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For love of a pet

Norton, Kansas
Home of Denise Meyer

Briefly

School packets to be sent out

Enrollment packets for Norton schools will be mailed out next week. If you have a new address since the end of the last school year, or if you are new to Norton, please notify the unified school office.

If you have not received an enrollment packet by July 29, please contact the office at 105 E. Waverly, or call 877-3386.

Speed wants parade entries

Parade entries are welcome for the "Need for Speed" Hot Wheels event to be held Sunday, Aug. 6 in Speed. The day-long festival will feature live bands, a Miss Hot Wheels pageant, collectors, car show, motorcycle show, car simulators, dyno trailer and a soap box derby.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. and entries should be designed around the Hot Wheels theme. Prize money will be awarded in five different categories: Youth, adult, commercial, float and vehicle. There will also be a "Best of Show" award given.

Entry forms may be downloaded on-line at cvbcham@ruraltel.net or by calling 785-543-2321.

Food vendors are also welcome.

Grazing areas extended

Sen. Pat Roberts told *The Norton Telegram* Thursday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture released Conservation Reserve Program acreage in Kansas for emergency grazing due to serious, long-term drought conditions to seven additional counties. He said the latest counties approved are Cheyenne, Greeley, Hamilton, Morton, Sherman, Stanton and Wallace.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear and mild with a low of 59 with light and variable winds; **Saturday** — Sunny to partly cloudy and warm with a low of 58 and a high of 88, light wind; **Sunday** — Sunny, breezy and hot with a high of 92, low 60; **Monday** — Partly cloudy, windy and hot with a high of 94, and a low of 64; **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy, windy and hot, High 96, Low 65.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 67, High 99
Wednesday Low 70, High 106
Thursday Low 73, High 92
Year Ago Today Low 72, High 103
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

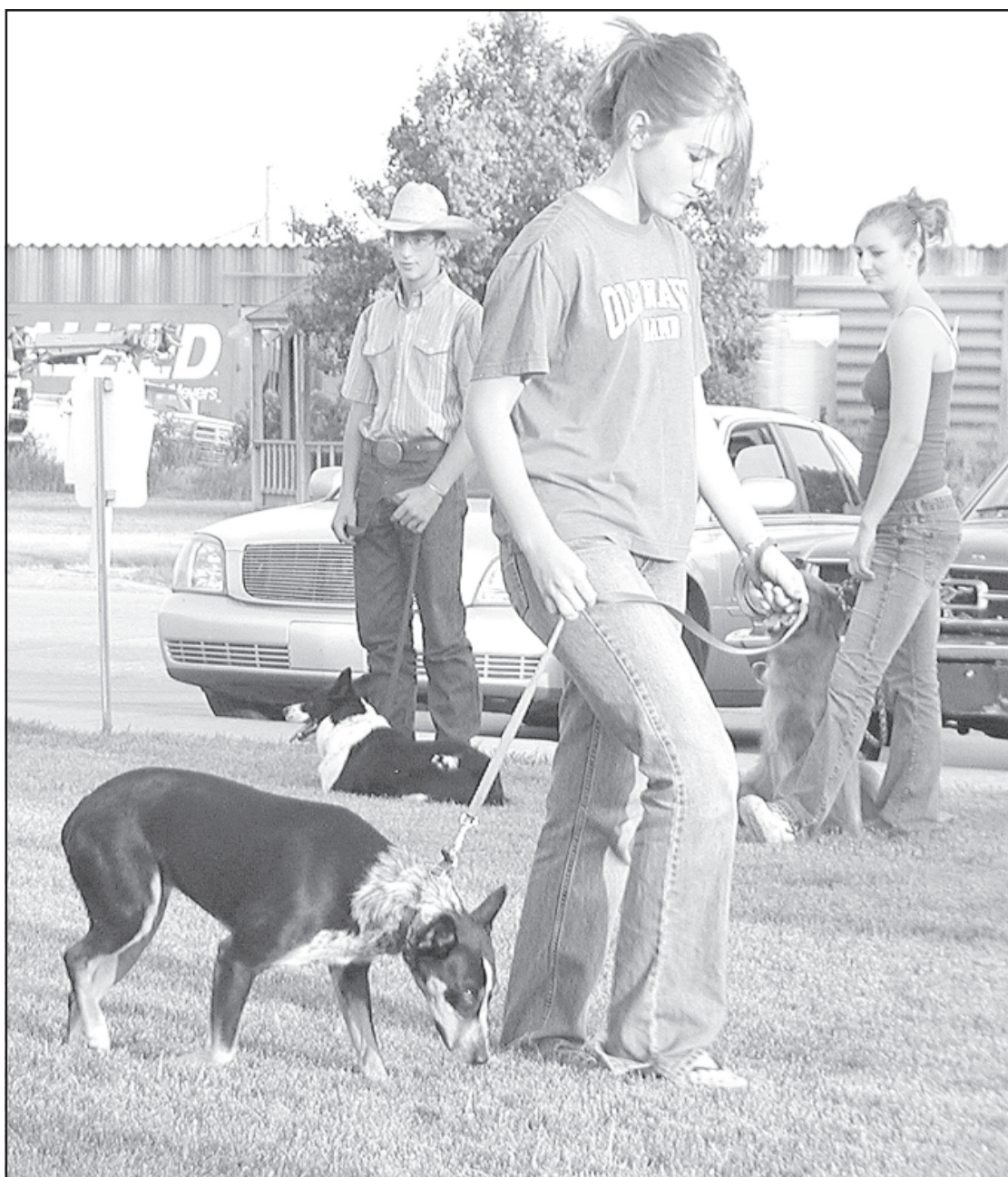
Prayer

God of mercy, teach us to look to Christ when we are overcome by pain and doubt so that the light of his face may lighten our darkness. **Amen**



How hot was it? It was so hot Monday night at the Norton County Pet Show that water was a main concern for pets and owners alike. Above, Katrina Wentz and her dog "Cosmo" share a break and a drink. Emily Jueneman (below left) and her pal "Riley" go through the paces in the dog obedience training competition. Kegan Vanover and his dog (below right) wait their turn in the 12 years and younger category.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Pet show a hit with 4-H'ers

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

One of the favorite 4-H shows each year is the Cat, Dog and Hand-Held Pet Show.

Monday evening found 25 4-Hrs and their pets assembled at the Andbe Home for the annual competition.

Dr. Sarah White judged the cat, hand and aquarium pet show. Dr. White talked with each entrant about how they cared for their pet and some of the pet's traits.

Judging the dog fitting and showing and the dog obedience and (Continued on Page 3)



Woman wants more input on tree decision

By VERONICA MONIER

A Norton resident wants more input from the community before a decision on the trees downtown is made.

Harriett Gill told the Norton City Council at Wednesday's meeting that she had written a letter to the editor to *The Norton Telegram* about the trees downtown and it was printed Tuesday. She said she was at the meeting to see if anyone on the council had any questions and to make her concerns known.

"I know the trees downtown (at the intersection of State and Main streets) are messy," she said. "But, they're beautiful. A lot of work has been put into the trees by a lot of volunteers over the years. They're 18 years old and shouldn't be cut down.

"If they need to be trimmed, then lets trim them."

Councilman Ron Briery said people are constantly having to clean up tree debris

and bird droppings from the tree by Moffet Drug. The tree also makes it hard to clean off the ice and snow, making it "like a ice skating rink" in the winter.

"I'm not against trees," he said. "If we cut these trees down, I don't think the council has any problem buying new trees and planting them somewhere else."

Mr. Briery said when the trees were planted, no one expected them to get as big as they did. They're starting to push up the sidewalk and obstruct the view of traffic.

"I think you need more input from the community before you do anything," Ms. Gill said. "More members of the community were involved with these trees than just the people on the plaques. People in town should have a say in whether or not to cut them down."

The council said it would be a while until a decision was made.

In other business, the council:

- Met Caleb Cox, the new police officer.

- Were thanked by Mark Griffin with the Norton Car Club for the help the city gave at this year's car show. He said there were 187 cars at the show, plus several of the club members' cars, making the total 221. There were over 1,000 people at the airport. He said he thinks it will be even bigger next year.

- Heard from Don Skipton, who expressed his concerns regarding how some dogs are treated in the community. He said he has seen some dogs that are on a chain all day long every day and aren't cared for very well or properly fed or watered.

- "People need to take care of their dogs," he said.

- Waived the formal second reading of Ordinance 1553, relating to the electrical rates.

- Held a 20-minute closed session with the council, mayor, city attorney, city (Continued on Page 3)

'Home' gets new staff for management

The Norton Andbe Home has a new administrator and a new director of nursing.

Harold Achey, Paola, has accepted the position of interim administrator at the Andbe Home and Connie Dale is the new director of nursing.

In 1972, Mr. Achey built and operated his own nursing facility. He was in the first group of people to be licensed as an administrator. For the last 13 years, he has been an active interim administrator during the spring, summer and fall months.

Most of those positions have been in western Kansas. Mr. Achey and (Continued on Page 3)