

# Kids learn where it all comes from

Looking at the world of agriculture through the eyes of a fourth grader, one word comes to mind — BIG. For those 700 students fortunate enough to attend the Ag Day Pizza Party, that means a BIG building, BIG displays, BIG slices of pizza and really BIG tractors and other equipment — all used to produce the ingredients that go into pizza.

Held in conjunction with the annual celebration of National Agricultural Week, this year's pizza party was held Tuesday. Site for this year's event was the Ag Hall of Fame near Kansas City. This year marks the 14th time for the Ag Day Pizza Party.

It's difficult to imagine children from the city immersed in the world of agriculture. Like so many of their parents and others from urban environments, most youngsters believe pizza and other foods they eat come from the grocery store.

Few understand farmers and ranchers across Kansas help provide almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. Few also know agricultural crops fuel their parents' vehicles.

Today more and more Americans are moving farther and farther away from production agriculture. A classic example of this occurred during the early years of the Ag Day Pizza Party

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when students often asked for "vanilla" milk, i.e. white milk. These youngsters thought milk came in chocolate or vanilla.

In an effort to help them better understand how farmers and ranchers provide the materials that go into their food, groups of approximately 14 students rotate through educational stations set up by the Kansas and Missouri beef councils, corn growers, dairy organizations, pork producers, soybean associations, vegetable growers and the Kansas Wheat Commission.

Kansas and Missouri Farm Bureaus help sponsor this event each year and provide classroom materials for use during National Agriculture Week. Four Farm Bureau counties of Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte helped fund this year's event.

In past years, the students' enthusiasm, energy, sense of awe and willingness to soak up knowledge at this learning event was inspirational. Most listened attentively. For others, it was an eye-opening experience.

Once the children finish with the educational part of the event, they feast on the tasty food they

learned about. What better way to capture a child's attention than to use his or her favorite food for an illustration?

Students always enjoy this Ag Day Pizza Party celebration. Many express amazement at their new-found knowledge of agriculture.

They also have the opportunity to understand the essential role agriculture plays in maintaining our nation's economy and learn to appreciate the role this industry plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable food products for them and their families.

While the 4th graders probably won't remember exactly how many bushels of wheat, corn or livestock are produced on Kansas farms each year, they will take away something even more important — a new understanding of the foods they eat and the number one industry in Kansas — agriculture. For most, they take home the lesson that the foods they love to eat are produced on the farms across Kansas.

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## County commission meeting

(Continued from Page 1) health funding, economic development incentives, the county health department, smoking ban, immigration, E-verify and proposition K.

The commissioners decided on the Norton Correctional Facility, county schools' funding, economic development incentives and area mental health because they felt those topics would have the greatest impact on the community; however, because it is so late in the legislative session, the commissioners decided to start the county's legislative group next year.

• Miss Becker gave an update on the Ag Valley project — a proposed grain shuttle shipping facility and inland terminal. The commissioners reviewed a draft of the proposed grain facility, which would be located on a site east of Norton. The commission also approved Miss Becker's request for the use of the county's dump trucks for cleaning up the Heaton Building on Saturday.

• Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge supervisor, discussed the funding of the recent application to the state for bridges in Norton County. Mr. Brannan asked the commission if the county would like to contribute funds from a Bridge Construction Bond. The commissioners called the Kansas Department of Transportation office to inform officials

that Norton County would have match funding.

• Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor, reported on the construction of the new landfill cell. M&D Construction is doing the work and waiting for a soil compaction test. Mr. Archibald said construction is going well and after the soil test, the cell will be completed in a couple of days.

• The commission reviewed and approved the application for water service and the agreement of the City of Norton to extend services and consent to annexation by the landowner as presented by the City of Norton.

• Reggie Beckman, Norton County Noxious Weeds supervisor, gave his to-date budget report. The commissioners approved a motion to cost share \$10,000 with a limit of \$500 per individual/farm; however, if a person received cost share in 2008, they will not be eligible for this year's cost share.

• Joe Leroux spoke with the commission about a fuel additive he'd like to sell the county. Mr. Leroux gave the commission data on fuel efficiency. He said fuel efficiency would vary from vehicles to equipment, but that it would increase fuel efficiency up to 10 percent, possibly more. The additive is administered per gasoline fill-up.

One gallon of product would

treat 10,000 gallons of fuel. Mr. Leroux said if the county used the product and wasn't happy with the results, there is a 100 percent money-back guarantee. The commission said they will review the information and referred him to the department supervisors.

• Rob Mahoney, Haake Benefits Consulting Group, discussed the county's health insurance options. Mr. Haake was asked to have the health insurance information to the commission before June 15.

• Gil Otter, chairman of the 4-H Building committee, gave the commissioners bid proposals for refurbishing four tables. Jay's Woodworking bid was \$1,172; Shawn Wiltfong's bid was \$660. The 4-H Building committee decided to go with Mr. Wiltfong's bid. Mr. Otter also notified the commission of the changes in rental fees for the building. To use the kitchen only, there will be a \$50 fee; to use as a meeting place, the fee will be \$30; for reunions and potluck meals, \$60; and for auctions, the fee will be \$100 or \$175 for two days.

• The commission went into executive session at 4:05 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss information protected by the Health Information Privacy and Accountability Act. The commission returned to regular session with no action taken. No further business was brought before the commission and the meeting was adjourned.

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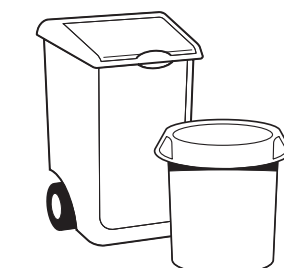
## NORTON CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP

SPRING CLEAN-UP IS A FREE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF NORTON

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday  
April 6, 7 and 8

City Trucks will make special trash pickup on these days.

All items MUST be out at the curb by 8 a.m. on your regular route day



All types of trash will be picked up on your regular trash route day EXCEPT yard waste, tires, E-waste, and household hazardous waste. Yard waste will be picked up on your regular yard waste route day beginning April 15, and must be in a solid container. There will be a \$10.00 charge per item for appliances with freon. Tree limbs must be cut no longer than 8 feet long. Fireplace ash must be in plastic bags.

The maximum limits the City will pick up at each residence is one load of household items and one load of tree limbs. Normal household trash will be picked up in the usual manner.

SPECIAL NOTE: TRASH MUST BE SEPARATED, i.e., tree limbs from metals, etc. because they are disposed of in different locations at the landfill. Mattresses and furniture must be separate from other trash. Hazardous waste (paint, motor oil, batteries, pesticides, poisons, caustic chemicals, etc.) and E-waste (computers, phones, microwaves, stereos, TVs, DVDs, VDRs) WILL NOT be picked up and should be taken by owners directly to the landfill.

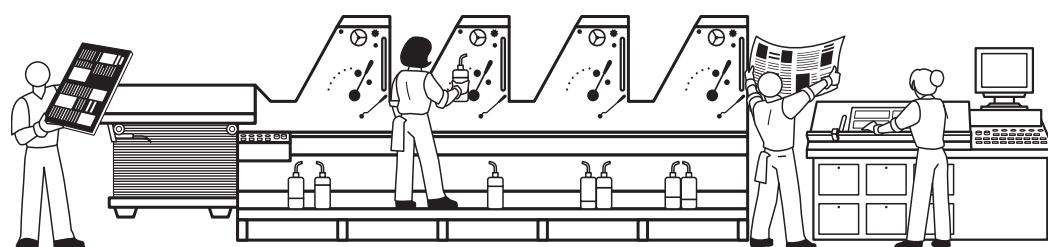
NOTE: Twice-a-week pickup begins the week of APRIL 13. Regular household trash will be picked up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Yard waste will be picked up on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, and must be in a solid container. Recyclables will be picked up on Fridays. All items must be placed at the curb by 8:00 a.m. on your designated route day.

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If you have questions, contact the Public Works Department at 877-5040

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### NORTON STATE QUALIFIERS

Pictured from left to right, front row: Hayden Wiltfong-1st, Skylar Johnson-1st, Mike Kasson-2nd, Tevin Petrie-1st, Ryan Johnson-4th; second row: John Risewick-2nd; Jacob Green-1st, Luke Keilig-2nd, Cole Renner-3rd, Gavin Lively-2nd, Alec Hager-3rd; back row: Wyatt Harting-2nd, Eli Bozarth-2nd, Dalton Miller-4th, Zane Perez-1st, Kaid McKenna-1st, Billy Broeckelman-1st, Troy Bainter-1st. Not pictured, Brett Terrell-4th.