

Stain-Be-Gone



Stain-Be-Gone was the name of these students' science 6th grade entry in the Eisenhower Elementary Science Fair. Trei Burns, Maiah Dawley, Lauren Mordecai and Quinton Porter compared toothpaste, liquid hand soap and baking soda against various stains. They had predicted baking

soda would take more stains out of fabric and they were proven right. Baking soda didn't take out permanent marker "I guess that is why they call it permanent," was the conclusion.

Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

USDA urges conservation

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that producers nationwide are invited to apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Stewardship Program.

Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, the Conservation Stewardship Program offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland.

The deadline to be considered for the next ranking and funding period is June 11, 2010.

"Voluntary conservation practices by producers are an essential part of our effort to improve soil and water quality," Vilsack said. "Broad and diverse participation in the Conservation Stewardship Program will provide producers with many benefits such as enhancing wildlife habitat and helping to mitigate the impact of climate change."

"I encourage producers who are interested in the Conservation Stewardship Program to take the opportunity to sign an application at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office by the deadline June 11," said Eric B. Banks, State Conservationist for Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas.

"Then they will be ready when the final rule is issued."

Congress limited enrollment for the Conservation Stewardship Program nationally at 12.7 million acres per year. Applicants will compete within state-identified ranking pools.

The Conservation Stewardship Program is offered in all 50 states, District of Columbia and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign-ups with announced cut-off application dates for ranking periods.

Under the interim final rule published July 29, 2009, eligible producers may submit an application to enroll eligible land in the Conservation Stewardship Program on a continuous basis.

Producers are encouraged to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program now to ensure their applications will be considered during the next funding and ranking period.

However, they can make their final decision to participate in the program once the Conservation Stewardship Program final rule is issued.

The final rule will establish the policies and procedures for the program.

Potential applicants are encouraged to use the Conservation Stewardship Program self-screening checklist to determine if the new program is suitable for their operation.

The checklist highlights basic information about the Conservation Stewardship Program eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments.

It is available from local Natural Resources Conservation Service offices or on the Natural Resources Conservation Service Web site at http://www.NaturalResourcesConservationService.usda.gov/programs/new_ConsevationStewardshipProgram/ConservationStewardshipProgram.html.

The Conservation Stewardship Program offers payments for adding conservation practices and maintaining and managing existing conservation practices.

For more information about the Conservation Stewardship Program, please visit http://www.NaturalResourcesConservationService.usda.gov/programs/new_ConsevationStewardshipProgram/ConservationStewardshipProgram.html.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is celebrating 75 years helping people help the land in 2010.

Since 1935 the Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation delivery system has advanced a unique partnership with state and local governments and producers delivering conservation based on specific, local conservation needs, while accommodating state and national interests.

President Franklin Roosevelt created the Soil Conservation Service, now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in 1935 to help farmers and ranchers overcome the devastating effects of drought, especially in the Midwest and Northern Plains regions.

Norton County Comment

This month the Norton County Comment features Gary Matson, who is responsible for the maintenance of the Norton County Courthouse, and the recent renovations to this historic building.

We will start out with a little trivia. Where in Kansas is there a courthouse nearly identical to Norton County Courthouse?

The identical Bourbon County Courthouse in Fort Scott was built by the same architect as ours, Cuthbert & Suehrk of Topeka. Interestingly, both neoclassical style buildings were designed and constructed in 1929 after the former courthouses in both counties burned down earlier that year.

Why is this relevant? Approximately a year ago, Norton County hired Mid-Continental Restoration from Fort Scott to restore the Indiana Sandstone block of the courthouse stairs. They previ-

ously completed restoration work on the Bourbon County Courthouse, so they were familiar with the specifics of the project.

Norton County replaced several specific blocks on the west side of the courthouse because there were low spots causing the water to pool. In winter, the pooled water would freeze and cause a safety hazard to those visiting and working in the building.

The east side steps were also replaced because they were crumbling due to years of wear and tear. Barriers were installed to prevent vehicles from backing into the stairs in the future.

New handrails were installed on both sides of the courthouse to help patrons up and down the steps as well as new benches to encourage people to spend time on the beautiful courthouse lawn.

Another recent courthouse renovation was resealing the north windows because water was entering the walls and deteriorating them from the inside, which affected Judge Elliott's chambers and the Norton County Treasurer's office. Since the windows have been resealed, this is no longer an issue.

Have you noticed the old photographs throughout the public areas of the courthouse? The pictures were made from negatives the Norton County Museum had and are of Norton County 80 plus years ago. Many of the pictures show the effect of Mother Nature's wrath. It is interesting to see how some areas in the county were affected by severe weather.

Gary Matson has been maintaining the courthouse property for the last seven years, since

moving to Norton from Colorado in 2003 with his wife, Linda. Among other things, his responsibilities include maintenance of the stone floors. Gary says they don't require special care, but daily maintenance is the key to their beautiful appearance. He works hard to remove the black scuff marks and is vigilant in keeping the floors dry in rain and snow.

Snow shoveling is Gary's least favorite job, while he really enjoys mowing the grass. We can all be proud of how nice our courthouse always looks thanks to Gary.

I hope you enjoyed reading about the upgrades to the Norton County Courthouse. Next time you are in the courthouse, please stop by and say hi.

Police Log

May 17
7:30 a.m. Report of gas skip, Loves
7:55 a.m. Two vehicle accident, Highway 36 and 283
9:35 a.m. Report of gas skip, First Stop
9:50 a.m. Report of two kids crying in car
11:31 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle
11:37 a.m. Needing to speak to officer concerning sexual assault
11:58 a.m. Welfare check
3:20 p.m. Report of ID theft
4:10 p.m. Request to speak to officer, Norton Community High School
4:25 p.m. Report of man selling magazines, Valley Vista
5:20 p.m. Report of male sending nude picture of himself via e-mail
5:54 p.m. Report of runaway
6:49 p.m. Report of man selling magazines,
6:50 p.m. Filed child in need of care case
May 18
9:19 a.m. Barking dog complaint, 300 block W. Washington
11:37 a.m. Request for extra patrol
1:57 p.m. Report of elementary student bringing pellet gun to school
2:00 p.m. Report of stolen camcorder out of McCook, Neb.
4:12 p.m. Report of two dogs running loose, 400 block Pearl
5:26 p.m. Welfare check,
8:04 p.m. Report of kids out of control
8:34 p.m. Report of gas skip, Diamond Shamrock
9:21 p.m. Request for extra patrol for senior prank night
May 19
12:06 p.m. Information on gas skip, Diamond Shamrock
3:17 p.m. Welfare check
4:00 p.m. Motorist assist
4:02 p.m. Vehicle accident, Norton County Hospital

4:10 p.m. Vehicle accident, 200 block Wilmington
6:58 p.m. Report of dog running loose, Grant and Waverly
7:34 p.m. Report of two dogs running loose, Second St.
May 20
9:00 a.m. Vehicle accident, 200 block Wilmington
9:52 a.m. Request for extra patrol
10:25 a.m. Report of three dogs running loose, 700 block West St.
10:40 a.m. Report of dog running loose, Pearl St.
3:39 p.m. Two vehicle accident, Crane & Eisenhower
10:35 p.m. Report of dogs barking, 700 block Wabash
May 21
4:18 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree
9:00 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 100 block S. Case
9:30 a.m. Report of dead cat, 500 block Waverly
11:32 a.m. Report of erratic driver, E. Highway 36
11:51 a.m. Report of dog chasing cat up tree, 1000 block West St.
12:18 p.m. Report of erratic driver, E. Highway 36
2:35 p.m. Report of possible intoxicated individual needing checked on
5:03 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 500 block E. Lincoln
8:54 p.m. Report of theft, 1000

block Kennedy
May 22
2:05 a.m. Report of fight, Mainstreet IGA
11:20 a.m. Neighbor dispute
12:01 p.m. Report of two dogs running loose, 100 block Brown
12:20 p.m. Report of lost dog, S. State
9:56 p.m. Report of two individuals in house without permission, 600 block Jones
May 23
12:19 a.m. Noise complaint and MIP arrest
2:05 a.m. Report of intoxicated individual trying to enter residence, Arrest made
2:54 a.m. Report of location of individual police were looking for

Norton Community High School Class of 2005 Reunion SATURDAY, MAY 29 Starting Time: 8:00 a.m. Norton Eagles
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9 a.m. Coins Sell-Rest of Sale 10 a.m. or when Coins are Sold
Auction Location: 4-H Building, Park Street, Norton, Kansas

- Lamps •Music Items •Dolls •Linens •Appliances
- Tapes and Paper Goods and Pictures
- Household Accessories •Collectibles
- Pottery, Crocks, Bottles and Jars
- Children's Items •Dishes •Kitchen Items •Furniture
- Electronics •Jewelry •Time Pieces •Knives •Misc.

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15 Lots of Pennies; 3 Lots of Nickels; 13 Lots of Dimes; 7 Lots of Quarters; 21 Lots of Half Dollars 37 Lots of Silver Dollars; 3 Lots of Paper Money; 18 Lots of Proof Sets; 10 Lots of Uncirculated Silver; 17 Lots of Mint Sets; 9 Lots of American Eagle Fine Silver, 5 Lots of Silver Rounds, 5 Lots of Specialty Coins; 12 Lots of Foreign Money and Tokens

COIN AUCTIONEER NOTES: The coins are all from one owner and come from an interest acquired while employed as a bank teller. They will sell right at 9:00 a.m., so come on time and add to your collection. We will have them bagged and displayed early for your inspection and I think you will be pleased with this set that is offered on May 29, 2010. For itemized list of the coins, go to KRVN.com or request one from McEwen Auction at 785-871-0081.

AUCTIONEER NOTES:
This is a nice "Memorial" type of sale. You will find some items you will want to die for in order to take them home with you. Carol has moved to an apartment from her home and there was just not room for all her "memories." Dennie is finished with the sale items that have helped shape his memories and they are very much in style and waiting for you to make "memories" with. Donna has "old type memory" items offered. Join us on Saturday of the 2010 Memorial Day Weekend for a great sale!
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