



Northern Valley sophomore cheerleader Kelsie Kinderknecht got the Huskies' crowd fired up at the annual bonfire on Thursday evening. The Huskies will continue with their Homecoming festivities today. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Mexican Beef Casserole

2 pounds ground beef
1 onion diced
1 can (10-ounce) diced tomatoes and green chiles

1 can (10 3/4 ounce) cream of chicken soup
1 package (16-ounce) plain tortilla chips
1 box (8-ounce) process cheese spread, sliced
1 can (14.5-ounce) pinto beans, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown beef and onions. Add tomatoes, soup, and beans. Line 13x9x2 inch baking pan with half of chips. Add meat mixture. Cover with cheese and remaining chips. Bake for 15 minutes. Yield: 12 servings.

Amanda Brandyberry, Lenora

4-H'ers cook up a book

Norton boasts some great cooks and now, their recipes are available, along with more than 500 others in the Kansas 4-H Foundation centennial edition cookbook. *Essence of Kansas...Taste Three* is now available, in limited supply, at the Norton County Extension office for \$15 each. The book debuted at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson today.

Local cooks from Norton County with featured recipes in the book include: Tanner Griffith, Clayton, cheeseburger soup; John Becker family, Lenora, freezer coffee cake; Amanda Brandyberry, Lenora, Mexican beef casserole; Jade Braun, Norton, frosted banana bars; Dana Hillebrand, Norton, salted peanut chews; Beverly Kindler, Norton, cheese buds and double bran muffins; Bryce Lofgreen, Norton, apple Bobs; Joshua VanSkiike, Norton, easy manicotti; Karen VanSkiike, Norton, chocolate dream cake; and Keith VanSkiike, half and half burgers and honey dinner rolls.

All the photographs featured in the book were taken by Kansas 4-H members.

Norton County youngsters exhibit at Kansas State Fair

By KEITH VANSKIKE, Norton County Extension Director

Norton County 4-H members will be exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair, which began last Friday.

4-H'ers have exhibits in clothing, foods, geology, rockets, vegetables, arts and crafts, photography and woodwork. Some will send animals and others will participate in person in events.

The state 4-H building has been renovated and a special ceremony will kick off the grand opening of the 4-H Centennial Hall. Denny Stoekline, state fair manager, will preside at the grand opening ceremony. There are some very special events going on to kick off the State 4-H Centennial.

4-H members exhibiting will be:

- Food and nutrition — Kelsie Griffith, Christopher Maddy, Carissa Wentz, Tanner Griffith and Kelli Johnson;
- Clothing construction — Megan Wentz;
- Photography — Kayla Cook, Hannah Fulton, Kelli Johnson, Claudia Lacy, Christopher Maddy, Jacob VanSkiike, Luke VanSkiike, Jessica Cook, Kelsie Griffith, Tanner Griffith, Diedre Kramer, Jake Kramer, Joshua VanSkiike, Katrina Wentz, Megan Wentz, Melinda Becker, Carissa Wentz and Annette Becker;
- Vegetables — Joshua and Jacob VanSkiike;
- Electric — Luke VanSkiike;
- Rocketry — Jake Kramer and Jacob VanSkiike;
- Wildlife notebook — Luke VanSkiike;
- Flowers — Joshua and Jacob VanSkiike.
- Fashion revue — Claudia Lacy and Kerby Brandyberry will exhibit lambs and beef heifers. Kelsie Griffith will show market steers.
- Kelli Johnson, Annette Becker and Claudia Lacy will exhibit their arts/crafts exhibits, which were selected for competitive display.
- On the second weekend Kylena Hager and Kyra Fulton will show their horses in several events.
- Keith VanSkiike will enter and return exhibits from the state fair and will be assisting with the electrical exhibits, and other 4-H building entries.
- Luke VanSkiike will be assisting with electric, Joshua VanSkiike will be helping with woodwork,

Jacob VanSkiike will help with rocketry. Carol and Tanner Griffith help with photography.

Norton County 4-H Council President Joshua VanSkiike will be the candle bearer for the Centennial Candle display and Annette Becker and Beverly Kindler arranged the decorative candle that will represent Norton County centennial year.

The judging contest and participant events include:

- Intermediate Family Consumer Sciences team — Megan and Carissa Wentz, Jade Braun and Christopher Maddy.
- Senior Family Consumer Sciences team — Tanner Griffith, Jacob and Joshua VanSkiike, Katrina Wentz.
- Senior photography team — Tanner Griffith, Annette Becker, Jessica Gilgenbach, and Katrina Wentz.
- Intermediate photography team — Carissa Wentz, Melinda Becker, Christopher Maddy, and Kelsie Griffith.
- Justin Chandler, Christopher and Marisa Maddy are participating in the Photo Fun Day.

Results from the State Fair can be found on the Internet at www.oznet.ksu.edu/ksfair/

County to hire landfill help

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

During their meeting on Monday Norton County commissioners and Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald discussed hiring a person to work at the landfill.

Mr. Archibald said he has received six applicants for the job but has not discussed pay or job criteria. He said he wanted to check with the commissioners before discussing that with applicants.

Mr. Archibald said he wants any new employee to be able to run a track loader for packing trash, trees, metal and construction debris; run Bobcat and fork lift; use a computer and work with the public.

The person must also be certified with the Kansas Department of Corrections because he or she will have to work with prison inmates, the commissioners noted.

It would also be good if they are trained to deal with household hazardous waste. However, Mr. Archibald said, the county now has two people trained.

Most counties use volunteers with one trained person as supervisor.

Commissioner Leroy Lang suggested that Mr. Archibald ask his candidates to run the track loader to see if they could do so.

Commissioner John Miller said he thought that would be a good idea.

He also wanted to know if the county required a high school diploma or GED (general equivalency diploma).

Mr. Archibald said that the application has a question on it as to whether the applicant has that but it is not an absolute requirement.

Commissioner Dean Kruse said he thought that a person's skills are more important in this case.

"Some people can operate that equipment and some people can just drive it," he noted.

Mr. Miller suggested that Mr. Archibald should put together a job description, which is more detailed than the one that was in the newspaper with the help wanted ad.

Mr. Lang asked that equipment maintenance checks be added to the list of job requirements.

The commissioners discussed starting salaries without making any decisions.

Road and Bridge Department employees start at \$8.50 to \$8.75 an hour, Mr. Miller said, with a raise in three months.

Mr. Lang thought that was probably a good starting salary for the Solid Waste Department also but County Councilor Doug Sebelius noted that road and bridge people aren't required to supervise prison inmates, which might make a difference.

Mr. Kruse noted that landfill employees tend to be on their own and have to be able to make decisions.

Mr. Archibald said he would bring a fuller job description to the next commission meeting.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that the landfill had been sprayed for weeds and grass has been planted.
- Learned that the water has been pumped out of the pit at the landfill and it was drying out. The pit must be dry so the bottom can be re-packed according to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. This is a requirement before the county can open the landfill.

Federal official skips meeting

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Members of the Norton City/County Airport Board will have to wait a little longer to find out how much of the non-priority funding money the Federal Aviation Administration is willing to give the local airport.

All the airport board members were at Monday night's meeting but Jeffrey Dietering, federal airport planning engineer was not able to attend.

Chairman John Miller said he had not hear from Mr. Dietering, but would try to arrange for him to be at the meeting next month.

In other business the board:

- Approved a bid for a new door by Nelson Brothers Construction for \$1,017.
- Adopted by-laws presented by the board's legal counsel Karen Griffiths.
- Accepted a \$660 donation from airport hangar owners to help with operating expenses.
- Learned the airport's lawn mower is again in need of repair and agreed to try to fix it one more time.
- Advised Mary Oswald she could plant grass in the area surrounding the new hangar she and her husband have built. Mrs. Oswald was also given permission to have an electrician bring power into the hangar.

The Norton Telegram... News you need!

Agency offers health help

The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will come to Norton County if you need help with environmental health issues.

Services provided include free water well evaluations and testing for nitrates and bacteria, consultation regarding private sewer system layout, sizing and general preventive maintenance, sanitary code requirements and assistance with other environmental concerns.

To make an appointment to have a representative come to your home, call the group's WaKeeney office at (785) 743-2725, the Colby office at (785) 462-8636 or the Norton County Health Department at 877-5745.

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There is a proposed Settlement of a class action lawsuit, *Chance and Osborn v. UST et al.* in the District Court of Seward County, Kansas. The lawsuit concerns U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company's moist smokeless tobacco products purchased in Kansas.

What is the Litigation About?
Plaintiffs allege that U.S. Smokeless Tobacco engaged in sales practices that made it possible for U.S. Smokeless Tobacco to monopolize the market for moist smokeless tobacco products in violation of antitrust and/or consumer protection laws. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco denies all claims of wrongdoing made by Plaintiffs.

Who is Involved?
You may be a member of the Settlement Class if you are of legal age to purchase tobacco and purchased U.S. Smokeless moist snuff tobacco products, including Copenhagen and Skoal, at any time from January 1, 1990 to the present in Kansas. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and employees are excluded from the Settlement Class.

What will Class Members get?
If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, eligible Class Members will receive a package of coupons worth approximately \$650.00 in discounts for future purchases of Copenhagen, Skoal, Rooster or Red Seal moist smokeless tobacco products. In order to file a Claim Form and receive these coupons, please visit the website or call the toll free number below.

Class Counsel will petition the Court for reasonable attorneys' fees, in an amount not to exceed 33% of the total value of the settlement.

Class Counsel's fees, costs and expenses will be paid by U.S. Smokeless separately and will not reduce the amount of benefits to Class Members.

What are My Legal Rights?

- If you wish to remain a member of the Settlement Class, you do not have to do anything. However, to receive the coupon package, you must file a Claim Form. If the Court approves the proposed Settlement and you submitted a valid Claim Form, you will receive the coupons. You will also be bound by all the Court's orders. This means you will forego any claims you may have against U.S. Smokeless Tobacco that are covered by the Settlement.
- If you wish to get coupons, you need to complete a Claim Form. You can get a Claim Form by visiting www.kssmokelesstobaccosettlement.com, calling 1-877-874-7560 or writing the Claims Administrator at the address below. Claim Forms must be signed and postmarked by September 16, 2006.
- If you do not wish to be a member of the Settlement Class, you must sign a Request for Exclusion letter as outlined in the Notice of Settlement. Your request must be postmarked by November 11, 2005.

When Will the Settlement Be Approved?
The District Court of Seward County, Kansas will hold a Fairness hearing to decide if the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate on November 30, 2005. The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the District Court of Seward County, 415 N. Washington Street, Liberal, Kansas 67901.

If you remain a member of the Settlement Class, you or your counsel have the right to appear in Court and object to the Settlement. However, in order to object, you must file a written objection, as described in the Notice of Settlement. Objections must be filed by October 29, 2005.

For Information on the Proposed Settlement, Your Rights and a Copy of the Notice and Claim Form:

Visit: www.kssmokelesstobaccosettlement.com Or Call: 1-877-874-7560

Or Write: Claims Administrator, Kansas Smokeless Tobacco Settlement, P.O. Box 1752, Faribault, Minnesota 55021-1752

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