

# Good records urged for livestock

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) again appeals to livestock producers affected by natural disasters such as the drought in the West and the unexpected winter storm in the upper Midwest to keep thorough records. This includes livestock and feed losses, and any additional expenses that are a result of losses to purchased forage or feed stuff.

In addition to western drought and the early-winter snowstorms, there are a variety of disasters from floods to storms to unexpected freezes. Each event

causes economic consequences for farmers and ranchers throughout the United States. FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including:

Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;

Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;

Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures;

Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed; Crop records, including seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records;

Pictures of on-farm storage facilities that were destroyed by wind or flood waters; and

Evidence of damaged farm land.

Visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) or an FSA county office to learn more about FSA programs and loans. For information about USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

# Annual club presentations scheduled

4-H members from Norton County will participate in the Annual Club Presentations events on Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m.; sign-up starts at 5:30 p.m. The program will be held at the Norton Junior High School. 4-H members and families are preparing various presentations and numbers which will be given as individuals or as groups. Events will be scheduled with a sign-up at the door.

Events will include junior and senior Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Project Talks, Show Me's, Tell Me's and Public Speaking. There will also be vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles. There will be various talent numbers like dances, skits and dramatics, readings and other novelty talent numbers.

4-H members can sign up beginning at 5:30 p.m. and all

numbers should be completed by 7:30 p.m.

The Regional Club Day will be held Friday, March 28 in Wakeeney. This will include top selections from Graham, Rooks, Ellis, Trego, Smith, Phillips, and Norton Counties. The public is invited to come and watch the 4-H'ers "Make the Best Better." The 4-H Club Days offer the youth a variety of ways to present a skill or talent.

# Congressman accepting intern applications

The Office of Congressman Tim Huelskamp is now accepting applications for an internship opportunity in the Washington, D.C., Salina, Dodge City, and Hutchinson, Kansas offices.

"I encourage applications for internships from college students or recent graduates who want to learn firsthand how Congress operates and how federal legislation affects Kansas," Congressman Huelskamp said.

"This is a unique experience in which to obtain greater understanding and involvement of the legislative process and constituent services."

Interns may be asked to complete a variety of tasks, including day-to-day office work such as answering phones, writing letters, and assisting with media clips. In addition, interns may be assigned to assist with constituent casework or attend Congressman Huelskamp's public

events throughout the First District.

Students will be given flexible hours to accommodate their course schedules, but hours in the Kansas offices generally run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is an unpaid internship.

Additional information about the internship program can be found at: <http://huelskamp.house.gov/services/internships>.

## Student of the Month Norton Community High School For the Month of January



Student : Jordyn Gosselin  
Parents : Kerri Donahey and Shawn Gosselin  
Grade: Senior  
Nominating Staff Member: Mr. Bill Johnson and Mr. Lucas Melvin  
Comment from nominating Staff Members:  
"I have found Jordyn to be a very trustworthy person and is kind to be around. This semester Jordyn is serving as my Teacher Aide and she has been very helpful with projects that I would not have time to do. She never complains and completes all of these projects on a timely basis." Mr. Bill Johnson  
"Jordyn works hard in class

and is engaged! Takes an active part in discussions and makes sure she gets work done ahead of time if she is going to be gone." Mr. Lucas Melvin  
Factoids about Jordyn  
Favorite Class : Psychology  
Favorite Drink : Green Gatorade  
Favorite Color : Purple  
Favorite Food : Subway sandwiches  
Favorite Movie : Girl Interrupted  
Favorite Saying : "Oh"  
Favorite Song : Work Out by J.Cole.  
Favorite Hangout: My house.  
Personal Hero : Spiderman  
Future Plans : Undecided



Student: Andrew Smith  
Parents: Brian Smith  
Grade: Senior  
Nominating Staff Member: Mrs. Kelli Perez  
Comment from nominating Staff Member:  
"Andrew has been the definition of a Bluejay. Andrew has been willing to help me out by carrying and cooking anything to help me this past week. Andrew is seen helping other students as well as cleaning up without being asked."  
Factoids about Andrew  
Favorite Class : Ag Busi-

ness  
Favorite Drink : Cherry Limeade  
Favorite Color : Red  
Favorite Food : Prime Rib  
Favorite Movie : Revenge of the Nerds  
Favorite Saying : Don't have one.  
Favorite Song : Brass Monkey  
Favorite Hang out : Anywhere  
Personal Hero : My dad.  
Future Plans : Go to Colby Community College

# Transplants are an extremely satisfying project

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I'm feeling mighty good today! In fact, as we used to say down in Bucklin, "man I'm really fired!" Why? It's very simple. The reason is that I have received dozens of calls and messages since the first of the year from gardeners asking about "starting some of my own transplants." Many of you are telling me that you are actually going to try it and I think that's just awesome! Growing a few of your own transplants can be one of the most gratifying garden projects you'll ever do. You've asked many questions. Let's get right to it.

You'll need a few supplies, many of which you can use again next year. You may want to buy one of those "ready to go" seed starting kits at your favorite garden store. Or, just pick up the things you'll need on an individual basis.

You'll need a bag of seed starting mix. Not potting soil... not garden soil...not dirt from the back yard. You need seed starting mix, a material made expressly for seed starting.

You'll need some kind of tray or pan that is a couple of inches deep to hold the starting mix. I use several of those plastic trays that my petunias came in last year.

And then you'll need the seed you have carefully selected. Maybe it's just tomato seed...

maybe broccoli or cabbage seed, or perhaps the seed of a favorite perennial plant that you want in your garden.

That's about it. Fill your tray or plastic pan with the starting mix and spread out evenly. Wet the mix thoroughly, but leave no standing water. With the point of a pencil, punch a few quarter inch holes in the wet mix, at half-inch intervals. Drop one seed in each hole and cover with your fingers. Mark each row with a plastic or wooden type of marker that tells you what you have planted.

Set the pan someplace at room temperature and check it each day. When you see a plant emerging, move the pan immediately to an area of bright light, like a south-facing windowsill or shelf. This is the most critical step of the entire project. There are "grow lights" available at the garden store, made especially for this kind of use. But, however you do it, get the starting pan into strong light just as soon as the little plants come up or they will suddenly get tall and leggy and useless. THEY MUST HAVE LIGHT!

When the plants get their first set of true leaves, transplant them into their own individual peat pots, two inch plastic cells, or foam cups that have been filled with the starting mix. Keep them in the bright light. Be sure they have a drainage hole in the bottom. Set them out

in the garden at the proper, safe planting time.

For tomatoes, start the plants about six or seven weeks before they're ready to go outside. Therefore, if you want them outside by May 10, start the seed on or about March 30. Most peppers need to be planted a few days earlier. Broccoli and cabbage need only five weeks starting time and can go outside a week or 10 days earlier than tomatoes. Check with your Extension Office about average last frost dates in your area. Questions? Please call or email me.

This can be an extremely satisfying project. Give them light and they will grow!  
OMAHA, OMAHA...HURRY, HURRY...

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# STUDENT NEWS

**Forensics at Hoisington Team Results**  
1st Norton - 180  
2nd Hodgeman County - 169  
3rd Sterling - 160  
Individual Places:  
Landon Slipke - 1st Informative (State Qualifier)  
Leif Carlson/Cody O'Hare - 1st Duet (State Qualifier)  
Shauna Gibson - 1st Serious Solo (New State Qualifier)

Neysa Carlson - 1st Humorous Solo (State Qualifier)  
Steve Cummings - 1st Poetry (State Qualifier)  
Kennedy Leibbrandt - 1st Oration (State Qualifier)  
Lauren Mordecai - 2nd Serious Solo (State Qualifier)  
Kennedy Leibbrandt - 2nd Extemporaneous (New State Qualifier)  
Cody O'Hare/Rachel Jones -

3rd Improvised Duet Acting  
Landon Slipke/Lauren Mordecai - 3rd Duet  
Ashley Hildebrand - 4th Prose (State Qualifier)  
Ashley Hildebrand/Skylar Davis - 5th Duet  
Layton Miller - 5th Humorous Solo  
Brian Clavijo - 6th Serious Solo  
Ty Burns - 8th Poetry

# 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.

**Jan. 30**  
Jan. 16-Gregory Mann, Norton; Charge: Stop sign violation; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176.

Jan. 16-Paul Burgess, Champaign, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine: \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Jan. 13-Sixto Florat, Centennial, Colo.; Charge: Obedience to traffic light; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176.

Jan. 17-Nicole Helm, McCook, Neb.; Charge: 1. Illegal tag, 2. No proof of insurance; Plea: 1. No contest; Other action: 2. Dismissed/proof; Found: 1. Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176, got registration next day.

**Feb. 13**  
Jan. 23-April Fortner, Norton; Charge: 1. No insurance, 2. Illegal tag; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. Fine \$300, 2. \$300, costs \$76, total \$676.

Jan. 25-Randy Horne, Norton; Charge: 1. Expired driver's license, 2. Stop sign violation; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. Fine \$100, 2. \$100, costs \$76, total \$276.

Nov. 10-Julio Cesar Villarreal Gomez, Norton; Charge: DUI; Other action: 1-year diversion with city prosecutor; Sentence: Costs \$76, assessment \$750,

\$400 KBI Lab fee, diversion \$100, total \$1,326. Enroll in alcohol and drug safety action program and must follow recommendations, and 12 months probation to the court.

**Feb. 20**  
Feb. 6-Jeanette McMullen, Norton; Charge: 1. Stop sign violation, 2. No proof of insurance, 3. Illegal tag; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. Fine \$100, 2. \$500, 3. \$500, costs \$76, total \$1,176, 30 days jail suspended if fines paid by 6 months.

Jan. 15-Ryan Palmer, Franklin, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Nov. 29-Ramon Leyva, Hastings, Neb.; Charge: Stop light violation; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176.

**Feb. 27**  
Sept. 21-Gary Goble, Alma; Charge: 1. Driving while suspended, 2. No insurance; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Plea agreement, 2. Dismissed, 1. Amended to no driver's license; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Fine \$250, costs \$76, total \$326, five days jail suspended if fines are paid by May 30, 2014, appointed attorney fees waived per plea agreement.

Feb. 25-Linus Schamber, Hays; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Jacob Hickman, Norton; Charge: Stop sign violation; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty;

Sentence: Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176.

Feb. 14-Janet Schmidt, Beaver City, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 50 in 40; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

**March 6**  
Feb. 22-Michael Cliff, Norton; Charge: Exhibition of acceleration; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Community service in lieu of fine and costs. Pull all weeds and grass from sidewalks and curbs, both sides, east Washington from State St. to the post office, from April 1 to Oct. 31, 2014.

Sept. 26-Ryan McGrail, Norton; Charge: 1. Driving while suspended, 2. No proof of insurance; Other action: Dismissed by city - arresting officer failed to show for trial.

Feb. 14-Larry Lammers, Elwood, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 50 in 40; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Feb. 12-Jose Valles, Manhattan; Charge: Speeding 30 in 20 (school zone); Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100 school zone, costs \$76, total \$176.

Nov. 18-Amanda Willmes, Norton; Charge: Domestic battery; Plea: Guilty; Other action: Probation extended from 2012 case; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Costs \$76 - pay attorney fees and fines from 2012 case. Six months jail suspended to serving five days, plus jail costs, six months probation - all fines are due to be paid before the end of six months.



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These duplexes will be available for rent or purchase and include 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, open concept living/dining room, large kitchen, and single car garage. All appliances are provided, along with lawn care and snow removal.

The Open House will be held  
**Thursday, March 27, 2014**  
from  
**4:00-8:00 p.m.**