

The Northern Valley Junior High school students held their annual spelling bee last Wednesday. This year's winners were: Front; fifth grade winner, Chaylee Lowry and the fourth grade winner, Riley Sides. Back: Carson Wallace who was the sixth grade winner, Trey Hall, the second place over all winner, Brant Cox, first place over all and Macy Kasson with third place over all winner.

Daffodils are coming

By SARAH DURHAM, Daffodil Chairman

All of Norton County residents know that when the American Cancer Society begins taking orders for daffodils, it's a sign Spring is on the way.

Well, if you look out your window today, you'd shake your head and declare either the American Cancer Society is wrong or the weatherman is wrong.

I ask you to overlook the cold temperatures and the snow on the ground and imagine warmer days. Yes, Spring is on the way and the American Cancer Society is selling daffodils.

I know that if each and everyone of you took a moment out of your busy days, you'd come up with friends, relatives or just someone in the community has had cancer or even lost the cancer battle and left you wondering when a cure will be found for this dreaded disease. That's the reason why the American Cancer Society sells the daffodils - to get the communities involved in finding a cure for cancer.

This year, as in years past, the daffodils will be sold in bunches. Stem bunches with approximately 10 stems for \$10, bunches of approximately 10 stems with a vase for \$15 and bunches of ap-

proximately 10 stems with a bear for \$25.

There are several volunteers who have stepped up and are prepared to make visits to various locations throughout the county so that no one will be overlooked.

The list of volunteers and where they will be seeking orders are:

Joan Streck, will be visiting with Eisenhower Elementary School;

Mary Byler, will be visiting with Norton Community High and Junior High Schools;

Cheryl Roberts, will be visiting with the Northern Valley Schools;

Romona Pabian, will be visiting with those who attend the Senior Center, restaurants, Catholic Church and Church of God;

Beverly Wilkens, will be visiting with shut ins-those that don't work and/or don't visit at the Senior Center;

Marilyn Mann, will be visiting with Almena residents;

Sarah Durham, will be visiting all the other business in town, the Methodist Church, Lutheran Church and Christian Church. There is not a volunteer for the Lenora area.

If you haven't been contacted by Feb. 15, please don't hesitate to call any of the volunteers listed above.

If anyone would like to pursue being the volunteer for the Lenora area, please call me at 202-0777 and let me know where I can mail the brochures and envelopes.

As always, Norton County is a giving community and I look forward to working with each and everyone of you in finding a cure for cancer.

Preliminary orders are due Feb. 15. Final orders are due Feb. 25. Delivery week is March 7.

Northern Valley spelling bee winners advance

A large crowd watched 30 spellers compete in the 2011 Northern Valley School Spelling Bee held last Wednesday in the Almena auditorium.

Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 each entered six students in the competition. At the finish, it came down to an eighth grader, Brant Cox and a seventh grader, Trey Hall. Cox won when Hall failed to spell the word "visible". Cox spelled it correctly then spelled "innocence" to claim first place.

Advancing to the Norton County Spelling Bee to be held in Norton on Wednesday, February 9 will be eighth graders Brant Cox and Macy Kasson, and seventh graders, Trey Hall, and Camden Cox who is an alternate. Representing the elementary school will be Riley Sides a fourth grader, Chaylee Lowry a fifth grader and Carson Wallace a sixth grader.

Others participating included: Ame Baird, Brianna Martin,

Ethan Hale, Katie Johnson, Matt Stutsman, Sydney Brands, Kale Cox, Kylie Kinderknecht, Makensy Schroeder, Talia Lowry, Drake Spearer, Philip Rupp, Morgan Hawks, Micah Kasson, Caden Bach, Chris Lowry, Damian Wellman, Sarah Baird, Nicole Trailkill, Hallee Linner, Brittany Wright, Jon Towery and Adam Woormer.

Helping judge this year's contest were: Robbie Griffiths, a teacher, Tea Van Patten an eighth

grader, Kortney Cunningham an eighth grader and Jim Springer, another teacher who pronounced the words for his 39th year.

The Norton County Spelling Bee will be held Wednesday, February 9 in Norton at 4 p.m. at the East Campus. The winner advances to Great Bend (Barton Community College) on Saturday, March 12 for a chance to go to Nationals. The Scripps National Spelling Bee sponsors this competition.

Ten flowering trees with January membership

Residents of Kansas can ring in the New Year by receiving 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January, 2011.

By becoming a member of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, you will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering

crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenrain trees.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Kansas lovely flowers with ink, yellow and white colors," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12 inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will

be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book", which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the

Foundation and to receive your free trees, send a \$10 contribution to the TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31. Kansas residents can also join online at www.arborday.org/january.

Honor rolls for first semester

Norton Community High School Honor Rolls for the first semester and the second nine weeks:

1st Semester Highest 4.0
Seniors: Melinda Becker
Juniors: Rhees Carlson
Freshmen: Katelyn Engelbert and Johnnye Ruder
Honors I 3.50-3.99

Seniors: Troy Bainter, Morgan Baumann, Jade O. Braun, Bill Broeckelman, Melissa Byler, Maia Carlson, Dakota Dreher, Danelle Eagleburger, Kyra Fulton, Diedre Kramer, Terrell Lane, Kaid McKenna, Nicquel Mevey, Zoey Meyers, David Mizell, Jacob Mizell, Kelsie Morel, Andrew Otter, Zach Porter, Kaylen Rossi, Spencer Shirk, Dustyna Sprigg and Rebekah Streck.

Juniors: Eric Becker, Brae Bigge, Alexis Henson, Taylor Meder, Astrid Moen and Mitchell Shelton.

Sophomores: Lane Bigge, Katherine Boteler, Jade A. Braun, Andrew Ellis, Mariah Farber, Tawni Griffey, Kami Jones, Ruth Kendall, Juliana Miller, Teslee Nickell, Joseph Schaefer and Rachel Slipke.

Freshmen: Bailey Ambrosier, Darcy Bainter, Mark Baxter, Kristen Burge, Leif Carlson, Michael Crawford, Hannah Goss, Ashley Hildebrand, Marisa Maddy, Cody O'Hare, Hannah Pollock, Jared Shelton, Landon Slipke and Haley Wallingford.

Honors II 3.00-3.49
Seniors: Matt Carlton, Taylor Gordon, Caleb Goss, Justin Griffith, Epiphany Grubbs, Landon Keiswetter, Josiah Laughlin, Ashley Millan, Tanner Morel, Kaitlyn Ross, Rachel Shepard and Lindsey Tacha.

Juniors: Abby Bainter, R.J. Ellis, Zach Hartwell, Carson Kaiser, Gun Lee, Dillon McConney, Erin Terrell and Brooklyn Winkel.

Sophomores: Ryan Bainter, Sierra Black, Jared Bohl, Eli Bozarth, Dustan Daniels, Cassius Dole, Cody Ellis, Chris Fisher, Samantha Gordon, Julia Kent, Katelin Koch, Alexis Lively, Carson McKenna, Shelbi McKenna, Chelsi McReynolds, Alec Melvin, Dalton Miller, Kayleigh Norwood, John Renner, John Risewick, Emily Schulze, Dylan Sprigg, Teal Stewart and Wyatt Wentz.

Freshmen: Branson Addington, Gabriel Bird, Ty Burns, Jordyn Gosselin, Austin Hager, Kolton Harting, Damian Lawson, Megan Mannel, Marc Miller, Christine Nelson, Cole Renner, Christopher Richard and Ethan Ross.

Honor Roll for the second 9 weeks.

Highest 4.0
Seniors: Melinda Becker and Dustyna Sprigg
Juniors: None
Sophomores: Tawni Griffey
Freshman: Katelyn Engelbert
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Honors II 3.00-3.49

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Juniors: Abby Bainter, Zach Hartwell, Alexis Henson, Carson Kaiser, Gun Lee, Dillon McConney, Erin Terrell, Caren Thomson and Brooklyn Winkel.

Sophomores: Sierra Black, Jared Bohl, Eli Bozarth, Dustan Daniels, Cassius Dole, Cody Ellis, Dorothy Fessler, Samantha Gordon, Julia Kent, Katelin Koch, Alexis Lively, Shelbi McKenna, Chelsi McReynolds, Dalton Miller, Teslee Nickell, Kayleigh Norwood, John Renner, John Risewick, Emily Schulze, Dylan Sprigg, Teal Stewart and Wyatt Wentz.

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Please remember to keep a safe distance from construction equipment as crews work to complete your new fiber-to-the-premise system.

Updates will be provided as we move forward with this project. Visit www.nex-tech.com/fttp to view the latest updates for your community.

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