Several area high school and junior high students participated in the **Midwestern Music Camps** this summer at the University of Kansas.

Participants included, Dylan Turgeon, Kyle Affeldt, Matthew Bessasparis and Benjamin Coats, all from Lansing; and Lillian Akins, Bailey Miller, Molly Hadfield, Peyton Kelly, Bria McAnderson, Becca Stapfer, Megan Swisshelm, Gwen Akins, Quinton Cook and Morgan Warren.
Many Leavenworth County residents were among the more than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas named to the spring 2007 honor roll.

Their names follow:

- From McLouth: Katrina Zaguruyka, Audrey Deekan, Alyss Doane and Lisa Smelser.
- From Easton: Devon Ezell and Renee Porter.
- From Fort Leavenworth: Heide Christensen, Katherine Heinen, John Kenny, Ashley Langford and Joseph Tennant.
- From Lansing: Kayla Becker, Emily Bogard, Kayla Buehler, Alison Cain, Jenna Caldwell, Alicia Cusano, Andrew DeHaan, Jennifer Fagan, Kelsea Fisher, Brandon Froelich, Lawrence Henderson, Il Jung, David Koen, Christopher Maxwell, Katheryn Mooney, Alex Remann, Holly Robertson and Jacob Simanowitz.
- From Linwood: Valerie Gunn, Nathan Howard, Lindsay Kass and Caitlin Rose.
- From Tonganoxie: Ross Low, Paula Prosser, Mark Seman, Jordan Smith and James Young.
Several 2007 high school graduates from Leavenworth County recently participated in the Youth Civic Leadership Institute at the University of Kansas.

The students were chosen by faculty members of their high schools for their interest in civic engagement and public service.

The program focuses on civic engagement and practicing civic skills. The students work in groups to discuss a range of issues that affect them in their schools and communities and to develop solutions.

During the event, students also attended a special program called "Teddy Roosevelt: Mind, Body and Spirit," heard from a number of speakers and visited the state capitol where they met with Kansas government leaders.

Participants included, Matthew Murrell from Basehor, Aubrey Gasbarre from Leavenworth, Timothy Reese from Fort Leavenworth and Tyler Gurss, Krista Jobst and Allee Smith, all of Tonganoxie.
Seven From Rose Hill On KU Rolls

Six Rose Hill students, all seniors, were named to the University of Kansas 2007 Spring honor roll announced by officials at KU last week.

They were among more than 4,690 undergraduate students who made the honor roll.

Four of the honor roll students are graduates of RHHS. They are Matt Ubben, son of Joyce Ubben; Joshua Snider, son of Mary Snider; Alison Pulec, daughter of Randy and Jeanne Pulec; and Andrew Ricke, son of David and Sheila Ricke.

The other two seniors graduated from Collegiate or Wichita Southeast. They are Jessica Smith, daughter of Richard and Bambi Smith; Jake Simms, son of David Simms.
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Betty Banks, a retired associate professor of classics, said she and other former staff members didn't have much hope that the system would be fixed because previous attempts have failed.

"There have been so many tries before and it was an in-house operation," she said.
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K-State leads drive to fund program

Associated Press

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Fanning said at the same time the department denied Kansas' grant, the Education Department renewed a five-year grant for a Kansas State program that targets high school students.

Lynn Bretz, the University of Kansas' director of university communications, said the university wanted to have a strategic plan to continue its program for migrant workers' children, especially as federal funding declines.

Fanning said if the grant was approved, the program would give students more choices.

"We had a number of migrant students that just completed high school and had jobs in the local community. They couldn't leave because they needed the employment," Fanning said. "Now they can attend university while continuing to work."

He expects to hear in the next few weeks whether the Kansas proposal was approved.

Fanning said he has heard the Education Department has received far more requests from schools to renew CAMP grants than it will be able to fund. He said he hopes the state's reworked grant application will be helped by the fact that Kansas ranks seventh in the nation for the number of migrant and seasonal farm workers.
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State history museum exhibit captures the spirit of sports in Kansas

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A video plays on a large screen as you walk through the entrance to the Kansas History Museum in Topeka.

In a few short minutes, some of the best moments from Kansas' rich sports history are displayed in a stadium-like setting.

It's the first stop of a new museum exhibit called Game Faces: Kansans in Sports.

“We really wanted this exhibit to focus on how sports bring people together to support their town or local team,” museum curator Laura Vannorsdel said.

The exhibit has many different interactive sections where you can sit down and watch historical
The Topeka Turners fencing team from 1900 (above) is pictured with equipment used by George Krauss. A colorful fan (upper left) was given to fans at the National Baseball Congress tournament in 1948.
MUSEUM: Kansas sports history, tradition and community spirit captured in exhibit

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video clips.

One area focuses on Kansas' eight-man football tradition with a diner-style area. Another area has a couch and television that focuses on the histories of Kansas University and Kansas State University and their rivalry.

Another way the museum has incorporated technology is the use of MP3 files. From the museum's Web site, www.kshs.org, files can be downloaded to MP3 players and replayed during a tour of the exhibit to give more information about each area.

Many areas focus on some of the biggest names in Kansas sports history, including basketball greats Wilt Chamberlin and Lynette Woodard. There are footballs signed by former NFL running backs Barry Sanders and John Riggins, as well as a helmet worn by Jack Christiansen when he played with the Detroit Lions.

But other sports also are featured — including some from the 1800s. One area talks about the clubs started by different ethnic groups in Kansas as far back as 1890. Another focuses on the history of rodeos, including the Flint Hills Rodeo.

Baseball is a prominent part of the exhibit, with items from former major leaguers, including Joe Tinker, Fred Clark and Walter Johnson. Hutchinson's Joyce Barnes, who played in the All-American Girls' Professional Baseball League, is featured.

Kansas has a long list of Olympic athletes who are featured in the museum.

Vannorsdel said different halls of fame helped with some of the exhibits, but many items were personal donations.

After finishing the sports portion of the museum, there are many other items to see, including a Bleeding Kansas exhibit that has many of John Brown's personal things. Other items from the 1800s in the museum include a Gatling gun, log cabin and steam engine train with passengers cars.

KANSAS HISTORY MUSEUM

» Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday; closed Mondays and on state holidays.

» Where: 6425 SW Sixth Ave., Topeka.

» Admission: $5 adults, $4 seniors, $3 students. Kansas residents receive a $1 discount.

The apron and pan Billie Warden used in winning the first Pancake Race in Liberal is among the more unique items on display for the exhibit, Game Faces: Kansans in Sports, open through Dec. 30 at the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka.

This living room in the Kansas Museum of History spotlights the rivalry in some homes across the state between the Kansas State Wildcats and the University of Kansas Jayhawks. Even the blanket on the couch is divided between the Wildcat and the Jayhawk.
New pharmacy in place at Parker's

by Kenneth Lassiter

After nearly a year of not having a pharmacy in town, a Tonganoxie man has stepped to the plate to open Oskaloosa HealthMart in Parker's

Hallmark Cards and Gifts store on the square.

Eric Finkbiner opened the pharmacy last week and is ready to fill prescriptions after some moderate renovation work was done to the back corner of the store that houses the pharmacy.

The pharmacy had been closed since fall 2006 when former pharmacist Jay Parker was charged with Medicaid fraud by the state. Parker pleaded guilty to that charge in November 2006 and, besides paying $75,000 in restitution, was sentenced to two years of probation in December.

After the Oskaloosa pharmacy was closed, Finkbiner, who owns and operates a pharmacy at the Country Mart grocery store in Tonganoxie, began offering delivery of prescriptions to Oskaloosa. Finkbiner was casually looking for possible retail space in town to open a pharmacy when he was contacted by the owner of the Parker's building.

"I realized the community was in need and, at one point, I'd talked about being part of a building project, but I didn't want to have to wait that long to get set up. Then the owner here contacted me to see if I was interested in leasing out the pharmacy space," Finkbiner said.

"That pushed things up in time to now rather than next year."

Finkbiner began plans to move into Parker's in early May and did some lighting, countertop and other renovations over the course of a couple weeks to get the pharmacy ready to become Oskaloosa HealthMart. A new computer system and cash register was also installed back in the pharmacy section. Finkbiner said the transition has been smooth and the wrinkles created with insurance companies and coverage by opening a new pharmacy are quickly being ironed out.

"Part of the reason I went with the HealthMart chain of pharmacies is not only their SunMark medication products, which are good, but also the fact they can help take care of all that paperwork with getting set up with insurance," said Finkbiner, who lives in Tonganoxie with his wife, Karen, who is a pharmacist at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. They have two sons - Ian, 11, and Spencer, 9.

Finkbiner was born in Clay Center but completed his schooling in Topeka before studying at the University of Kansas and its pharmacy school. He and Karen bounced around the country a little bit before settling in Wichita before Karen got the job at LMH and moved to Tonganoxie. Finkbiner has operated his Tonganoxie pharmacy for six years.

The Oskaloosa HealthMart is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Finkbiner's only employee in the pharmacy is technician Michelle Meyer, and Finkbiner is planning on being at the pharmacy full-time, as he said he has employees that can run the Tonganoxie pharmacy in his stead. He does plan to continue the pharmacy's free delivery service with no set boundaries. He said the focus of that delivery would probably spread north to Winchester, at least. The pharmacy can be reached at 863-2063.

The new pharmacy makes a timely fit in town as the new Cotton-O'Neil Clinic opened in the spring just a block east of the pharmacy. Finkbiner credited local physician's assistant Darrin Cox for his support in getting the pharmacy up and going.

Weeks before the opening of the pharmacy this month, Finkbiner had posted the sign for the pharmacy on

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Eric Finkbiner, owner of the Oskaloosa HealthMart pharmacy, stands outside Parker's Hallmark Cards and Gifts. Finkbiner opened the pharmacy in the back corner of the store last week.
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the front of the Parker’s building or the southwest corner of the square. The sign brought some questions from the public and Finkbiner said he’s been pleased with the public response to the reopening of a pharmacy in town.

“We’ve gotten a lot of people with questions,” Finkbiner said. “I think a lot of people are just wanting to see a pharmacy open here in town. This is a pretty large area not to have a pharmacy in.”