

Tuesday

September 6, 2005

Norton, Kansas

Home of Violet Volgamore

Briefly

Blood needed next Tuesday

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. next Tuesday at the Norton National Guard Armory.

To donate, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health. Drinking extra water before and after donating blood is recommended.

To make an appointment to donate, call 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins are welcome.

Weight room

open to public

Starting today, the weight room in the East Campus wrestling room will be open for use by the public. Hours will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Help available for veterans

A service representative from the Kansas Commission On Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Office, from 1-2:30 p.m. Monday to assist veterans and their families with matters pertaining to veterans' benefits.

Clown to perform in Long Island

Dizzy the Clown, aka Rita Winter of Lawrence, plans to be in Long Island at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Community Building.

Dizzy specializes in balloon toys, pain-free tattoos, puppets, storytelling and turning frowns upside-down. She invites youngsters of all ages to come share the fun.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely. Chance of rain 60 percent. Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms in the morning, then chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 40 percent. Wednesday Night — Chance of thunderstorms.

Howell report:

Friday High 85, Low 64
Saturday High 92, Low 66
Sunday High 92, Low 68
Monday High 93, Low 60, Prec. .58
Week ago High 89, Low 63
Month ago High 84, Low 69
Year ago High 82, Low 52
September precipitation58 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 19.46 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, teach us to offer your grace to every person. Open our hearts to receive each one of your children. Amen



The Norton Animal Shelter needs good homes for its inhabitants including these female kittens, which were part of a litter picked up last week.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Cats, dogs look for homes

Too many animals mean some will not make it

By VERONICA MONIER

There are plenty of cats and dogs at the Norton Animal Shelter that need a good home.

Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman said she has 11 dogs and nine cats, three of which are being kept at her home.

She said she trapped five kittens last week, one of which was adopted Thursday. They are about 5 weeks old, which is good because, at that age, they can be

tamed fairly easily, she said.

She also has a little older male and female kitten. Both love to be petted, at the animal shelter.

As for the 11 dogs, she said, she has three lab mixes; two black labs, one of which was surrendered because its owner got called up in the military; an Airedale coon hound cross named Gypsy; a pit bull named Page, which she is trying to get rescued; a Jack Russell terrier named Maggie; a border collie puppy; and two

pointer cross puppies.

Mrs. Hickman said she has been overwhelmed with cat home calls lately. She said she has gotten the cat population at the shelter down, but had to have several put down.

She said she'll be attending a euthanasia class in Kansas City, Mo., in mid-September. Once she has completed the training, she'll be certified to euthanize animals by shot.

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The home of Mike and Jan Volgamore is one of four on this year's Norton Arts Council's Homes Tour. Mike (right) demonstrated a corn sheller, one of his many antiques in his "general store". Jan and Lucky (above) stood in the garden that she and her children planted.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Couple to open their home, garage for annual tour

By VERONICA MONIER

The home of Mike and Jan Volgamore, 410 W. Wilberforce, is one of four on this year's annual Homes Tour, sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council as part of its fall membership drive.

The tour is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25.

The Volgamores have lived in their home for four years. Mrs. Volgamore said they passed the house every day on their walking route.

"I always admired it," she said. "Then, when it was up for sale, we went to an open house and liked it. I guess it was meant to be."

The home has six bedrooms, one of which has been converted into a sitting room, a living room, dining room, kitchen and two bathrooms on the main and upper floors. Downstairs, it has a family room and a utility room, which are under construction.

It also has a four-car garage, which was

a selling point, said Mrs. Volgamore. The garage is where Mr. Volgamore has set up his antique general store.

The Volgamores have made a few renovations since they moved in. Mrs. Volgamore painted every room and they also put in a new kitchen, with the help of a few friends, Mr. Volgamore said. They've also put in new doors and will be redoing the floors next year, he said.

The biggest job was the backyard, Mrs. Volgamore said.

Groups gathering supplies

Area clubs work to help survivors of Hurricane Katrina

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Helping hands are reaching out from northwest Kansas to hurricane survivors in Louisiana.

FFA Chapters, Family, Career and Community Leaders clubs, KAY clubs, student councils, essentially all school organizations in the area, are pooling their efforts to fill a semi-trailer with needed supplies.

The trailer was donated by Rodney Hafner, Grinnell. Jeremie Krehbiel, owner of Swine Transportation, Long Island, will drive his semi-tractor to haul the load.

These organizations are asking for help to provide staples for the hurricane victims. Non-perishable items may be left at the ag shops at Alma and Norton or taken to the Hill City FFA department which is the central drop point.

Doug Zillinger, the shop teacher at Northern Valley Schools, Alma, made contact with an FFA teacher in Louisiana and is helping organize relief efforts for victims of hurricane Katrina. The Louisiana teacher will handle the distribution.

Garret Beydler, shop teacher at Norton Community High School, will accompany Mr. Krehbiel on the 32-hour round trip. The truck plans to leave Friday night.

Students at all northwest Kansas schools are also accepting cash donations to help pay for fuel on the trip and on behalf of the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

Items needed include water, canned or other non perishable food, non-prescription drugs/vitamins, baby food/formula, baby bottles/pacifiers, small toys, pow-

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While Mr. Volgamore was putting his shop together, she and their two children were working on getting the back yard into shape. It went from black plastic and bark to having a fenced in garden, a new white-picket wooden fence, grass and a swing tucked in a back corner near another patch of garden.

They like the formal living room with its open staircase, but Mrs. Volgamore said she likes the garden the best. (Continued on Page 5)

Animals search for love

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At this point, she said, it will be more cost effective for the city to have her do it than take the animals to a veterinarian.

Donations help, she said. She recently received a shop vac from June Prout.

"The shop vac is the most wonderful thing we've had down here since running water," she said. "June is a big supporter. She brings down leashes and other needed things."

Lisa Hardiek, Dr. Steve Graf and several employees of the Norton correctional Facility donated dog food.

"In the food category, it really helps a lot," she said.

Mrs. Hickman said the city spends about \$100 a month on food alone. That figure doesn't include other necessities such as kitty litter, bleach and cleaning supplies.

"So, whenever we get a donation, it really helps," she said. "Our budget isn't very big and doesn't allow for any extras."

She said people also donate rags and rugs. Don's Floor Covering donates spare rugs, which she uses for the cats and dogs to lay on when there aren't enough beds.



Gypsy, an airedale-coon house mix, is looking for a new home. There is also a Jack Russell terrier and several retrievers at the Norton Animal Shelter looking for homes, including a dog, whose owner was called to serve in the armed forces. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Showing to feature old store

Couple to open home, garage for annual tour

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Mr. Volgamore said he likes every room.

"We've put a lot of memories into each room," he said. "It's decorated like the old house, but there is just more room."

Memories like the roll-top desk he got from Garvey Elevators, where he worked for 20 plus years; a piano they got for their daughter; and quilts and fancywork from Mrs. Volgamore's family.

A highlight of the tour will be Mr. Volgamore's general store in the garage.

"I tried to make it look like an old-time general store," he said. "Since they have just about everything."

In it there are hardware, grain elevator and store sections. All of it has meaning, he said.

There are old advertising signs hanging from one wall, an old-time gambling table and a tobacco section. There is an antique grinder he still uses and a corn grinder and sheller. He has a McCaskey receipt keeper with receipts still in it, a butter churn and creme separator, chicken boxes, scales, crocks, tools, cigar boxes, his great aunt's peddle plane and a whole lot more.

The Volgamores have two children, Derek, 18, who goes to Fort Hays State University, and Reesa, 16, a junior at Norton Community High School; two dogs, Brady and Lucky; and three cats, Kobe, Sassy and Percy.

To see the Volgamore's home, garden and general store, be sure to take advantage of the Homes Tour. Memberships will be sold at all four of the homes on the tour, but refreshments will only be served at the Volgamore's.

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 THE NORTON TELEGRAM

Many things needed by hurricane refugees

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dered milk, hard candy, dried beef or jerky, shampoo/soap, towels/wash clothes, combs/brushes, toothbrush and toothpaste, feminine products, diapers, toilet paper/paper towels, disposable eating utensils, Ziploc baggies (used to package personal care kits), paper/pens/stamps, deodorant/baby powder, Chapstick/sun block, insect repellent, rain gear/gloves, contact cases/solution, Q-tips/cotton balls, razors/fingernail clippers, first aid items, air mattresses, bedding/linens, candles/

matches, jackets/sweatshirts, pants/jeans/slacks, shirts/blouses, new undergarments, flashlights/batteries, portable radios/batteries, blankets/pillows, shoes/socks (preferably new), propane and propane stoves, books/Bibles.

Operation Blessing website for disaster relief kits lists:

In a one-gallon zip lock bag place a new wash cloth, new hand towel, new bar of soap, new comb, fingernail clipper, pack of dental floss, new toothbrush and small travel size toothpaste, shampoo, tissues and package of bandages.

Blue Jay Booster Club to meet on Wednesday

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

School football coach Bruce Graber, volleyball coach Jill Lively, tennis coach Jim Green and cross country coach Deyton Hager will report on early season competition.

Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School athletics are invited.

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