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Briefly
Church to hold Bible school

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, on West U.S. 36, Norton, invites all children ages 4 and up to Bible School 9-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Activities will include Bible stories, singing, crafts, snacks and a closing service on Friday.

The church is offering free rides. To register call 877-3824, 877-3138 or 877-2957. Look for their table at the Norton County Fair this evening.

Hamburger feed set for Sunday

The First United Methodist Church will hold an old-fashioned hamburger feed at noon Sunday. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall and money raised will benefit the church's missions and ministries. On the menu will be hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, desserts and drinks. Donations will be accepted.

Fire department plans open house

The Norton Rural Fire Department, and Fire District No. 2, will hold an open house from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the new fire building at 914 N. State St.

Refreshments will be served and a ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m.

Seniors to meet in Norcatur tonight

Norcatur Senior Citizens meet this evening at the Educational Building for a potluck supper at 6 p.m. The group will play cards, beginning at 7 p.m.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Breezy and partly cloudy with lows in the mid 60s. Saturday — Breezy with increasing clouds and highs around 100. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Saturday Night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Sunday — Highs in the upper 90s.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 78, Low 51
Wednesday High 89, Low 57
Thursday High 93, Low 61
Week ago High 105, Low 74
Month ago High 97, Low 65
Year ago High 85, Low 56
July precipitation 3.28 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 13.80 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for the example of those who challenge us to greater faithfulness. Give us zeal to serve you as they do. Amen

Judges determine who gets blue

Officials experienced at their jobs

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Everybody wants a blue ribbon at the county fair. But, not every entry deserves one.

Who makes the determination? It has to be someone impartial; someone who knows the rules of 4-H competition; someone who has the experience and/or credentials to know the difference between a grand champion and an entry that's not up to par.

That's why we call them judges.

During fair week, 4-H'ers and open class competitors hang on the decision of a judge.

Glenn Brunkow of Westmoreland has been judging livestock since he graduated from Kansas State University 12 years ago. He is the Extension agent for Potawatomie County and has his own cow/calf operation.

"The thing you have to remember is these animals are meat animals," he said. "I'm looking for muscle, structure, growth — an animal that is high-performance. The bottom line, though, is muscle for meat."

He talked about cycles the animal industry has gone through.

In the past, judges looked for fat animals. Now, the trend is to a leaner animal.

Mr. Brunkow said when he judges showmanship he looks for an animal that has been fitted properly. Perhaps there are some defects that fitting can hide. Fitting

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Adrienne Hager, 7, kept a watchful eye on the judge as she led her bucket calf around the show ring. She earned the grand championship in her age division.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Norton could gain Jennings' land

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District might be growing a little larger if a proposed land distribution from the Jennings-Prairie Heights School District comes to pass.

Jennings Superintendent Emery Hart said nothing is final yet, but the Jennings board has come up with a way to possibly distribute the district's land once it is dissolved.

Mr. Hart said the board used suggestions from people in the district.

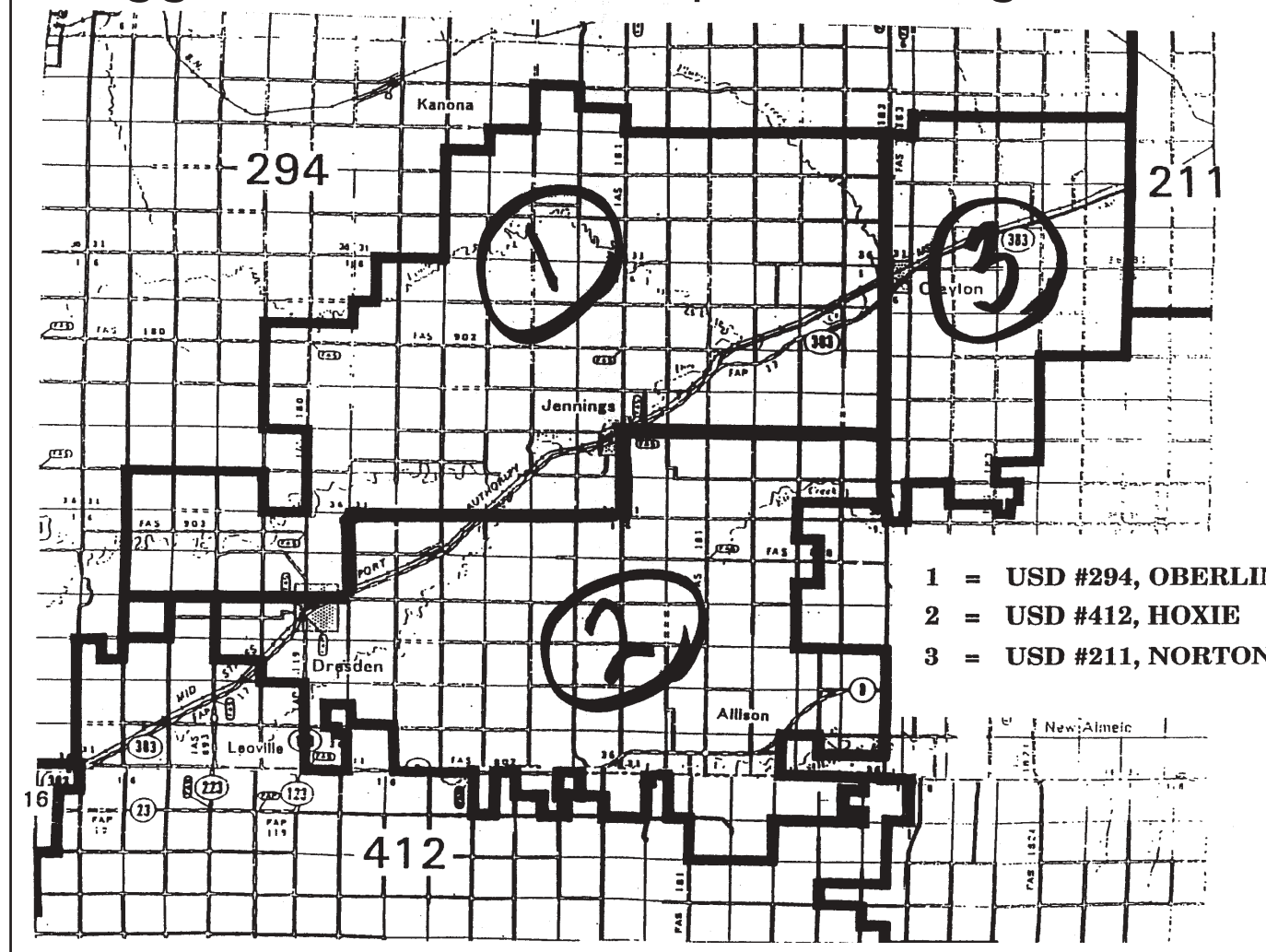
"We were looking at the favorite way to divide it up," he said. "We're still taking suggestions from the public and won't have a final decision until the next board meeting."

The board proposed to put Jennings in the Oberlin School District, Clayton in the Norton School District and Dresden in the Hoxie School District.

The Jennings district is about 240 to 260 square miles. About 110 square miles will go to Oberlin, while around 90 square miles will be added to Hoxie and about 40 square miles will be added to Norton.

This year, Jennings is expecting to have 24 students, most of which will be contracted to attend classes in Hoxie and

Suggested allocation map for Jennings District



- 1 = USD #294, OBERLIN
- 2 = USD #412, HOXIE
- 3 = USD #211, NORTON

Oberlin. Seven to 10 students should remain in Jennings at the grade school for the year.

Mr. Hart said once the proposal is passed by the Jennings board, it will be sent to the state board of education, which

will make the final decision. The next Jennings School Board meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 8.

Stores go crazy for day

They've gone nuts, bonkers, cuckoo. Each year Norton merchants take advantage of fair week and plan their annual Crazy Day sale for the last Saturday of the month.

Tomorrow, businesses all over town, will be offering once-a-year mark downs on their products. Some will be having sidewalk sales while others will offer big discounts on products throughout their store.

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding Minnow Races, although with goldfish this year instead

of minnows. Look for the racing tubes on the north side of Moffet Drug in downtown Norton. Races will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Goldfish will be available to race for 25 cents each. Youngsters will get to keep the goldfish they race.

There will also be booths by several non-profit organizations.

See the ad on Page 10 of today's paper for nutty bargains and unbelievable savings. Crazy Day is sponsored by Norton Area Chamber of Commerce businesses.

Ambulance workers get more surveys during fair

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Emergency Medical Service is getting closer to its goal of 80 percent of its surveys filled out.

The low to moderate income survey will be used to apply for a Community Block Grant to get a new ambulance building or renovate the old one.

The service has to prove, using the survey, that the community has a high percentage of low income families, as defined by federal guidelines, to apply for

the grant. The amount of grant money is getting smaller each year, so the ambulance service has to get its application in soon to have a chance at the money.

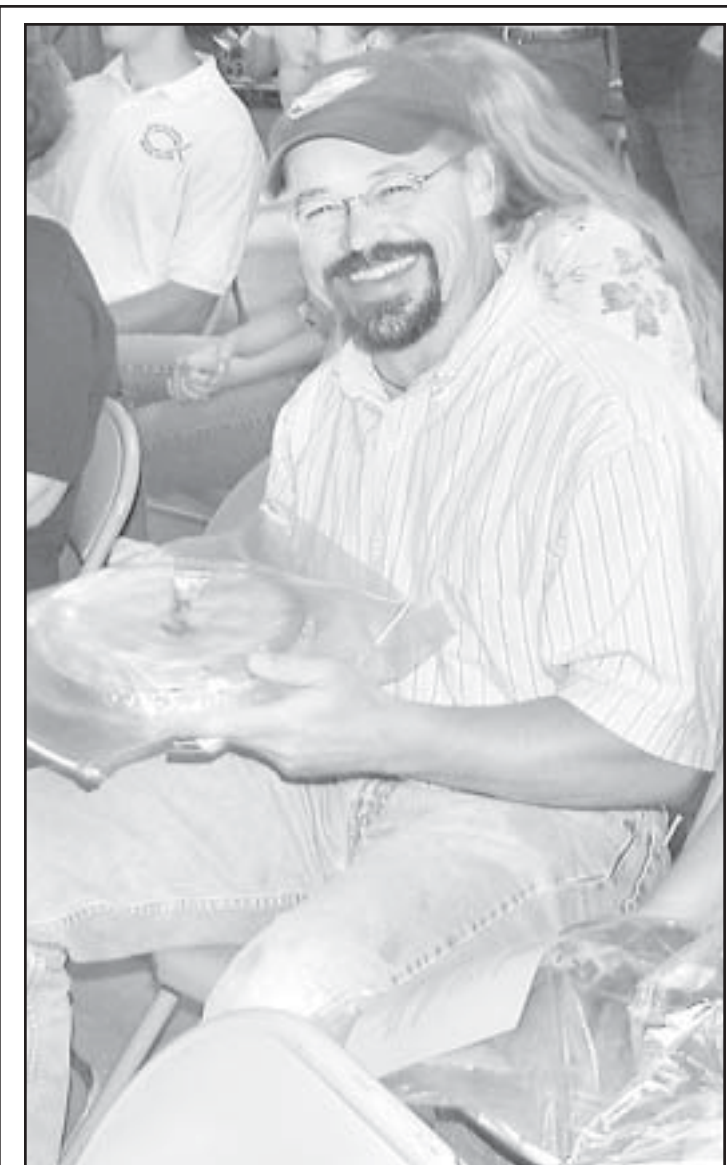
Assistant Ambulance Director Ruth Schillig said that so far, the service has gotten 1,165 surveys back. Another 543 are needed to meet the 80 percent requirement.

The service has gotten between 100 and

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Laurie Wasson, a florist from Decatur County, examined the flower arrangements at the Norton County Fair this week. Mrs. Wasson said she goes by the Extension rule book on the presentations. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



P.T. Shirley of Flying "S" Farms, Norcatour, was the high bidder for a pie at the 4-H Food Auction Tuesday. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Officials use strict standards for judging

(Continued from Page 1) can also show off an animal's good points.

The main thing he likes to see is an exhibitor who shows off their animal and doesn't draw attention to themselves.

Laurie Wasson is the owner of Prairie Petals, a florist shop in downtown Oberlin. She has been judging floriculture and horticulture contests at county fairs for 15 years.

By her own admission, she is "picky".

"I go by the rule book," she said "If it says a clear container, and the flower is in something other than a clear container, I count it down. Even if the blossom is better than another that is in a clear container."

She said she looks for the overall presentation. She checks for a blossom that looks distressed, for petal count, for color, maturity, strength of the stem, and size of the blossom.

Wilda Werner, Atwood, judges photography. She looks at composition, focus and the subject.

Marjorie Hendrich, Smith Center, has been judging fairs for years. Her specialty is "Heritage Arts". Basically that is quilting.

She does lots of sewing for other people and operates a machine embroidery business out of her home.

Mrs. Hendrich stresses that she wants to see cotton used in

projects. She also looks at the choice of color; how the colors compliment each other. She wants to see continuity and an overall pleasing project.

"It really comes down to personal choice," she said.

Kelly Overmiller, Smith Center, was one of the judges for the Round Robin Showmanship competition.

He said when he is judging swine showmanship, it is important for the exhibitor to keep the animal's head up, and to try to maintain eye contact with the judge. He also said he counts high points on knowledge of the swine industry.

Mr. Overmiller said, when showing horses, an exhibitor must not touch the horse with their hands. He said it is important to "set up" the horse properly and to learn how to use the lead rope.

He praised all the Norton 4-H'ers for their courteous behavior in the show ring.

The other Round Robin showmanship judge was Randy Odle from Stockton. Mr. Odle praised the exhibitors for having made it to the Round Robin.

Only showmanship winners from each category, swine, sheep, beef and horse in senior and intermediate divisions, are able to compete in the Round Robin.

He said a competitor should know the weight of the animal they're showing and should have

a general knowledge of the breed. He admitted that "the luck of the draw" plays a big part in the Round Robin. He said it is important to maintain good eye contact with the judge. He looks for exhibitors who help others in the ring and are courteous to him.

One of the cooking department judges was Cathy Sherfick from Ogallah.

She has been judging for years and always comes prepared. She brings her own cutting board, knife, a towel for her lap, a damp cloth for wiping her fingers, a trash sack, paper towels and a pie server.

Ms. Sherfick said when judging bread, she looks for shape, color, grain line, smell, tenderness, air tunnels, denseness at the bottom of the loaf, doughiness, flour swirls and, of course, taste.

Cakes require a different set of rules. She checks for evenness of layers, tenderness and moistness.

She suggests covering the board the cake is displayed on with foil rather than waxed paper.

She prefers to see frosting made with shortening for cakes entered in the fair. She thinks they stand up better. And she suggests using toothpicks topped with mini-marshmallows to hold the plastic bag off the frosting.

Mrs. Sherfick encourages 4-H'ers to bake the recipe they are going to enter at least one time before the fair.

When she judges cookies, she looks for evenness of size and shape; for color on both top and bottom; for crispness or softness

(depending on what kind of cookie it is) and for taste. She compares drop cookies to cookie cutter cookies and looks for a cookie that is baked thoroughly.

Mrs. Sherfick had a tip. She suggests using a "shiny" cookie sheet to keep the cookie from darkening during baking.

Cleanliness is one of the most important requirements she has when judging canning. That, and matching jars and lids. Ball lids with Ball jars; Kerr lids with Kerr jars.

She also likes to see fullness of the jars. Fruit should be packed within one inch of the cap and the syrup should cover the fruit. When canning juices, she said it should be within 1/4 inch of the top.

However, she added, "It's just one person's opinion."

Lou Mick, Tipton, has been judging open class quilting for years.

"After awhile," she said, "You know what to look for. I just want to be fair."

One of the things she looks for is the binding.

"It's probably my biggest pet peeve," she said.

She prefers to see hand-quilting, but admits that some machine quilting is nice.

She looks for the use of color and how a quilt is assembled.

"It is an art," she said.

Whether you agreed with the judge's opinion or not, remember, it's their opinion and their call.

Bottom line, do you like your entry, and did you do your best?

Fair goers fill out surveys to help ambulance service

(Continued from Page 1) 150 from people filling them out at the Norton County Fair, she said. The county's emergency medical service is set up on the west side of the fairground near the Tilt-A-Whirl.

The emergency workers are also planning on going door-to-door

again once the fair is over to collect more of the surveys, she said.

Mrs. Schillig said if anyone hasn't filled out a survey, they should either stop by the service's booth at the fair or call the ambulance building at 877-5784. If no one is there, leave a message.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Meeting of Valley Hope

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NOTICE OF MEETING
As required by the Bylaws of the Valley Hope Association, the membership of the Association is hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in the Lecture Hall of Norton Valley Hope, Norton, Kansas, on Friday, August 19, 2005, at 7 p.m. The membership will, at that time, elect members to the Board of Directors and conduct such other business as may be brought before the membership.
/s/Tony Jewell, Chairman of the Board
ATTEST:
/s/Mike Carr, Secretary



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