

Speaker: Norton at center of universe Husky Jr. High honor roll

Major Ted Hanchett was the featured speaker at Memorial Day ceremonies at the Norton Cemetery. He talked about Norton being the center of the universe. He supported that claim with three observations.

"First is simply a piece of logic. No matter where you may be, you are in fact at the center of your universe."

Second, note that Norton is within 70 miles of the geographical center of the United States. This is simply a geographical fact.

My third, and most important, observation is that we are the cultural center of the universe," he said.

Maj. Hanchett said the United States is the most powerful, most wealthy and most influential country "because of the culture of freedom that we enjoy."

He quoted Gen. Colin Powell who said, "In all of history, only two entities have been willing to die for others. One entity is the American soldier, who is willing to die for others' freedom. The second entity is Jesus Christ who was willing to die for your soul."

The major said the quote from Gen. Powell describes America perfectly, saying our culture causes admiration, fear and our culture's prominence.

He also spoke about his belief that many citizens do not believe American culture is worth fighting for.

"They would say we should not be in Iraq or Afghanistan. I suggest to you that these people are thieves and selfish cowards, for they shun this part of our culture of patriotic generosity."

Maj. Hanchett believes that those who do not support the military in Iraq or Afghanistan are isolationists because they do not understand American culture. "These citizens do not cherish the many freedoms that our military has afforded to us because it represents a culture they cannot identify with."

He also cited former President George W. Bush, saying that "he (President Bush) understood American culture is worth fighting for." The speaker said "our culture cannot tolerate injustice or the theft of freedom, and President Bush was willing to fight for others' freedom."

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The major entered the military by attending Officer Training School in 1967. He also attended undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla., in 1967 and later attended advanced pilot training at Castle Air Force Base in California. He served in Vietnam, Guam, Thailand and Japan and flew 200 missions in the B-52 and accumulated 2000 flying hours under combat conditions.

He left active duty to pursue a civilian career, becoming the Chief of Court Services for the 17th Judicial District in Kansas. He served as a probation officer for 22 years.

Currently, Maj. Hanchett is an admissions officer for the United States Air Force Academy. "I have been assigned Northwest Kansas to meet and evaluate and guide young applicants through the admissions process," he said.

He said that every year 1,300 men and women enter the academy. These cadets must demonstrate leadership, character and 25 percent are ranked number one in their high school class, he said.

The demographics of the freshmen class are supposed to represent every state, but two thirds of the class is from middle America. Maj. Hanchett said Norton is in the middle of that representation.

"Our cultural difference here at the center of the universe results in a culture of selflessness and demonstrates why our sons and daughters choose to fight and die for our nation."

This year two Norton residents are graduating from the Air Force Academy; Michael Sprigg and Eric Burton.

"This is why we gather here today to honor those generous soldiers who have fallen while serving this country and this culture. It is their generosity we so respect and admire."

Cost share sign-up goes through June 8

Sign-up for conservation practices began May 19 at the Norton County Conservation District office, 11506 Pineview Dr, for the State Water Resources Cost Share Program. The sign-up will extend until June 8.

Practices eligible for cost-share in the Water Resources Program will include terraces, waterways, diversions, range seeding, critical area seeding, livestock wells, livestock pipeline and dry pit ponds, field windbreaks, and feedlot windbreaks.

The district will also cost share on such items as the plugging of abandoned wells and replacing failing septic systems.

To apply or for more information contact the Norton County Conservation District at 11506 Pineview Dr. or call 785-877-2623s Ext 40

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Library

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with a very rough draft and went from there, meeting once a month, she said.

"All of the committee members had good ideas. We just had to narrow them down," Mrs. Luehrs said.

The ideas included the Flying Debris and Marc Baker shows. Mrs. Luehrs said she booked both months ago.

There was a lot of discussion about entertainment and food, she

said. Birthday cake will be served during the celebration.

The City of Norton, Norton Library Foundation and Norton Friends of the Library provided donations for the event.

The Norton Friends of the Library are great supporters of the summer program for children, Mrs. Luehrs said.

They provide all of the reading supplies, refreshments and special programs for the summer reading program. They have also

provided tables for the community room and a coffee pot for the staff room.

The summer reading program includes a 10:30 a.m. story hour for children in the second grade and younger.

A 2 p.m. story hour will be held for children in the third through sixth grade.

Teens can attend Fun Nights at the library from 7-8:30 p.m. Both story hours and the fun night will be held Thursdays.

Eisenhower School

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third place for the Drip Drop on Different Surfaces Project.

In Mrs. Thalheim's fourth grade class first place went to the Down and Dirty Project. Layton Miller, Trenton Wright and Collin Long worked on the project together.

Second place went to Miah Melvin, Brianna White, Taylor

Wahlmeier and Jena Risewick for the Burr in the Fur project.

Kennady Bussing, Gia Laurin, Shania Burns and Caitlyn Cox won third place with their Evapo Chino project.

In Mrs. Sculze's 6th grade class first place went to Erin Archer, Maci LaPlant, AJ McMullen and Steve Cummings for their

Shine'em Up Pennies project.

The Best Flying Paper Airplanes project, Jessie Porter, Grant Gordon and Kendall Miller, won second place.

Third place went to Adrienne Hager, Nicole Tacha, Lance Ford and Derick Campbell for their You Better Wash Your Hands project.

Tech Center

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computer skills class will be held from 6-8 p.m. The is a registration fee that will cover both parts of the four hour class.

The classes can enroll six people; the center only has six laptops, but people are welcome to bring their own computers.

"This is something Norton needs. Everyone should have access to these classes without having to go to Hays, where classes are much more expensive," Ms. Wicker said.

"I hope we will be able to grow and add six more computers in six months," she said.

Shawn Mortensen will teach both classes. "Shawn has been teaching for six years; he is an experienced instructor," Ms. Wicker said.

A game night will be held June 5. Again there is an enrollment fee, but free pizza will be provided, Ms. Wicker said.

Participants will be divided up into two-man teams who will play Modern Warfare.

In the future, Ms. Wicker hopes to offer online classes through a university and video conferencing.

"We are very excited about what the technology center is offering people in Norton," she said.

The Norton Technology Center is sponsored by Pizza Hut and Markin Office Supply.

"Jeff and Barb Porter are helping to get the classes together, and I hope they will agree to teach a class in the future," Ms. Wicker said.



~ Dana Paxton ~



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Honor Roll

8th Grade — Erika Chandler, Phillip Compton, Haley Graham, Harley Rupp, Regan Simpson, Terry Southerland, Sheila Stillion, Alex Tharman.

7th Grade — Jordan Baird, Hunter Chandler, Mike Griffin, Ian Vincent,

Honorable Mention

8th Grade — Patience Coffman, McKinsey Evans, Ashley Jeffries, Brittanie Larison.

7th Grade — DaKota Hilburn, Kolton Hilburn, Aaron Pinzenscham, Dallas Stillion.

Grade point average is based on five subjects: Language Arts, Spelling, Math, Social Studies, and Science.

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Tuesday, June 2nd—12:00 noon
@ American Legion Building, Norton

Tuesday, June 2nd—6:30 p.m.
@ Ella Missing Center, Arapahoe

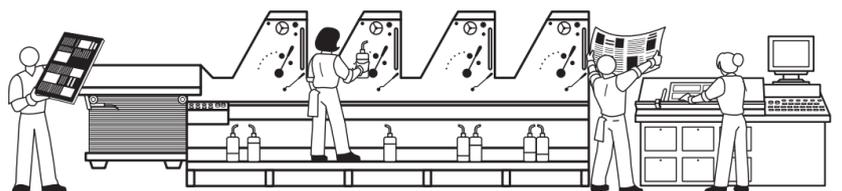
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