

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.

#### 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 work "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 Woomer.

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.

# **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 the Methodist Church, Lutheran

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

Mary Byler, will be visiting with Norton Community High and Junior High Schools; Cheryl Roberts, will be visit-

ing 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 visit-

ing with shut ins-those that don't work and/or don't visit at the Senior Center;

Marylin Mann, will be visiting with Almena residents:

Sarah Durham, will be visiting all the other business in town, 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 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.

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### Ten flowering trees with January membership

Residents of Kansas can ring crabapples, two Washington hawin the New Year by receiving 10 thorns, two American redbuds and free flowering trees by joining the two goldenraintrees. Arbor Day Foundation any time during January, 2011.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Kansas lovely flow-By becoming a member of the ers with ink, yellow and white nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, colors,"said John Rosenow, chief ering dogwoods, two flowering bor Day Foundation.

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

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. you will receive two white flow- executive and founder of the Ar- The 6 to 12 inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will

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 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 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 Dustyna Sprigg Broeckelman, Melissa Byler, Maia Carlson, Dakota Dreher, Danelle Eagleburger, Kyra Fulton, Diedre Kramer, Terrell Lane, Kaid McKenna, Nicquel Mcvey, 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, Nickell, Joseph Schaefers and Rachel Slipke.

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.

Honor Rolls for the first semester Gabriel Bird, Ty Burns, Jordyn Carlson, Hannah Goss, Ashley Nelson, Cole Renner, Christopher Slipke and Haley Wallingford. Richard and Ethan Ross.

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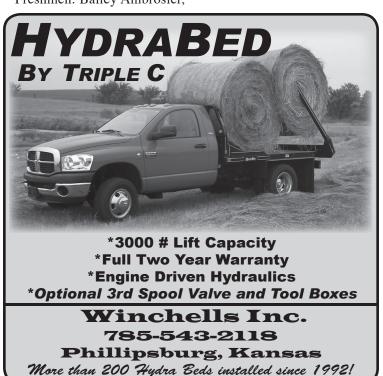
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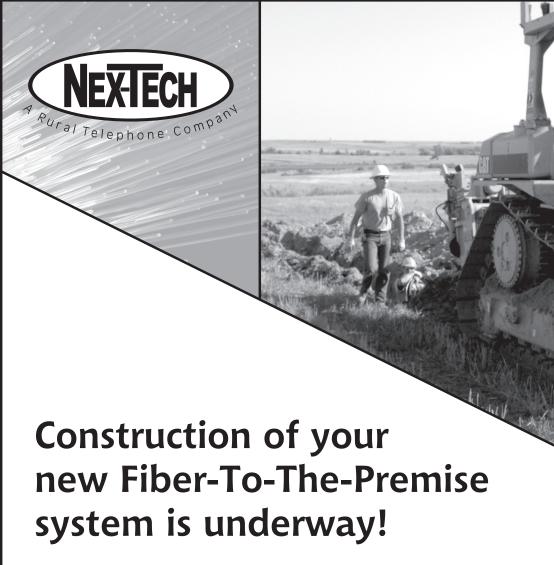
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Freshmen: Branson Addington, Mark Baxter, Gabriel Bird, Ty Burns, Michael Crawford, Austin Hager, Damian Lawson, Megan Mannel, Marc Miller, Cole Renner and Ethan Ross.





In the coming months, residents of Norcatur will enjoy the exciting benefits of a state-of-the-art, Fiber-To-The-Premise (FTTP) telecommunications system brought to you by Nex-Tech.

Construction and cutover to the new fiber-to-the-premise telecommunications system is continuing in Norcatur. Crews will complete the installation process in the coming weeks.

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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