



This picture of Amy Wentz, 3, cuddling a puppy during the 4-H Hand Pet, Cat and Dog Show, won first place for feature photos in the Kansas Press Association's Bet-

ter Newspaper Contest for small non-daily papers. Amy is the daughter of Darren and Lois Wentz, Norcatar.

— Winning photo by Carolyn Plotts

Paper wins 11 awards in contest

The Norton Telegram has won 11 awards from the Kansas Press Association's annual Better Newspaper contest for 2004.

The Telegram's Carolyn Plotts won first place in the feature photo contest with a picture of a little girl holding a puppy during the annual cat and dog show at the county fair.

This is the second year in a row that Mrs. Plotts has won first place in the feature photo category. Last year her picture of a young girl holding a sheaf of wheat and standing in the middle of a ripe field took the top prize.

Mrs. Plotts also won first place in agricultural coverage for a story on a buffalo farmer, which ran in the June 18 edition of the paper.

The paper won a third first-place award in headline writing. The entry included three headlines:

On Feb. 6, the top story was bannered with the headline, "It's snow good to see," on a weather story. On Feb. 20 the county was dealing with the rising costs of health insurance and the story was headlined "The county's 'Cross' to bear is 'Blue'." On Feb. 24 Norton sent 10 wrestlers to the state tour-

namment and the front page headline read "One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and 10 to go".

Reporter Veronica Monier won second place in investigative reporting for her stories on anonymous flyers, which were sent out to county residents in September and October, during the election.

A special section honoring World War II veterans also received a second place award. The section was inserted in the paper to correspond with Veterans Day in November.

Miss Monier and Mrs. Plotts received a third place award in investigative reporting for their stories on possible cutbacks in money to support group homes for the severely mentally handicapped in Norton. The stories ran in March and April. Money for the group homes was not cut from the state budget.

Intern reporter Brandon Gay, who graduated from the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas in December, won a third place award for sports photography for his pic-

ture of a little girl batting during a ball game in June.

Mr. Gay won a first place award last year for his feature package on landfill problems in Norton County.

Miss Monier won a third place award for her picture of a dog looking through the wires of its cage at the Norton City Animal Shelter in December. Norton Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman said that she had several calls and the dog in the picture was adopted within a few days. Another dog, whose picture appeared in the same issue, had been lost and was reclaimed after its owner spotted its picture in the paper.

Columnist and writer Liza Deines, known for her fondness of old recipes, auctions and antiques, won a third-place award for agricultural writing for her memories of feeding harvest crews when she was young.

Mrs. Plotts won an honorable mention for her individual story about the mentally handicapped residents of Eisenhower House and Grant House, which ran on April 13 as a feature story. The

story was part of the package, which won the investigative writing award for her and Miss Monier.

The paper also received an honorable mention for a photo package on the county fair. The pictures were taken by Miss Monier and Mrs. Plotts and ran as two full pages in the paper on Aug. 3. Mrs. Plotts' prize-winning picture of the little girl and a puppy was part of the package.

The Telegram is considered a small weekly by the press association.

Other Nor' West Newspapers winning Kansas Press awards were: The Oberlin Herald, a second place for news and two third places for a special section on World War II veterans and a community service award.

The Goodland Star-News won a first place in feature writing, second places in news writing and headline writing, third places in feature writing and youth stories and honorable mentions for an education story and sports column writing.

The Colby Free Press received a third place award for editorial writing. The Free Press is in the small daily category, The Herald is considered a medium-size weekly and The Star-News is in the small weekly category even though, like Norton, it is published twice a week.



Master quilter, Peg Pennell, Omaha, displayed some of her quilting projects to members of the Heritage Quilt Club.

— Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

Quilter shows off projects

Peg Pennell, Omaha, quilter, lecturer and teacher was in Norton Friday and Saturday.

She presented a lecture and trunk show Friday evening on using color and design in quilts. Close to 70 area quilters attended.

Saturday she conducted two workshops on "Free Motion Machine Quilting" and the "Foundation Piecing". Twenty-four quilters took part in the workshops.

This event, sponsored by Norton's Heritage Quilt Club, attracted sewers from Logan, Smith Center, Phillipsburg, Prairie View, Hoxie, Holdrege and Norton.

Dispatcher hired; deputy still needed

By VERONICA MONIER

A new dispatcher has been found, but the Norton County Sheriff's Department is still short a deputy.

Sheriff Troy Thomson told Norton County commissioners on Monday that he has hired Kristen Skrdlant to replace Carol Carlin, who retired after 25 years of experience. Ms. Skrdlant is from the area, he said.

But, he said, he is still looking for a deputy.

Sheriff Thomson said he has advertised in every paper in a 100-mile radius, in addition to advertising in the Salina Journal, but has had no applicants.

However, he said, he would be talking to a man who was previ-

ously interested in the position. He said the man has experience working for the Oakley Police Department and is from the New Almelo area.

Sheriff Thomson told the commissioners that the department is planning a retirement party for Ms. Carlin from 4-6 p.m. Friday in the basement of Prairie Land Electric.

As the emergency preparedness director, he told the commissioners that the county will have about \$20,000 left of a bioterrorism grant, which has been used to buy equipment. He said he'll be having a meeting with the department supervisors to see what still needs to be ordered. Next year's grant should be about \$60,000, he said.

Norton Rotary Club to take over radio station

The Norton Rotary Club has put the "fun" into fund-raising with "Rotary Radio Day"

Rotarians will become deejays on Sunday, May 1 when they take over Norton's KQNK radio station. Club members have been selling ads to local businesses. On radio day, they will read the ads while they play music, and conduct a Rotary Radio Auction.

Anyone may bid on the items offered for auction. The radio

station's phone number is 877-3378.

A variety of items have been donated for the auction, including a golf cart and a stained glass pitcher.

All of the money raised will go to support club projects and scholarships. Club projects include God's Pantry, the Polio-Plus Program and BB gun team sponsorship.

Tune in to Rotary Radio Day on KQNK at 1530AM and 106.7FM.

State to hold meeting on how to save money

A "Sharing Approaches that Work" forum will be held Thursday at the Norton American Legion.

The Kansas Association of Counties, in cooperation with officials across the state, is holding regional forums to talk about ways for counties and county-related organizations to save money.

The morning session, 9:30 a.m.-noon, will cover a prescription drug workshop, while a local government roundtable will be held in the afternoon from 1-3:30 p.m.

The prescription drug workshop will tell counties how to lower pre-

scription drug costs for those in jail, in hospitals, for emergency medical services, health departments and agencies and the general public by purchasing medications from out of the area.

Following the morning session, lunch will be catered by the Barbeque Barn.

In the afternoon, there will be roundtable discussions on economic and service issues facing counties, cities and communities, and what can be accomplished when they work together.

To register, contact Michelle Brown at (785) 272-3585.

Woman dies in wreck

A Salina woman died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident Friday night in Norton County.

Myrna Davis, 84, was a passenger in Loretta Oswald's 2001 Buick pickup truck.

A report from the Kansas Highway Patrol said Ms. Oswald, 64, Salina, was driving north on U.S. 283. She failed to stop at the K-9 intersection and her truck ran into a 2001 Chevrolet pickup truck occupied by Kellie and Robert Day. The Days, of Lenora, were going east on K-9.

Both trucks came to rest in the north ditch east of the intersection. After the accident, both Mrs.

Davis and Ms. Oswald were flown to Wichita, where Mrs. Davis died.

Two EagleMed fixed-wing airplanes, one from Goodland and the other from Garden City, were called in to fly the women to the St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita.

Mrs. Day, 43, was released from the Norton County Hospital, but Mr. Day, 50, was taken by ambulance to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Officers said everyone was wearing a seat belt.

A full obituary for Mrs. Davis can be found on Page 2 in today's edition of The Norton Telegram.

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