation supports many worthy causes

in Hays and other communities, including scholarships and support for students.

One year while chairman of the CBS TV affiliate group, Bob was at a meeting in California and went to the set of hit TV show WKRP in Cincinnati. "You're Bob Schmidt, aren't you?" someone said. "I heard you give a talk at K-State." It was none other than the star of the show, Gordon Jump, who had heard him speak back in Kansas.

"Communication is the bond that holds communities together, something that Bob Schmidt has always keenly understood," said Steve Smethers, associate director of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at K-State. "Through his pioneering leadership in developing radio, television, cable TV, telephone and internet services, Bob has provided communication channels that have kept information and interpersonal communications flowing for thousands of people in the rural Midwestern states."

"We have songs old and new, bright and blue. Here's a song just for you." Yes, that's a phrase like Bob Schmidt might have used when he was a disc jockey playing vinyl records on an old turntable. That personal touch to his customers has helped build this remarkable communications business. We commend Bob Schmidt for making a difference with visionary communication.

And that's not all. We'll learn more about this company's innovative ownership model next week in Kansas Profile.

# Big Diggers



City of Norton employees, Dan Bainter and Jason Dial were guests at the Norton Public Library to help them celebrate "Dig Into Reading" by talking to those in attendance last Thursday afternoon. Not only did they speak to everyone about what they do but they also brought a couple of pieces of big equipment, "Big Diggers" to show everyone. After a short time inside the library conference room, everyone followed the city workers outside for a demonstration. Jason showed how to control the digger by moving a ball balanced on a cone into a trash can not once but twice. He also showed the maneuverability of the machine seen here as the children look on in amazement.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# HANSEN ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Nestled in northwest Kansas, on Highway 9, the Hansen Museum sponsors one of the best craft fairs around on Sept. 21, 2013. Hosting crafters from Kansas and surrounding states, this is a shopper's paradise. This annual event is held on the Hansen Plaza Square, Main Street, Logan. There is NO admission charge to attend this event.

Chain saw artist, Blair Smith from Iowa, will be on the grounds to astound you with his chain saw artistry. His performances will begin at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day with him completing several projects. Drawings at 11:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. will be held for two of his carvings.

Live entertainment on two stages will be performing at various times during the day. Left of Center from Concordia, will be on the south stage at 10 a.m., noon, and 2:30 p.m. Angie LeDuc Band started in 2011, combining four talented musicians and singers into one outstanding country band. In 2012 the Band changed their name to Left of Center; "We're all a little off, and have lots of fun!" Bagpipes will perform on the north stage at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. This will be a chance to hear their special musical talents. Both stages promise to entertain with performances to please each and everyone attending the Arts and Crafts Fair.

In addition to the live entertainment, we will also have several artisan presentations around the plaza. We will have the Deer Creek Regulators fast draw shooting from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Janie Lowry (Quilting) will be doing a table runner demonstration in the community room at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Also, there will be Fleece to Fabric by area weavers and spinners and the Shepherd's Mill from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Brian Bethke - blacksmith from Atchison, (originally from Stuttgart) from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and pottery by Josh Novak from Fort Hays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Local artist, Staci Hartman will be demonstrating Oil Painting.

# PUBLIC RECORD

## Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

### July 11

March 19-Corey Rutherford, Norton; Charge: Speeding 62 in 40; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Amended by city prosecutor to 47 in 40; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

### July 13

June 13-Sandra Kaiser, Lenora; Charge: Speeding 40 in 30; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

### July 18

Jan. 2-Amanda Majors, Norton; Charge: No liability insurance; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$1,000, costs \$76, total \$1,076. Five days jail-suspended in fines paid by July 31, 2014.

### July 25

June 30-Devaney Wells, Norton; Charge: Dog at-large, no li-

cense; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$25, costs waived-fence fixed. Ordered to obtain dog license and show proof to court.

July 7-Richard Peterson, Anchorage, Alabama; Charge: Speeding 60 in 45; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$60, costs \$76, total \$136.

July 7-Gary Shepard, Lenora; Charge: Speeding 47 in 35; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$42, costs \$76, total \$118.

July 3-Christopher McClellan, Glendale, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 46 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$36, costs \$76, total \$112.

July 7-Lacy Zillinger, Stuttgart; Charge: Speeding 48 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$48, costs \$76, total \$124.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

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## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Samuel Gary Jr. & Associates, Inc. -- Application for a permit to authorize the disposal of saltwater into the Hager Trust 2-35 located in Norton County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomsoever concerned.

You and each of you are hereby notified that Samuel Gary Jr. & Associates, Inc. has filed an application to commence disposal of saltwater into the Cedar Hills formation at the Hager Trust 2-35, located in SW NW NE NW Section 35 T4S-R23W, Norton County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 250 psig and a maximum injection rate of 3000 bbls per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of this state publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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