

# Planting hope in rural communities

The Hays DCMC (a council of United Methodists in Northwest Kansas) is planning another rural revitalization event for Saturday, Nov. 16, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Quinter United Methodist Church, 218 W. 4th St., Quinter, Kansas. Everyone is invited to attend this special event.

As we gather to celebrate rural life and think about ways to invite others to share in the joys of farming and living in rural communities, we will hear from Greg Peterson, a recent graduate of Kansas State University, who created a video entitled "I'm Farming and I Grow It." Greg will show the video and share why he chose to return to the family farm near Assaria. He will discuss the joys and challenges of farming and the need to encourage young people to become involved in family farming.

Virginia Meyer from The Center for Rural Affairs in Lyons, Neb. She will talk about the importance of farm transition to rural communities and small towns. Virginia is in charge of the Center's LandLink Program that links "wannabe" farmers with landowners who are ready to retire but want their farm to go to someone who will come live in the community and be good stewards of the land.

Virginia will talk about this special succession program that includes carefully matching the desires and skills of those wanting to farm with just the right farm and community. She will also talk about the valuable help offered for new farmers while still leaving room for the landowner to serve as a mentor. Following Virginia's presentation, a panel will discuss the potential of implementing the LandLink program in our communities and will also consider the possibility of having a church that has received a gift of land work through LandLink to bring a new family into the community.

In addition to Virginia Meyer and Greg Peterson, the panel will include:

Eric Haberer, a retired farmer from Paradise (Eric and Mollie have leased their land and have enabled two young men to begin farming and ranching and will give an update on their experience); Rev. Russell Fincham, a retired UM pastor and President of the Great Plains United Methodist Rural Advocates; Mark Herrmann, Farm Loan Officer from the USDA Farm Service Agency office in Russell County; Ken Beougher, a farmer from Bird City and chair of the DCMC.

As always, snacks and a meal featuring local foods will be served (free will offering). Registration cost for the event is \$10, payable at the door.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**NCHS**  
 Monday-Sunday, Nov. 4-17  
 Auditorium is closed to the public for fall play preparations and presentation  
 Monday-Sunday, Nov. 11-17  
 KSHSAA Buffer Week: Gyms and weight rooms closed to high school students  
 Monday, Nov. 11  
 Early dismissal in observance of Veteran's Day, 1 p.m.  
 KAY Board, 7:45 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 12  
 Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.  
 MCL North Division Vocal Clinic at Smith Center; clinic at 2 p.m., concert at 7 p.m.  
 Scholar's Bowl at Oberlin, 4 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 13  
 KAY Regional Conference at Hill City, TBA  
 S.A.C., A.P.  
 Kansas State University representatives available, A.P.  
 Thursday, Nov. 14  
 Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.  
 S.I.T. meeting, 7:45 a.m.  
 Mid-Plains Community College representative available, A.P.  
 Friday, Nov. 15  
 Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.  
 School photo re-takes, 12:30 p.m.  
 Jazz Band, A.P.  
 Saturday, Nov. 16  
 Fall Play; East Campus Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 17

Fall Play; East Campus Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.  
**NJHS**  
 Monday, Nov. 11  
 Early dismissal in observance of Veteran's Day, 1 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 12  
 Basketball vs. Smith Center, 5 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 13  
 Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.  
 KAY Conference at Hill City, TBA  
 Thursday, Nov. 14  
 Basketball at Plainville, 5 p.m.  
 Friday, Nov. 15  
 School photo re-takes, 12:30 p.m.  
**EES**  
 Monday, Nov. 11  
 Early dismissal in observance of Veteran's Day, 1 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 13  
 Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl: Grade 5, 3 p.m.  
 Staff meeting, 3:40 p.m.  
 Friday, Nov. 15  
 School photo re-takes, 8:30 a.m.  
**Northern Valley**  
 Monday-Saturday, Nov. 11-16  
 Buffer Week  
 Monday, Nov. 11  
 No a.m. bus exchange, students stay at Almerna for Veteran's Day Program  
 KAY Veteran's Day Breakfast at high school cafeteria, 7:45 a.m.

Veteran's Day Program at Almerna Gym, 8:30 a.m.  
 Kindergarten Nex-Tech Lightning Jack Program in GS, 9:15 a.m.  
 3rd Grade Nex-Tech Lightning Jack Program GS, 10 a.m.  
 All School Dismissal, 1:15 p.m.  
 Veterans Day Parade in Norton, 2 p.m.  
 Bus drivers meeting at Long Island, 6:30 p.m.  
 Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 12  
 League vocal music in Rexford, noon, concert at 6 p.m.  
 Oberlin Scholar's Bowl, 4 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 13  
 KAY Regional Conference at Hill City, 8 a.m.  
 Activity Period-Prom/T-shirts  
 Thursday, Nov. 14  
 Picture re-takes, 8 a.m.  
 FHSU Math Relays in Hays, 9:30 a.m.  
 Friday, Nov. 15  
 STUCO Blood Drive in high school conference room, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 2nd Grade Native American Play in high school auditorium, 3 p.m.  
 KWU Opera in Salina, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Nov. 16  
 NVJH BB Tournament at Brewster, 10 a.m.

# Reading is fundamental



The Norton Head Start group celebrated Reading Is Fundamental on Halloween. Each child brought their favorite book to class and shared it with their classmates. They attended class that day dressed as their favorite character from the book. Riley Griffin is seen here sharing his pop-up book from the museum of natural history with his friends.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# STUDENT NEWS

Student of the Month  
 Norton Community High School  
 For the Month of September  
 Student : **Josie Otter**  
 Parents : Jeff and Theola Otter



on her face. She is an excellent representative of NCHS." Mr.

Grade: Freshman  
 Nominating staff members: Mr. Garrett Beydler and Mr. Steve Vance  
 Comment from nominating staff members:  
 "Josie is a very good student. She is a hard worker and very conscientious." Mr. Garrett Beydler  
 "Josie is an extremely hard working student and is willing to help others. She always has a positive attitude and a smile

Student: **Zachary Esslinger**  
 Parents: Kevin and Tara Esslinger  
 Grade: Senior  
 Nominating Staff Member: Mrs. Vicki Robison  
 Comment from nominating staff member:



Favorite Hang out : My house.  
 Personal Hero : Parents  
 Future Plans : Go to FHSU, graduate and try to become a professional tattoo artist

"He is currently my student aide. He has been a tremendous help in whatever needs finished. I appreciate his willingness to help, even if it is after school. Last week he went and helped me and about 25 others set up the human body in the east campus gym for the grade school students. This was on his own time and his help is greatly appreciated.

**Factoids about Zachary**  
 Favorite Class : Art  
 Favorite Drink : Iced Tea  
 Favorite Color : Blue  
 Favorite Food : Steak  
 Favorite Movie : World War Z  
 Favorite Saying : "I really don't care..."  
 Favorite Song : Whiskey Lullaby

Steve Vance  
**Factoids about Josie**  
 Favorite Class : English  
 Favorite Drink : Dr. Pepper  
 Favorite Color : Blue  
 Favorite Food : Filet mignon  
 Favorite Movie : The Grey  
 Favorite Saying : "Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts," Winston Churchill.  
 Favorite Song : Sweet Dreams by Marilyn Manson  
 Favorite Hangout: The shooting range.  
 Personal Hero : Jackie Robinson  
 Future Plans : To keep my grades up and my record clean.

## PUBLIC NOTICE PRAIRIE DOG CREEK WTAP SIGN-UP OPEN

The Kansas Department of Agriculture will be accepting applications for the Water Right Transition Assistance Program (WTAP) from October 1 to November 15. WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas by retiring water rights. The Prairie Dog Creek Basin is significant in requirements to maintain compliance in the Republican River Compact with the State of Nebraska. The "high priority" areas of this basin in Phillips, Norton, Decatur, Sheridan and Thomas counties have been determined to be in need of stream restoration and aquifer recovery and are now closed to further water appropriations. Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the department's Division of Conservation in exchange for the permanent retirement of water rights on irrigated land. For more information, contact Steve Frost, water conservation program manager, at (785) 296-8964 or HYPERLINK "C:\Documents and Settings\svfres\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\SB587VU\steve.frost@kda.ks.gov" steve.frost@kda.ks.gov. WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps and other details are available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation website at HYPERLINK "http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-conservation/water-conservation-programs" http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-conservation/water-conservation-programs. Information and assistance is also available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources field office in Stockton at (785) 425-6787 or at the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby at (785) 462-3915.

## FOG VALLEY TAXIDERMY



Turn east on Washington, right at the stop sign. Under the railroad bridge, head east just past the second bridge turn right onto Radio Road. The red house on the right - the studios in the back.

# SCHOOL MENU

**NCHS-NJHS**  
 Monday, Nov. 11  
 Breakfast-Breakfast tornado, fruit, grape juice and milk.  
 Lunch-Roast beef and cheddar roll-up, corn, carrots, pears and milk.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 12  
 Breakfast-Pancakes, syrup, sausage links, fruit, orange juice and milk.  
 Lunch-Chicken wrap, onions and green peppers, lettuce and tomato, strawberry-banana fruit cup, picante sauce and milk.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 13  
 Breakfast-Assorted cereal, toast w/margarine, fruit, apple juice and milk.  
 Lunch-Frito chili, carrots and celery stick, rosy applesauce and milk.  
 Thursday, Nov. 14  
 Breakfast-French toast sticks, syrup, fruit, apple juice and milk.  
 Lunch-Chicken fry, whipped potatoes, rolls w/margarine, broccoli and cauliflower, Mandarin oranges/peaches and milk.  
 Friday, Nov. 15  
 Breakfast-Apple frudel, fruit, grape juice and milk.  
 Lunch-Stuffed crust cheese pizza, combo salad, pork and beans, peaches and milk.  
**EES Menu**  
 Monday, Nov. 11  
 Breakfast-Oatmeal breakfast

rounds, bananas and milk.  
 Lunch-Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, pineapple chunks, whole wheat roll and milk.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 12  
 Breakfast-Whole grain waffles, warm syrup, sausage links, Mandarin oranges and milk.  
 Lunch-Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 13  
 Breakfast-Blueberry muffin, chilled yogurt, pineapple chunks and milk.  
 Lunch-Roast beef, whipped potatoes, gravy, apple wedge, pepper strips, banana bread and milk.  
 Thursday, Nov. 14  
 Breakfast-Pizza with cheese topping, fruit cocktail and milk.  
 Lunch-Ike Burger, homemade bun, sweet potato french fries, dill spear, pears and milk.  
 Friday, Nov. 15  
 Breakfast-Breakfast bake, salsa, toast with jelly, peaches and milk.  
 Lunch-Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, lima beans, strawberry fruit cup, cookie and milk.  
**Northern Valley Menu**  
 Monday, Nov. 11  
 Breakfast-Sausage biscuit, gravy, fruit, juice and assorted cold cereal.  
 Lunch-Submarine sandwich,

french fries, California blend vegetables and kiwi.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 12  
 Breakfast-Pizza bagel, hash browns, juice and assorted cold cereal.  
 Lunch-Sloppy Joe's, bun, Ranch wedges, seasoned peas and carrots and peach half.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 13  
 Breakfast-Cinnamon raisin biscuit, fruit, juice and assorted cold cereal.  
 Lunch-Cavatini, tossed salad w/dressing, bread stick and cherry crisp.  
 Thursday, Nov. 14  
 Breakfast-Waffles, syrup, eggs, fruit, juice and assorted cold cereal.  
 Lunch-Chicken quesadilla, tossed salad w/dressing, seasoned carrots and pear half.  
 Friday, Nov. 15  
 Breakfast-Egg biscuit, hash browns, juice and assorted cold cereal.  
 Lunch-Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned beets and mixed fruit.



## Ms. Wheelchair Kansas coming to Norton

Angel (Hillman) Shaver, Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2013, will be telling her story and sharing her platform, "Maintaining an Attitude of Gratitude," on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 10:45 a.m. at the First Church of God in Norton. Angel is a 1993 graduate of Nor-

ton Community High School, and the daughter of Larry and Terry Hillman. She was seriously injured in a car accident in 2004, leaving her wheelchair mobile. Angel, her husband Eric, and their two children currently reside in WaKeeney.

**Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast**  
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 9 AND 10**  
**5:30-9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**  
**All You Can Eat - Free Will Offering**  
 Menu is Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits and Homemade Sausage Gravy, Juice, Coffee and Hash Browns  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 805 W. Wilberforce, Norton  
**MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR OUR JR. AND SR. UMYF**

**Norton Lions Club**  
**Pancake Feed**  
**Saturday, November 16**  
 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Norton Senior Citizens Center  
 Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice and Coffee  
 Sausage Donated by Husky Hogs  
 \$4.00 Adults; \$2.50 Students; 5 & Under Free  
**FREE MOBILE SCREENING**  
 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Norton Senior Citizens Center  
 Get screened for sight, hearing and blood sugar, etc.  
**YELLOW DOT PROGRAM**  
 New program for medical vehicle emergency information