

**Tuesday**  
August 8, 2006

*Better than a smoke detector*

**Norton, Kansas**  
Home of Bernita Daniels

*Briefly*  
**Screening will be on Aug. 25**

Eisenhower Elementary will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screening on Friday, Aug. 25. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are eligible. The appointments take about 45 minutes and will be scheduled starting at 8 a.m. Children will be tested in the developmental areas of: vision, hearing, speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning. To schedule an appointment call Joan Hale at Eisenhower Elementary, 877-5113 by Aug. 24.

**Swimming party set for Aug. 14**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County invite anyone interested in the program to a Dessert and Swim Party. The party will begin at 8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14 in the park next to Norton City Pool. Swimming will be until 10 p.m. Past and present Bigs and Littles are also invited. For more information, call Mary Kay Woodyard 874-4200.

**'Rock' to hold back-to-school bash**

The Rock in downtown Norton will be holding back-to-school bashes for students at the junior high and high school. The junior high bash will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, while the high school bash will be held the following night from 7 to 11 p.m.

**Senator coming to Norton Aug. 21**

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts is touring western Kansas to hear the concerns of constituents and discuss current events.

Sen. Roberts will be in Norton at 2:15 p.m. at Town and Country Kitchen on Monday, Aug. 21.

Anyone who wishes, is invited to attend and come ask questions or just listen.

*Weather*  
**Forecast:**

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy and muggy with a chance of showers and storms.  
**Wednesday** — Sunny with a few clouds and very hot. High of 100.  
**Thursday** — Partly cloudy and breezy and very hot.

**Kingham report:**

Friday ..... Low 61, High 89  
Saturday ..... Low 68, High 101  
Sunday ..... Low 72, High 103, .30 Prec.  
Monday ..... Low 67, High 88, .20 Prec.  
Tuesday ..... Low 67, 1" Prec.  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Carolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Thank you, Lord, for listening to our prayers no matter how scared we are or what words we use. **Amen**



Not taking himself too seriously, Jackson, a Golden Labrador, laid at the feet of his owner John Van Diest, Lenora. Mr. Van Diest holds the burned breaker box that Jackson detected. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

**Lenora dog saves the day, and the house**

**By CAROLYN PLOTTS**  
A dog named Jackson may have saved his family's lives. Last Thursday, July 27, John and Pat Van Diest had finished their evening meal and were relaxing in the front room of their Lenora Home. It was between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. when the lights blinked and they both assumed it was a "brown-out" in the town and they were not concerned. Soon after that the lights went out. Then their usually sedate dog, Jackson, began barking.

"Jackson normally doesn't bark," said Mr. Van Diest. "Rabbits can run across our back yard and he'll chase them, but he doesn't bark." But this night, he barked. And barked. And barked. "Honestly, I was going out to tell him to be quiet," said Mr. Van Diest. "But, I could tell his bark was different." Jackson, his large, six-year old Golden Labrador, was standing on the patio looking toward the attached garage on the south side of the Van Diest home. Mr. Van

Diest said Jackson was barking constantly and it almost had a panic sound to it. When Mr. Van Diest opened the sliding glass door to the patio he heard a crackling sound. Entering the garage, he found sparks shooting from the electrical breaker box. He immediately called 911 and the Lenora Fire Department was alerted and responded. Firefighters told Mr. Van Diest the air conditioning unit had caused an overload on the circuit, the breaker box overheated

and the switch got stuck. He was also told that if it had been allowed to go a few more minutes, the garage and perhaps the whole house might have gone up in flames. "We're just lucky we were home and that Jackson was outside," said Mr. Van Diest. When asked if Jackson received some special treatment after his heroic deed, Mr. Van Diest said, "Yeah, he got a steak, but it was out of a can." Jackson came to Mr. and Mrs. Van Diest. (Continued on Page 5)

**Cold Front: what does it mean?**

**By TOM DREILING**  
"Cold front!" How often have we heard those comforting words during this 2006 summer heat-a-thon? Problem is, when the "cold front" comes many people don't know it's here. Is perhaps the term cold front a teaser to get our minds off the heat? The questions surrounding those two words — cold front — need answering. And who best to talk about a pending cold front?

The National Weather Service. A call to the weather experts at Goodland (785) 899-2360 if you want to talk to someone live, instead of listening to their recording, satisfied our quest. The weatherman said, in effect, that a cold front is a battle between two air masses, representing warm air and cool air. If the cool air overtakes the warm air a wind shift follows — usually shifting from the south to the north or northeast — and that's when the cooler air moves in. The weatherman said that even in his ranks there is a debate as to whether cold

front is an appropriate term to use in the heat of summer. He said that a better term would probably be "wind shift," because that is what is happening in the atmosphere as a so-called cold front forms. He said temperatures can drop as much as 10 to 15 degrees in the wake of a cold front and if the temperature is 98 and it drops that much there would definitely be a feeling of cooler air. A good example for the Norton area came last Tuesday when the high was (Continued on Page 5)

*Logan celebrates Labor Day with music, fun*

Musical entertainment for the 30th annual Logan Labor Day Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 3, will be two well-known groups. Taking the stage at 5:30 p.m. will be the family style bluegrass entertainment of *The McLemore Family* of Colby, and at 7:30 p.m. the doo-wop sounds of *Streetside*. The McLemores are becoming a favorite of the bluegrass crowd all over the state. Noted especially for their tight acapella harmony and good family fun, the group puts on a professional but relaxed stage show with a flair that pleases audiences and also incorporates some off-the-wall fun stuff. Traditional bluegrass lovers, too, find the high lonesome harmonies and pickin' done "just right" on the older style tunes. Nineteen year-old twins, Blake and Brandon, charm audiences with their heart-warming smiles and genuine personalities. Other members of the group include the driver and fun man, Bob (Dad), who (Continued on Page 5)

*Northern Valley FFA make a trip to state*

Leaders of 24 FFA chapters from across Kansas, including the Northern Valley Chapter attended the second session of the 48th annual State Conference for Chapter Leaders in July. The conference was held at Barton County Community College and Camp Aldrich in Great Bend. Members who attended were Carly Whorton, State FFA Sentinel; Joni Hilburn, secretary; Jessica Zillinger, president; Blake Johnson, reporter; Ethan Hays, treasurer; Brittney Braun, Sentinel;

and Mr. Zillinger, advisor. The conference began with the theme "Be the Brand of Leadership" and engaged students from across the state to discover their own potential as well as that of other members in their chapter. The leadership built and service learned, with hands on application, will help the chapter officers lead their fellow members in the upcoming year. The second day students had the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of

how to successfully operate their chapter. They participated in workshops that develop accountability and follow through. The students were then able to put their leadership into action, performing service learning activities at the Great Bend homeless shelter and soup kitchen. Students assisted with renovations and improvements to the facility. Other students had the opportunity to work with the local meals-on-wheels program. (Continued on Page 5)