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Editorial writer Steve Haynes takes a tongue-in-cheek look at paying the bills for schools.

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Steve Cole

## Briefly

### 4-H pet show set for Monday

The Norton County 4-H Pet, Cat and Dog show will be held Monday evening at the Andbe Home. The dog show will begin at 6:45 p.m. with the pets and cats to follow at about 7:30 p.m.

4-H'ers will be on hand to display their hand pets, cats and work their dogs through the obedience and showmanship trials. In addition to the dogs, cats and hand pets, aquarium pets are welcome.

### Museum to visit

### Guard armory

To mark the 150th birthday of the Kansas National Guard, a traveling museum, containing uniforms and military equipment from different eras, will visit every armory in the state.

The Norton armory will host the museum from 11:35 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Monday. In addition to the exhibit, Lt. Col. Jacobs from the Joint Force Headquarters in Topeka, will bring a giant birthday card for members of the community to sign.

Sgt. Joe Leroux, of the Norton armory, invites everyone to see the display and also review the recently completed remodeling work on the building. He and his staff will serve coffee and donuts.

### Commodity distribution set

Surplus government food will be distributed in Norton County on Friday and Saturday.

Food will include canned turkey, salmon, cereal, pineapple juice, pudding, walnuts and dry milk.

Friday, the food will be distributed 9-11 a.m. at the Almena Senior Center; 2-3 p.m. at the Lenora Senior Center; and 2-4 p.m. at the Norton Senior Center.

Saturday distribution will be 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Clayton Library.

For more information Call Ramona Pabian at the Norton Senior Center, 877-5352.

## Weather

### Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

### Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 95, Low 67, .20 Prec.  
Wednesday ..... High 94, Low 65  
Thursday ..... High 98, Low 65  
Week ago ..... High 93, Low 68  
Month ago ..... High 81, Low 54  
Year ago ..... High 92, Low 68  
July precipitation ..... 1.75 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 12.27 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

God, give us wisdom in all our relationships, that we may draw those we love toward you. Help us bring that you will care for them and trust them to a life of faith. Amen



## Vacation Bible school set in a jungle scene

Jungle noises, giant giraffes, mosquito netting and African villages set the scene for "Serengeti Trek", the vacation Bible school held this week at Norton United Methodist Church.

School Director Kay Hawks said attendance averaged 50-60 children every night.

Dr. Glenda Maurer was the Master of Ceremonies and led children through the opening and closing activities. She was assisted by her husband Dale Carlson and by song leader Leann Shearer.



Children (left) who attended the United Methodist Church's "Serengeti Trek" Vacation Bible School joined together singing a closing song Thursday night. Logan Kats (above), portrayed Jesus during the week-long school. He accepted "hearts" on a cross from children who wanted to give their hearts to Jesus.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



A workman for Roofmasters removes old material from the roof of the wrestling/weight room at East Campus. He emptied the old roofing into a dumpster waiting below.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## School roofs get makeover

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District's roofs are well on their way towards being replaced. The district began looking at getting new roofs last year. To do so, it hired Roof Consultant Joe Baker to help determine what was needed and to get bids sent out.

Roofmasters got the bid on all replacement roofs for the district.

Five roofs will be replaced — Eisenhower Elementary, the high school gym, the junior high gym, East Campus auditorium and the wrestling/weight room.

Superintendent Greg Mann said the memorial gym at the high school is finished except for metal work, which has to be done by a separate company.

Right now, he said there are two crews from Roofmasters in town. One is working on the junior high gym roof and the other is working on the wrestling/weight room roof.

Eisenhower's roof should be started mid- to late next week, he said. A third crew might come in to help with that roof.

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## Schools to receive more cash

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District is trying to get its budget put together. Superintendent Greg Mann said at Monday's school board meeting that the best case scenario would be to have a budget for the school board to look at during the Aug. 8 meeting. A special meeting would have to be held later in the month for a budget hearing and then the budget could be published on Aug. 23.

He said with the July 6 decision from the state Supreme Court on the Legislature's plan, the district will (Continued on Page 5)

## Vaccinating pets could save money

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

It could be expensive for those who don't have their animals vaccinated against rabies.

Norton County has had five cases of rabid skunks this year, County Health Department Supervisor Gina Frack told the county commissioners on Monday.

Mrs. Frack said she would like the commissioners to pass a resolution on what happens if an unvaccinated pet comes in contact with a rabid animal.

Also, she said, they should include who is responsible for the testing and disposal of wild animals.

Testing for rabies costs between \$75 and \$110, she said.

The commissioners said they thought the cities of Almena, Norton and Lenora should also have policies and it would be good if they were similar to each other.

The commissioners thought if an animal is caught and killed inside a city, it should be dealt with by that city but if it is

in the county, then it should come under their jurisdiction.

Pet owners, in both the cities and county, have the responsibility to see that their pets are vaccinated, Mrs. Frack said.

"If they (pets) are exposed it's a lot easier to take care of them if they've been vaccinated," she said. "If they aren't vaccinated it's either death or strict quarantine for six months and that will cost at (Continued on Page 5)

## Norton archers place in national event

Three young Norton archers represented Kansas in compound bow of the National 4-H Shooting Sports competition in Columbia, Mo., at the end of June.

Shine Fischer, William Wilhite and Jake Kramer earned that right to go to the national shoot by placing high at the state competition earlier this year.

Fischer took first place with 683 points in the individual FITA competition, 13th in the individual field competition with 256 points, and 15th in the individual 3D competition, earning 151 points. Overall, he placed 11th.

Kramer came in 37th in the field event with 228 points and 14th in the 3-D com-

petition with 151 points. Overall, he took 20th place.

Wilhite made 632 points in the FITA for 20th place and 100 points for 28th in the 3D. Overall, he took 25th place.

As a team, the three earned Kansas third place in the FITA competition, 5th in the 3-D shoot and 7th in the field event.



# Schools get help from state

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 have \$138,000 more than last year to spend. Without the changes, he said the budget would be around \$118,000 less than the previous year.

"But," he said, "it's still not as much as Sen. (Ralph) Ostmeyer or *The Salina Journal* are reporting." Mr. Mann said he couldn't say what next year's budget will look like and that it depends on enrollment and what the state does.

He said the Legislature's plan lowered money put into low enrollment weighting, but raised at-risk and special education weighting. The base per pupil amount was also raised. Now, there will be \$394 more per student, with about \$150 of that being new money.

Vocational and transportation weighting are also going up, he said, but only because the base per pupil amount is going up.

"It's going to be better," he said. "We're still treading water, but it's better than going under for a third time."

Mr. Mann said the district would be using a three-year student count average to figure the budget.

He said the district was also going to wait to see how much state money it will get before setting the local option budget.

"We don't want to increase it if it is going to raise taxes," he said. "But, if we can get more money from the local option budget without raising taxes, then we want to do that."

The school board will set a budget hearing at the August meeting.

# Crews work to replace school roofs

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The roof over the East Campus auditorium has also yet to be done. But, he said, that roof will be the last to be replaced.

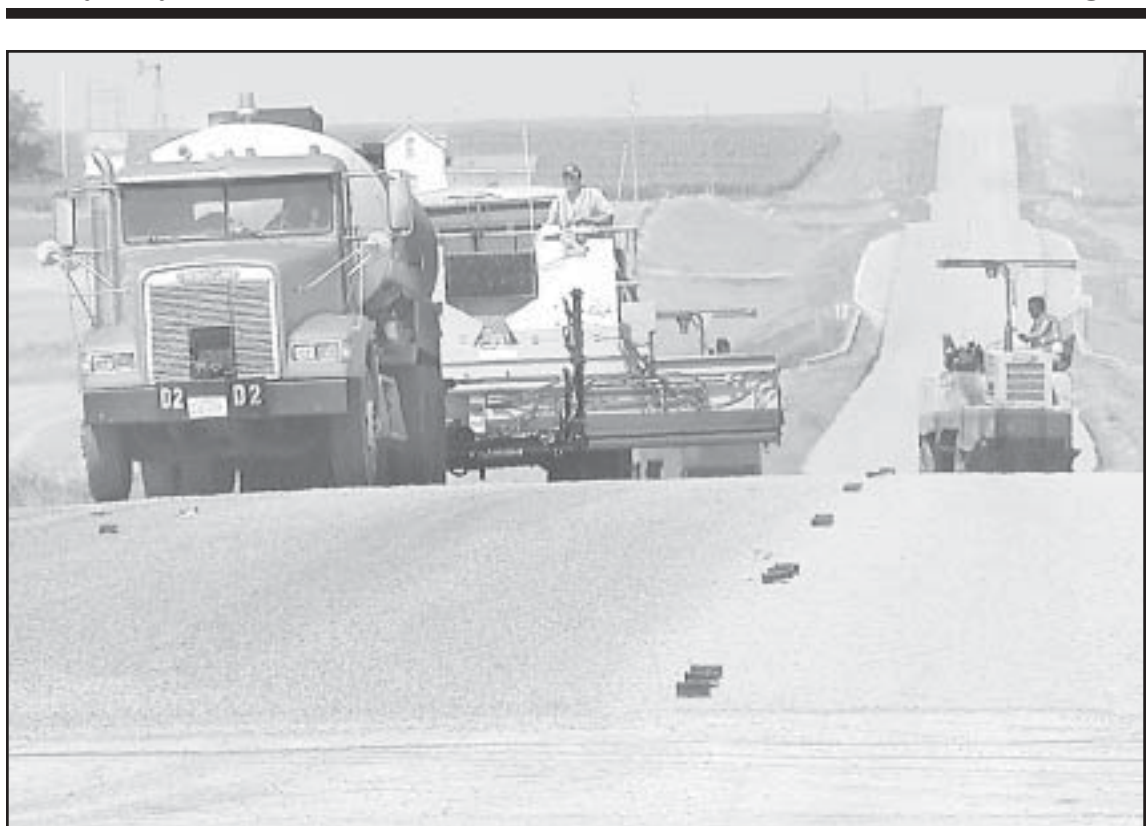
Mr. Mann said it should take about two weeks to do the Eisenhower roof, two weeks to do the wrestling/weight room roof, and two or three weeks to do the junior high gym roof.

Roofmasters is under contract to have all of the roofs finished by Aug. 15. But, there are time allowances for days that the crews can't work because of high winds or rain. So far, he said, there have been five of those, making the deadline to have everything finish Aug. 20. If they roofers aren't finished by that time, then they get charged a penalty fee.

It's in their best interest to get it done, he said, even though school can be held while the roofs are being replaced.



A flag car (above) made a turnaround preparing to head west on Wednesday during overlay operations on U.S. 36. Traffic was slowed for men and machinery (right) laying down a chip seal. — Telegram photos by Cynthia Haynes



# Chip seal overlay work slows traffic on U.S. 36

By VERONICA MONIER  
 The Kansas Department of Transportation is keeping up with summertime road maintenance in the area.

Area Engineer Eric Oelschlager, with the department's Atwood office, said work on U.S. 36 from Norcatur to Oberlin was

a general chip seal and should be done early this afternoon. He said the seal, which required a pilot car while each lane was being done, began Monday.

Also scheduled for the area is a chip seal on U.S. 383 from Clayton to the U.S. 383/U.S. 36 junction, six miles west of Norton. Mr.

Oelschlager said the work should start in two or three weeks and will take four or five days to complete.

A pilot car will be used on this project as well.

The major work on U.S. 36 west of Norton to the U.S. 36/U.S. 383 west junction shouldn't start until around Aug. 15, said Area Engi-

neer Harold Schleicher with the Phillipsburg office.

He said they expect the bridge work to be finished around the middle of September and all of the work should be done around the middle of November.

He said a project has been contracted to seal U.S. 283 north of

Norton from Armory Drive to the Kansas/Nebraska state line. But, because of difficulty in getting materials to the area, he said the project will probably be postponed until next year. When the project is started, a pilot car will be used and it should take four or five days to finish.

# Pet quarantine could be costly for owners

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 least \$1,000."

Quarantined animals need to be kept in a kennel within a kennel, preferably by a veterinarian, with a padlock on the cage, she said. If quarantining is done on a farm, she said, she would check about once a week to see that it is being done correctly. However, she said, this can get expensive due to time and mileage expenses.

Graham County has had the same problems, she said, and the county commissioners there are considering having all exposed animals, which have not been vaccinated, killed.

"I would agree with Graham County. I don't know why quarantine would be an option," Commissioner John Miller said.

That would give people an added incentive to keep their animal's vaccinations up to date, Mrs. Frack said.

"Couldn't you do the quarantine at a kennel?" Commission Chairman Dean Kruse wanted to know.

Mrs. Frack said that would be acceptable but it would be expensive and the owner should pay.

"We're just getting into some ground here that we've always been able to ignore in the past," Mr. Miller said. "However, since we've had those five cases, people have come forward and asked who is going to pay."

Mrs. Frack said she just wanted a consistent policy and Mr. Miller suggested that she draft one for the commissioners to see.

"Make it strong on the shots before the bite," Mr. Kruse suggested.

"Let the public know they need to keep their animals current on their rabies shots," Mr. Miller said.

"That's the best way from cost and risk," Mrs. Frack agreed.

If you have an unvaccinated ani-

mal and it bites a human you are responsible for that and it could run into thousands of dollars between the vaccine and the immunoglobulin, which is given to help confer immediate immunization, Mrs. Frack said.

There is also the chance of being sued, she said, if your infected dog bites someone.

The Norton Animal Health Center did a clinic at reduced cost and had evening hours, she said, but she didn't know how many people took advantage of that.

Veterinarian Sarah White said that if someone brings in a dog they charge \$10 for an examination and \$12 for the rabies vaccine.

Mrs. Frack said she would talk to other counties in the area so that there will be some consistency.

Mr. Miller noted that Norton County might be the first to come up with a policy and that she should circulate her copy to others

to use.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Learned that there needs to be a board meeting for the advisory board for the county's home health and health department. Mrs. Frack suggested Monday or Tuesday, Aug. 1 or 2.

- Heard there have been cases of West Nile virus found in both humans and horses in Kansas this year.

Mrs. Frack said that birds are a big carrier especially carrion eaters like crows, ravens and hawks.

Mosquitoes are the carrier she said but they don't carry it from one season to the next so there are few cases in the spring and early summer. But, as the mosquito population builds up, so do the cases of West Nile until it peaks in late August and September.

- Found out that Kansas Homeland Security will help the county

do a tabletop emergency drill from noon to 2 or 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 at the Prairieland Electric conference room. It will include the sheriff's office, health department and health care providers, some county officials and ambulance and fire departments.

While the security people aren't saying what kind of emergency situation they are proposing, Mrs. Frack said, it will probably not be bioterrorism but more likely something we're likely to see (such as a tornado).

"This is not to test people, this is to test plans," Mrs. Frack said. "The emphasis is that we each have a plan and they are coordinated among us."

"It'll definitely help with gaps and will help determine where to spend money," she said.

"It should be very good. Graham County did one and they said it was very successful."



Youngsters can practice their bull riding technique on a miniature bull at this year's Phillipsburg Rodeo.

# Rodeo to offer miniature bull riding

Kansas' Biggest Rodeo will be held Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 4-6, right next door in Phillipsburg.

This year they will offer miniature bull riding. The bulls average 44 inches tall at the shoulder and weigh between 400-1,000 pounds. They are owned by Kevin Dessel and Bert Davis. Mr. Dessel is a former rodeo bullfighter and Mr. Davis is a rodeo clown.

These pint-sized bulls, with names like Kool Dog and Moose, will be ridden by kids each night of the rodeo. Riders must be between 8 and 13, and must weigh no more than 135 pounds. Helmets and safety vests are provided. Each youth must provide their own bull rope and spurs.

The young bull riders will try to ride for six seconds instead of the

regulation eight. There is a \$20 entry fee, which will be used to pay the winning riders. To enter, call (785) 543-5006.

Tickets for the rodeo are available at Tri-County Insurance, Phillipsburg, or call (785) 543-2448.

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