



Bette Townsend, left, Mary Luehrs, center, and Kathleen McConney, right, hung the banner that was made for Nancy Pickard's book signing next Friday. The book signing will start at 5 p.m. at the library, and light refreshments will be served.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Book signing to kick off celebration

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Nancy Pickard, an author and Kansas native, will hold a book signing on March 6 at 5 p.m. at the Norton Public Library to kick off the library's 100th Year celebration.

Ms. Pickard splits her time between Prairie Village and Florida. She has written fiction mysteries and crime novels, to include the Jenny Crain and Marie Lightfoot mystery series.

She also co-authored a non-fiction book, *Seven Steps on the Writer's Path*, which brought this comment from best selling author Sue Grafton: "I can give

you seven reasons to buy this book for every writer you know. It's fresh, insightful, candid, funny, supportive, encouraging and wise."

She has won several awards for her books, including the Agatha, Anthony, Macavity and Shamus Awards, and has had several major critics write positive reviews of her books.

Ms. Pickard's latest book, *The Virgin of Small Plains*, was chosen as the Book of the Year for the 2009 Kansas Reads Program, sponsored by the Kansas Center for the Book. It combines classic mystery writing with a literary novel. It

is set in a fictional small town in the Flint Hills and explores themes of love, loss, secrets and lies, friendship and community, in a tale about the murder of a young girl and the efforts of a group of friends to expose who she was and what really happened to her.

Ms. Pickard will speak about her life as an author and about her books.

Light refreshments will be served, and though the library normally closes at 6 p.m., it will remain open later than normal hours if necessary.

The public is welcome to attend.

Norton graduate attends conference on internet law and ethics in Colorado

Andrew Duscher, a 2000 graduate of Norton Community High School, was one of seven information-networking students at Fort Hays State University to attend Silicon Flatirons Conference on Internet Law and Ethics Feb. 8 and 9 at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Silicon Flatirons is a forum for entrepreneurs, lawyers, industry professionals and leaders, policy makers and students to discuss changing technologies as well as the relevant legal issues associated with them. The conference was intended to address the ever-evolving environment of the internet, and the new business models, technologies, services and content that are constantly being invented and retired.

Among the participants of the conference were William Kovacic, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Senior United States Court of Appeals Judge Stephen Williams, Kathryn C. Brown, former chief of staff for the Federal Trade Communications Commission, and executive-level staff

from Verizon, Google, AT&T, Qwest and T-Mobile.

"It gives students a chance to see a relationship between government and policy and the technology we are learning about in class," said John Tholstrup, instructor of internet networking. Topics included the internet's challenge to policy makers, the evolution of internet architecture, the evolution of regulatory institutions for an internet age and the future of internet content and services.

"It is one of the top technology law and policy conferences in America," said Dr. Mark Bannister, chairman of the information networking department. "Fort Hays State University students were encouraged, along with Colorado University graduate students, to ask questions of the Federal Communications Commissioners, federal judges, law and technology professors and industry leaders after every presentation."

New garden varieties to be discussed

Garden enthusiasts that enjoy new garden varieties will be interested in the session "All American Gardens." Keith VanSlike, Norton County K-State Research and Extension director, will present the information.

What about trying white eggplant, "Gretel," or acorn squash, "Honey Bear," or ornamental viola "Rain Blue and Purple?" These are just a few of the newest and hottest varieties that will be discussed.

Topics will also include flower and rose selections from the "All American Selections." There will also be information on common insect and disease problems, and an exchange of ideas.

The session will be held at the Norton County 4-H Building on Thursday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

#1 Dad - noun. See also: Larry Henderson. 1. A man who is loving and generous and is always there when his daughters need him. 2. Someone who is willing to listen and give good advice when life may get you down. 3. A man who will laugh with you and always find a way to bring a smile to your face. 4. A man who you can trust in at all times and whose opinion you value. 5. Someone who will teach you the difference between right and wrong but will never give up on you should you stumble a little bit along life's rocky path. 6. Someone whose stories you shall cherish and whose kind words you will always remember. 7...8...9...

Dad, we were going to get you another #1 Dad gift again this year for your birthday but we bought you a dictionary instead! Did you know that your picture is right next to the definition of #1 Dad on page 424? See, even Webster's knows just how special you are! ☺

We love you, Dad! Happy Birthday!
Love, Lisa Marie and Angela Marie



School menus

Monday, March 2

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Pizza bagel, hashbrowns, apricots, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Hamburger on a bun, french fries, buttered peas and carrots, chocolate pudding and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Breakfast quesadilla, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Taco, lettuce and chopped tomato, bread with margarine, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs, warm toast, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — Lunch — Chickie lickie, spud zuds, white sticken tight, red treats, mellow yellow fellows, Dr. Seuss Loaf, yotcha gotcha, and milk.

Tuesday, March 3
Northern Valley — Breakfast — Muffins, banana slices, scrambled eggs, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Chili soup with crackers, relish plate, cheese stick, cinnamon twist and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Chicken strip sandwich, lettuce and to-

mato, baked beans, bread with margarine, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Homemade pancakes, warm syrup, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — Lunch — Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie and milk.

Wednesday, March 4
Northern Valley — Breakfast — Ham and cheese bagel, hashbrowns, juice, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Ham-n-scalloped potatoes, whole wheat roll, buttered broccoli, rosy applesauce, and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Breakfast casserole with ham, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, bread with margarine, broccoli-cauliflower salad, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Blueberry muffin, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — Lunch — Scalloped chicken, corn, sweetheart pears, celery stick, dinner roll and milk.

Thursday, March 5
Northern Valley — Breakfast — French toast sticks with syrup, hashbrowns, pineapple

chunks, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Cavatini, tossed salad with dressing, garlic stick, buttered corn, pineapple tidbits and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Cheese pizza, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Corn dog, peas, bread with margarine, fruit, jell-o with applesauce, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Rolled-up sausage link, tater tots, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — Lunch — Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, blonde brownies and milk.

Friday, March 6
Northern Valley — NO SCHOOL

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Granola snack bar, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Fish sandwich with tartar sauce, green beans, bread with margarine, cake, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Breakfast cake, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — Lunch — Tuna supreme, green beans, pepper strips, fruit basket upset and milk.

School reminders

NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 2 — HS Sub-State Basketball; 7th and 8th grade reading assessments; HS Dance team, TBD.

Tuesday, March 3 — HS Sub-State Basketball; 7th and 8th grade reading assessments and 3rd grade math assessments; GNEC instrumental Clinic at Thunder Ridge in Agra, 1 p.m., concert at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4 — HS Sub-State Basketball; 7th and 8th grade reading assessments and 3rd grade math assessments; Youth Leadership Program at Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg; Sophomores to Reality Check Program at Phillipsburg Armory, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 5 — End of 3rd nine weeks; HS Sub-State Basketball; HS Dance team practice, TBD; K-State at Salina Rep here in conference room, 1:15 p.m.

Friday, March 6 — NO SCHOOL; HS Sub-State Bas-

ketball.

NORTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 2 — Spring Sports Practices may begin; KAY Board, A.P.; State Math Assessment Prep, A.P.; FFA Officer Interviews, 7 p.m.; Girls' Sub-State Basketball Quarter-Finals, versus Holcomb, here, 6 p.m..

Tuesday, March 3 — Cheerleaders, A.P.; State Math Assessment prep, A.P.; Boys' Sub-State Basketball Quarter-Finals, versus Holcomb in Holcomb, 6 p.m..

Wednesday, March 4 — B.A.S.S. meetings; S.A.C.

Thursday, March 5 — State Math Assessment prep, A.P.; FCCLA board, 7 p.m.; Girls' Sub-State Basketball Semi-Finals, in Holcomb

Friday, March 6 — State Math Assessment prep, A.P.; Boys' Sub-State Basketball Semi-Finals, in Holcomb.

Saturday, March 7 — Forensics at Ellis, 8 a.m.; Sub-State Finals at Holcomb, 6 p.m. and

7:30 p.m.

NORTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 2 — Scholars' Bowl at Stockton, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3 — KAY board, A.P.

Wednesday, March 4 — TEAM, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, March 6 — Pep Assembly, A.P.

Saturday, March 7 — MCEL Wrestling Tournament at Hill City, 9:30 a.m.

EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY
Monday, March 2 — Kindergarten Round-Up, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Dr. Suess Day

Tuesday, March 3 — A.R. Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4 — Grade 6 KMO, 2 p.m.; Faculty meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday, March 5 — EC-2nd grade level meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Friday, March 6 — IEP day

ALL NORTON SCHOOLS
Wednesday, March 4 — Admin team meeting at Unified Office, 9:30 a.m.

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