



Parks and Rec sports supervisor Monica Vega watches kids play basketball at the courts near the rec office Tuesday afternoon. L&T photo/Robert Pierce

By ROBERT PIERCE • Leader & Times Sports provide a variety of activities for people of all ages to enjoy in life, and Liberal's Park and Rec office offers many of those sports to local people. Liberal native Monica Vega is now in charge of outlining sporting events for the community through Parks and Rec.

Vega, a 2007 graduate of Liberal High School, was hired in April to become the new sports supervisor in the city department, and after finishing her LHS education, where she enjoyed time on the playing field, she continued her sporting life at the next level, playing soccer at Cowley County Community College.

Vega then transferred to K-State in Manhattan, where she finished up a bachelor's degree in mass communication in December. While at K-State, she worked in the school's sports information office.

"I helped with the media and the preparations of all the games," she said. "I did that for about two years, and then, I got this job."

The new sports supervisor played many sports in high school, including track, basketball and soccer, and at K-State, she was involved with intermural sports.

"I'm a big fan of mostly all sports," she said. "When I decided to go into the PR field, I really wanted to concentrate on doing something in sports."



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