The first Start2Finish 5-K Run-Walk benefiting undergraduate scholarships, sponsored by the University of Kansas Edwards Campus and Johnson County Community College, will begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 26, at JCCC and finish at the KU Edwards campus.

Race proceeds will go toward support of scholarships for JCCC students who continue their education at KU Edwards Campus through Start2Finish, an educational partnership between the two institutions.

Medals will be awarded to the top three winners in each five-year age category. A free kids fun run for age groups 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 will be at 8:30 a.m. Post-run activities are free food, obstacle course, moonwalk, KU Athletics giveaways, DJ and music.

Cost of the certified point-to-point race is $20 through July 25, $25 on race day. Registration is available online at www.sportkc.org, mail-in race brochure with check payable to the JCCC Foundation or race-day registration at KU Edwards Campus. Packet pick-up will be 3-8 p.m. Friday, July 25, at Garry Gribbles Running Sports, 119th and Quivira, where registration is also available. On race day, pick up packets at KU Edwards Campus. Participants should park at the KU Edwards Campus and take the shuttle bus to the starting line at JCCC.

For more information, visit www.sportkc.org or iStart2Finish.org.
Julie R. Courtwright received her Ph.D. in American history from the University of Arkansas on May 10, 2008. Her dissertation, “Taming the Red Buffalo: Prairie Fire on the Great Plains,” has since been accepted for publication by the University of Kansas Press.

Dr. Courtwright is currently serving as a visiting professor of American history at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.

Traveling to Fayetteville, Ark. for the graduation were her parents, Phil and Carol Courtwright; her grandmother, Mary Courtwright; her sister, Amy Adams; and family friends, Duane and Ella Frederick of Wichita.
HIGHLIGHTS

Derek M. Schuessler of Valley Center was named to the President's Honor roll at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., for the spring 2008 semester. The President's Honor Roll recognizes students who achieved a grade point average of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale for coursework during the semester. Schuessler is a freshman pursuing a bachelor of arts in English.

Russell and Lori Horn announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Annette, to Jacob Charles Wallace, son of David and Carol Wallace of Newton.

Kimberly is a junior at Wichita State University majoring in human resources. She works at LSI Logic Corporation in Wichita. Jacob is a stress engineer at Spirit Aerosystems in Wichita.

They will be married in Barcelona, Spain, on July 12, 2008. Following a Mediterranean honeymoon, the couple will reside in Wichita.

The Kechi Senior Center’s “Over 55 Club” will celebrate its one-year anniversary July 17. There will be a business meeting at 10 a.m. at 5515 E. Huffman Drive, then they will meet for lunch (on your own) at noon at Geno’s BBQ, 140 S. Oliver. RSVP for lunch to 744-1337 by July 14.

Corky Armstrong will celebrate his 80th birthday with a come-and-go party hosted by his family from 6:30 to 9 p.m. July 17 in the Sunflower Gardens community room, 460 N. Emporia, Valley Center. No gifts, please.

Katey Taylor of Valley Center finished 14th in the Sporter Air Rifle Standing Match, 14th in the Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle Match and 22nd in the Air Rifle Silhouette Match at the 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational June 23 in Grand Island, Neb.

Mary Scott and her great-grandson, Kanoa Ashley, celebrated their birthdays on July 6 at Lions Park in Valley Center. A total of 51 family members and friends stopped by to share in this occasion. After opening cards and gifts, those attending shared in birthday cake and ice cream. The kids all joined Kanoa in breaking in his new toys and games and the older boys and men played a fun game of basketball in the July heat.

Friends University has announced its graduating class for 2008. Among the more than 1,000 graduates were the following area students: Jennifer Walker, bachelor’s in accounting; Cindy Wiedeman, bachelor’s in organizational management and leadership, both of Bel Aire; Laurel Beittler-Keeley, bachelor’s in elementary education, Ju-
The University of Kansas has announced its honor roll for the spring 2008 semester. Honorees met requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or in their respective schools.

Area students recognized were Sean Tokarz of Kechi; Shane Kentopp and Jonelle Truit of Park City; Tyler Botts, Joseph Garvey, Erin Gunzelman, Louisa Lipke, Kevin Neslage and Kyleigh Rice of Valley Center and Allison Robertson, formerly of Valley Center.

Wichita area students receiving honors included Courtney Bregar, Corinne Depperschmidt, Paul Enns, Katherine Harr, Caitlin Janish, Landon Plumer, Vincent Santucci, Adesiji Adewunmi, Corey Braet, Mary Bryde, Kristen Bush, Jessica Leiker, Jennifer Little, Candice Metzinger, Thao-Linh Nguyen, Duy Pham, Nickolus Rivera, Tengku Shariffudin, Carnez Williams, Matthew Albright, Jeffrey Bell, Bethany Black, Ashley Blanchat, Jillanne Boswell, Brett Boyle, Robert Boyle, Anna Breitenbach, Evan Craft, Andrew Fast, Morgan Fulmer, Garrett Hamm, Samuel Hanson, Meghan Harris, Anthony Hoover, Eric Iheme, Talitha Jennison, Thomas John, Peter Lau, Matthew Mikolajchak, Meghan Patni, Robert Patton, Van Pham, Michael Pinnell, Andrew Roth, Taylor Smith, Virgina Smith, Anthony Stump, Kelly Summers, Kent Szlauderbach, Ryan Wagner, Maxwell White and Erin Williams.

Vivian Leupp, a teacher in USD 262, was recently recognized by the School of Education at the University of Kansas for her 25 years of service to education in Kansas.

Birth

Ambrose and Christina Hill announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Cora Riley Hill. She was born at 1:12 p.m. July 3 at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Manhattan. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 ¾ inches long.

Grandparents are Tom and Trudy Strunk of Valley Center and Steve and Patti Hill of Wichita. Great-grandparents are Donna Phillips of Valley Center and Vic and Johnnie Eisenring of Wichita.
Casey Miles Named To Leadership Team

FOR THE INDEPENDENT

LAWRENCE — The University of Kansas Department of Student Housing has announced the Krehbiel Men, the 11 students who will form the leadership team for the university’s 12th and newest scholarship hall and one is from Halstead.

Casey M. Miles, a junior in journalism, son of Kirk and Shelley Miles, is a graduate of Halstead High School, a resident of Templin Hall and part of the leadership team.

The fall semester will begin Aug. 21. Students begin moving Aug. 17 into scholarship and residence halls, including the new $4 million Floyd H. and Kathryn Krehbiel Scholarship Hall on the southwest corner of 13th and Ohio streets — a twin to Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall next door.

The Krehbiel Men received training throughout the 2007-08 academic year to prepare for their leadership roles. This past spring, the Krehbiel Men developed the hall constitution and elected officers.

The men were selected by KU student housing advisers and the president and vice president of the All Scholarship Hall Council. Applicants were required to take part in an interview and demonstrate previous leadership experience.

Two student leaders fill paid positions with the Department of Student Housing. Mathew J.L. Shepard, a sophomore from Lenora, will be proctor, and Adam L. Fiedler, a senior from Holton, will be the food board manager.

Scholarship hall residents live cooperatively and share household responsibilities for cooking and cleaning. Living in a scholarship hall costs about $1,800 less than living in a traditional residence hall. Applicants submit written essays and references and are selected on the basis of financial need and academic achievement.

The new hall was made possible by a $4 million gift from former Kansas Rep. Carl C. Krehbiel of Moundridge to honor his parents, Kathryn Krehbiel and the late Floyd H. Krehbiel. His mother is a 1945 KU liberal arts graduate and his father, who was Battenfeld Scholarship Hall resident, received a KU degree in 1947. Carl Krehbiel is a 1970 KU alumnus who lived in Stephenson Scholarship Hall as a student. His grandfather, also Carl C. Krehbiel, was a 1913 KU alumnus.
Several Area Students Receive Awards From KU

FOR THE INDEPENDENT

LAWRENCE — More than 4,900 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2008 semester.

Several area students received honors from the following towns:

- Burrian - Brianna Dahn Flickinger, daughter of Corey and Rae Ann Flickinger, Education Undergraduate, Senior; Melissa Christine Morris, daughter of Brenda and Timothy Morris, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore.
- Halstead - Taylor Mac Kaufman, son of Von and Marla Kaufman, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore; Aaron Jacob Keller, son of Cecil and Valerie Keller, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Elizabeth Ann Major, daughter of Terry and Joan Major, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior; Casey M. Miles, son of Kirk and Shelley Miles, Journalism Undergraduate, Junior; Lindsey Nicole Miles, daughter of Kirk and Shelley Miles, Nursing Undergraduate, Sophomore.
- Sedgwick - Crystal Lynn Leming, daughter of Ron and Kelli Arrowsmith, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior, Halstead High School.

These students, from the Lawrence campus and the schools of allied health and nursing at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan., represent 101 of 105 Kansas counties, 42 other states and the District of Columbia and 39 other countries.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who met requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the schools of allied health, architecture and urban planning, business, education, engineering, fine arts, journalism, nursing and social welfare.

Honor roll criteria vary among the university's academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum grade-point average for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.
Teachers recognized with certificates

FOR THE RECORD

LAWRENCE — The School of Education at the University of Kansas has honored 797 teachers from 173 school districts statewide with certificates recognizing 25 years or more of service to education in Kansas.

KU's School of Education annually invites Kansas school district officials to identify educators who are eligible for recognition. Certificates are issued based on responses from individual districts.

Pam Duffy, a Literacy Coach, Marcia Miller, a Library Media Specialist, and Lisa Schmitt, a Literacy Coach, all from USD 460 were honored.

“Strengthening education is among the more important public policy issues facing our country,” said Rick Ginsberg, dean of the School of Education.

“Good teaching is at the core of any success that students achieve. As leaders debate the best ways to attract and retain high quality teachers across Kansas and the country, it is important to recognize those who have dedicated their professional lives to our Kansas classrooms. The time that these teachers have given to the students in our state is significant, and we are pleased to offer this small recognition for their work and dedication.”
KU honors local teachers

Mary Mattley was among three teachers recently honored for 38 years of service to Kansas schools by the School of Education at the University of Kansas.

Mattley, of Derby and a middle school teacher with Mulvane USD 263, was among 797 teachers from 173 school districts who received certificates. They were recognized for more than 25 years of service.

Other local teachers who were honored included:
- Barbara Dockter, Joyce Ensor, Joneva Flowers and Cathy Hurst were all recognized for 25 years, all in Kansas;
- Teresa Lancaster, 31 years, 29 in Kansas;
- Carolyn McCown, 25 years, 16 in Kansas;
- Debbie Nelson, 29 years, 25 in Kansas;
- Kathleen Raymond, Wineteer Elementary principal, 30 years, all in Kansas;
- Raymond Roberts, 28 years, all in Kansas;
- Sharron Robertson, 25 years, 21 in Kansas;
- Jonathan Romain, 25 years, all in Kansas;
- Thomas Sherow, 25 years, all in Kansas;
- Anita Versteeg, 26 years, 16 in Kansas;
- Debbie Gillespie of Derby, Rose Hill USD 394 teacher, 25 years, all in Kansas; and
- Deborah K. Reed of Derby, USD 396 Douglass teacher, 25 years, all in Kansas.
Hunt recognized for years of service to education in Kansas

Barbara L. Hunt, was among those teachers honored by the School of Education at the University of Kansas with a certificate for 25 years of service to education in the state.

KU's School of Education annually invites Kansas school district officials to identify educators who are eligible for recognition.

Barbara is the athletic director at Garden Plain High School.
Schmidt recognized for years of service to education in Kansas

Mount Hope resident Sylvia Schmidt, was among those teachers honored by the School of Education at the University of Kansas with a certificate for 25 years of service to education in the state.

KU's School of Education annually invites Kansas school district officials to identify educators who are eligible for recognition.

Sylvia is a counselor in USD 259 Wichita Public Schools.
United Methodists in the western two-thirds of Kansas have pledged more than $5.2 million toward a capital campaign to fund facility improvements at United Methodist camp and campus ministry sites and for church growth and development.

The "Bridges to the Future" campaign kicked off in August 2007 and will officially end August 31. The campaign goal was $4.2 million. The beneficiaries of the campaign include Camp Lakeside near Scott City and Camp Horizon near Arkansas City as well as 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 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 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."