

DEATH NOTICE

Verla R. (Coomes) Chambers

Funeral services for Verla R. (Coomes) Chambers, age 82, of Norton, will be held Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, at 2 p.m. at the Norton Christian Church in

Norton. Burial will be held in the Norton Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013, from

4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Visit www.enfieldfh.com for additional information. Arrangements are with the Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Agency can help with Disclosure Act

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) was enacted by Congress in October 1978, to establish a nationwide system to monitor foreign ownership, purchases, and sales of U. S. agricultural land, according to Jamie Powell, of the Mitchell County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The AFIDA directs the Secretary of Agriculture to obtain and analyze U.S. Agricultural land transactions involving foreigners and to determine the effects of such land holdings, purchases, or sales on family farms

and rural communities," Powell said. "Also, the secretary is further directed to furnish a report of this analysis and information to the President, Congress, and applicable state departments of agriculture". Powell explained that the Secretary of Agriculture has assigned the Farm Service Agency the responsibility to serve as a local source of contact to explain AFIDA requirements and to receive, review and submit AFIDA reports.

"Under provisions of the AFIDA, any foreign individual, or entity meeting the definition

of foreign person under the Act, that held an interest in U.S. agricultural land as of February 1, 1979, or any time thereafter, must report such interest to the Secretary.

"All county FSA offices maintain a supply of the required report documents and are prepared to assist anyone having questions or needing information," Powell concluded.

The address of the Mitchell County FSA Office is 118 W. Main, Beloit, Kansas 67420 and the telephone number is (785) 738-5172

Plans underway to close rest area near Russell

The Kansas Department of Transportation is seeking public feedback on plans to close the east and westbound I-70 rest area facilities located two miles east of Russell (Exit 184).

A grassroots effort by local officials in Russell County led KDOT to consider the closure as a way to conserve the region's scarce water resources.

Water consumption and costs have doubled for KDOT during the past two years, and the city of Russell has enacted a water conservation plan.

"The increase in water usage and costs and the fact that the rest areas are within a few miles of the same services in Russell and Bunker Hill, led us to consider closing the facilities," said District Three Maintenance Engineer Joe Finley. "If we know our rest areas are putting a hardship on the city of Russell, then it just makes sense to pursue the closures."

In addition to the input of local officials, KDOT will consider public comments in making the final decision about whether

to close these rest areas. Comments will be accepted until Jan. 15, 2014.

Feedback may be made to: KDOT District Three Maintenance Engineer Joseph Finley at (785) 877-3315 or mail to: finley@ksdot.org or 312 South Second Avenue, Norton, KS 67654; Or KDOT Area Engineer Kevin Zimmer at (785) 625-9718 or mail to: kevinz@ksdot.org or 1811 W. Frontier Road, Hays, KS 67601.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Nov. 21

Oct. 20-Kathy Teichmeier, Norton; Charge: Driving while suspended; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$250, costs \$76, total \$326. Five days jail suspended if fines are paid by June 30, 2014.

Nov. 5-Douglas Bruce, Hastings, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 30 in 20 (school zone); Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty.

Jan. 25-Cody Armbrister, Norton; Charge: Theft-diversion revoked; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$250, costs \$76, jail-time served.

July 17-Cody Armbrister, Norton; Charge: Minor in consumption; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$200, costs \$76, total \$276, and 30-day driver's license suspension.

Dec. 12

Oct. 3-Brian Ulmer, Norton; Charge: 1. Unlawful use of financial card, 2. Unlawful use of financial card, 3. Criminal deprivation of property; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. \$1,000, 2. \$1,000, 3.

\$1,000, costs \$76, restitution \$133.74, jail costs \$520, 10 days in jail (Dec. 16-26), total \$3,596 and restitution to Credit Union.

Nov. 14-Michelle Whittenburg, Norton; Charge: No insurance; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: \$300, costs \$76, total \$376.

Dec. 11-William Giddens; Charge: Speeding 30 in 20; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Amended to 75 in 65, by city prosecutor; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Fine: \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Nov. 7-Brandon Bullock, Norton; Charge: 1. Driving while suspended, 2. No insurance; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. \$500, 2. \$300, costs \$76, total \$876, 10 days jail suspended if fines are paid by July 1, 2014.

Nov. 24-Nathan Weirich, Plains; Charge: Speeding 40 in 30; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Oct. 16-Terrell Lane, Norton; Charge: Loud stereo system; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Nov. 14-Terri Lang, Hill City; Charge: Fail to yield right of way; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$60, costs \$76, total \$136.

Call Mike with all your social news. 877-3361

Thomson-Gobber Engagement

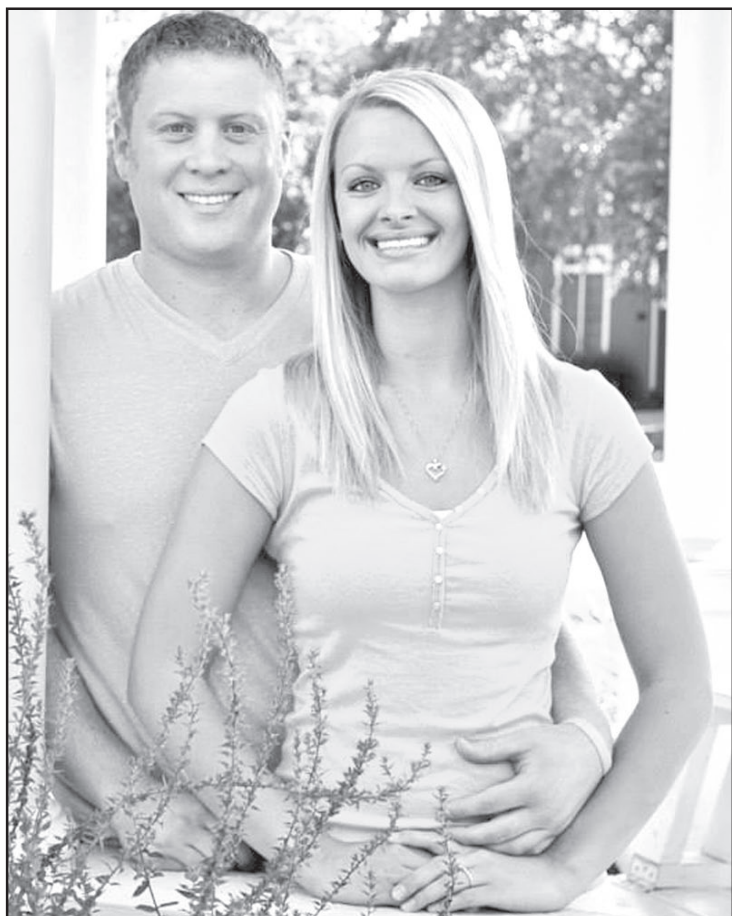
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Thomson of Norton, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter Alyssa Thomson, to Adam Gobber, son of Cary and Jean Gobber of Chapman, Kan.

Ms. Thomson is a graduate of Norton Community High School, and Kansas City, Kansas Community College. Alyssa is a licensed funeral director and embalmer, and is employed at Bruce Funeral Home in Gardner, Kan.

Mr. Gobber is a graduate of Chapman High School, Cloud County Community College, Kansas State University, and Kansas City Community College. He is also a licensed funeral director and embalmer, and is employed at Mount Moriah and Freeman Funeral Home in Kansas City, Mo.

Alyssa is the granddaughter of Susan and the late Elwood Thomson, Norton, Carla Collins and Terry Minshall, Norton, and Larry and Janie Lanus, Smith Center.

Adam is the grandson of Orville and Erma Gobber, Man-



A May 10, 2014 wedding is planned in Overland Park. hattan, and the late Edward and Myrtle Grosser of Chapman.

4-H Cloverbuds bloom into successful adults

"Chasing Clovers" By Patsy L. Maddy

Twin Creeks Extension District 4-H Youth Development Agent

4-H Cloverbuds bloom into independent, confident, successful adults through activities that teach "Learning by Doing" - a 4-H member's way of acquiring new skills, and reaching "To Make the Best Better" - a goal for each member to improve themselves. The Cloverbud program provides fun, activity-focused, non-competitive, positive group-centered learning creating smiling faces on Cloverbud youth.

The 4-H Cloverbud program is an educational youth development opportunity specifically for 5- and 6-year old children. This is an exciting way to start your child in the 4-H program, or include a younger sibling of a current 4-H family.

Safety when working with children is top priority in the Kansas 4-H program. All volunteers must complete a certification program as well as Cloverbuds training before selected to serve as a leader for this group. Parents know they are leaving their children in a safe learning environment during Cloverbud activities.

No membership fees are required with any 4-H program. Your local K-State Research and Extension office organizes the group with cooperation between the county 4-H Council and community 4-H clubs. Older 4-H members work with Cloverbuds developing leader-

ship skills.

Cloverbud members are encouraged to participate in local day camp activities that would include educational, hands-on activities. These activities help your child begin building life skills, such as learning to learn and making friends. The Cloverbuds curriculum is designed to help youth begin developing a foundation of skills that he or she will be able to apply to a variety of activities as they grow.

Participants in this program experience a non-competitive, positive group activity atmosphere leading youth to success. Cloverbuds would be encouraged to display their group projects at the county fair with equal recognition given to all participants.

Goals of the Cloverbud program include initiating independence and self-direction, getting along with others, making positive choices, learning to learn, and enjoying constructive and creative play. 4-H Cloverbuds embraces the 4-H core values of the 4-H colors, emblem, pledge, motto, and slogan that is emphasized throughout a youth's 4-H career.

4-H Colors: White symbolizes purity, and green, which is nature's most common color, represents life, springtime and youth.

4-H Emblem: The green four-leaf clover has a white H on each leaf to represent the four Hs: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

4-H Pledge: I Pledge my

Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, and My Health to better living, For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World.

4-H Motto: "To Make the Best Better" is a goal for each member to improve themselves.

4-H Slogan: "Learn by Doing" is a 4-H member's way of acquiring new skills.

Are you curious how rabbits air-condition themselves? Do Frostops cause your brain to freeze? Twin Creeks Extension District is excited about organizing fun, positive activities for our 5- and 6-year old youth in Norton, Decatur, and Sheridan counties.

Please contact Patsy Maddy at your local Extension office to find out more about "Joining the Club". Information will also be posted on our website at www.twincreeks.ksu.edu and our Facebook page.

So Many Opportunities, So Many Choices - Put a Smile on your 5- or 6-year old by enrolling them in the Cloverbud program. Join 4-H Today and Be a part of it all!!

50th Anniversary



Gail and Doreen (Lemmen) Harbers are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on Dec. 28, 1963 at the Berean Bible Church in Holland, Mich. Their children, Galen (Penney) Harbers, Zebulon, Ga., and Lisa (Mike) Leydig, Ke-

arney, Neb., and their grandchildren, Courtney Leydig, and Megan Leydig are honoring them with a dinner gathering in Kearney, Neb. Cards/letters of congratulations can reach them at 606 Ives St., Almena, KS 67622.



Dec. 18- Dec. 25 Showing at the

NORTON THEATRE

Anchorman 2

2 Hours, 10 Minutes (PG)-13
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.; Mon., Tues.: 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24: 2:00 p.m.
Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25: 6 and 9 p.m.

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