



Tom Brown



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Correctional Facility recognizes employees

Congratulations are in order for COI Tom Brown, Administrative Specialist Sally Thomas and Greenbush Vocational Education Instructor David Spooner on their selection as Norton Correctional Facilities' Employees of the third quarter in 2009.

Uniform Employee: COI Tom Brown

Officer Brown began his employment with the Norton Correctional Facility in January 2005 and completed SORT Basic in October of 2006. COI Brown is very dependable and professional in his dealings with staff and offenders and is always willing to assist in any way he can.

He is very knowledgeable of the rules and procedures of Norton Correctional Facility and enforces them in a fair and consistent manner. Officer Brown has good communication skills and brings forth ideas and suggestions to his supervisors.

COI Brown is very observant and recently brought to light that inmates were altering their ID badges which was allowing them

to eat the meal of their choice at meal line. On Oct. 13, 2009 COI Brown was observing meal line when he became aware of an inmate choking. Brown performed abdominal thrust on the inmate and successfully cleared the inmate's airway saving his life.

Non-Uniform Employee: Sally Thomas, Administrative Specialist

Sally began her employment with the Norton Correctional Facility in July 1994. Sally plays a very intricate roll in the Human Resource Office through her work and expertise with payroll, insurance benefits and just about everything else. The 15 years of experience that Sally has in the HR Office has given her a lot of background and knowledge of processes/methods to draw from. She is very helpful to staff and the public and her gold personality keeps everything in the HR Office well organized. Sally has served on several committees such as the Christmas Committee and other working groups for payroll and additional systems.

Contract Employee: David Spooner, Greenbush Vocational Education Instructor

David began his employment with Greenbush as a contract employee for the Kansas Department of Corrections at the Norton Correctional Facility in December 2007. David reconstructed what was formerly the minimum custody Horticulture program into a program for medium custody inmates with a landscape curriculum.

In March of 2009 David moved out to the Cabin Building program to assist because the Landscape program was closed due to budgetary restraints. David is known for his friendliness and willingness to help out anyone who asks.

His expertise in plants has assisted both the minimum and medium garden as well as the medium greenhouse.

Feedback from the inmate population indicates David is well respected and works to create a positive and productive relationship with those he instructs.

Annual 4-H presents favorite food show

Norton County 4-H members will be preparing their favorite recipe and showing off their best hostess style as they present the Favorite Food Show this Saturday at the 4-H Building in Norton. This program has been a tradition to allow 4-H members an opportunity to try out a favorite dish of theirs and set a place setting with their own touch. The dish the 4-H members may do can range from a simple snack to an entree or a dish

as a part of a main course meal. Some examples of this years entrants are Butternut Squash Soup, Sabre Tooth Brownie Sundae, Chicken Bruschetta, Football Food, Turkey with Apple Stuffing and Breakfast Casserole to name a few.

The 4-H members will begin entering their projects at 12:45 p.m., the consultation judging will be done from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. and the exhibits will be open to the

public from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. 4-H members will visit with the judges about the preparation and serving suggestions with their recipe. They will also share nutritional and food safety topics with the judge. The Public is invited to watch the 4-Hers, their leaders and parents with the show. Judges for this year's event are Mary Billips, of Hill City, Anna Muir, of Stockton and Shari Jacobs, of Dresden.

Moran accepting students for summer internships

Congressman Jerry Moran announced he is accepting applications for paid congressional internships in his Washington, D.C. and Kansas offices for the summer 2010 term. Interns working in Moran's offices will gain a better understanding of the legislative process, develop writing and communication skills and become better acquainted with Kansas leaders and organizations.

"It has always been important to me to give young adults in Kansas the same opportunities I was offered when I began public service," Moran said.

As a college student, Moran served as an intern for former Representative Keith Sebelius in the district Moran currently represents, "The Big First." That experience inspired him to run

for the House of Representatives for the seat previously held by dedicated public servants such as current Kansas Senator Pat Roberts and former Senator and 1996 Republican Party presidential nominee, Bob Dole.

Intern responsibilities include assisting Moran and his staff with legislative and administrative projects.

Spring 2010 intern Allie Denning of Ellsworth is pleased with the substantive work she has been assigned during the first weeks of her internship.

"Congressman Moran genuinely cares about providing Kansans the level of attention their concerns deserve, and makes interns feel like they are a valued part of the office," Denning said.

The Washington, D.C., summer internship session is divided into

two parts, with two interns beginning in May and finishing at the end of June, and two new interns beginning in July and ending in August. The Kansas summer internship spans the entire term.

Applications are due by March 5. Applicants should submit a completed application form, resumé, college transcript, three letters of reference and a cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in public service and goals of serving as an intern.

Application forms can be obtained under the "Services" section of Moran's Web site. Applicants are encouraged to fax their applications to (202) 225-5124 or mail them to Moran's Hutchinson office, Attn: Intern Coordinator, P.O. Box 1128, Hutchinson, Kan. 67504. Please call (202) 225-2715 to obtain more information.

Business in the Spotlight

Business Name: Ken's Photography

Owner: Ken Rutherford
Address: 26223 Center Road, Edmond, Kansas

Type of Business: Photographer and Photography Studio
Date Established: 1991

After being injured in an accident with a semi-truck, Ken Rutherford took stock of his life and decided to try his hand at something new. He suffered a concussion and a cracked rib in the accident, while hauling cattle to Dodge City. While recuperating, he had time to consider his future and made the decision to try his hand at photography. He was always taking pictures of his kids' school activities, so maybe this would be a way to make money at something he enjoyed.

Rutherford chose Norton County because he already owned land here that was being farmed by his father-in-law. He also liked the people and kids of Norton County, so he left the big city for farm life.

He made a studio in a portion of his barn, and then added on to that twice to make more room and offer more background choices

for portraits. He then decided he needed even more room and told his wife, Jackie, that he would build a 40 by 60 garage and part of it would be dedicated for his photography studio.

It took less than six months to open the doors for Ken's Photography. Rutherford is a member of the Kansas Professional Photography Association, serving a term as president. He is also a member of the Professional Photographers of America. He has taken classes to keep up-to-date with the latest in technology.

Rutherford's greatest success with his business is making the kids happy when he takes their senior pictures. They may be reluctant coming to get their photos taken, but may go away saying "that wasn't too bad." Rutherford also has a way of helping the kids with their self esteem and making them all look good.

His greatest challenge, like other businesses, is keeping up with technology. Rutherford has lived his life pretty much as he wanted to. There is not much he would change, except maybe following his heart.

For his business future, Rutherford

is planning to slow down. He is not doing as many weddings now, but he is still doing senior, kids and family photographs. Since the passing of his wife, Jackie, last year, Rutherford has become more involved in the United Parish Church in Lenora, serving as treasurer. He is proud of the new stained glass windows that have been installed in the church. He has even designed new note cards commemorating the United Parish Church. Rutherford says keeping people in Norton County and keeping money in the county is one of the challenges for the business future.

He says personal satisfaction and seeing the faces of those he photographs is one of the most rewarding things about being a business owner here. Rutherford remembers a lady telling him that being a business owner in Norton County is like childbirth - there are good things and there are hurts. Being able to survive is the reward.

Rutherford's advice for other business owners is to treat everyone as you want to be treated and it will return to you; you just never know when.

Police Log

January 11
1:06 p.m. Report of lost dog, 1000 block Wabash
1:20 p.m. Dog found
5:18 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning theft case

January 12
1:25 a.m. Parking citation
7:53 a.m. Report of gas skip from Total, vehicle stopped S. Hwy 283
10:51 a.m. Request for accident report

1:44 p.m. Civil standby, 700 block Woodsfield
2:15 p.m. Served summons for municipal court
2:25 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning welfare check
6:35 p.m. Served arrest warrant

8:18 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 300 block Main
January 13
5:08 a.m. Report of possible intoxicated driver, E. Hwy. 36
11:28 a.m. Request to speak to officer concerning warrant information

12:40 p.m. Report of drug activity
1:20 p.m. Request to inform

people to scoop off their sidewalks
3:15 p.m. Report of individual finding condoms in their yard
5:50 p.m. Report of someone stealing gas from vehicle, 1000 block N. Norton

10:00 p.m. Report of individual behind house with gas can, 1000 block N. Norton
11:09 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, Valley Hope

January 14
1:30 p.m. Request by Library to contact individual about returning book
3:42 p.m. Individual concerned about a phone call they received
5:55 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning accident

January 15
7:35 a.m. Activated alarm, Dollar General
4:15 p.m. Civil matter between two individuals
4:50 p.m. Report of kids fighting, Rec. Center

January 16
1:41 a.m. Welfare check, Pizza Hut parking lot
2:32 a.m. Hotel checks
5:05 a.m. Request for taxi to take individual home

8:05 a.m. Activated alarm, First Security
9:53 a.m. Report of theft, W. Highway 36

12:30 p.m. Report of dog running loose, 500 block N. 2nd
1:51 p.m. Report of dog running loose, Elmwood Park
3:40 p.m. Report of someone getting into the Rock
10:21 p.m. Parking citation

January 17
12:56 a.m. Report of dog attacking another dog, 300 block E. Waverly

1:05 a.m. Report of intoxicated individual wanting to leave residence, 700 block Second
2:10 a.m. DUI arrest,
6:00 a.m. Report of Hit and Run accident
4:35 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning hit and run

7:11 p.m. Report of vehicle possibly having stolen tags, McDonalds
10:47 p.m. Report of yelling and screaming, 600 block N. Second

The police department did 23 vehicle stops last week.

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