

# Norton extension holds workshop

Kansas State University Research and Extension is teaming up with the Kansas Livestock Association, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency, and K-MAR 105 to offer six Cattle Risk Management Workshops around the state in February and March.

K-MAR 105 is a non-profit educational corporation associated with the Department of Agricultural Economics at K-State and the Kansas Farm Management Association.

The Norton workshop will be held Feb. 11 at the Norton County 4-H Building. The deadline to pre-register is Feb. 8 at the Norton County Extension Office. The workshop costs \$5 if participants pre-register or \$10 at the door and includes a meal.

Local sponsors include Almena Insurance, Bridges Insurance and Farm Bureau Financial Services.

Each workshop will feature the presentations: How Livestock Risk Protection Insurance Works; A Guide to Better Cattle Basis Forecasts; and Comparing LRP Insurance to Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Put Options. James Mintert, Kevin Dhuyvetter, and Art Barnaby, faculty members from K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics, will be featured presenters.

During the second half of each

workshop, participants will gain hands-on experience using Livestock Risk Protection Insurance and CME put options by making risk management decisions for a case farm and learning how those decisions affect the case farm's bottom line.

The workshops are targeted toward cattle producers, agricultural lenders and other beef industry stakeholders.

Workshop dates, locations and contact information include:

- Feb. 9 — Herington at the Herington Tri-County Fairgrounds, 620-382-2325.

- Feb. 11 — Norton at the Norton County 4-H Building, 785-877-5755.

- Feb. 21 — Wellington at the Raymond Frye Complex, 320 N. Jefferson, 620-326-7477.

- Feb. 23 — Salina at the Friendship Center, 746 Comanche, 785-309-5850.

- Feb. 28 — El Dorado at the Butler County Community Building, 200 N. Griffith, 316-321-9660.

- March 16 — Burlington at the Kelley 4-H Building in Kelley Park, 620-364-5313.

- March 31 — Syracuse at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 620-384-5255.

Contact the Norton County Extension Office 877-5755 for pre-registration by Feb. 8.

## Art contest open to students

The Junior Duck Stamp program is starting again and the deadline to submit entries for the waterfowl art contest is Tuesday, March 15.

The program is open to students in grades K-12. Students design stamps which feature ducks, swans and/or geese. Money raised from the sale of the Junior Duck

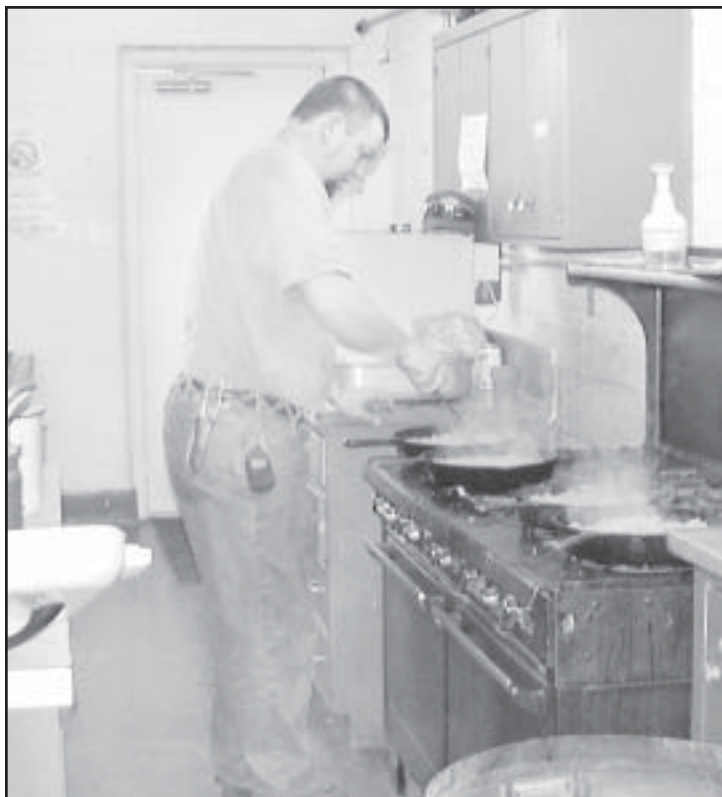
Stamp goes for conservation awards and scholarships.

Young artists may get entry forms from Lorrie Beck at the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita by calling (316) 683-5499, ext. 108, or by visiting the Junior Duck Stamp website <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>.



## Firemen can cook too...

Volunteers from the Norcat Rural and City Fire Departments (above) formed an assembly line Saturday afternoon in the old grade school kitchen to assemble 310 pizzas for delivery on Sunday. From left to right, the volunteers are Mark Bailey, Doug Dempewolf, Darren Wentz and Galen Wentz. Scott Hartzog (right) mans four skillets of hamburger to keep up with the demand. Every year the department takes orders for pizzas from community residents as a fund raising project to upgrade their equipment. Not pictured are firemen Patrick O'Hare, Gail Bailey, Carl Lyon, Rex Knapp and Troy Wentz. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



## Ice causes most of January accidents

Ice was the main cause of accidents in Norton County in early January.

Deena M. Wente, 39, Norton, was driving down a hill on S. Wabash when she lost control because of the ice, slid off the road and hit a building owned by the City of Norton on Jan. 3. Estimated damages to the 1995 Chevrolet van and the building were over \$500. There were no injuries and a seatbelt was used.

On Jan. 6, Jared L. Bebb, 16, Lenora, was northbound on U.S. 283 in a 1988 Pontiac four-door passenger car when he lost control because of the ice and slid into the east ditch. Damage to the vehicle is estimated to be over \$500. No injuries were reported and he was wearing his seatbelt.

On Jan. 7, Curtis J. Baker, 46, Logan, was driving west on Washington Street when he lost control of a 1996 Chevrolet Corsica, because of the icy road, and slid into the south ditch. The Chevy then went through a fence owned by Robert Smith, Norton, and slid east where it came to rest against a second fence. It was unknown if a seatbelt was worn, however no

injuries were reported. Estimated damages were over \$500.

Michelle K. Patterson, 29, Norton, was driving south on U.S. 283 when a deer came out of the west ditch. She was unable to avoid the deer. Damage to the 1999 Jeep Wagoneer in the Jan. 8 accident was estimated to be over \$500. Seatbelts were used and there were no injuries.

Another accident due to the icy

roads happened on Jan. 11. Thadene Conard, 57, Almena, was northbound on Road E-4 when she lost control, causing the 2003 Ford Bronco she was driving to spin back towards the south and then go into the east ditch. The Bronco overturned and landed on its side. She was wearing her seatbelt and suffered no injuries. Damages to the vehicle was estimated to be over \$500.

## Junior high spelling champs go to county competition

The annual Norton Junior High spelling bee was held Wednesday during the school activity period. Five seventh graders and six eighth graders qualified for the oral competition round.

Kyle Mindrup, eighth grade, was crowned champion as he won by spelling *turpentine* then *asparagus*. Placing second and third respectively were Phillip Becker and Lacy Keilig. These three will

represent the school at the county spelling bee at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the East Campus auditorium. The alternate will be Bethany Winkle.

Others competing were: seventh grade — Tyler Cook, Kendra Engelbert and Austine Dole; eighth grade — Matt Stanley, Josh Gallentine, Jordon Bebb and Jacob Van Skike.



Members of the Wichita Children's Theatre presented an updated version of "Three Billy Goats Gruff" during an afternoon performance Friday at the East Campus Auditorium. Members of the cast were Ashley Sorensen, Wichita, who played the troll; Victor May of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was Fred Goat; Amanda Nell Gawith, Salina, portrayed Nanny Goat; and Loren J. Connell, Kansas City, Mo., was Billy Goat. The play was sponsored by Norton County Arts Council.

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