

COMMUNITY CORNER

Vote: It's a right you fight to defend; exercise your civic right Nov. 6

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The 2012 election is less than two weeks away. Hopefully, you are already registered to vote and know where your polling station is located or you've requested your absentee ballot so that come Nov. 6 you are ready to exercise your right to vote.

This year, we will elect the next president of the United States, our commander-in-chief. You likely also will cast your vote for offices ranging from legislative representatives to county commissioners, city



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council members and others. Regardless, every citizen has a right to support their chosen representatives and vote on those issues that affect him or her. I encourage you to exercise this right - a right you fight to defend. Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta shared his sentiments on voting, and I feel they are worthy of repeating. "I don't have to tell you that

your vote can determine the future. It really counts. And that's why it's so important to participate in this process - no matter where you are in the world, no matter who you plan to vote for. Please exercise the very privilege that you're willing to fight and die for in order to protect, Panetta said. "Every day, your efforts make this country safer and its people more secure. You have

more than earned the right to vote. So please participate in the democratic process that sustains the blessings of liberty that we work so hard to protect." For more information about voting in Riley County, call 785-537-6300 or visit www.rileycountyks.gov. For more information about voting in Geary County, call 785-238-3912 or visit

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Lt. Butch Tremble, watch commander, DES, standing right, and the Tiger Cubs of Pack No. 260, pose for a picture after exploring police vehicles Oct. 16 at the FRPD. Tours of the police department and safety talks were part of the event.

Local Boy Scout troop visits FRPD for tour

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Exploring the police car and pushing the button for the siren was the best part of a recent trip to a Fort Riley Police Department station, said Thomas Hapke, 6, Fort Riley Elementary School.

The Tiger Cubs of Troop 260 got to participate Oct. 16 in a behind-the-scenes tour of the FRPD.

"This was just a good opportunity for us to reach out to the Fort Riley public," said Capt. William Paskow, deputy chief of police, FRPD.

Lt. Butch Tremble, watch commander, Directorate of Emergency Services, also addressed important safety issues with the troop during the tour.

"With school in session and the holidays coming up, we wanted to talk about safety aspects like bullying, gun safety, child abductions and things of that nature," Tremble said.

Tremble organized the first-time event for the troop after a den mother contacted him with the idea.

"This is the first time, but again, I'll reiterate, it's probably the first of many," Tremble said. "I would love to see us reach

out more with the community - it's just another facet of community policing," he said.

Events like these are not only good for children, but for parents and the rest of the community.

"A lot of times when we're engaging with the public, it's not always positive, but this is a positive aspect," Paskow said.

"We get to showcase what we have to help out (in) the community - talking to parents, talking to kids - and let them know that we're here to help."

Paskow, Tremble said they and the rest of the department have great admiration for the public they serve.

"We appreciate what the public does every day," Paskow said. "One of the things that's unique about working on a military installation is everybody who works here, has one

... purpose, and that's to serve the Soldiers and Family members that live here."

The community works together as one team, and the FRPD is a part of this team, he said.

"That's what this is about - just showcasing to the kids that we're part of their team and we're here to help them and their parents," Paskow said.

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