

Pioneers started Arbor Day in 1872

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Arbor Day actually got its start in the central Great Plains back in 1872.

United States citizens to the east had long taken their trees for granted. But, the pioneers who settled the territory west of the Missouri River quickly gained a new appreciation of forests' benefits.

"Back then in the demanding and rather austere Plains, access to trees could be a life-or-death issue. In today's terms, pioneers needed the region's trees for everything from wood products and renewable energy to flood control and climate mitigation. Some trees also supplied food or served as a haven for wildlife - which also could be food," said Charles Barden, forester with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

In sparsely settled Nebraska, a newspaper editor came up with the idea of acting on that pioneer-type regard by selecting a day when each person in the territory would plant a tree. Nebraska's early residents responded by

planting at least 1 million trees to replace those they'd cut and used. And, in the years following, their Arbor Day celebrations continued to be so successful that the observance soon spread to other states and then to schools nationwide.

From 1873 to 1891, a national Timber Claim Act allowed homesteaders to secure title to a quarter section of land by planting 10 acres of forest trees and maintaining them for eight years. By a wide margin, residents of the new state of Kansas responded by leading the nation in taking advantage of that opportunity.

K-State Research and Extension is a short name for the Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, a program designed to generate and distribute useful knowledge for the well-being of Kansans. Supported by county, state, federal and private funds, the program has county Extension offices, experiment fields, area Extension offices and research centers statewide. Its headquarters are on the K-State campus in Manhattan.

Twin Creeks to offer a class on Breakfast 101

The Twin Creeks Extension District in Norton County is looking for a few good kids to participate in Breakfast 101.

Third through fifth grade students for the 2010 - 2011 school year are invited to participate this June in the program. Twenty Norton County 3rd - 5th grade students will be accepted for this free two week series. Classes will be held from June 13 - 17 and then again from June 20 - 24th at Eisenhower Elementary School in Norton. Participants do not have to be students from Norton. They can attend school anywhere in Norton County.

During Breakfast 101 classes, participants will learn basic food preparation skills, nutrition information, play educational games, do physical activities and, best of all, they will get to eat the simple breakfast foods that they prepare for the day.

If your child is in the third, fourth or fifth grade this school year and would like to be one of the 20 participants to attend Breakfast 101, please contact Twin Creeks Extension District at 785-877-5755 or stop by the office in the Norton County Courthouse. Ask for a registration form. Fill out the registration form and return it by Friday, May 27, to the Extension Office. If you are selected as one of the twenty youth who will participate, there will be a more extensive form to fill out which will be due on Friday, June 10, to the same location.

An opportunity is also available

FYI

The Norton County Horse Council will hold a roping clinic at the Norton Horse Arena in Elmwood Park on Saturday, May 7, and Sunday, May 8, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Smith Memorial Team Roping will be on May 28 at 1 p.m. at the Norton County Horse Arena in Elmwood Park.

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Agenda for Relay for Life

Norton County Relay for Life is rapidly approaching. A reception for the survivors will be held May 5 at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room in the basement of Norton County Hospital. Refreshments will be served and survivors are honored. Survivor tee shirts will be available that evening for all who ordered them.

At the same time, Bank Night will be held. Team members who have monies are asked to have them turned in on or before that evening to Carol Otter, Relay

Treasurer. Anyone who has not been approached about purchasing luminaries may contact any team member before this date to do so. Luminaries are \$10, and the bags may decorated as simply or extravagantly as the purchaser desires. The purpose of buying luminaries is to honor survivors and remember those who lost their fight with cancer.

Relay will be held May 13-14 at the Courthouse Square in downtown Norton. Survivors are invited to come for Pizza at 6:30.

Opening Ceremonies begin at 7:00. These include the presentation of the Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening prayer, people discussing the impact of Relay and a talk by Dr. Glenda Mauer, the guest speaker.

At 7:30 the Survivor Ceremony and lap will occur, followed by the team parade at 7:45. Team members will then begin their walk. A Fight Back ceremony will be at 9:00 with Ronnie Barkley, a Hero of Hope, as featured speaker. The luminaria will be lit about 10:00,

and the names of all those being honored will be read, both the survivors and the fallen.

Team members will walk all night. There will be a free movie during the night for those who are not walking. Music will be played between ceremonies and speakers, so if any team members want to dance around the square during their time to walk, that is an option.

Closing ceremonies will conclude 2011's Relay for Life at 7:00 Saturday morning.

Governor attended ribbon cutting at K-State

Gov. Sam Brownback and Commerce Secretary Pat George praised the opening of the International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute on the Kansas State University Olathe Innovation Campus as a new chapter in the efforts to make Kansas a global center for research. Brownback and George attended the ribbon cutting today marking the formal opening of the new institute, located just east of Kansas Highway 7 on College Boulevard.

"This is a great day for Kansas and K-State," Brownback said. "The opening of this institute will strengthen the efforts to make our state a worldwide leader in animal health and food safety, which

in turn will greatly expand our research and economic activity, and create jobs."

Brownback is hosting a series of Economic Summits focused on different industry sectors important to the state. The Animal Health Summit will be held on June 9 in Manhattan.

"This new institute will help K-State become one the nation's best research universities in the growing industry sector of animal health and food safety," George said. "This is a world-class facility that will help Kansas attract the brightest academic minds and the best innovative businesses to the Animal Health Corridor."

The institute is a \$28-million,

108,000-square-foot facility. The K-State Olathe campus will serve as a center for research, education and commercialization. Students earning master's and doctorate degrees in biosciences and biotechnology will work alongside scientists conducting research on the campus.

In addition, K-State Olathe also will partner with the Kansas City area companies in providing professional development training for employees. K-State Olathe is part of the Johnson County Education and Research Triangle initiative,

a cooperative effort with the University of Kansas that involves KU's Edwards Campus and the KU Medical Center.

God bless the USA

Sudoku Puzzle #2160-M

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ACROSS

- Buffalo hockey player
- Middle of Flintstone's yell
- Early hrs.
- For the birds?
- Shoreline recess
- "Can't Help Lovin' ___ Man"
- Headline announcing a sax player's retirement?
- Nada
- ___ y Plata (Montana's motto)
- Patricia of "Hud"
- Windy City el initials
- Knot art
- Rod, Martha, or Jon
- Claro residue
- Full of chutzpah
- Hefty volumes
- Dish out whoppers
- The Andrews Sisters, e.g.
- Quarterback-turned-politico Jack
- Veg out
- Grant's side
- Belfry critters
- "___ Torino" (Eastwood movie)
- Sign on a staff
- Dander
- Eskimo people
- "Love Story" author Erich
- Big Bertha, for one
- Most resembling Caspar
- Milquetoast
- Decked out
- Ullmann or Tyler
- Deck quartet
- Bard's before
- Docs' org.

DOWN

- Get droopy
- NYC's Park or Lex
- Half a quarter
- Stropped item
- Application filler
- SW or NE
- Author unknown: Abbr.
- Like Muddy Waters's music
- Sired, biblically
- Jock
- Commercials for an ax?
- ___ d'hôtel
- March festive date, for short
- Big hit in "The Natural"
- Shopaholic's hangout
- Home to most of Turkey
- Latin revolutionary's French home?
- Land of the leprechauns
- Where life begins
- ___-over (narrator's job)
- Did a pizzeria chore
- Estrada or Satie
- Gymnast Korbut
- Like Annie Oakley's aim
- Fax, say
- Eroded, as with acid
- Site of the legendary Fountain of Youth
- White Rabbit's lament
- ___ Marcus (retail chain)
- "___ by Starlight"
- Butcher-shop sight
- "Jurassic Park" bug trapper
- Tend to the sauce
- Meditative sect
- Rebellious Turner
- Ending with ethyl or methyl
- Marv Albert catchword

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