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**Rep. Tim Huelskamp announces military academy nominations**  
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**Afterschool program participants top 500**  
By MICHAEL DUNN  
Afterschool programs across the state have reached a record high of 500 participants, according to a report released by the Kansas Department of Education. The report, released last week, shows that the number of students participating in afterschool programs has increased by 10 percent since 2012. The report also shows that the number of afterschool programs has increased by 15 percent since 2012. The report is based on data from 1,000 schools across the state.

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**Parent-teacher conferences**  
Changes are being made to the way parent-teacher conferences are held in many schools. Some schools are moving to a more structured format, while others are moving to a more informal format. The changes are being made in response to feedback from parents and teachers.

**Character a Ward**  
Lindsey Dyer, 14, of Lawrence, Mo., was named Character a Ward for her volunteer work at the Lawrence Public Library. She has spent many hours reading to children and helping them with their homework. She is a member of the Lawrence Public Library's Character a Ward program.



**Charges amended in Kansas sex trafficking case**  
By MICHAEL DUNN  
A federal judge has amended charges in a sex trafficking case in Kansas. The case involves a woman who was charged with trafficking a minor. The judge has amended the charges to include a charge of child abuse. The case is currently pending in federal court.

**Three defendants convicted in \$28.5 million drug conspiracy**  
By MICHAEL DUNN  
A federal judge has convicted three defendants in a \$28.5 million drug conspiracy. The defendants were charged with conspiring to distribute large quantities of cocaine. The judge sentenced the defendants to prison terms. The case is currently pending in federal court.

**News Release**  
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On January 7, 2014, the Attorney General's Office announced the conviction of three defendants in a \$28.5 million drug conspiracy. The defendants were charged with conspiring to distribute large quantities of cocaine. The judge sentenced the defendants to prison terms. The case is currently pending in federal court.