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Among the Montgomery County students named to the honor roll list were:

- **Cherryvale**: Sarah Leigh Griffin
- **Coffeyville**: Christopher W. Carr, Anne Cevera, Dardi Jo Eveleigh, Stephanie Diane Irwin, Arjun Kannanthreddy, Rebecca Lo, Pekkie Wong.
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From Colwich: Anna Kathrina Betzen, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Monsignor Kelly Catholic HS, Beaumont; Patrick Allen Gegen, son of Stan and Wanda Gegen, Engineering Undergraduate Junior, Andale HS; Stacey Renee Kraus, daughter of Patrick Kraus, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore, Andale HS; Meghan Lee Weber, daughter of John and Kathleen Weber, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior, Bishop Carroll High School
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From Maize: Shea D. Fairchild, daughter of Don and Pam Fairchild, Education Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Emily Diane Hooker, daughter of Sheila Hooker, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore, Andover Central HS; Caitlin Elisabeth Jones, daughter of Lyle and Lisa Jones, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Erika Lian Schnitker, daughter of LaDale Schnitker, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Sophomore, Maize HS; Nicole M. Witt, daughter of Bruce and Janice Witt, Business Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Meganh D. Curry, daughter of Kenneth and Brenda Curry, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Kevin Matthew Neslage, son of Tim and Valerie Neslage, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore, Maize HS; Amanda Lynne Janssen, daughter of Rebecca Janssen, Journalism Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Caitlin Elizabeth Janish, daughter of Linda and David Janish, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Sophomore, Maize HS; Andrew Brian Chamberlin, son of Brian and Dana Chamberlin, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Nikita Lynne Fugate, daughter of Pamela Eck, Business Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Christopher D. Gorney, son of Charles and Denise Gorney, Journalism Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Amber Marie Harley, daughter of Denise Harley, Engineering Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Nicole Elizabeth Hofmann, daughter of Philip and Marcie Hofmann, Nursing Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Jacquelyn Venetia Helley, daughter of Robert and Cynthia Kelley, Fine Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; John Everett King III, son of Judith King, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Alicia Ann Oswald, daughter of Roger and Sue Oswald, Business Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Tonia Nicole Salas, daughter of Joanne Collier, Liberal Arts undergraduate Sophomore, Maize HS; Lindsey L. White, daughter of Charles and Brenda White, Education Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Brianna Renae Berkley, daughter of Julius Berkley and Barbara Frazier-Boykins, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Sophomore, Maize HS; Erin Renee Brown, daughter of Christy and Kevin Brown, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Sophomore, Maize HS; Erik Lee Christensen, son of Scott and Kelley Christensen, Liberal Arts undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Amanda C. Dietz, daughter of Richard and Debbie Dietz, Education Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Erin Lea Fleming, daughter of James and Windsor Fleming, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Meghan Michelle Hampton, daughter of Kelly Hampton, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Trent Steven Hauck, son of Steve and Theresa Hauck, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Lauren R. Keith, daughter of David and Billie Keith, Liberal Arts/Journalism Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Emily Elizabeth Kerr, daughter of Clay Kerr, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Taylor Stevven Messner-Schaack, son of Lana and Steve Messner, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Andrew J. Oberthaler, son of Peter and Diane Oberthaler, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Katherine Jo Oberthaler, daughter of Peter and Diane Oberthaler, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Walter Israel Phelps, son of Charles and Rachel Phelps, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Scot A Pruyn, son of Clinton and Gail Pruyn, Education Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Shelby Nicole Rawlings, daughter of Kelly Rawlings, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Ashley Marie Yates, daughter of Steve and Deanna Yates, Fine Arts Undergraduate Sophomore, Maize HS; Erica Michelle Brand, daughter of Mary Jo Brand, Nursing Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Kari Jean Cozad, daughter of Barbara and Dennis Cozad, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior, Maize HS; Mitchell Allen Evans, son of Mark and Stacey Evans, Business Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Rachel L. Schulte, daughter of Frank Schulte and Debra Kelsey, Business Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS; Mitchell George Voth, son of Kent and Deborah Voth, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior, Maize HS.
Wet weather brings invasion of ants, termites

TOPEKA (AP) — Mild weather allowed marginal ant and termite colonies to survive the winter, and persistent rainfall into the summer is helping them survive and invade homes in bigger numbers than in the past, experts say.

In Topeka, reports of ant infestations are up 10 percent to 15 percent, while termite infestations are up almost 50 percent from previous years, local exterminators said.

"It would be my assumption that because we had a wet winter that wasn’t too cold and we’ve had a long, wet spring, most insects are able to reproduce and live better," said Zachary Falin, collection manager with the University of Kansas Division of Entomology.

"The conditions could allow marginal colonies to squeak by in the winter and then boom around now," he said. "Usually around this time, it’s too hot to see this much activity."

Pete Lake, branch manager for Terminex in Topeka, said ants are expanding in homes to more locations than the typical kitchen and bathroom.

"The ants are flourishing, and they’re also seeking food and shelter in people’s homes," Lake said.
Jamie Wright, for completing the Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer Program.

Maxx Krueger, for graduating from The University of Kansas.

Christine Crouse-Dick, for receiving the Ralph P. Schrag Distinguished Teaching Award at Bethel College.

Corey Janssens, for being invited to participate in a New York Film Festival Art Exhibit.

Luciano Garofalo, for making the dean's list at Rockhurst University.
Nebraska Furniture Mart, KCKCC team to win prestigious training award

by Alan Hoskins

A collaborative effort between Nebraska Furniture Mart and Kansas City Kansas Community College has earned one of the highest honors from the Kansas City Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD).

Their partnership was one of several top Kansas City businesses and educational institutions receiving awards at the 2008 ASTD awards dinner at the Hyatt Regency. Other honorees included Black & Veatch, Sprint, Cerner, the KU Confucius Institute and KU Continuing Education.

"We did well; right there with the big dogs. There's no doubt Nebraska Furniture Mart is one of Kansas City's leading retailers which provides language and cross-cultural training for their diverse workforce," said Jeanne Crane-Smith, KCKCC director of Emerging Workers, who coordinated much of the training programs offered.

Since May of 2005, KCKCC has offered a series of four programs aimed at improving working relationship and communications with non English-speaking employees. Those programs included Cross-Cultural Training, Command Spanish for Warehousing, Command Spanish for Retail and English in the Workplace.

"We could not have done it without the college; it's been an outstanding series," says Denise Simmons, human resources training specialist. "We've been real pleased with what KCKCC has to offer. They've really met our needs. Whatever we've asked for, we've gotten - and some of those requests were made with a sense of urgency."

Simmons says they implemented the training to keep up with the changing components of the staff and workforce and to mirror the demographics of the community. "Employees are taught NFM lingo so they can talk the same language which increases productivity and communication," said Simmons.

"Also, it improves work relationships and provides life skills not only in the business field but out in the community. Our motto is 'Improve Peoples' Lifestyles' which is why this is a win-win for both management and our employees." In addition to the four programs, KCKCC language consultant Stephanie Marquez has provided translation of Human Resources documents. The four programs:

• Cross-Cultural Training - Taught by Dawn Strickland, members of management were taught how to manage Spanish-speaking employees. "They learned such things as the difference in work ethics, understanding Hispanic names, the demographics in our area and understanding the diversity of a Hispanic community that includes employees from Panama, Honduras, Cuba, El Salvador and Mexico," said Crane-Smith.

• Command Spanish for Warehousing - Taught by Sara Martella and Marquez, warehouse supervisors learned how to better interact with Spanish-speaking employees, primarily in the areas of giving and receiving instruction as well as safety and emergency language.

• Command Spanish for Retail Sales - Taught by Marquez, retail employees learned common courtesies in dealing with Spanish-speaking customers. "They learned how to find what someone was looking for, numbers, costs, gathering specific personnel data and in some cases how to say 'Could you wait a moment until I can find someone to help,'" says Crane-Smith.

• English in the Workplace - Approximately 60 non-English speaking employees are currently taking one of two seven-week classes taught by Crane-Smith for 1 1/2 hours each Tuesday and Thursday and there's a waiting list for the next class. The classes are offered free of charge on company time and NFM provides necessary materials. "Everything is focused on work and how they can communicate with their English-speaking supervisors and coworkers," says Crane-Smith. "They're learning catch phrases and business culture tips such as the importance of making eye contact when speaking with their supervisors. Also, sometimes when they don't understand they'll still say yes so we're working on that cultural difference."

In addition to offering the English in the Workplace class, Simmons says they offer college tuition reimbursement for those employees who wish to take English as a Second Language or GED classes. "We've already gotten four very interested in enrolling," says Simmons, who is aided in coordinating
the programs by Human Resources Training Specialist Kathy Brant.

Key to the success of the training has been the support of management. “Ron Blumpkin, our president; Ed Lipsett, the Director of Human Resources; and Pat Evers, the Operation Manager for the Kansas City Warehouse Center have all been big proponents with their commitment of time and finances,” says Simmons.
United Methodists pledge $5.2 million in capital campaign for camps, campus ministries

WICHITA — Camp Horizon near Arkansas City is one of the beneficiaries of a campaign by United Methodist in the western two-thirds of Kansas to raise more than $5.2 million toward a capital campaign to fund facility improvements at United Methodist camps and campus ministry sites and for church growth and development.

The beneficiaries of the campaign also include Camp Lakeside near Scott City and the campus ministry sites at six of the state’s seven Kansas Board of Regents schools: Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas and Washburn University.

The “Bridges to the Future” campaign kicked off in August 2007 and will officially end Aug. 31. The campaign goal was $4.2 million.

The money also will be used to revitalize existing United Methodist congregations through the work of the Center for Small Membership Churches located at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina and to start new congregations in growth areas.

“Many prayers have been answered through this campaign,” said Sue Dondlinger, campaign director and member of University United Methodist Church in Wichita. “Through this campaign, the congregations have embraced a vision of renewal and expansion that will enable the United Methodist Church to carry out its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world right here in Kansas.”

Work is already beginning on improvements at the Protestant Campus Center at Fort Hays State University from a $50,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

“The churches of the Kansas West Conference have stepped out in faith and shown a strong commitment to their ministries with youth, young adults and growing populations,” said Kansas Area Bishop Scott Jones. “This campaign has helped every church see a future with hope. I am amazed at the responses we’ve received through their pledges. I am proud to be a United Methodist in Kansas.”
Duke TIP Recognized Area Students

The University of Kansas hosted a state recognition program last month for about 400 academically talented seventh-grade students selected for the 2008 Duke University Talent Identification Program.

Carter Royce Waite, a KU senior majoring in theatre from Falmouth, Maine, was host. Simran Sethi, the Lacy C. Haynes visiting professional chair in journalism, delivered a special address to the students and their families and guests. Julie Bennington, seventh-grade talent search coordinator for Duke TIP, presented the awards.

Selection to Duke TIP was based on college entrance exam scores that were in the top 5 percent while the students were in middle school. Students participated by taking either the SAT or ACT national achievement tests. Working with host academic institutions such as KU, Duke TIP sponsored 35 ceremonies in its 16-state talent search region.

Each Duke TIP student received a medallion. The state recognition ceremonies honored seventh graders who have earned scores above the average scores of college-bound high school seniors. Of more than 74,000 applicants this year, 21,115 students qualified and have been invited to state recognition events, including 876 students being recognized at KU.

The Duke program was in its 28th year, and this was the 10th year KU has hosted the Kansas recognition program. In addition to Kansans, additional students taking part in the activities were Missouri residents from the Kansas City metropolitan area or towns near the Kansas-Missouri state line.

Duke TIP has been a nonprofit educational organization that identified and helped cultivate the talents of academically gifted youth. Since 1980, more than 1.5 million students have taken part in the program that has been supported by student fees and donations from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Local students invited to the KU event were Jamie L. Jackle, of Andover, and Christine M. Conway and Scott A. Lamunyon, both of Towanda.
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Laura Michelle Durham, daughter of Tim Durham and Kerri Schwartz, Liberal Arts undergraduate senior.

Georgia Marie Leake, daughter of Henry Leake, Liberal Arts undergraduate senior 2008 Spring Honor Roll.

Mitchell David Ross, son of David and Rhonda Ross, Business undergraduate senior.

Marissa Pearl Taylor, daughter of Paul and Tracey Taylor, Engineering undergraduate sophomore.

Tobias Parks Wright, son of Russell and Nancy Wright, Liberal Arts undergraduate freshman.

William Joseph Anderson son of Terry Anderson, Engineering undergraduate sophomore.

Cedar Vale
Mauntell Renee Ford, daughter of Howard Ford, Liberal Arts undergraduate sophomore.

SOUTH HAVEN
Jarod Justin Bryant, son of Charles and Rita Bryant, Liberal Arts undergraduate senior.

Burden
Martha Ruth Campbell, daughter of Daniel Campbell, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1.

Hailee G. Jones, daughter of Mark and Pam Jones, Liberal Arts undergraduate senior.