

Tuesday
July 18, 2006

Norton, Kansas
Home of Jan Meyers

Briefly
Surplus food
to be delivered
Friday, Saturday

The Norton County Senior Citizens, Inc. will distribute government surplus food for low-income persons of all ages in Norton County. Food to be distributed includes peaches, grape juice, tuna, cereal, peanut butter, pinto beans, apple juice and pudding.

Distribution will be: Friday, July 21, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Senior Center, Alma. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Senior Center, Lenora, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Senior Center, Norton; and Saturday, July 22 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Library, Clayton.

For more information please call Norma Pabian at the Norton Senior Center, 785-877-5352.

Parrots will
rule the roost
Thursday

Thursday is going to be for the birds. Parrots more specifically. Mary Sedlmayer, Norcat, is bringing three parrots to the Norton Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Thursday for Story Time. Tranda Watts, Multi-County Extension Specialist will be on hand for the 2 p.m. Summer Reading Program also at the library. She will be reading a story and let the youngsters make their own strawberry shortcakes.

Due to popular demand, there will be one more Fun Night Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Seventh through twelfth graders are invited to bring their favorite board game. Cookies and milk will be served for refreshments.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Low 66, wind: 5-15.
Wednesday — Windy and very hot. High 105, low 68, wind: SW 15-30.
Thursday — Mostly sunny, breezy and very hot. High 104, low 64. **Friday** — Partly cloudy and hot. High 96, low 65.
Saturday — Partly cloudy, breezy and hot with a chance of storms. High 93, low 63. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy, breezy and hot. High 95, low 65.

Kingham report:

Friday High 100, Low 67
Saturday High 101, Low 70
Sunday High 105, Low 71
Monday High 93, Low 72
Year ago today High 90, Low 68
(Readings taken at the Fred and Carolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God, thank you for loving us no matter what. Help us to love others as you love. **Amen**

'VISITOR' CREATES CHAOS



Clean-up began almost immediately after a storm passed through Lenora Thursday. Crews (above) from Midwest Energy, Rural Telephone and the City of Lenora worked together to get trees off of power and phone lines. Neighbors consoled Doris Gregory (bottom left) after the roof of her home

was blown off. Mrs. Gregory took shelter in her basement, while her husband (also pictured) made his way home to her. A dog (bottom right) limped home after being caught in the storm.

— Telegram photos by Hypatia Day



Mother Nature whips Lenora

By **VERONICA MONIER**

Two parts wind, one part rain and one part hail mixed together will give you a sizable storm and plenty of damage, which is what Lenora got Thursday when a storm blew in to create chaos.

Power lines and phone lines were down, trees fell over, branches and mud covered the streets, roofs were blown off and in,

and crops were ruined.

"It could have been worse," said City Clerk Gayle James. "I haven't heard of anyone or any animals getting hurt."

Mrs. James said a tree fell on power and telephone lines on Main Street. The roof of a grain bin owned by Steve Hickert caved in, she said, and several roofs on

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Development
still searching
for director

By **VERONICA MONIER**

The hunt for a new economic development director continues.

At the Norton County Economic Development board's last meeting, a potential candidate was interviewed in closed session to protect the interviewee's privacy.

This was the second candidate interviewed for the position, which has been open since the board terminated the employment of Marlene Henderson, the previous director.

After coming out of closed session, the board decided to interview another of the candidates who applied for the position.

In other business, the board:
• Discussed Social and Rehabilitative Services (SRS) call center. A letter was sent to the department, offering Norton County as a potential site for the new center.

• Heard an update from Janis Monier, K-State doctoral candidate, about the survey the board is planning to do. Ms. (Continued on Page 5)

County decides against
drilling in sand pit

By **VERONICA MONIER**

A potential sand pit the county has been looking at will not be used.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan told the Norton County commissioners last week that they have finished core drilling on a sand pit in Phillips County.

At one point, the county had been getting sand from the pit. Drilling stopped and nothing was done with the pit for several years.

The owner of the land wanted to know if the county was going to continue drilling. If not, he said, he wanted the pit closed, which was in the original agreement.

When the commissioners learned of the open pit, they decided to have it tested to see if anything further could be drilled from it.

Now that core samples have been taken and reviewed, Mr. Brannan said he wasn't sure the pit was worth using anymore. The overburden, he said, is about 20 to 25 feet. Once they made it through the overburden, there is only

about 20 feet of sand available.

The amount of sand is questionable, he said.

Mr. Brannan recommended that the pit be closed.

In other business, the commission:
• Heard that county crews are helping the Norton County Community Service Association set up fair rides for the Home Owned Carnival.

• Received a listing of dump trucks for sale from Mr. Brannan. He said he's been having trouble finding what he's looking for in his available price range. Most of the trucks he's found have high mileage or are a long distance away. The commission said Mr. Brannan has a couple of months to make a decision before the millings project, when the truck would be needed.

• Accepted a low bid of \$700 from Murphy Tractor of North Platte, Neb., for a new S150 skid loader for the landfill. A second, higher bid was received from Hastings Bobcat of Hastings, Neb. The skid loader has a one-year (Continued on Page 5)

Exotic pets,
zoo combined
this year for fair

The display of exotic pets will be held in conjunction with the 4-H and FFA Petting Zoo this year, which will be held on Wednesday, July 26

The zoo will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the livestock barn in Elmwood Park.

An exotic pet is one that would not be shown in another livestock, poultry or pet class at the fair. The Norton Fair Association would welcome anyone to join the petting zoo to exhibit their exotic pet.

Dr. Steve Graf will be on hand at the display to visit with the public about the exotic animals and the petting zoo participants.

Anyone that has an "exotic pet" is encouraged to contact the Norton County Extension Office at 785-877-5755 by Thursday, July 20, to let them know of your entries.

This has been a popular event combined with the small petting zoo, especially for the younger children.

Other featured events for Wednesday are the pork roast, porkburger and water- (Continued on Page 5)