

# Harvest begins in Norcatur

One of the first loads of wheat in the area was brought in to Norcatur Grain at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday. General Manager Cody Richards said harvest in the Norcatur area was in full swing over the weekend.

As of mid-afternoon, Friday about 6,000 bushels had been delivered to the elevator.

An elevator employee said she was seeing good test weights. She added that the fields were really starting to dry down.



Bob Strevey, left, gets out of his truck as he dumps his fifth load of wheat at Norcatur Grain. Don Pharis, elevator employee, watches as the grain goes into the pit. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Guard gets new area recruit

Toby Zahn of Hill City joined the Kansas Army National Guard on April 4. Toby is a junior at Hill City High School.

"Many young men and women do not know that they can join the Guard while still in high school," said Sgt. Joe Leroux III, local recruiter for the Army National Guard.



A 17-year-old who is a high school junior, or in the summer prior to their junior year, can join with parental consent. They drill one weekend a month during the school year and attend basic training and military occupational specialty training in the summer between academic years. The Guard has a split training option, so the student does not miss any time during his or her school year.

As a member of the Army National Guard, Zahn will get college tuition assistance, Montgomery GI Bill payments of \$488 a month while a full-time college student, and a monthly drill check. He will be paid full-time for his attendance during his training in the summer months. He also received a \$6,000 signing bonus.

Kansas just started a program in which the adjutant general sends an award to the parents of 17-year-olds who sign up in the Guard. The award honors the parents patriotism and belief in their son or daughter's future success within the organization. Toby was the first 17-year-old to enlist under this program. Once the award is sent out from Topeka, it will be presented to Toby's mother, Nicole Zahn.

Toby will attend basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., this summer.

For information about the guard's enlistment programs, call Sgt. Leroux at (785) 202-0007 or email your questions to joseph.leroux@ks.ngb.army.mil.

# Fireworks available throughout county at stands

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

If you don't have fireworks for the Fourth of July, it's not because there's a lack of places to purchase them.

With five stands in Norton County ranging from Long Island and Almena to Norton there will be plenty of fire crackers to go around.

## The Archery Club

In Norton the Archery Club will operate a stand in the Pamida lot.

They opened Monday and will be open 9 a.m. to midnight through July 4. On July 5, the stand will close at 4 p.m. The club's fireworks are supplied by "Kaboomers" a national, half-price distributor. A flyer for free

fireworks was inserted in Monday night's *Norton Extra*.

John Baker is the adult supervisor. He said the stand is a supplier of something new this year. "Snake Bite Freedom" bracelets are available for \$1. He said all of the proceeds from them will be donated to "Homes For Our Troops", a nonprofit organization that helps provide housing for soldiers, who have returned home with serious disabilities or injuries.

Money raised by the sale of fireworks helps keep the archery club open and help the archers who go to the national competition. The club allows 4-H'ers enrolled in archery to use their facilities.

## Rice's Fireworks

Connie (Volgamore) Lillich has been in the fireworks business for nine seasons. This will be her fifth year operating in the parking lot of what is now Sander Furniture.

Mrs. Lillich opened Monday and will be open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day. Her daughter, Mindy Shubert, will help.

She said she carries about every "kid friendly" item available.

Her stand is a "kid haven", she said. She has several brands but specializes in the Black Cat brand, Gold Collection. She will also be offering some in-store specials.

Rice's Fireworks is a walk-in stand that makes it convenient to pick and choose your fireworks.

Mrs. Lillich has these words of advice, "Please, be safe and sane with fireworks."

She can be reached at her cell phone (785) 626-5252.

## Arehart's Fireworks

The Arehart family has operated a fireworks stand at their home on Eagles Club Road, just south of the viaduct for close to 25 years.

Nancy Arehart said the stand, operated out of the family's garage, carries a lot of Black Cat brand fireworks.

An added attraction this year is a fund-raiser to benefit the Norton County Scholarship Fund. A silent auction at the stand will be taking bids for a fireworks package containing 16,000 pieces. Bids must be in at least \$1 increments.

The Areharts will be open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. or midnight. Their hours are flexible. "If people keep coming, I stay open," Mr. Arehart said.

They plan to be open from 7 a.m. to about 10 p.m. July 5.

## Lofgreen Family Fireworks

For 44 years the Lofgreen family of Norton County has operated a Fourth of July fireworks stand.

Elaine Lofgreen, wife of Jon Lofgreen, has had the stand since 1978. They operate their stand out of their garage at the family farm 11 miles north of Norton on U.S. 283, just south of the Kansas/Nebraska state line.

Mrs. Lofgreen said she has built up a reputation for having a huge assortment of fireworks. She specializes in Black Cat brand supplied by Tumbleweed Fireworks, a distributor from St. Francis.

The stand will be open daily through the Fourth from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

"We'll be there on the Fourth of July," Mrs. Lofgreen said. "The fifth, we're not officially open."

She said she is stocking 24 kinds of fireworks known as "artillery shells" and has a huge assortment of multiple-shot "grand finale" type items.

Her son Seth, who is home from college, will be helping in the stand and her youngest son Bryce is the official greeter.

"All my boys have grown up with fireworks," she said. "They didn't have a choice."

She added that she tries to have a nice display for her customers.

# Norton gets new financial advisor

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Kathy Zimmerman was always interested in financial planning and knew, someday, she wanted to make a career of it.

On the first of this month, Mrs. Zimmerman made her dream a reality when she began her new career as a financial advisor for Waddell and Reed.

"I have a big first year of training ahead of me," she said.

Mrs. Zimmerman will work with people in the Norton area. She said small investors are welcome and she said young people should learn how to invest their money.

"Investments are long-term," she said. "And that's how we should look at them."

She said if person started invest-

ing a dollar a day at an early age, by the time they reach retirement they could be financially secure.

She encourages a person to have an automatic withdrawal taken from their checking account each month. When they retire, they will be able to do what they want.

She said young couples are thinking more about their children's education and planning ahead. More grandparents are also saving for their grandchildren's college funds.

Everything a client discusses is confidential, she said, and she will work to develop the right financial plan for each individual or couple.

She can discuss the money market and fixed income funds, equities, an Individual Retirement Ac-

count or a 401K plan, plus life insurance, annuities, Medicare supplement plans, long-term care and disability income insurance plans.

Sometimes young people get into credit card debt.

Mrs. Zimmerman said she can offer counseling for them.

Sometimes a client may be more mature, but needs a solid plan to show them how much they are going to need to save each month to achieve their goals.

When Mrs. Zimmerman's children, Jason and Lindsay, were young, she was a stay-at-home mom. When they were older she went into banking, a career she stayed in for eight years.

Her husband, Chuck Zimmerman, is a history and geography teacher at Norton Junior High School. He also coaches junior high girls sports.

His teaching career has taken the family Montezuma, Cunningham, Baileyville and, finally, Norton in 1998.

In 2001, Mrs. Zimmerman went to work for Bridges Group Insurance. She specialized in property and casualty, long-term care and life and health insurance.

Now, she brings her years of experience in insurance and banking to her new career as a financial advisor.

She is in her office at 113 North Norton from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Her number is 877-2236.



Kathy Zimmerman, financial advisor for Waddell and Reed Financial Services, checks over investment information in her new office at 113 North Norton. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Norton County Weather --- June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
98/63	87/63	88/65	93/65	98/65

Normal High: 87  
Normal Low: 58  
Sunrise: 6:13 to 6:12am  
Sunset: 9:15 to 9:12pm

Temperatures near 100 today, but more normal temperatures will end the week. A cold front will push through tomorrow which will bring temperatures back into the upper 80's. Chances for rain look decent Wednesday evening, Wednesday night and Thursday. Friday and Saturday again hot and dry. Then on Sunday and the Fourth of July temperatures will be around 90 with chances for evening or overnight thunderstorms. Next week's forecast is typical July weather with temperatures in the 90's and scattered chances for thunderstorms.

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# Deadline for 'H' and 'I' tags is Thursday, June 30

June is the month for renewing vehicle tags for those whose last name begins with "H" or "I", or businesses whose name begins with "H" or "I".

You must bring in or include proof of insurance for each vehicle, which includes the vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date.

Regular office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The computers

shut off at 4:30 p.m. to balance each day's business.

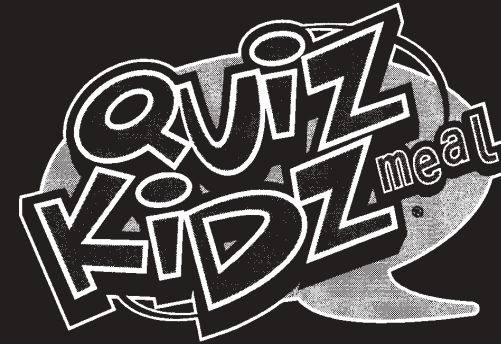
The Norton County Treasurer's office is a limited service driver's license station for renewals on regular and commercial licenses.

Hours for license renewals are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The treasurer's office will be closed Monday, July 4.

If you have questions, call 877-5795.

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