

# Farm safety week honors farmers, ranchers

**By TRANDA WATTS**  
National Farm Safety and Health Week is an annual promotion sponsored by the National Safety Council to recognize the hard work, diligence, and sacrifices of our nation's farmers and ranchers. The 2006 event, Sept. 17-23, marks the 63rd consecutive signing of a proclamation by a U.S. President, beginning with Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1944.

"Prepare to Prevent" focuses on the importance of proactive prevention practices for optimal agricultural safety and health. Prevention is the best way to eliminate farm accidents.

The following safety tips are to help everyone "Prepare to Prevent."  
• Frequently inspect the farm — buildings, yards, equipment — to identify dangerous areas and make changes where needed.

• Store all chemicals in secure storage cabinets that are child- and theft-proofed.

• Keep a well-stocked first aid kit in all vehicles including farm implements and in all outbuildings. Check contents at least once a year and restock as necessary.

• Have fire extinguishers readily accessible and of the appropriate size and type. Make sure all farm family members, employees, and

visitors know the location of fire extinguishers and how to use them.

• Remove the keys from farm vehicles when they are not in use.  
• Enforce an absolute "no riders" policy for all farm equipment.

• Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including eye protection, respirators, hearing protection, gloves, sturdy footwear, and sun protection (sunscreen, long sleeves, wide-brimmed hats).

• Wear your safety belt in vehicles. On the tractor use the safety belt when the tractor is equipped with a Rollover Protection Structure (ROPS).

• Take the whole family to an all-terrain vehicle safety training course. Always wear an approved safety helmet, eye protection, gloves, and protective clothing to cover arms, legs, and feet when operating the ATV.

• Practice safety and set a good example for employees, children, and the neighbors.

Farming is a dangerous, yet rewarding, occupation. Preparing to prevent accidents is one way to help get rid of some of the dangers.

If you have further safety questions, contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or e-mail: twatts@oznet.ksu.edu.



The home of Kathy and Chuck Zimmerman is one of four on this year's Norton County Arts Council's Homes Tour. The Zimmermans (above) love their basement and said it's where

they are most of the time, which is why that is where they display their family photos. They also like to spend time (below) on their deck in the backyard.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## Dream home has great basement, backyard deck

**By VERONICA MONIER**

The home of Chuck and Kathy Zimmerman is one of four on the annual Norton County Arts Council Homes Tour. The tour is part of the council's fall membership drive and will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The Zimmermans' ranch-style home, 711 W. Crane, has a main floor and basement. The 3,500 square foot home includes five bedrooms, three bathrooms, a living room, family room, office and kitchen.

"It's our dream home," said Mr. Zimmerman. "It has a nice upstairs, a great basement, beautiful deck, nice yard and a privacy fence. What more could you ask for? It's in a great neighborhood, too."

The Zimmermans' have owned their home for three years, said Mrs. Zimmerman. They bought the home, which was built in 1996, from Darin and Amy Schuckman and are the third owners.

One thing they really like about their home is the deck in the backyard. They also love the basement, she said.

"The basement is our favorite room," she said. "It's cool down there and comfortable all year round. And, unlike a lot of basements, it doesn't feel closed in."

"We live in the basement," said Mr. Zimmerman.

The Zimmermans' haven't done any remodeling and don't plan to. They have, however, painted.

Mrs. Zimmerman said the woman who built their home loved white, black and emerald green. They've added solid colors to

some of the walls.

"No matter where we live, we always try to add a little color here and there," she said. "We never do anything major, but always try to work with what is there already."

Mr. Zimmerman said their home is great and very fuel efficient. The woman who built it, said Mrs. Zimmerman, was really thinking ahead when she put in the windows.

The reason the Zimmermans decided to be on the Homes Tour this year is because Mrs. Zimmerman thinks that the Arts Council is a great thing to have in the community.

"I really believe in the Arts Council," she said. "The membership goes to a good cause and I think it brings a wonderful entertainment to Norton."

The Zimmermans live in their home by themselves. They have two children. Their son, Jason, 31, lives in Wichita, and their daughter, Lindsey, 26, lives in Hays.

Mr. Zimmerman is the social studies teacher at the Norton Junior High School and Mrs. Zimmerman is a financial advisor for Waddell and Reed.

In her spare time, she likes to watch HGTV, where she gets ideas for her home. Mr. Zimmerman likes the History channel and sports. He is very involved with coaching at the high school and junior high.

To see the Zimmermans' home, be sure to take advantage of the Homes Tour. Members and potential members may view the four homes from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24. Other homes on the tour



this year are The Rose of Sharon Inn, 603 E. Main; Alberta Slaby, 903 Sun Ave.; and Corey and Gail Roy, off of U.S. 36 on the east edge of town.

Memberships will be sold at each home on the tour. Refreshments will be served at The Rose of Sharon.

## Congressman given award

Congressman Jerry Moran of Kansas' big First District was given the coveted Spirit of Enterprise Award from the world's largest business organization.

On behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Kansas Chamber's incoming chairman, AT&T Kansas President David Kerr presented the award in a ceremony at the Federal Home Loan Bank in Topeka.

Mr. Kerr noted that Congressman Moran received the award for supporting pro-growth policies in the U.S. Congress. The Spirit of Enterprise Award praises lawmakers who lead the way to create jobs and spur economic growth on key issues like

energy, trade, transportation, and legal reform.

Eligibility for the "Spirit of Enterprise" award is based on how members of Congress vote on key business issues, including Class Action Reform, Comprehensive Energy Legislation, Bankruptcy Reform, Free Trade, Renewal of the Federal Terrorism Insurance Program, and a Long-Term Federal Highway Bill.

At the ceremony, Mr. Kerr said, "Congressman Moran was a friend to business and The Kansas Chamber of Commerce in his two terms in the Kansas Senate where he rose to Majority Leader, before becoming a Congressman."

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## Correctional facility honors top employees

Two employees at the Norton Correctional Facility are being recognized for services rendered, according to information received this week.

Corrections Specialist I Annette Rosbury and Registered Nurse Marla Persinger were selected as uniformed and non-uniformed employees for the second quarter of 2006.

Corrections Specialist Rosbury began her career with the Department of Corrections in the fall of 1988. She was promoted to a Corrections Officer II in 1990 and then to a Corrections Specialist I in 1999.

"Officer Rosbury's knowledge as a control center operator is invaluable," said Deputy Warden

Joel Hrabe. "Her experience level is very high and her watchful eye of the monitors in the control center has helped to avoid problems before they start."

Ms. Persinger started in the Medical Department in September of 1997.

"Marla possesses good assessment skills and is very reliable in an emergency," said Mr. Hrabe. "In addition, she also takes x-rays on site when needed, which is beneficial to security and Correct Care Solutions. Marla is a very dependable employee who never calls in sick and is always willing to fill in on any shift when needed. These attributes are greatly appreciated by her supervisors."

Both individuals were given a formal congratulations at the Warden's monthly staff meeting.



Annette Rosbury



Marla Persinger



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## Norton Schools Staff Spotlight

### Classified Employee



Rhonda Colip

Rhonda Colip is a special education paraprofessional at the Eisenhower Elementary School.

Mrs. Colip is in her tenth year working at EES. She and her husband, Randy, have two children, Ashley (16) and Javen (11). Hobbies for Mrs. Colip include collecting Mickey Mouse "stuff" and collecting bears. She says the best things about her job are the Kids she works with!

### Certified Employee



Linda Burge

Mrs. Linda Burge is the fifth and sixth grade technology teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School. She has been a teacher for twenty-eight and one half years, all at the Eisenhower. Mrs. Burge is a graduate of Fort Hays State University. She and her husband Dennis have three grown children, Don, Amber, and Darin. Mrs. Burge lists reading and "messing" with computers as her two favorite pastimes. Learning new things about technology with her students was what she likes best about her job.