

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton Community High School
 Sunday – Tuesday; May 1 – 3
 State FFA contest at KSU in Manhattan
 Tuesday – Friday; May 3 – 6
 National FFA Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City
 Monday – Wednesday; May 2 – 4
 Jay Singers Auditions
 Monday, May 2
 Social Science State Assessments
 9 a.m. – Varsity golf at Hays-TMP
 3 p.m. – JV Golf at Hill City
 Tuesday, May 3
 7:30 a.m. Jay Singers
 3 p.m. NCHS JV Golf Invitational
 7 p.m. Forensics Night at East Campus
 Wednesday, May 4
 SAC Hats On Day
 9 a.m. 2011-2012 Sports Physicals: JH Gym
 A.P. SAC meeting
 Thursday, May 5
 7:30 a.m. Jay Singers
 9 a.m. JV Golf at Trego
 3 p.m. Varsity Golf at Colby
 7:30 p.m. Vocal Concert at East Campus
 Friday, May 6
 Registration Due for June 11 ACT test date
 A.P. Jazz Band Rehearsal
 3 p.m. Track at Russell
 Saturday, May 7
 Kansas High School Press Association State Content in Lawrence
 State Forensics Championships in Wichita
 9 a.m. Athletic Combine testing at Stull Gym
 Norton Junior High School
 Monday, May 2

A.P. Stuco Meeting
 Cheer Tryout practice
 Tuesday, May 3
 12:30 p.m. Track at Plainville
 Wednesday, May 4
 9 a.m. 2011-2012 Sports Physicals: JH gym
 4:30 p.m. Cheer Tryouts: JH gym
 Thursday, May 5
 A.P. Artist of the Year: JH gym
 7:30 p.m. Vocal concert at East Campus
 Eisenhower Elementary School
 Monday, May 2
 8:30 a.m. 5th and 6th Band Concert Practice at East Campus
 7 p.m. 5th and 6th Band Concert East Campus
 Tuesday, May 3
 8:30 a.m. CBM's Grade 1
 2:30 p.m. Kindergarten Vocal Concert: Cafeteria
 3:40 p.m. Accelerated Reader meeting
 Wednesday, May 4
 9 a.m. 2011-2012 Sports Physicals: JH gym
 Thursday, May 5
 IEP Day
 3:40 p.m. 3rd and 4th grade level meeting
 Friday, May 6
 7:40 a.m. Departs – 3rd grade field trip to Hays
 High School and Junior High Menu
 All meals are served with milk.
 Breakfast alternate meal is cold cereal with toast and jelly; Lunch alternate is chef salad.
 Monday
 Breakfast: Pancake and Sausage on a stick, fruit or juice.

Lunch: Taco Crunch with toppings, shredded cheese, french bread with margarine, pears
 Tuesday
 Breakfast: Scrambled Egg, bacon, fruit or juice. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, french fries, carrots, french bread with margarine, peaches
 Wednesday
 Breakfast: Breakfast tornado, fruit or juice. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla pizza, combo salad, rice krispie treat, peaches
 Thursday
 Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit or juice. Lunch: Hamburger with cheese, lettuce and tomato, corn, chocolate pudding
 Friday
 Breakfast: Hard boiled egg, sausage patty, fruit or juice. Lunch: Chicken fry patty, whipped potatoes with country gravy, carrots, rolls with margarine, cinnamon applesauce
 Eisenhower Elementary School
 All meals are served with milk.
 Monday
 Breakfast: Chilled yogurt, bagel with cream cheese, apple juice. Lunch: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pineapple chunks, roll.
 Tuesday
 Breakfast: Applesauce muffins, peaches, grape juice. Lunch: Lasagna, salad, apricots, garlic bread.
 Wednesday
 Breakfast: Golden waffles, maple syrup, fruit cocktail, orange juice. Lunch: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread.
 Thursday

Breakfast: Canadian bacon with cheese biscuit, apple juice. Lunch: Ike burger, bun, french fries, dill spear, pears, no bake cookies.
 Friday
 Breakfast: Pumpkin bread, rosy applesauce, orange juice. Lunch: Baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, french bread
 Northern Valley Schools
 Monday, May 2
 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive at High School
 5 p.m. FFA State CDE's at Manhattan
 6 p.m. Middle School Awards Banquet at Long Island
 Tuesday, May 3
 3 p.m. High School track meet at Logan
 5 p.m. FFA State CDE's at Manhattan
 Wednesday, May 4
 8:15 a.m. 3rd and 4th grade field trip to Kearney
 9:20 a.m. Sports Physical at Norton
 Thursday, May 5
 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Preschool visitation to Kindergarten classroom
 10 a.m. 6th, 7th and 8th grade track meet at Logan
 6:30 p.m. High School awards banquet at Almena
 Friday, May 6
 NO PRESCHOOL
 3 p.m. High School track meet at Mankato
 Saturday, May 7
 TBD State Forensics at Salina
 Sunday, May 8
 High school graduation in the big gym at Almena
 No menus for May provided

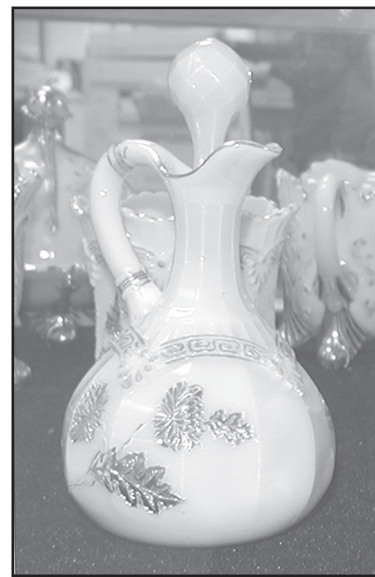


Quimper pottery Exhibits at the library

By BEVERLY KINDLER
 The birds are singing, flowers are blooming, trees are showing green leaves – these changes remind us to look around and see the beauty. There are changes and beauty in the current exhibits at the Norton Public Library. So, plan time to visit the library to examine the changes there.

ures that decorate many pieces. Quimper pottery factories were established in the late 17th Century, however, it was in 1860 that the Henriot Quimper factory began painting the peasant lads and lasses on their wares. There are still factories producing pottery today. Quimper is not easy to find, especially older pieces in good shape." Sue Ann acquired most of this collection in antique shops in central Illinois and Kansas City.

The display of custard glass is from the collections of Jim and



Custard glass

Marla Ruth. They stated, "We started collecting Custard Glass when we went to an antique dealer's sale in Holdrege in 1997. The Fan and Feather pattern is one of Jim's favorites and the Chrysanthemum Sprig is Marla's favorite." They also shared this information about Custard Glass, which was introduced in the United States in 1887 by Harry Northwood.

Mr. Northwood financed his first factory at Martin Ferry, Ohio. Northwood was first to produce this glass for complete table settings. The peak years of production were from 1896 to 1908.

These collections will be on display at the Norton Public Library through June 30, so plan a visit, or two, to enjoy these interesting

Help the environment by limiting your lawn

One of the best ways for yard owners to help the environment is also one of the easiest to try. Since lawn dominates most landscapes, they can simply limit the lawn inputs they apply.

This can include hand-weeding, rather than controlling weeds with herbicides.

"But, mowing correctly can go a long way toward keeping weeds from gaining a foothold. It helps keep lawns thick, strong and healthy," said Ward Upham, Master Gardener program coordinator for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

With Kansas' favorite turfs -- tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass -- that means mowing as often as necessary to get the lawn back into recommended height range without having to remove more than a third of the on-growing grass blades' height. (Most specifics about mowing warm-season, as well as cool-season Kansas turfs are at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/hort2/MF1155.pdf>.)

"To increase the 'green' value of lawn mowing, also keep your mower well-tuned and sharp-cutting," Upham said. "To limit

the air distribution of exhaust fumes, just mow during the cool of the morning or evening. Or, if you can, use an electric or push mower, rather than a gas-powered one."

Watering the lawn only when it's actually thirsty not only cuts back on inputs but also conserves a natural resource, he said. Watering in the morning, including before sunrise is best. But, finishing evening irrigations at least 2 hours before dark will also limit the water lost to evaporation -- without creating conditions that foster diseases.

"Fescue and bluegrass, in particular, will show you when they're thirsty," Upham said. "They'll get darker - almost bluish-green. They'll also retain the shape of your footprint for a while after you've walked on them. Delaying the first watering until you see these "signs" will trigger the turfgrass to grow more roots and reduce the amount of watering needed the rest of the season."

Kansas lawns typically need about an inch of water per week, he said. A rain gauge or smart-irrigation sensor can help homeowners keep track of when irrigation

Tax refund, your windfall or an interest free loan for the government?

A tax refund may seem like a windfall, but is, in reality, the return of an interest-free loan.

"Qualifying for a tax refund typically means that a wage earner has overpaid his or her required withholding taxes in each paycheck, and provided an interest-free loan to the government throughout the year," said Carol Young, Kansas State University Research and Extension financial management specialist.

While some people look to a tax refund as forced savings, it's best to match withholding to expected tax liability and invest potential refund dollars in an interest-bearing account with your name on it, said Young, who encourages saving refund dollars for short- or long-term goals or building an emergency fund that will be available

to the taxpayer as needed through the year, rather than just during tax season.

Electronically or individually depositing all or part of an income tax refund into a savings, invest-

ment or retirement account also may be appropriate, said Young, who noted that the IRS also promotes investing in savings bonds during tax time.

More information on managing

money successfully and growing your savings is available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state, and online: www.ksre.ksu.edu/financialmanagement/.

Termites are swarming

Termites have started to swarm in Kansas. Except for not having a wasp waist, they look a bit like fragile flying ants.

Few people actually see the event, however. Termites are not strong fliers, so can't stay aloft very long.

Fortunately, the overwhelming majority of swarms are not destructive, seen or unseen. And, they won't be successful at starting a new colony.

For that to happen, male and female termites must mate -- after which they will shed their wings. Unless the newly flightless females land on moist soil, however, they will die before they can start a colony.

Despite these limits, termites still can be quite successful at spreading to attack more wooden structures. So, building owners must be vigilant.

During swarming season, people may find wings and/or wingless termites lying on or around window sills and doors. Year-round, the common symptoms of an infestation can include 1) mud tubes on the foundation, connecting the ground to a wood structure, and 2) mud-filled joints in wood framing, paneling or trim.

Termite damage can go undetected for quite a while, though. So, building owners also should periodically check the wood near foundations with an ice pick or similar tool. Wood that's soft and easily punctured can be a sign that termites are at work.

Any symptom should be a signal to contact a professional pest control operator to ask for an inspection.

More facts about termites are available on the www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/entml2/MF722.PDF

May locations for Government surplus food distribution

The Norton County Senior Center announces the distribution of government surplus food for low income persons of all ages in Norton County.

Food available for distribution at this time: Cereal, corn, peaches, canned beef, apple juice, cherry-apple juice and cranberry sauce.

Distribution times and places: Wednesday, May 11, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Norton Senior Center; Friday, May 13, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lenora Senior Center; Friday, May 13, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Almena Senior Center; Saturday, May 14, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Library in Clayton.

For more information call Ramona at the Norton Senior Center, 877-5352.



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