

Norton Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen (below) took oring book while Police Officer Brian Shannon looked a shot at putting his assistant director, Ruth Schillig, in on during the emergency medical service open house a dunk tank before he had to be the target. Assistant Thursday. The open house capped off Emergency Medi-Police Chief Toby Kuhn (above)) gave Tyler Kuhn a col- cal Services Week.



- Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## **Emergency workers** show off fun sides

The Norton County Emergency Medical Service held an open house to cap off National **Emergency Medical Service** week.

The 100 or so attendees viewed tables set up by the Emergency Medical Service, the Kansas Highway Patrol, Parents as Teachers, the Norton Police Department, Norton County Sheriff's Department and the the open house, the service cel-Norton County Health Department.

The Emergency Medical Service handed out bags with coloring books, pencils, and other

goodies and set up a dunk tank, so the services' personnel could make a splash.

Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen gave technician Howard Schemper a plaque for his 25 years of service. A plaque was also made for retiring technician John Hanlon, who couldn't make it to the open house.

Mr. Nielsen said, in addition to ebrated the week with a mock drill with responders and the Almena Fire Department Wednesday. It went very well, he said.

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To increase the rate of seat belt cusing on violations such as and intense advertising to alert use and lower the number of injury speeding, driving under the influ- people of the enforcement," said hicle must use a seat belt, while all accidents, the Norton Police De- ence and seat belt and child safety Officer Kuhn. partment, along with more than restraint, said Assistant Police He said, according to local sta- to be in a child passenger safety

Those in the front seat of a vechildren, 4 and under, are required

# **Economic group** ready to seek head

**By VERONICA MONIER** The Norton County Economic Development Board is ready to advertise for a director.

Board chairman John Miller said all of the interlocal agreements are back except the City of Norton's. The city's new attorney, Charles Worden, asked to have a few changes made to it, Mr. Miller said.

But, he said, the main question was whether the board should advertise the job before all of the interlocal agreements were in or if it should wait. He said he didn't think there would be a problem with the City of Norton signing it once the changes were made.

Board member Donna Foley, who is also on the Norton City council, said she didn't think there would be a problem.

"I think all of us want to get the hiring process started," Mr. Miller said.

He said Norton County was missing out on a lot of great opportunities because it didn't have a director.

Secretary Deena Wente said she spoke with several people, including Don Ballek with the Department of Commerce Business Development Division and Randy Johnson with the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

She said Mr. Johnson told her the job description looked good, but it needed to say where to send resumes and inquires. She said he offered to help write a job description that would be put in newspapers.

Mr. Ballek, she said, also gave her websites where the board could post the job description. Most are free, she said.

Mr. Johnson also said he would send it out.

Mr. Miller said he didn't know how much more the description could be condensed.

#### Help Wanted

Economic development director, education and experience required, must be organized, motivated and full of energy Apply Norton County.

Mrs. Foley said she thought they should just list the job summary and the qualifications and then those interested could write for a complete copy.

The summary says the director is responsible for planning, directing, managing, and overseeing economic development activities for Norton County that will promote economic growth, including attracting quality employment opportunities, revitalizing downtown areas and improving housing options.

Qualifications include a bachelor's degree with courses in business administration, public administration or planning; three years of experience in economic development, grant writing, business management, including one year of administrative experience; or a combination of education and experience; lots of energy, selfmotivation and decision making ability; communication skills, writing and speaking ability; and organizational skills.

Mrs. Wente said she thought they should put in the advertisement and opening date. She said she could try to get the job description out by May 25.

Mr. Miller asked if June 30 was enough time for people to get their resumes in.

The board thought that it was and set the resume opening date for 5:30 p.m. July 7.

Mr. Miller also said inquiries and resumes could be sent in care of the county clerk's office.

#### Notice to all Norton County Residents It Is Unlawful To:

Dispose of trash at any location other than the Norton County Landfill or with an approved contract hauler. To litter, to burn or bury trash or to haul trash for hire without a county permit.

13,000 law enforcement agencies Chief Toby Kuhn. nationwide, will be cracking down on seat belt violators from May 23 to June 5 as part of the Click It or Ticket campaign.

During those two weeks, law enforcement agencies will be fo-

#### Schools exceed box top goal

Northern Valley Schools exceeded its goal of earning \$200 through the "Box Tops for Education" program, sponsored by General Mills Corp.

Due to the efforts of supporters, the school earned \$245.

Started in 1996, the program has helped schools raise over \$100 million to buy supplies.

To help Northern Valley get a head start on the 2005-'06 campaign, send box tops from General Mills products to: Northern Valley School, Att: Glenda Smith - Box Tops Coordinator, 512 W. Bryant, Almena, Kan. 67622.

> Thank You We would like to thank our family and friends for the wonderful 25th Anniversary Surprise Party. It is something we will never forget. A special thanks to Nathan, Matt, Aaron and Amber. You really got us. God Bless and Love to All~ Greg and Annette

highest rate ever recorded.

"The only proven way to get significant increases in seat belt use among people, and ultimately save lives, is through high visibility enforcement, including targeted percent, he said.

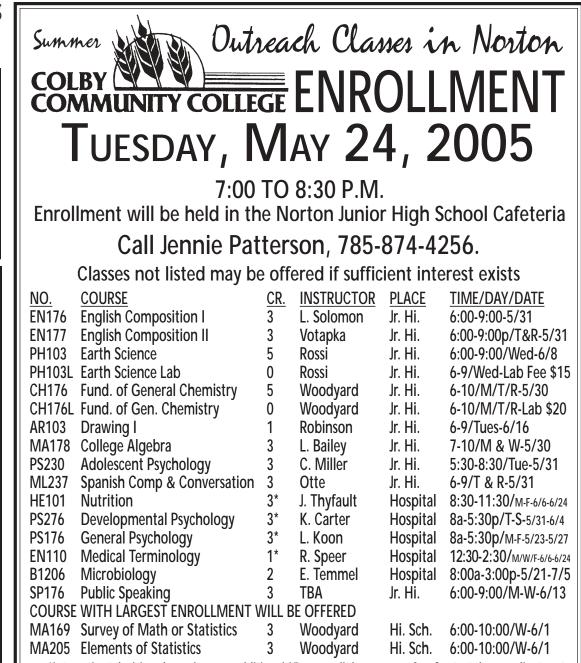
tistics on traffic accidents dating restraining system. Children be-Last year, he said, the national back to 1992, only 57 percent of Click It or Ticket push increased those involved in a motor vehicle seat belt use to 79 percent, the accident were wearing their seat belts. For injury accidents, only 44 percent were wearing seat belts. The Kansas 2003 statewide safety belt use rate was 63.6 percent, while the national average was 79

tween 4 and 14 are required to wear a seat belt no matter where they are sitting in the vehicle.

For more information, contact the Norton Police Department at 877-5010.

Violators can be prosecuted and punished by a fine up to \$2,500.00 or incarcerated in the County jail up to 6 months or both.

**Curt Archibald - Sanitarian** 



\*Interactive television classes have an additional \$5 per credit hour course fee. Contact the coordinator at the site you will attend an ITV class to pre-register. Refer to the ITV schedules for additional information on courses and sites.

A counselor will be available at the Norton Junior High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 24 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. to answer questions on financial aid, graduation requirements and career options.