

# 'Can-Can' done well



The Eisenhower Elementary band held an instrumental band concert on Wednesday at the school. The recital featured ensemble performances from different sections and included musical selections from several classical composers like Brahms and Mozart. The concert was directed by Don Mordecai. Pictured, students Cale Patterson, Jace Ruder, Tevin Petrie, Cody Burns and Michael Ball perform "Can-Can" by Jacques Offenbach.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

# Compost is better than manure

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It's the year 2012, right? It's an era of unbelievable technological advances, like 100 bushel per acre wheat crops, and federal budgets measured in the trillions of dollars, and so much more. And yet, most home gardeners are not aware that unconsumed organic material carries more nutrients than it does after it has been ingested, digested, and expelled.

It is not difficult to believe in this computerized age that there are very few who remember when animal manure added untold value to the soil, and it's distribution from barns and chicken houses to gardens and cornfields was what made things grow and thrive. When just an "overalled" kid, I was the one to roll the trailer over to the chicken house door and scoop everything out for delivery to the garden site. It was a "twice a year" ritual, because everyone knew that manure, from all farmstead occupants, was the reason that field crops and garden vegetables thrived and produced outstanding yields.

And then came a time when the word was spread by scientists that studied such things that the manure of most farm animals is low in plant feeding elements, even when it is fresh, and then when it ages sufficiently so that it does not burn plant roots, most of the nutrients have drained away. The result is that when the gardener works the dry material into the soil, there isn't much left but fiber. That's not all bad, because fiber enhances the structure of the soil. But the truth is that cow manure, when dry, contains only about two

percent nitrogen, and that's not enough to help the plant very much.

It was in 1940 that Sir Albert Howard of England wrote a book entitled "Agricultural Testament" that was the springboard for information that manure just wasn't the valuable stuff that people were brought up to believe. Sir Albert wrote that animals, in digesting and assimilating vegetable matter, actually use practically all the nutrient content for their own bodies, leaving very little recyclable value in their manure.

Therefore, organic matter of almost every kind, when plowed into the soil and allowed to biodegrade, provides more soil nutrients than manure, because most of the nutrients were used by the animal during his own growth cycle. Still, we have the fiber factor, which really helps the soil. We just have to find other ways to fertilize field and garden crops.

If gardeners really want to do something for soil enhancement, they should build and maintain a compost pile. Research shows that homemade compost provides twice the feeding elements of an old manure pile. But we must remember that the addition of any organic material, while tremendously valuable for soil structure, does not and cannot begin to equal the value of commercial fertilizers in terms of crop production.

I think back to all those years that I was the appointed one to clean out the barn and chicken house and spread it over the garden and around the fruit trees. Chopped up cornstalks would have done the job better! Now they tell me!

## STUDENT NEWS

Nicquel Ann-Marie McVey of Norton was among nearly 1,700 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students that were recognized on April 22 in conjunction with the All-University Honors Convocation.

McVey, a sophomore in the Division of General Studies, will be honored as a High Scholar.

Students are recognized at Honors Convocation for their cumulative academic achievements (as opposed to Dean's List, which is for one semester). Honorees include:

-Chancellor's Scholars, students who graduated in Decem-

ber or who will receive their degrees in May or August and have maintained 4.0 grade-point averages on all collegiate work at UNL and elsewhere;

-Superior Scholars, seniors graduating in the 2011-12 academic year who have been recognized at Honors Convocation each year of their enrollment;

-High Scholars, students other

than Chancellor's Scholars and Superior Scholars who are in the top 10 percent of their class.

Photographs of 18 of the 26 Chancellor's Scholars (eight were unavailable for photographs) can be found at go.unl.edu/960. A list of all students recognized at Honors Convocation can be found at go.unl.edu/rkj.

## POLICE LOG

**April 16**  
Wanting information concerning city tag

Information concerning impounded vehicle

Report of stolen phone  
Keys locked in vehicle

Concern for elderly driver  
Call from individual concerning problems with their child

Report of unsupervised child at store

Vehicle stop  
Request to speak to officer at Love's

Court paper service

**April 17**  
Report of someone knocking on windows

(2) Two vehicle stops  
Request to speak to officer, Love's

Report of child out of control  
Information on hit and run

Request for civil standby  
Individual reporting scam

Individual called concerned about threats

**April 18**  
Request to speak to officer, Love's

Report of hitch hiker  
Individual concerned about traffic and construction on 2nd

St.  
Request for standby at Andbe Home

Gas skip from Diamond Shamrock

Questions concerning civil matter  
Parking complaint

Keys locked in vehicle  
Court paper service

Request for extra patrol  
**April 19**

K9 use at RV park  
Found unlocked business, cleared

Vehicle stop  
Arrest on Phillips Co. warrant

Report of someone ringing doorbell

Questions concerning electric scooter  
Transport individual to High Plains Mental Health

Request to speak to child about not wanting to go to school  
Report of 5 year old child on highway

**April 20**  
Report of suspicious individual with flashlight

Activated alarm  
Removed dead deer from highway

Keys locked in vehicle  
EMS assist

Activated lifeline  
Keys locked in vehicle

Request for civil standby  
Court paper service

Report of two individuals vandalizing stop sign  
Report of individual selling drugs out of vehicle

Report of fight  
Vehicle stop

**April 21**  
Request to speak to officer concerning child not listening to them

(2) Two vehicle stops  
Report of suspicious activity

Court paper service  
Questions concerning motorcycle license

Report of domestic situation, one arrest  
Request to remove individual from property

**April 22**  
Report of someone ringing doorbell

Vehicle stop  
Individual complaining about property line dispute

Report of stolen trailer, misunderstanding  
Keys locked in vehicle

Keys locked in vehicle  
EMS assist

Activated lifeline  
Keys locked in vehicle

Request for civil standby  
Court paper service

Report of two individuals vandalizing stop sign

## FYI

Shelby Strickland of Bennington has accepted membership into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

The society is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Membership is by invitation only and is made on grade point average and class standing.

Strickland is the granddaughter of Gary and Rovella Shearer of Norton and the late Larry and Carol Strickland of Norton and she is the great-niece of Marcelle Allen of Norton.

## Sudoku Puzzle #2516-M

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## PUBLIC RECORD

### District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

**April 19**

March 14-LuAnn Faye Booth, Lakewood, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$167.

March 30-Violet Robin Dowty, Loveland, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 86 in 65; Found: Guilty;

Fine: \$212.

April 1-Gerald D. Jackson, Norcatur; Charge: Expired registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$173.

April 5-Shawn Ray Judd, Lakewood, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$155.

Sept. 3, 2009-John R. Morgan, McCook, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 81 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$186.

March 30-Thomas Samuel Stacey, Selden; Charge: Failure to give notice of guilty plea accident; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$348.

March 26-Seth Batson, Norton; Charge: Disorderly conduct; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$250, costs \$76, total \$326, five days jail suspended if fines are paid by Dec. 31, 2012.

April 15-Ann Marie Cox, Long Island; Charge: No proof of insurance; Other action: Dismissed with proof.

April 14-Brian Richardson, Beaver City, Neb.; Charge: 1. Speeding 40 in 30, 2. No proof of insurance; Plea: No contest; Other action: 2. Dismissed with proof; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

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### Municipal Court

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**April 19**

March 29-Samantha Cook, Norton; Charge: 1. No proof of insurance, 2. Stop sign violation; Plea: 2. No contest; Other action: 1. Dismissed with proof; Found: 2. Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176.

March 5-Jennifer Vohs, Norton; Charge: Misdemeanor theft; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$500, costs \$76, total \$576, five days jail suspended if fines are paid by Dec. 31,

proaching.

The students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with

a community representative may call toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

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### ACROSS

- Instruments struck with mallets
- "Guarding \_\_\_" (MacLaine movie)
- Pork serving
- The Who's "Tommy," for one
- The Beehive State
- Follow a trail
- Purge, Pied Piper-style
- \_\_\_ fide
- Spheroid hairdo
- 1976 Sean Connery film
- Gorcey or Durocher
- Jiffy
- Cartoon skunk Le Pew
- Diarist Anaïs
- Garlicky seafood dish
- Wolfed down
- High points
- Organizer's organization
- 1968 Richard Burton film
- Part of the giblets
- Russell who played Braddock
- Artist Gerard \_\_\_ Borch
- Pleasant to look at
- \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
- It's right in an atlas
- "\_\_\_ you nuts?"
- Figs.
- 1984 Matt Dillon film
- Go hither and yon
- Mischievous spirit
- Periodicals, for short
- "\_\_\_ from Muskogee"
- Some sibs
- One of the Brontës

### Bird Watching

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### DOWN

- Word on a penny
- Abbr. on a phone
- Rex's detective
- '40s pinup Betty
- "Socrate" composer Erik
- Oompah sounder
- Thames town
- Makes smoother
- Brings dishonor to
- Burn the surface of
- LP player
- Cajun veggie
- Hacienda hand
- Present time
- Point a finger at
- Ratchet mates

- Code of conduct
- Royal pain
- Apple model
- United \_\_\_ College Fund
- Trinidad/Tobago divider
- Sporty Mazda
- Pumice openings
- Chemically nonreactive
- Obsolescent roof topper
- Messy eater, e.g.
- Toon Chihuahua
- "Dallas" family name
- Swimmer Buster
- Word preceding dog or Pie
- Atlanta university

- Moved like the Blob
- Where Paris took Helen
- \_\_\_ up (falsify)
- Villain's work
- Have a hunch
- Stereotypical lab assistant
- Big letters on Wall St.
- Monogram part: Abbr.
- Strike out
- Neighbor of Turk.