

Rural Center to host summit

The Kansas Rural Center will be hosting two Farm-to-Fork Summits this week, each featuring interesting speakers and topics. The summits will take place in Concordia on June 24 at the American Legion, 506 Washington St., and in Colby on June 25 at the Colby Community Building basement, 285 E. 5th. Both events will take place from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend one or both meetings.

Jane Marshall, Instructor for Hospitality Management and Dietetics in the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University and Author of "Tea-time to Tailgates" will be the featured guest speaker in Concordia, June 24. Jane will speak about the culture of food and farms in Kansas and our food rich heritage. Her book features stories and recipes dating from 1863 to 2013.

Chris Sramek, co-founder of the High Plains Food Coop, an online food purchasing cooperative that sources from Kansas farms and serves primarily the Denver metro area, will speak to meeting participants in Colby, June 25. Chris will provide insight into the development of the cooperative, the challenges faced along the way and future opportunities.

Represented at each summit will be a panel of Kansas farmers growing and marketing in the region, health professionals, Extension, food retail businesses and other community experts. Panelists will tell the story of the regional food system and

community health, which will set the stage for late morning and early afternoon dialogue from participants about challenges in their specific regions.

Each day discussion topics will be focused on understanding specific policies that will help our state's farmers help make healthful foods, especially fruits and vegetables, the easy, accessible, affordable choice for all Kansans. Key themes among the summits will include cooperative, farmers market and value added processing development and their effect on local farm and economic development as well as the health of Kansans.

To attend one or both summits, please register at kansasruralcenter.org/north-ks-farm-to-fork-summits.

The full-day summits in Concordia and Colby will provide the opportunity for participants to network with others who share similar interests or concerns for their farms and communities, learn about local and state policy and advocacy for community food and health, and share and take back ideas to their own communities.

Afternoon roundtables will encourage discussion and feedback around specific policy levers. This information will be used to help the Kansas Rural Center develop policy priorities that will be included in a State-wide Farm and Food Assessment and Policy Recommendations publication that will be completed later this year.

Registration for each sum-

mit is \$15 per person, which includes lunch. Each lunch will feature ingredients from local farms.

These summits are part of the Kansas Rural Center's "Community Food Solutions for a Healthier Kansas" initiative that will seek to advance the farm-to-fork food system across the state during the next three years. This year Kansas Rural Center and its partners will help develop the Statewide Farm-to-Fork Assessment and Policy Recommendations. The Assessment and Recommendations will be used as a tool to help identify specific barriers, opportunities and policies needed to advance the farm-to-fork vision identified by state, regional, and local grassroots constituents working in all realms of the food system.

The Kansas Rural Center is a non-profit organization that since 1979 has promoted the long-term health of the land and its people through research, education, and advocacy that advances economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just food and farming systems. For more information about the Kansas Rural Center visit www.kansasruralcenter.org.

For more information about Kansas Rural Center's Community Food Solutions" initiative visit kansasruralcenter.org/community_food_solutions or contact Initiative Coordinator, Natalie Fullerton at 402-310-0177 or nfullerton@kansasruralcenter.org.

Legion loses to Holdrege



Norton pitcher Andrew Ellis delivers the ball during the Blue Jay American Legion team's game here with Holdrege last Tuesday at John Ryan Field. Andrew had a no-hitter going until the fourth inning.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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The Norton American Legion baseball team had a close game with a visiting Holdrege nine on Tuesday at John Ryan Field until the visitors broke it open in the fifth inning for an 11-1 win.

Norton trailed by 2-1, 3-1 and 4-1 until Holdrege tallied seven runs in the fifth stanza.

Norton pitcher Andrew Ellis had a no-hitter going until the fourth inning. Ellis was relieved on the mound by Jacob Green with one out in the fifth inning.

The Blue Jays scored their only run in the bottom of the first inning when lead-off hitter Mickey Hahn singled, Andrew Ellis singled and Jacob Green singled and Hahn scored.

Holdrege scored two runs in the first inning, one in the third, one in the fourth and seven in the fifth.

Norton had 4 hits, 3 walks and 6 strike outs. Holdrege had 8 hits, 10 walks and 8 strike outs.

"We played well against a good team", said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.

"Andrew pitched okay; he just had one bad inning where he gave up a few Texas Leaguer hits that just got past us.

"We hit into two inning ending double plays and that hurt. We also had a tough time putting hits together."

Next action

Norton was scheduled to play at Cambridge on Wednesday but those games have been postponed.

The Blue Jays will travel to Smith Center for a doubleheader on Tuesday (today). Games will begin at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Symposium at HaysMed, Friday

HaysMed will present a Wound Symposium on Friday, June 27. The program will be held at HaysMed in the Hadley Conference Rooms. The presentations will run from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Topics to be covered include critical limb ischemia, compression therapy for venous leg ulcers, hyperbaric medicine, advanced care wound modalities for chronic wounds, and Stair Case Change process.

Speakers for the symposium are Karl R. Stark, Medical Doctor, Kansas City Vascular, Professional Corporation; Kirk Potter, Doctor of Osteopathy, HaysMed Graystone Cosmet-

ic; Teresa Switzer, Registered Nurse, Diligent Clinical Consultant; Cherie Birkey, Registered Nurse, HaysMed Wound Care Center and Alaina Dresslar, Physician Assistant, Hays Med Southwind Surgical.

The program is designed for Physicians, Physicians Assistants, Registered Nurses, LPS, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Social Workers, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and other interested healthcare professionals.

Six hours of continuing education credit are available for Continuing Medical Education and six hours for Continuing Nursing Education. Paperwork will be provided to submit to

KOTA and KPTA for credit. The Hays Medical Center Respiratory Care Continuing Education Evaluator, on behalf of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, has approved this program for six Center Respiratory Care Education Hours. An application has been submitted to American Society of Radiologic Technologist. Approval is pending.

The fee for the program is \$60. The fee for CAHs, Hays Med and Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Associates is \$30.

To register go to www.haysmed.com/education or call 1 (800) 248-0073 Ext 5500, or email debbie.mcclaren@haysmed.com.

Bridges attains elite farm certification

Bridges Insurance, Norton, has achieved the "On Your Side" Elite Farm Certification designation from Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company, Des Moines, Iowa. Elite Farm Certification is the highest level in Nationwide Agribusiness' On Your Side Farm Certification program. Elite Certification is by invitation only and provides participants with direct access to Nationwide Agribusiness leaders and leaders of other agricultural entities. Elite Farm Certified agents have the ears of the top decision makers at Nationwide Agribusiness regarding all issues regarding its farm insurance product. They also have an opportunity to interact with leaders of highly respected ag organizations to gain a broader understanding of ag issues. These are highly com-

mitted, highly respected and extremely knowledgeable agents.

"We're excited Bridges Insurance has attained Elite status," said Trent Richmond, Agency Principal. "We have made a commitment to help protect farmers and ranchers in our area with the highest levels of professionalism and service. Agents who achieve Elite certification are able to take messages, information and ideas back to Nationwide Agribusiness leaders. It tells our area farmers we're committed to ongoing training to be sure we're positioned to help protect them now and into the future."

The Elite Farm Certified designation can also help farmers and ranchers recognize agents who have made a continuing commitment to understanding the complex risks faced

by the agriculture industry. Only agents who successfully complete the program will be awarded the designation, and agents must uphold annual education and service commitments to retain the Elite Certification.

"Nationwide Agribusiness developed this multi-level certification program to provide additional education and resources to insurance agents who have made a commitment to protecting farms and ranches," said Jerry Hillard, Farm Sales AVP, Nationwide Agribusiness. "We're proud of the agents who complete the program and are excited about the level of service farmers and ranchers can expect from partnering with Elite Farm Certified agent. These agents are the best of the best."

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Museum presents "Earth and Loom: A Century of Native American Art" which opened May 16 and will run through July 13. This exhibit will consist of 20 Navajo weavings dating from the late 19th century to contemporary. They represent different regions and weaving styles over the past century. Also in the exhibit, will be 26 pieces of pueblo pottery representing the work of many significant Native American potters from nine different pueblos. This pottery also dates from the late 19th century to contemporary.

This exhibition is the private collection of Dennis and Car-

ola Deschner of Phillipsburg. They started collecting nearly 30 years ago by accident when they bought a Navajo weaving in Colorado. They continued to find pieces as they travelled and fell in love with Southwestern Art, basketry, and Pueblo pottery.

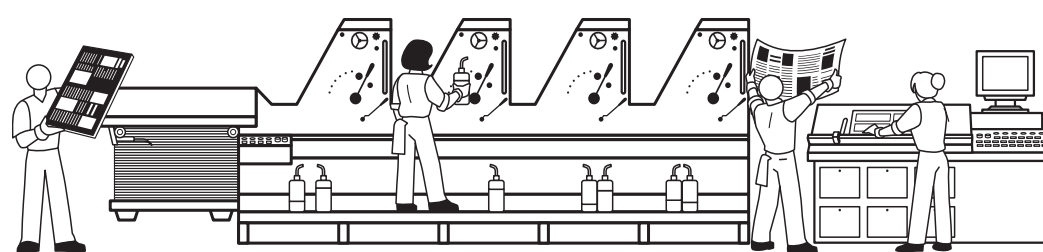
Our June artist of the month is Paula Rumbach from Oakley. She has quilts and tote bags on display throughout the month of June.

We are looking forward to the David Vollbracht Oil Painting Workshop on July 9, 10, 11 and 12. David resides in Medicine Lodge, and has earned a degree in art from Fort Hays

State University. He is a representational landscape painter of the west. His work reflects the quality of light, nature and spirit drawn from the land. For many years he has made trips to various parts of the west to gather reference material for realistic impressions created primarily in oil. David emphasizes the beauty and importance of the natural landscape in his compositions. He is intrigued by the patterns and shapes in nature and concentrates on the effects of light on these elements. For more information call (785) 689-4846 or www.hansenmuseum.org

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