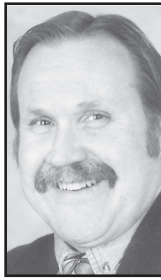


Plan ahead for conservation planting

The Kansas Forestry Service at Kansas State University provides the Conservation Tree Planting Program with seedlings and technical assistance for conservation plantings. Conservation plantings can be for a variety of purposes, from windbreaks, riparian buffers, wildlife and educational programs. Trees can help protect livestock, reduce heat or winter winds, clean rivers, and provide many more benefits to land owners and wildlife. Conservation Tree distribution occurs in early fall and throughout the spring season, to allow the best time for planting. These plantings help preserve Kansas land and livability. They can be used for rural or in town areas as well.

These seedlings are 1 or 2 years old, and their sizes vary from 12 to 18 inches, depending on the species. The minimum order is 25 bare-root or container-grown seedlings. Bundles and other items must be ordered in whole units. Our bare-root seedling units are \$20

Views with Van Keith VanSike, Extension Director



for 25 seedlings; the container-grown are \$50 for 25 seedlings, plus shipping and handling. The prices of bundles vary based on amount of seedlings.

Orders will be accepted from now until May 5th. Order early to be sure of getting the items you want. You can order online at www.KansasForests.org or call our Manhattan office at 1-888-740-8733. Order forms may also be mailed to Kansas Forest Service, 2610 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502. Order forms and price sheets are available at your local Twin Creeks District Extension, Norton Office, Natural Resources Conservation Service office, Conservation District office,

and on the website www.KansasForests.org.

Orders are available for delivery or pick-ups starting Mid-March as the weather permits, and continuing until May 5th. Make sure to use the correct shipping address, P.O. Box addresses are not acceptable for shipping. If you wish to pick-up your orders you may do so at Kansas Forest Service, 2610 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502. Please call 1-888-740-8733 before coming to be sure that the items you ordered are on hand. Our pick-up hours are Monday through Friday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Basically 28 types of trees, shrubs, and a variety of mixed bundles are available. Some plants available are burr oak, green ash, hackberry, walnut, choke cherry, lilac, various pine and cedar trees, sumac, cotton easter, lace bark elm, black walnut seeds. There are also varieties of wildlife bundles; marking flags, weed fabric, and protective tree tubes.

Leadership winners!



Northern Valley Elementary School's Leadership Award Winners for the month of November are (from left to right) Landry Gebhard, Audrey Bina, Foster Brands, Aurora Haussermann and Brady Lowry.

—Photo courtesy of Amy McKinney

November Northern Valley Elementary School Leadership Award Winners

Kindergarten – Audrey Bina

Audrey Bina has shown leadership in Kindergarten. Audrey does a great job of showing her classmates the proper way to act during instructional times in the classroom. Audrey is kind to others in her class. Audrey uses kind words of encouragement when classmates have a great achievement. Audrey comes to school ready to learn and models that for others. – Michael Thompson

1st Grade – Landry Gebhard

Landry Gebhard is the first grade November student of the month. Landry shows great leadership traits. She is very helpful to classmates and adults. When classmates are talking to others or the teacher, Landry always waits her turn. She contributes to class discussions and pays

attention. Landry volunteers and helps out with classroom jobs. She is truthful and does what is right. Landry is kind and encourages others to do their best. – Tammy Vincent

2nd Grade – Brady Lowry

Brady Lowry is the second grade leader for November. Since Brady recently transitioned back into the Northern Valley district, he has shown cooperation and a teamwork approach when working with peers. Brady has been demonstrating self-discipline by following rules and showing respect. He is a responsible and dependable student who shows self-motivation and a strong work ethic. Brady has been a valuable addition to our Northern Valley school family. – Julie Thompson

3rd Grade – Foster Brands

Foster Brands is the 3rd Grade Leader for the month of November. Foster always has a positive attitude when it comes to daily work and is able to make positive choices. He works hard on his school

work and follows directions. He comes prepared for class and is responsible by always having his planner signed. Foster has proven to be a great role model and shows others what it is like to be a leader. – Jill Gebhard

4th Grade – Aurora Haussermann

Aurora Haussermann is the fourth grade November student leader of the month. Aurora is a student you can always count on to do the right thing even if there is no adult around. She will step up and help others in need at any given time. She is a very honest young lady who shows great integrity. Aurora is very disciplined when it comes to her homework and never turns in late assignments. She is a great role model for her classmates. Congratulations Aurora! – Monica Wilson

Leadership award winners receive a certificate, a Husky bag and a coupon from the Norton Dairy Queen for a free Mini-Blizzard.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS

Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 16-18
 Java Jive Auditions Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
 Fall Awards Assembly, 2 p.m.
 JV/V BB vs. Stockton, 4:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Economics Field Trip to Natoma Corp., 11:45 a.m.
 Student Focus Group, A.P. Site Council, 5 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 19
 Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
 S.I.T. Meeting, 7:45 a.m.
 FINALS: Periods 1, 2, 3, and 4
 KAY Christmas Party, 1:45 p.m.
 Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 20
 FINALS: Periods 5, 6, and 7
 MCL Round Robin Tournament: Stull Gym, 3:30 p.m.
 C/JV/V BB at Phillipsburg, 4

p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 21
 JV BB; Boys and Girls - NQOT Tournament at Oakley, 9 a.m.
 Wrestling at Goodland Holiday Classic, 10 a.m.
NJHS
 Tuesday, Dec. 17
 BB at Hays Middle School, 3:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Faculty Meeting, 7:45 a.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 19
 Vocal Concert at East Campus Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 20
 MCEL Administrative Meeting at Stockton, 10 a.m.
 Jay Day, TBA
EES
 Monday, Dec. 16
 Christmas Concert rehearsal at East Campus Gym, 8:30 a.m.
 Christmas Concert at East Campus Gym, 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 17

Grade 1: Gingerbread Houses, 2 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 18
 S.I.T., 7:45 a.m.
Northern Valley
 Monday, Dec. 16
 FFA Chapter meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 JH BB vs. Grinnell in Alma, 3:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Christmas Concert rehearsal, 11:45 a.m.
 5th-12th grades Christmas Concert at Long Island, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Junior class meeting, A.P.
 Thursday, Dec. 19
 NVJH BB at Rexford, 4 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 20
 End of 1st semester-dismissal at 1:15 p.m. (Alma), 1 p.m. (Long Island)
 4th Grade to Norton to deliver canned goods, 8:45 a.m.
 NVHS BB vs. Wheatland at Grainfield, 5 p.m.

SCHOOL MENU

NCHS-NJHS

Monday, Dec. 16
 Breakfast-French toast, syrup, fruit, grape juice and milk.
 Lunch-Chicken strip sandwich, french fries, bananas and milk.
 Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Breakfast-Cherry frudel, fruit, grape juice and milk.
 Lunch-Soft taco, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, apples and milk.
 Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Breakfast-Assorted cereal, toast w/margarine, fruit, grape juice and milk.
 Lunch-Stuffed crust cheese pizza, combo salad, peaches, green peppers and milk.
 Thursday, Dec. 19
 Breakfast-Sunrise flatbread pizza, fruit, apple juice and milk.
 Lunch-Chicken Alfredo, Carnival salad, green beans, applesauce, french bread w/margarine and milk.
 Friday, Dec. 20
 Breakfast-Assorted hot cereal, Mandarin oranges/peaches, orange juice and milk.
 Lunch-Chicken breast filet, whipped potatoes, rolls w/margarine, broccoli and cauliflower and milk.

rounds, bananas, orange juice and milk.
 Lunch-Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, pineapple chunks, whole wheat roll and milk.
 Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Breakfast-Whole grain waffles, warm syrup, sausage links, Mandarin oranges, apple juice and milk.
 Lunch-Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk.
 Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Breakfast-Blueberry muffin, chilled yogurt, pineapple chunks, orange juice and milk.
 Lunch-Roast beef, whipped potatoes gravy, apple wedge, pepper strips, banana bread and milk.
 Thursday, Dec. 19
 Breakfast-Pizza with cheese toppings, fruit cocktail, grape juice and milk.
 Lunch-Ike Burger, homemade bun, sweet potato french fries, dill spear, pears and milk.
 Friday, Dec. 20
 Breakfast-Breakfast bake, salsa, toast with jelly, peaches, apple juice and milk.
 Lunch-Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, lima beans, strawberry fruit cup, cookie snowmen and milk.

hash browns, fruit and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-Macaroni-n-cheese, meatballs, seasoned peas and rosy applesauce.
 Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Breakfast-Breakfast pita, fruit, juice and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-Wiener wagons, french fries, seasoned spinach and peach half.
 Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Breakfast-Monkey bread, eggs, juice and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-Ham, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, salads, relish plate and cherry dessert.
 Thursday, Dec. 19
 Breakfast-Rice Krispie Treats, hash browns, eggs, fruit and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-BBQ beef on a bun, ranch wedges, seasoned carrots and pineapple chunks.
 Friday, Dec. 20
 Breakfast-Cherry Muffin, eggs, juice and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-Burrito, sauce, cheese, tossed salad w/dressing, fresh broccoli/cauliflower and apple slices.

EES Menu

Northern Valley Menu

Monday, Dec. 16
 Breakfast-Oatmeal breakfast

Monday, Dec. 16
 Breakfast-French toast, syrup,

HANSEN MUSEUM

Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is pleased to announce Kerry Ferguson, Kensington, Kansas, will be offering dance lessons for beginning and advanced learners. Eight weekly sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons, beginning on Jan. 5, 2014. Beginning dance classes will be from 2 – 3:30 p.m. with the advanced sessions from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Classes will be held at the Logan City Building, Logan. Participants must be 13 years or older. Instruction may include waltz, two-step, swing, polka, cha-cha and lots of new fun

steps. Registration deadline is Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013. This fabulous learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continued Education Program and offered to the public. For more information or to register by phone, call 785-689-4846.

Call Mike with all your social news.
 877-3361
mstephens@nwkansas.com

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101 S. State, Norton, KS
785-874-4844

Commodity Credit lending rates announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced interest rates for December 2013. The CCC borrowing rate-based charge for December 2013 is 0.125 percent, unchanged from 0.125 percent in November 2013. The interest rate for commodity and marketing assistance loans disbursed during December 2013 is 1.125 percent, unchanged from 1.125 percent in November 2013. Interest rates for Farm Storage Facility Loans approved for December 2013 are as follows, 2.000 percent with sev-

en-year loan terms, unchanged from 2.000 percent in November 2013; 2.625 percent with 10-year loan terms, unchanged from 2.625 percent in November 2013 and; 2.875 percent with 12-year loan terms, unchanged from 2.875 percent in November 2013. The interest rate for 15-year Sugar Storage Facility Loans for December 2013 is 3.125 percent, unchanged from 3.125 percent in November 2013.

The maximum discount rate applicable for December 2013 for the Tobacco Transition Payment Program is 5 percent, unchanged from November 2013. This is based on the 3.250 percent prime rate plus 2 percent, rounded to the nearest whole number. Further program information is available from USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Financial Management Division at 202-772-6041.



Kris (Allen) Tripe Benefit Soup Supper/Auction

Sunday, December 15 5-8 p.m.

Orleans Ag Center

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 Call 308-920-2354 for more information

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