

# A doughy situation...



Norton County Farm Bureau received a grant for the sole purpose of teaching Ag in the Classroom. These fourth grade students learned the chain of events needed to take a seed of wheat through the process of becoming food. They made bread in a bag. They are from left to right: Ashley Hildebrand, Tanner Furbusch (partially hidden), teacher JaLynn Urban, Corey Horacek, Brooke Hammond and Chris Chambers.

— Photo by Patsy Maddy

# Police plan to ticket kids for good behavior

The Norton Police Department has partnered with Adventure's In Eating to distribute tickets good for a small ice cream cone to kids who are safely riding a bicycle while properly wearing a helmet. Adventure's is donating the cost of the ice cream cones to assist the Norton Police Department in promoting bicycle safety. Assistant Police Chief, Toby Kuhn said the promotion is an extension of the bicycle safety programs the department conducted in May. "We are trying to reinforce what the kids were taught during the bicycle programs and reward them for being safe," he said. "In addition, this is another great opportunity for our department to interact with the youth of the community in a positive manner." The promotion is open to youth of all ages. The police department will be on the "look out" while officers are on patrol to distribute the "tickets". For more information, contact the Norton Police Department at 877-5010.

# City council looks at what needs to be fixed

(Continued from Page 1) including accepting the original bid of \$5.46 million; accepting the negotiated bid of \$4.9 million; making a counter offer; reject all bids and re-bidding the project; authorizing a major alternative design process; or fixing the problem at the plant to get into compliance. The council passed a motion to reject BRB's original bid, which effectively broke all ties with the company. They also passed a motion to have health and environment come out and inspect the plant and then give a recommendation on what needed to be done to fix the plant. Mr. Miller asked if it would be okay if he called BRB and thanked them for their willingness to negotiate. The council thought it was a good idea.

# Governor picks area author

Eighth grade students at Metairie Park Country Day School in New Orleans, Lou. are moving their reconstruction efforts forward after Hurricane Katrina by asking each governor to send them "a book written by a prominent author" from their state. "What a creative way to help rebuild an important learning resource," said Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. "I applaud this school's creative approach to replenishing their library, involving their students and every state as well." Gov. Sebelius, collaborating with the Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library, chose the historical fiction novel titled *Maggie Rose and Sass* by Phillipsburg author, Eunice Boeve. Set in a Kansas town reminiscent of Nicodemus, in Graham County, Maggie Rose and Sass tells the tale of an all African American town settled in 1877 by former slaves from Kentucky. The author has lived in Phillipsburg for 48 years. One of her books received the J. Donald Coffin Award, given each year at the Kansas Author's Club convention, and two have been Kansas Reading Circle selections. She is a Fellow of the Kansas Center for the Book. *Maggie Rose and Sass* will be added to the Day School's "Governors' Collection." These books will be presented to the school by the New Orleans students at their eighth grade graduation.

# Peppers may just be the thing to plant

Whether gardeners are looking for something to spice up homemade salsa or just hoping to grow the basics to stuff with ground meat, peppers may be just the thing to round out backyard plantings this year. In general, peppers fall into two classes: sweet and hot. The most popular sweet peppers are the blocky bell or mango types. Hot peppers come in many colors, shapes and tastes, but jalapenos get the most use. A testament to jalapenos — often used in salsa recipes — is that salsa has been outselling catsup for several years. Peppers are one of the easiest vegetables to grow in that they have few pests and can thrive in either patio pot or garden. Choos-

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- Wonder varieties.
- Green to yellow bells — Honeybell, Marengo and Golden Bell.
  - Green to orange — Valencia.
  - Light yellow (immature) to red (mature) bells — Gypsy and Canary.
  - Purple (mature) bells — Purple Bell and Purple Beauty.
  - Other sweet peppers — Sweet Cherry, Pimento, Sweet Banana, Italian frying types.
  - Mildly hot peppers — El Paso, Anaheim (used for chiles rellenos) and Coronado.
  - Medium-hot peppers — Jalapeno (the Tam Jal variety is milder than average).
  - Small hot peppers — Serrano, Red Chili, Super Chili.
  - Small, hot-hot-hot peppers —

the HabaZero types. If you have further questions about using peppers, contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or e-mail :twatts@oznet.ksu.edu. *Tranda Watts is Kansas State University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Norton, Decatur, Gove, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at 785-443-3663 or e-mail twatts@oznet.ksu.edu. For more information, contact the county extension office, 877-5755.*

# Congressman hopes for haying, grazing release

Congressman Jerry Moran has asked Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns to approve a Kansas State Farm Service Agency (FSA) request to have 45 western Kansas counties released for emergency haying and grazing. The congressman has been working with state FSA officials in recent weeks to have this request approved. He also met with Secretary Johanns last week to share his support for immediate release

of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in drought-stricken areas. "Producers in western Kansas are experiencing extreme conditions," Mr. Moran said. "They will have to begin dispersing portions of their herds if extra forage sources are not made available soon." Last week, Bill Fuller, Kansas State FSA Executive Director, sent a letter to the FSA Deputy Administrator for Field Operations re-

questing that a block of 45 western Kansas counties be released for emergency CRP haying and grazing. The 45 counties contained in this request are in the midst of a five to six year drought. Lack of precipitation during the winter and spring has led to significant forage shortages. In addition to degraded pasture conditions, recent fires resulting from unseasonably dry foliage have further worsened the problem in some counties.

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