

Blockstop Tour stops in Norton

The Todd Becker Foundation is bringing its "Blockstop Summer Tour" to Norton on Saturday. The event will take place on East Main Street, between Highway 283 and Kansas Avenue.

A free barbecue will be provided by the local churches starting at 7 p.m. The event starts at 8 p.m. and is free to the public.

The event is given in large part by Keith Becker, founder of the Todd Becker Foundation. The Todd Becker Foundation presented their High School assembly at Norton Community High School in December 2011.

The event will feature an impacting and life-changing message that includes live music from the Todd Becker Foundation's touring band, Chye (pro-

nounced Shy), graphic videos and other stunning audio.

The Todd Becker Foundation was formed following the alcohol related death of 18 year old Todd Becker. Since 2005, the assembly program has been in over 250 high schools and has reached close to 50,000 students across the Central United States.

Farm Bill provisions to help manage risk

Agriculture Sec. Tom Vilsack recently announced continued progress in implementing provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill that provide new risk management options for farmers and ranchers. These improvements to crop insurance programs will provide better protection from weather disaster, market volatility and other risk factors to ensure farmers aren't wiped out by events beyond their control.

Vilsack also announced new support for beginning farmers that will make crop insurance more affordable and provide greater support when new farmers experience substantial losses. These announcements build on other recent United States Department of Agriculture efforts to support beginning farmers.

"Crop insurance is critical to the ongoing success of today's farmers and ranchers and our agriculture economy. These improvements provide additional flexibility to ensure families do not lose everything due to events beyond their control," said Vilsack. "We're also acting to provide more support to beginning farmers and ranchers so that they can manage their risk effectively. We need to not only encourage new farmers to get into agriculture, we must ensure they're not wiped out in their riskiest initial seasons so they can remain in agriculture for years to come."

The United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency filed an interim rule with the Federal Register today, allowing United States Department of Agriculture to move forward with changes to crop insurance provisions. The provisions provide better options for beginning farmers, allow producers to have enterprise units for irrigated and non-irrigated crops, give farmers and ranchers the ability to purchase different levels of coverage for a variety of irrigation practices, provide guidance on conservation compliance, implement protections for native sod and provide adjustments to historical yields following significant

disasters.

The Farm Bill authorizes specific coverage benefits for beginning farmers and ranchers starting with the 2015 crop year. The changes announced today exempt new farmers from paying the \$300 administrative fee for catastrophic policies. New farmers' premium support rates will also increase ten percentage points during their first five years of farming. Beginning farmers will also receive a greater yield adjustment when yields are below 60 percent of the applicable transitional yield. These incentives will be available for most insurance plans in the 2015 crop year and all plans by 2016.

Starting in the fall of 2014, producers who till native sod and plant an annual crop on that land will see reductions in their crop insurance benefits during the first four years. Native sod is acreage that has never been tilled, or land which a producer cannot substantiate has ever been tilled for the production of a crop. The provision applies to acreage in all counties in Iowa, Minn., Mont., Neb., N.D., and S.D. that is greater than five acres per policy and is producing annual crops.

Additional flexibility for irrigated and non-irrigated enterprise units and coverage levels will be available in the spring of 2015. Additional information on implementation of these changes is available at the Risk Management Agency website, www.rma.usda.gov.

The interim rule is available to the public at the Federal Register at www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx.

More information is available on the Risk Management Agency website at www.rma.usda.gov. Written comments on the rule can be submitted to www.regulations.gov by Sept. 2, 2014. All comments will be considered when the rule is made final.

This announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while

achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, United States Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmland.

Since the signing of the Farm Bill, Risk Management Agency has been working to implement the provisions as quickly as possible. The Federal Crop Insurance Board approved Risk Management Agency's Whole-Farm Revenue Insurance policy in May. Risk Management Agency will finalize the policy materials and expects to release the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection product to the public in late fall.

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Classic Cruisers Car Show



The 11th Annual Norton Classic Cruisers Car Show was Saturday at the Courthouse Square. Beautiful classic cars lined the streets surrounding the Square. There were dragsters, tractors and a military humvee as well. Lots of people came out to see the cars on display and enjoyed the sunshine.

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Fun By The Numbers

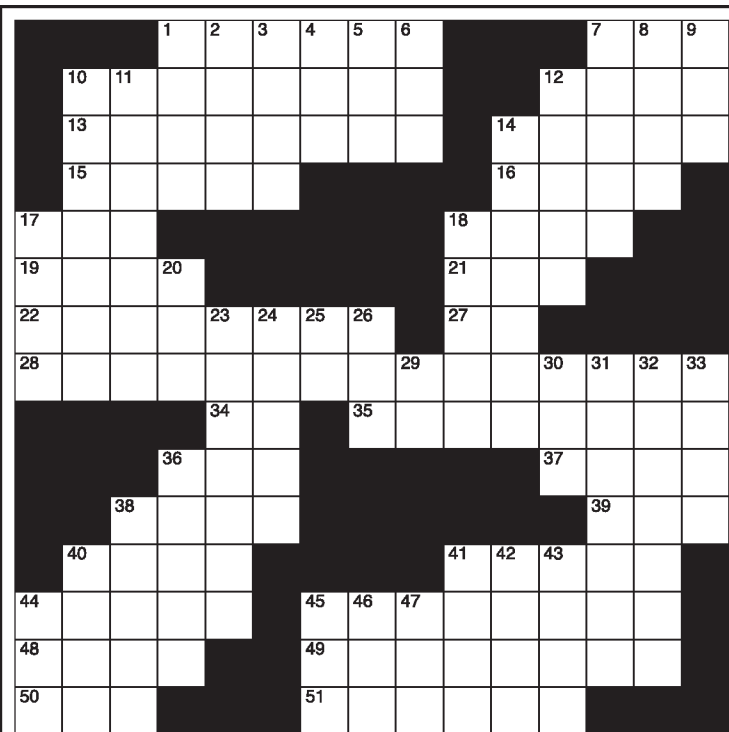
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:



CLUES ACROSS

- Missouri River tributary
- Orange-brown African antelope
- Access steps
- Scottish word for gutter
- Oiled whetstone
- Tranquility
- Indian rat snake genus
- Competent
- Premier Wine
- Carbamide
- Belongs to "2001" computer
- Campaign commission
- Lives without oxygen
- Blue Hen school
- Herb-grinding tools
- "Fast Five" star's initials
- Does not pay debts
- Word element meaning life
- Town of 1993 Texas siege
- Prohibitions
- Cardboard box (abbr.)
- Hillside (Scot.)
- Yemen capital
- Plural of 40 across
- Cloths showing needle-work skills
- Settled a debt
- Cause annoyance in (abbr.)
- Parson

CLUES DOWN

- Pale (archaic)
- Marie Presley
- Bachelor of
- Deuce
- Light brown color
- Vision organ
- Australian bear
- A single occurrence
- Stinging insect
- High voice
- About title
- Medieval fiddle
- Marched in a procession
- People of Southeast Asia
- Hoopoe bird genus
- Unit of a tennis match
- Steep-sided valleys
- China's largest ghost town
- Undergraduate degree
- Finish
- 1st state
- South by west
- Tea wagon
- Lactaid enzyme
- British prep school
- Blatted
- Woven pigtail
- Boast
- Saliva
- Countertenor
- Close by
- Beats per minute
- Tiny drink
- Macaws
- Married woman

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Lake

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normal part of a body of water's ecosystem, and many species serve as food for other aquatic creatures, when they are present in low numbers.

"It becomes a problem when nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, are present in concentrations above what would occur naturally," Kuhn said.

Under these conditions, the algae can bloom or grow very quickly to extreme numbers.

"It's all mother nature. We've had some really hot days with high humidity which made for perfect conditions for the algae to bloom."

The Department of Health retested the Reservoir's water yesterday, and Kuhn said the results will be available on Thursday or Friday. This process will continue on a weekly basis, at least in the short-term or until the blue-green algae levels decrease to a safe level.

The Department warns Kansans that blooms are unpredictable, can develop quickly and may float around the lake, requiring visitors to use their best judgment. Waters that appear clear to slightly green are likely to carry no more risk than would any form of recreation on or in the water. However, the greener the water, the more likely it will

be dominated by blue-green algae, and the risk goes up. Situations to avoid include strong green or dark green water, the presence of observable floating chunks (algal colonies), or the presence of a surface scum. In addition, if there is an offensive odor or stench, then it's best to move to a different area.

The Department of Health follows the guidelines established by the World Health Organization for advisories and warnings. Advisories are issued if laboratory analysis indicates the presence of between 20,000 and 100,000 blue-green algae cells per milliliter of water sampled. Warnings are issued when there is a presence of 100,000 or more cells per milliliter sampled.

For now, there is nothing that can be done about the algae bloom other than to wait.

"We have no idea how long it will last, it's entirely up to mother nature," Kuhn said. "But we had lots of campers and quite a few fishermen at the lake this weekend."

For questions and concerns about cabin and camping reservations contact Prairie Dog State Park at (785) 877-2953.

For more information on blue-green algae, go to www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/algaeadvisories.htm.