

Schulze Home: An alternative to building



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As part of this year's Norton County Arts Council Homes Tour membership drive, the home of Brian Schulze will be featured on the tour. Scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11, the tour will be held from 2-4 p.m. Schulze's home, located at 15290 Robinson Creek Lane, is a newly-constructed home which was completed last August. Schulze explained that the 1,580 square-foot house is a pre-

fabricated house constructed by Wardcraft of Minden, Neb. He was able to tour the Wardcraft factory and see how the homes are made and choose different options for his new home. He was able to choose specific features like flooring, lighting, doors, cabinetry and trim. Though primarily constructed at the Wardcraft factory, the house was delivered in different pieces and finished on site. Prior to delivery, however, a basement was prepared as a foundation for the house. The home's

garage and deck were also built on-site. Schulze said that he was attracted to the prospect of a prefabricated home because it is nearly constructed when it arrives on-site, so construction can be completed without stalling for weather. Weather did, however, slow down the process because the basement had to be poured, which required dry weather. In addition, the house is delivered via rural roads, often gravel, which need to be dry for trans-

porting the house. Schulze said he chose a small lot on Robinson Creek Lane because he liked the idea of being near town, but also outside of town in a quiet area. Schulze grew up in Norton, but left after high school. He recently returned to the area, though, to take a job in Hill City. The construction of his home began in Jan. 2010 and Schulze was able to move last October. In that time, he had a garage built, installed carpet in the house, and was able to get his furniture moved in. Though the inside of the house is finished, Schulze said he is still working on some finishing details, such as landscaping. He recently sowed the yard with grass and will be finishing a back deck on the house. Schulze said he is very pleased with how his home came together and how easy the process was to complete. "The Wardcraft homes are

well-built and very well insulated," he said "As busy as everyone is, doing prefabricated is much easier and I'm pleased with what I got. I'm glad to be settled."



SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS Activities

Monday Sept. 12
Junior Magazine Sales End
Sophomore class ring presentation, A.P.
JV Football vs. St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Sept. 13
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
KAY Meeting, A.P.
JV Tennis @ Russell, 3 p.m.
V Tennis @ Phillipsburg, 3 p.m.
KAY Board, 7 p.m.
Wednesday Sept. 14
Homecoming Royalty pre-election, 8:30 a.m.
Vision and hearing screens
SADD, A.P.
Thursday Sept. 15
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.

Vision and hearing screens
Drama Club, A.P.
JV Tennis at Phillipsburg, 3 p.m.
Cross Country at Hays, 3:45 p.m.
V and JV Volleyball vs. Goodland, 4:30
Friday Sept. 16
Registration Deadline for Oct. 22, ACT Test
Faculty Meeting, 7:45 a.m.
FB at Plainville, 7 p.m.
Saturday Sept. 17
Band Day at KSU
Sunday, Sept. 18
FCCLA/NHS Highway pick-up, 2 p.m.
NJHS Activities
Monday Sept. 12

Kay Meeting, A.P.
Tuesday Sept. 13
7th FB vs. Southern Valley, Neb., 5 p.m.
Thursday Sept. 15
Vision and hearing screens
EES Activities
Monday Sept. 12
CBMs-Grade 6
Tuesday Sept. 13
CBMs-Grade 2
Wednesday Sept. 14
CBMs-Grade 3
TEAM Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Thursday Sept. 15
CBMs-Grade 1
5/6 Grade Level Meeting, 3:40
Friday Sept. 16
Vision and hearing screens,

Northern Valley Activities
Monday Sept. 12
Bus drivers meeting, TBD
HS CC at Alma, 4:30 p.m.
HS JV FB vs. Stockton at Almena, 6 p.m.
School board meeting in the conference room at Almena, 8 p.m.
Tuesday Sept. 13
6th Grade to Kansas State Fair
HS VB vs. Logan and Natoma at Natoma, 4 p.m.
Instrument Display Night in the music room at Almena, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 14
Hansen Scholarship test at Logan, 9 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 15

Jr. High and High School band rehearsal in Almena, 11:30 a.m.
Jr. High VB and FB vs. Damar at Long Island, 4 p.m./6 p.m.
5th Grade Bake Sale at Long Island, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 16
Homecoming Parade
FNB and Trust Tailgate Party-Hamburger/hot dog feed and everyone is welcome, 5:30 p.m.
HS FB vs. Logan at Almena-HOMECOMING!, 7 P.M.
Homecoming Dance following FB game.
Saturday Sept. 17
JH and HS Band Day at Manhattan, 8 a.m.

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SCHOOL MENU

Norton Jr-Sr High Schools Menu
Monday, Sept. 12
-Breakfast: Sausage/cheese biscuit, fruit or juice; or assorted cereal, toast.
-Lunch: Chicken nuggets, french fries, carrots, mandarin oranges, french bread or chef salad, milk.
Tuesday, Sept. 13
-Breakfast: Breakfast quesadilla, hash brown patty, fruit or juice; or assorted cereal, toast.
-Lunch: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes/gravy, carrots, rolls, peaches or chef salad, milk.
Wednesday, Sept. 14
-Breakfast: French toast stix, fruit or juice; or assorted cereal, toast.
-Lunch: Chicken strip sandwich, lettuce/tomato, baked beans, peaches or chef salad, milk.
Thursday, Sept. 15
-Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit

or juice; or assorted cereal, toast.
-Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, combo salad, peaches, chocolate cookie or chef salad, milk.
Friday, Sept. 16
-Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit or juice; or assorted cereal, toast.
-Lunch: Ham and turkey deli sandwich/cheese, lettuce/tomato, pasta salad, pears or chef salad, milk.
Eisenhower Menu
Monday, Sept. 12
-Breakfast: Rolled up sausage link, tater tots, grape juice, milk.
-Lunch: Peanut butter/honey sandwich, cottage cheese, warm peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges, milk.
Tuesday, Sept. 13
-Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, peaches, milk, orange juice.
-Lunch: Pizza roll-ups, tossed salad, pears, cookie, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 14
-Breakfast: Homemade pancakes/syrup, apple juice, milk.
-Lunch: Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll, milk.
Thursday, Sept. 15
-Breakfast: Breakfast cake, grape juice, milk.
-Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, mixed veggies, applesauce, french bread, milk.
Friday, Sept. 16
-Breakfast: Hard-cooked eggs, warm toast, apple juice, milk.
-Lunch: Sloppy Joe/bun, corn, tater tots, orange half, milk.
Northern Valley Menu
Monday, Sept. 12
-Breakfast: Blueberry muffin/patty, scrambled eggs/pears, assorted cold cereal.
-Lunch: Burrito, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered corn, watermelon.
Tuesday, Sept. 13

-Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, scrambled/orange juice, assorted cold cereal.
-Lunch: Sub. sandwich, tri-tators, buttered spinach, sliced peaches.
Wednesday, Sept. 14
-Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, hash browns/fruit punch, assorted cold cereal.
-Lunch: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, hot roll, butterscotch pudding.
Thursday, Sept. 15
-Breakfast: Egg biscuit/hash browns, grape juice, assorted cold cereal.
-Lunch: Cavatini, tossed salad w/dressing, bread sticks, buttered green beans, cherry pudding pie.
Friday, Sept. 16
-Breakfast: French toast/syrup/pear half, hash browns/sausage patty, assorted cold cereal.
-Lunch: Wiener Wagons, tri-tators, baked beans, fruity jell-o.

Mission

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Derek agreed to enroll in treatment in January, 2008 and he was official checked in on Jan. 24. Throughout that time, Siefers was able to spend time with her son as frequently as she wished and saw how treatment and recovery were slowly reviving the son she knew previous to his addiction. "Derek had a lot of shame and guilt from the choices he made and he wanted to make that right," Siefers said. "Through treatment, I was able to see the sparkle in his eye and hear his giggle and see the glimmer of hope that he would come through this experience on the other side." Derek left Valley Hope on

Feb. 22, 2008 and continued on the path toward recovery. He attended support meetings, altered his lifestyle to avoid old habits and worked hard to stay clean. April 2, 2008 was the last time Siefers would ever talk to her son. On a trip to Las Vegas, Siefers spoke with Derek, who reported that his plans for the evening included a support group meeting, then a coonhunting trip with a friend. On April 3, however, Siefers was waiting to board a bus on the Las Vegas strip when she got the call that would change her life forever. Derek had shot himself and wouldn't live to see the light of another day. Now more than three years after watching her son struggle

with and eventually lose his battle with addiction, Siefers is dedicating her life to making sure no one else has to face the same battle or go through what her family has endured. Part of that mission is to encourage current and potential Valley Hope clients any way she can. Her volunteer time includes promoting the mission of Valley Hope while being "on call" for the agency's clients. She has been known to transport clients to Valley Hope at all hours of the day and night and be available to anyone who just wants to talk about their experience. Siefers said that's the least she can do to make sure no one else dies from addiction. "My son died from the illness of addiction, but no one else has

to," Siefers said. "If there's just one person who gets something from Derek's story, his legacy lives on and he didn't die in vain."

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