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**Afterschool program participants top 500**  
By MICHAEL DUNN  
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Schools enrolled in part of the state's largest afterschool program, the "Big Red" program, have reached a milestone, with more than 500 participants enrolled in the program, according to a report released by the Kansas Department of Education.

The report, released last week, shows that the program has grown from 400 participants in 2012 to 500 in 2013. The program is a partnership between the state and local schools, and provides a safe, supervised environment for children to spend their time after school.


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**Parent-teacher conferences**

**Character a Ward**  
Lindsey Miller, 14, and  
Caleb Miller, 13, of  
Topeka, Kan., were  
named "Character a  
Ward" winners for  
the month of January.  
The winners were  
chosen by a panel of  
judges from the  
Topeka community.  
Lindsey and Caleb  
were recognized for  
their leadership and  
community service.  
They have been  
active in their school  
and church, and have  
helped many people  
in need.



**Charges amended in Kansas sex trafficking case**  
By MICHAEL DUNN  
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WICHITA — A federal grand jury in Wichita amended charges against a man accused of sex trafficking in Kansas on Tuesday.

The grand jury amended the charges to include sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion, and sex trafficking by interstate commerce.

The man, whose name has not been released, is accused of trafficking women and children across state lines for the purpose of prostitution.

The charges were amended after the grand jury reviewed evidence presented by the federal prosecutor.

**Three defendants convicted in \$28.5 million drug conspiracy**  
By MICHAEL DUNN  
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WICHITA — A federal grand jury in Wichita convicted three defendants in a \$28.5 million drug conspiracy on Tuesday.

The defendants, whose names have not been released, are accused of conspiring to manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute a large quantity of a controlled substance.

The conspiracy is alleged to have operated in the Topeka area and involved multiple transactions and shipments.

The grand jury returned its verdict after a lengthy trial. The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced at a later date.

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