

FFA officers conference held

Hannah Fulton of the Norton FFA Chapter participated in the Kansas FFA District Officer Conference held at Rock Springs Ranch in Junction City, August 23-24. Fulton serves as the Northwest District President.

Dedication, enthusiasm and service were key themes within the encompassing theme of Journeys throughout this year's conference. Just as each is necessary on a successful journey, district officers are expected to serve with these key themes in mind as they travel to their destination of impacting the lives of FFA members. Throughout the year, they will be serving FFA members across the state and building leadership skills that will make them capable, responsible citizens on the journey of life.

The conference began with an exciting session Going Beyond the Title, helping to remind district officers that they serve

for a reason, not just for the position. Exploring their roles more in depth, district officers learned what they will need to do to inspire members and really serve. The session following further divulged into Using the Title to Serve Others; you can use your position to serve more effectively in encouraging others to serve.

Inspiring words from national officer candidate, Bethany Bohnenblust of Labette County, and Associate Dean/Professor of K-State Agriculture Academic Programs, Dr. Don Boggs, further encouraged the officers in their endeavors.

Later the officers could be seen Developing Facilitation Skills as Bohnenblust led them in a session observing key skills that will enable them to produce great workshops. More importantly, they practiced these skills and learned how to apply them in their own workshops in a rotational, hands-on experience.



Chancy Marsh, left, received The Order of the Buffalo award from Wildlife and Parks Game Warden Larry Stones Thursday afternoon. Mr. Marsh has been a Hunter Safety instructor for 35 years.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Accident reports

Sept. 23 — Police officer Curtis Black, Norton, responded to an accident on South Street. A vehicle belonging to Shawn Sheldon, Garden City, was backed up against a mailbox when Officer Black arrived. The back of the vehicle was damaged and high centered on the driveway and ditch. Damage was listed at more than \$1,000, and no injuries were reported.

Sept. 24 — Police officer Adam Wahlmeier responded to an accident in the Attitudes parking lot. Sylvia Holmes, Norton, was back-

ing out of a parking slot and struck a vehicle belonging to Joe Henry, Norton. Mr. Henry's vehicle was legally parked. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000, and no injuries were reported.

Sept. 27 — Sheriff's Deputy Pat Douglas responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 383. Laurie Vsetecka, Almenna, and passenger April Moppin were traveling east on Highway 383 and their vehicle hit a deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000, and no injuries were reported.

Farmers offered financial aid

Farmers in Norton and Phillips counties who suffered crop or livestock losses due to excessive rain, flooding, hail, or tornadoes from March 15 through July 1, 2008 can now apply for Farm service Agency emergency loans.

That's the word from John C. Vogt, Farm Service Agency farm loan manager in Norton.

He said loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest rate and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay.

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes), lost

through these disasters.

Loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. Mr. Vogt said funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses.

Eligibility for an emergency disaster loan requires an applicant to be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Further details are available by contacting the Norton County Farm Service Agency office at 877-5156, ext. 27. The office is located at 11506 Pineview Dr.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

Sept. 18 — Elliott Conard, Norton, basic speed, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Sept. 18 — Brian Sproul, Norton, driving under the influence of alcohol, minor in possession of alcohol, basic speed, one-way roadway and refusal of PBT test. Plea agreement, driving under the influence amended to reckless driving, other charges dismissed. To repay court appointed attorney fees, 90 days jail suspended to serving 48 hours, driver's license restricted for 90 days and 1-year probation. Fine \$100, KBI lab fees \$400, court cost \$75.

Sept. 18 — Jessica Sorenson, Norton, speeding 30 in a 20 mph zone and fleeing and eluding of officer. Amended to reckless driving, to repay appointed attorney fees, driver's license restricted for 90 days and to receive 6 months probation, fine \$130, court cost \$75.

Sept. 18 — Landon Hamel, Norton, exhibition of acceleration and careless driving. To serve community service by pulling staples and nails from 5 utility poles that have been used to post garage sales, court cost \$75.

Sept. 18 — Vaughn Newman, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, under the age of 18 years, fine \$60.

Sept. 18 — Kayla Lee, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, under the age of 18 years, fine \$60.

Sept. 18 — Chance Miller, Almenna, driving under the influence of alcohol and minor in possession. To receive Diversion for 1 year, driver's license suspended for 30 days, Assessment fee \$500, Diversion fee \$250, ADSAP fee \$150, fine \$200, court cost \$75.

Sept. 25 — Aaron Roberts, Norton, driving in violation of restrictions, dismissed by city prosecutor, court cost \$75.

Sept. 25 — Matthew Greenwood, Grant, Neb., speeding 44 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Criminal

Sept. 18 — Jarrod Davis, Nor-

ton, domestic battery, amended to disorderly conduct. To repay court appointed attorney fees, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Sept. 25 — Cameron Duede, Hill City, furnishing alcohol to minors. To receive a Diversion and probation for 1 year. Diversion fee \$100, Assessment fee \$100, court cost \$75

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic

Sept. 18 — Keith A. Bader, Lenora, speeding 83 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$87, court cost \$66.

Sept. 18 — Carlos A. Fierro, Grand Island, Neb., failure to use child safety restraints, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

Sept. 18 — Judy B. Goltl, Hill City, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$51, court cost \$66.

Sept. 18 — Gary D. Stevens, Colby, driving on left in a no-passing zone, fine \$60, court cost \$66.

Sept. 18 — Mindy Mae Witt, York, Neb., speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$93, court cost \$66.

Sept. 25 — Michael E. Annon, Norton, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; first conviction, speeding 50 in a 25 mph zone, fine \$1,044, court cost \$66.

Sept. 25 — Skye LeAnn Beckman, Hastings, Neb., speeding 75 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$99, court cost \$66.

Sept. 25 — James P. Briery, Eudora, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$66.

Norton man honored

By BRANDY LEROUX
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Chancy Marsh, Norton, has received an "Order of the Buffalo" award for excellence in Hunter Safety Education.

"This is a tribute to Chancy's dedication to the Hunter Education Program and a prime example for all of us to look at in regards to commitment," said Larry Stones, Wildlife and Parks Game Warden.

Mr. Marsh has been active in the Hunter Safety Program for the last 35 years.

Nomination for the "Order of the Buffalo" award must be sub-

mitted in writing to the Hunter Education Coordinator by three or more instructors including at least one Master Instructor or Area Coordinator. The nominee must illustrate extraordinary involvement and exemplary performance, significantly contributing to the overall quality of the local program.

"Kansas Wildlife and Parks recognizes Chancy's dedication to outdoor traditions and wild resources, as well as his interest in promoting safe hunter behavior in the Norton area and our great state of Kansas," said Warden Stones.

Facility salutes employee

Special to The Telegram

Bob Husted has been selected as the Uniform Employee of the 1st Quarter at the Norton Correctional Facility.

Mr. Husted started his duties at the facility in March 1988. He is assigned as the Key Control Officer and locksmith as well as Armory Officer, and has previously worked as a night shift Utility Officer, Segregation Sergeant, and as a Work Crew Supervisor. Mr. Husted was assigned to Key Control in 1991 and began Tool Control. He is also a past Special Operations and Response Officer. As Key Control Officer, he was instrumental in planning, designing, and replacing all locks and keys in the facility.

"Mr. Husted has done an excellent job over the years with key and lock maintenance and control," said Kathy Wilmot, Public Information Officer at Norton Correctional

Facility.

"Recently he was given the duties of Armory Officer, and took those duties without complaint," she said. "He does a great job with this as well."

"Any time we need an odd job done or assistance, he is very willing to help and completes the task above expectations faster than expected."

COTTONWOOD RANCH TRAIL RIDE

Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site, near Studley, will host a trail ride on Sunday afternoon, October 5.

The public is invited to participate. Furnish your own horse. Wagons and hikers are welcome. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail. The ride will begin at Cottonwood Ranch at 1:00 and return to the site about 5:00. This trail ride is sponsored by Kansas Historical Society and Friends of Cottonwood Ranch and is FREE.

Contact Cottonwood Ranch at 785-627-5866 if you need more information



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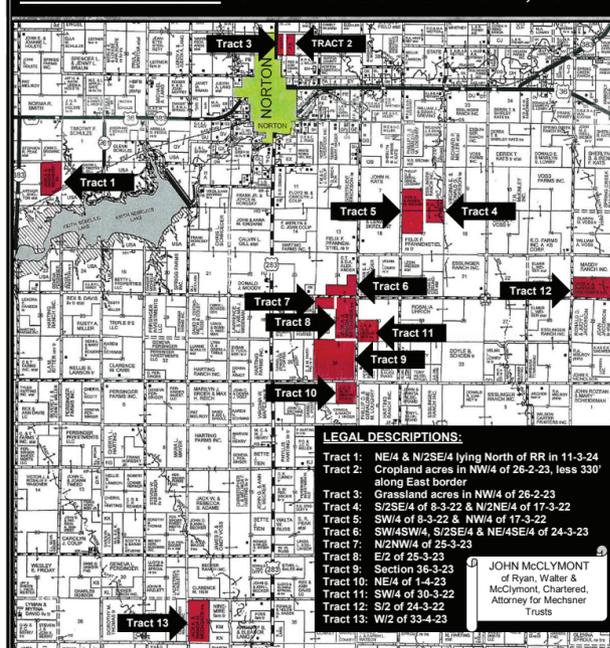
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LAND ABSOLUTE AUCTION

TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 2008

@ 10:30 AM, CDT

AUCTION LOCATION: St. Francis Parish Hall - Norton, KS



LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:
Tract 1: NE1/4 & N2SE1/4 lying North of RR in 11-3-24
Tract 2: Cropland acres in NW1/4 of 26-2-23, less 330' along East border
Tract 3: Grassland acres in NW1/4 of 26-2-23
Tract 4: S1/2SE1/4 of 8-3-22 & N1/2NE1/4 of 17-3-22
Tract 5: SW1/4 of 8-3-22 & NW1/4 of 17-3-22
Tract 6: SW4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4 & NE1/4SE1/4 of 24-3-23
Tract 7: N1/2NW1/4 of 25-3-23
Tract 8: E1/2 of 25-3-23
Tract 9: Section 26-3-23
Tract 10: NE1/4 of 1-4-23
Tract 11: SW1/4 of 30-3-22
Tract 12: S1/2 of 24-3-22
Tract 13: W1/2 of 33-4-23

SELLERS: MECHSNER TRUSTS

MANNER OF SALE: This real estate will be offered as a "MULTI-PARCEL" auction in 13 individual tracts and in combination of tracts. It will be sold in the manner that produces the highest aggregate bid. Bids on individual tracts and the total property may be made. Auction procedure and increments of bidding are at the discretion of the auction company.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale, with the balance to be paid on or before November 20, 2008, or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the Sellers. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be made in certified funds. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, needs to be arranged and approved prior to the auction. Announcements made day of sale will take precedence over printed material and previously made oral statements.

MINERAL RIGHTS: All of the Seller's interest will transfer to the Buyer(s) at closing.

CROPS: Buyer(s) will receive the landlord's share of the 2009 wheat crop.

CRP SHARE SPLIT: There are 3 different tenants on the cropland acres.
Buyer(s) on Tracts 6, 8 and 65.37 acres on Tract 9 will receive the landlord's 50% share and pay 50% of wheat and harvest cost in 2009.
Buyer(s) on Tracts 13 and 75.2 acres on Tract 9 will receive the landlord's 1/3 share.

The 2008 wheat stubble on Tracts 2, 8, 9, 11 and 12 has had RT-3, NHT & Brash applied as a burn-down.

CRP INSURANCE: Buyer(s) will pay the landlord's respective share of the 2009 wheat insurance.

FSA INFORMATION: Buyer(s) will receive the landlord's share of all FSA wheat payments and 100% of all FSA feed grain payments associated with the 2009 crop year on the same percentage splits as set out above, subject to FSA regulations.

CRP INFORMATION: Buyer(s) will receive 100% of all 2009 CRP payments which will accrue from 10/1/08 thru 9/30/09, and future years' payments under the current CRP contracts. Seller will retain 100% of 2008 payments.

CLOSING & POSSESSION: Date of closing will be on or before November 20, 2008. Buyer(s) will receive possession of all acreages except that land planted to Fall wheat no later than March 1, 2009.

REAL ESTATE TAXES: Sellers will pay taxes for 2008 and prior years. Taxes for 2009 will be paid by the Buyer(s).
AGENCY: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., their agents & representatives, are the Exclusive Agents of the Sellers.

TR #	TOTAL ACRES	CROP LAND	GRASS	CRP	CRP INFORMATION PER AC/ANN RMT/EXP	WHEAT BASE/YLD	PLANTED WHEAT YLD	CORN BASE/YLD	OATS BASE/YLD	GR SOYB BASE/YLD	BARLEY BASE/YLD	EASEMENTS:
1	225.0	159.8	0.0	65.7	\$30.95/\$2.033/2009	104.4/33	0.0	52.5/134				This sale is subject to all rights-of-way and easements, whether recorded or not, and to any oil and gas leases of record.
2	77.0	75.9	0.2			74.3/41	0.0					A new trans line will be constructed on the section line between Sections 8 and 17 (Tracts 4 & 5) by Prairie Land Electric.
3	51.0		51.0				0.0					Cooperative under a recent agreement which may or may not be filed of record as of this date.
4	160.0		163.8				0.0					
5	320.0	88.4	50.4	173.2	\$30.00/\$5.196/2009	83.4/39	0.0					
6	160.0	114.7	41.8			63.1/39	114.69		17.6/42	21.3/46	5.3/37	
7	80.0		78.3				0.0					
8	320.0	252.4	2.2	57.8	\$28.00/\$1.618/2010	160.5/39	90.00+		12.3/42	48.5/46	18.8/37	
9	640.0	319.1	0.6	300.8	205.26ac @ \$30.40/\$6.240/2009 95.54ac @ \$31.77/\$3.036/2012	304.4/39	140.57					
10	160.0		98.6	59.3	\$30.40/\$1.803/2009		0.0					
11	160.0	62.1	50.2	41.0	\$31.77/\$1.303/2012	62.1/39	0					
12	320.0	237.8	77.3			98.7/41	115.00+		28.9/42	56.5/45	5.8/40	
13	320.0	266.7	43.3			118.1/39	209.97		37.4/42	55.0/46	37.3/37	
2993.0		1575.9	657.7	697.8								

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Wanda Mechser, trustee of the Wanda Mechser Trust and the trustee of her late husband Jack Mechser's Trust, will sell this land at ABSOLUTE PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder on Tuesday, October 21st at the Parish Hall in downtown Norton. There are three tenants currently operating these farms. The crop share and harvesting arrangements are different as set out on this brochure, for example, Tracts 6, 8 and 65.37 acres in NW1/4 of Tract 9 were on a 50% lease with the landlord paying 50% of the expenses (including harvest expense) and getting 50% of the crop. The FSA payments will follow the crop. Both of the other tenants are on a 1/3-2/3 crop share with the landlord paying 1/3 of the fertilizer.
Tracts 2 and 3 could be good building sites and will be surveyed in the event they are purchased by two different parties at the auction. Tract 11 also offers the possibility of a building site.
The cropland, grassland and conservation reserve acres were derived by FSA and reflect the acreages as per their records. The original maps can be obtained from FSA or the auction company if requested.
This acreage has fantastic vegetation and cover on the grassland and CRP acreage. The cropland will produce good wheat, corn and milo.
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