

# An enterprise that hits the target

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Merida, Mexico. At this location in the thick jungles near Cancun, a guided hunt is underway. The hunters are stalking a wild turkey. Their guide has come here all the way from Kansas.

Carlos Navarro is the owner and founder of a hunter's outfitting service known as Santa Maria Ranch. Carlos has a fascinating history. He was born in Monterrey, Mexico where his father was a professional soccer player. Carlos especially enjoyed the outdoors. Their family home was on the edge of town, just a block from the woods. Carlos and other little boys in the neighborhood would go rabbit hunting with slingshots.

One day when Carlos was five, he went with his family to a nearby sulphur springs for medicinal bathing. He saw the men shooting target practice with .22 rifles and preparing to go on a hunt. Carlos was so interested that he cried until his father consented to take him along on the hunt as well. After that, Carlos was hooked.

By the time Carlos was 15, he was organizing hunting trips with his friends. He also figured out that if he volunteered to take his great-grandmother to visit her family in the mountains, she could visit relatives while he went hunting, so he volunteered often. What a good great-grandson....

Down the street from Carlos lived an American husband and wife with a couple of children. Since they had no extended family nearby, Carlos' family adopted them as their own. He and his cousins started calling the American kids their cousins as well.

Carlos grew up, studied chemistry in college and went to work in the laboratory of a chemical company. At age 21, he found that one of his childhood American "cousins" had moved to Kansas City. Carlos came up for a visit and found that he liked it. He got a visa, got a job washing dishes and set out to learn English.

Carlos took a bus to English classes at a church two times a day. He learned English so well that his wife told him, "You would be a good interpreter." He was tested and, sure enough, did prove to be an excellent interpreter. For 13 years he worked as a medical interpreter at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

Carlos has a strong passion for hunting. On one bowhunt in Mexico, Carlos bagged a world record Yucatan grey-brown Brockett deer, which is said to be so elusive that only 33 have ever been shot with a rifle and just three with a bow, ever. It took the famous naturalist Aldo Leopold several trips and multiple years before he finally got one.

In 2000, Carlos bought a 480-

acre Geary County farm named Santa Maria Ranch. Carlos set up a guiding and outfitting service for hunters, opened the ranch for hunting and identified neighbors who would open their farms for lease hunting as well.

Today, the Santa Maria Ranch outfitting service operates on more than 10,000 acres of privately-owned land in the heart of the Flint Hills. The acreage is south of Interstate 70, primarily between Junction City and the rural community of Skiddy which has a population of perhaps 20 people. Now, that's rural.

This rural acreage is farm-ground and grassland, intersected by deep timbered draws and creeks which make the area ideal for deer and turkey hunting. Carlos' customers might also hunt for predators such as bobcats or coyotes.

Through old friends in Mexico, Carlos also books hunts south of the border. Primarily these are turkey hunts, but Carlos also leads big game hunts. His customers have come from coast to coast and beyond. For more information, go to www.santamariaranch.com.

It's time to say adios to Merida, Mexico, where a guide from Kansas is leading a wild turkey hunt. We salute Carlos Navarro for making a difference by building on his hunting skills to create an international business. In organizing this enterprise, he definitely hit the target.

## BIRTH

Heath and Sara (Schrum) Beery, Rose Hill, are the proud parents of a new daughter. Emersyn Grace was born Friday, Aug. 23 at 5:09 p.m., at Wesley Medical Center. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and was 19.25 inches long. Siblings include, brother Jace (seven years old) and sisters Taryn (five years old) and Kaylin (22 months). Grandparents are Steve Schrum, Norton, and Joe and Renda Beery, Cimarron. Great-grandparents are J.B. and Betty Schrum, Norton and Maxine Beery, Cimarron.



## PUBLIC RECORD

### 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 and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

### Aug. 22

July 17-Rosalba Mendoza, Agra; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Aug. 10-Dawn Marie Norman, Norcatur; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

July 17-Guy E. Ortiz, Agra; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 6-Francisco Javier Ramirez Linares, Norcatur; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

July 18-Cole R. Renner, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Aug. 7-Cole R. Renner, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt (14-17 years of age); Found: Guilty; Fine: \$60.

July 27-Oscar A. Rivas-Ramos, Lexington, Neb.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 22-Terry Lee Soll, Dow City, Iowa; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

July 17-Kurtis Robert Venjohn, Pheasanton, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 81 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$177.

July 27-Eberta Alicia Vielman Diaz, Lexington, Neb.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 21-Kody Stephen Woolridge, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Vehicles; unlawful acts; registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

### Aug. 29

July 11-Lola Ann Baalman, Hoxie; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Aug. 18-Vilish Chandrakant Bhakta, Hays; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Aug. 1-Vertie Lance Bolyard, Colby; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 20-Tyler Cole Brockman, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 19-John H. Edmiston, Warrensburg, Mo.; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

Aug. 2-Craig Allan Heino, Taos, N.M.; Charge: Failure to yield at stop or yield; Found:

Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Aug. 10-Thomas Joseph, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

July 27-Dennis Kachel, Edmond; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

May 30-Ross Bradley Plagens, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Charge: Driving under the influence; 1st conviction; Found: (DUI only) Deferred adjudication: Fine: \$1,098.

Aug. 20-Garrett Jake Robertson, Farmington, Utah; Charge: Speeding 81 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$177.

July 31-Jenna Lee Rolland, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Aug. 7-Mary M. Sexton, Galesburg, Ill.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Aug. 7-Russell M. Sexton, Galesburg, Ill.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 4-Nicholas William Smith, Phillipsburg; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 27-Jay D. Stokesbury, Phillipsburg; Charge: Speeding

80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

July 25-Leslie William Vanover, Clayton; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

Aug. 20-David A. Werner, Palisade, Neb.; Charge: Gross weight limits for vehicles; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$331.

### Sept. 5

Aug. 21-Russell W. Adams, Patoka, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 56 in 45; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

May 30-Tiffany Leann Becker, Logan; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 8-Tiffany Leann Becker, Logan; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Aug. 11-Roger Dorsey Collier, Westminster, Colo.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Aug. 3-Taylor L. Denney, St. Francis; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

Aug. 11-Sarah Elizabeth Fritzson, Blue Rapids; Charge: One-way glass and sun screening devices; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

## SCHOOL MENU

### NCHS-NIHS

Monday, Oct. 7

Breakfast-Sausage gravy, biscuits, fruit, apple juice and milk.

Lunch-Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, country gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, rolls w/margarine, pears and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Breakfast-Apple cinnamon bar, applesauce, orange juice and milk.

Lunch-Corn dogs, baked beans, carrots, pineapple tidbits and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Breakfast-Assorted cereal, toast w/margarine, fruit, grape juice and milk.

Lunch-Taco salad, lettuce, cheese, tomato, celery stick, rosy applesauce and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Breakfast-Breakfast quesadilla, fruit, grape juice and milk.

Lunch-Chicken nuggets, potato puffs, carrots, Mandarin oranges, french bread and milk.

Friday, Oct. 11

Breakfast-French toast sticks, Mandarin oranges, orange juice, syrup and milk.

Lunch-Breaded beef patty, whipped potatoes, country gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, apples, rolls w/margarine and milk.

### EES Menu

Monday, Oct. 7

Breakfast-Oatmeal breakfast rounds, bananas and milk.

Lunch-Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, pineapple chunks, whole wheat roll and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Breakfast-Whole grain waffles, warm syrup, sausage links, Mandarin oranges and milk.

Lunch-Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Breakfast-Chilled yogurt, strawberries, toast with jelly and milk.

Lunch-Roast beef, whipped potatoes, gravy, apple wedge, pepper strips, banana bread and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Breakfast-Pizza with cheese topping, fruit cocktail and milk.

Lunch-Ike Burger, homemade bun, sweet potato french fries, dill spear, pears and milk.

Friday, Oct. 11

Breakfast-Breakfast bake, salsa, toast with jelly, peaches and milk.

Lunch-Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, lima beans, strawberry fruit cup, cookie and milk.

### Northern Valley Menu

Monday, Oct. 7

9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12

Regional Tennis Tournament Varsity Volleyball at Scott City, 9 a.m.

### NJHS

Monday, Oct. 7

Science curriculum meeting at Unified Office, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

"C" and JV football at Hays, 2 quarters each, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m. KAY Board, 7:45 a.m. SAAD, A.P.

JV/V Volleyball at Trego, with Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Dental checks KAYS, MTSS

Thursday, Oct. 10

JH Volleyball at Colby, 4 p.m. JH Football vs. Colby, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 11

MCEL meeting at Stockton, 10 a.m. MCEL Volleyball at Stockton, 9 a.m.

### EES

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Fire Safety Presentations: cafeteria, grades K-3 at 1 p.m., and grades 4-6 at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

International Walk to School Day. Walkers from the U.S.D. office depart at 7:45 a.m.

Dental checks

Friday, Oct. 11

Lightning Jack Presentations:

Breakfast-Ham and cheese bagel, hash browns, applesauce and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, seasoned cauliflower and frosted pear.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, juice, strawberries and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Hot ham and cheese, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, grapes and chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Breakfast-Plain muffin, juice, eggs, pineapple chunks and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad w/dressing, bread stick, marinara sauce and banana half.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Breakfast-Cinnamon coffee-cake, yogurt cup, juice and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Chicken patty, bun, mashed potatoes, seasoned peas and orange wedges.

Friday, Oct. 11

Breakfast-Breakfast casserole, toast, fruit, apple juice and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Sloppy Joe's, bun, potato wedges, seasoned beets and Mandarin oranges.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### NCHS

Monday, Oct. 7

All-Kansas Yearbook Deadline

Science curriculum meeting at Unified Office, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

"C" and JV football at Hays, 2 quarters each, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m. KAY Board, 7:45 a.m. SAAD, A.P.

JV/V Volleyball at Trego, with Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Dental checks KSHSAA 2014 and 2015 football scheduling meeting at Salina

Gifted seminar at Kansas State University

FCCLA Board meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m. FCCLA Board meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Cross country at Phillipsburg Invitational and MCL, 4:30 p.m.

JV/V Volleyball vs. Ellis and Goodland; Senior Night, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 11

Football at Colby, 7 p.m. Regional tennis at Trego, coaches meeting at 8 a.m.; introductions at 9 a.m.; play at

cafeteria, KDG at 9:30 a.m., and grade 3 at 10:15 a.m.

### Northern Valley

Monday, Oct. 7

HS JV football vs. Logan/Palco at Palco, 6 p.m.

Banana Split Party, HS cafeteria, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

HS volleyball vs. Golden Plains/Triplains/Brewster at Almena, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

FAA meeting during Activity Period

K-4 Fire Prevention Assembly, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10

NVJH Volleyball vs. Grinnell/Wheatland at Grinnell (A-B-C)

Cross country at Phillipsburg Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

JH football vs. Grinnell/Wheatland at Grinnell, 5:30 p.m.

Cheer bonfire at Almena Baseball Field, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 11

Marching band rehearsal at Almena, 11:30 a.m. Pep Rally in front of HS parade, 2:45 p.m.

HS football vs. Natoma (Homecoming/Senior Night), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Homecoming Dance in cafeteria, 8-11 p.m.

## Happy Anniversary

We have seen them here and we have seen them there either one or the other and even as a pair! They have cheered us on so now let us do them the honor then on their 60 years of wedding bliss with an open house at

The Golden Age Center, Oberlin on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 from 1 to 3 p.m.

If you are unable to be there cards can be mailed to:

Bob and Anita Montgomery  
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Mark Krehbiel joined the Bridges team in January 2013 and brings his knowledge of Financial Services to Bridges. Along with providing Life Insurance, Annuities, and benefit options, Mark works in the operations at Bridges.



Sara Lentz moved back to her hometown of Norton in February 2013 from Des Moines, IA. She currently manages the finances for Bridges in addition to being the human resources director.



Aaron Hale is the most recent addition to Bridges. Aaron moved back to Norton from Lawrence, KS in July 2013. He is working in the Crop, Farm, and Commercial departments.

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