

# Opinion

## Newspaper carriers need your vote

### Blood drive support noted by Red Cross

To the Editor,  
The American Red Cross would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our community for continuously supporting the Red Cross blood program. Our support is a wonderful example of how to give back to the community and help patients in need.

People commonly underestimate the need for blood and the difference that even one donation can make to ensure blood is available when and where it's needed.

Did you know:  
• Every two seconds someone in America needs blood.  
• There is no substitute for human blood.  
• You can save three lives by donating just one pint of blood.

You can safely donate blood every 56 days. The entire process takes about an hour and the actual donation takes only about seven minutes. Our community can help save lives by donating at the next Red Cross blood drive.

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The next drive in Norton will be Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the National Guard Armory from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule an appointment.

Donors must be in general good health, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be at least 17 years of age (16 in Kansas with completed Parental Consent Form. Visit [www.bloodgiveslife.org](http://www.bloodgiveslife.org) to print the required consent form and reading materials).

As a community, we must count on healthy individuals to donate blood for those in need. On behalf of hospital patients everywhere, thank you for your continued support.

Rudy Perez  
Blood Drive Chair

### Big Brothers Big Sisters fund raiser big success

To the Editor,  
Thank you for your donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters Dinner Dance and Silent Auction. *The Norton Telegram* subscription is always one of the popular items.

The dinner dance was a successful event and will help to make matches and provide special programs for the youth of our area.

Because of your generosity, our most vulnerable population, our children, will find strength through mentors and benefit from substance prevention/education

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after school programs.

Once again, thank you for your support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Woodyard  
Affiliate Director

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W. North; 200-300 blocks of W. Wilton; and 300-800 blocks of N. Second. He also delivers the 300 blocks of W. Warsaw, W. Wilberforce and W. Woodsfield; and 300-800 N. Grant.

**Caryl Cullen**, carrier for routes 8 and 21. She delivers the 900 blocks of Westridge, Crestview, Manor Drive, Holme and Valley Drive for route 8. On route 21, she delivers to Whispering Pines Retirement and Assisted Living Center.

### Norton 4-H'ers go to national congress

Two Norton County 4-H members were among 37 other 4-H'ers from across Kansas who took part in the National 4-H Congress held Nov. 24-28 in Atlanta, Ga.

Luke VanSkiike was selected as the state runner up winner in the 4-H Wildlife/Fisheries project and Jacob VanSkiike was selected as the state winner in the 4-H Pets project. They were selected at the local state level earlier this spring at the state wide project screening and selection process.

The two 4-H'ers completed their award application that listed their achievements not only in the project but other aspects of their 4-H leadership and citizenship records, plus extra curricular school and church activities.

The Kansas delegation was also there in Atlanta, the site of the National 4-H Congress with 4-H winners from all over the nation.

**Heaven Peters**, carrier for routes 10, 13, 15 and 16. She delivers the 900-1000 blocks of Regan, West Ave., Kennedy, Truman, Hartford and Churchill; 500-700 blocks of W. Crane; and the 900 blocks of W. Armory Dr. and Quail Dr. on route 10. On route 13, she delivers the 600-800 blocks of N. Brown and Valley Vista; part of the 700 block and all of the 800 block of Woodsfield; 600 block of W. Wilberforce; 600-700 blocks of Woods Dr.; 500-600 blocks of Pool Dr. and Sunset;

400-700 blocks of West Ave.; and the 700 block of W. Wilton. She also delivers the 300 blocks of S. State and Pearl; 200-300 blocks of Taft; 500-600 blocks of Johnson Road; 400 block of South St.; 200-400 blocks of S. First, 200-500 blocks of S. Second and the Norton Manor for route 15. On route 16, she delivers to the 100 blocks of N. Norton, N. Wabash and N. Archer; 100-200 blocks of S. Norton, S. Wabash and S. Archer; 300-800 blocks of E. Lincoln; 300-600 blocks of E. Main;

100-400 blocks of E. Washington; and to all of Indiana Ave.

**Alexis Lively**, carrier for route 12. She delivers the 300-500 blocks of N. Brown, N. Graves and W. Waverly; 300-400 blocks of W. Jones; 400-600 blocks of W. Wilton; and the 400-600 blocks and part of the 700 block of W. Woodsfield.

**Laura Somers**, carrier for route 18. She delivers the 100-200 blocks of W. Crane; 1000-1100 blocks of N. Second; and the Andbe Home.

### Meetings will deal with local watershed

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a voluntary plan by the landowners. The Conservation District will offer financial assistance to landowners who want to restore and protect their watershed.

The district is looking for individuals to be on a leadership team to help establish goals and best management practices for the Prairie Dog Creek/Keith Sebelius Lake watershed. Everyone lives in a watershed and what we do impacts the quality of the water in the watershed. So, whether you live in the country or within the city limits, you are having an impact on the

water in the watershed you live in.

There will be a Town Hall Conversation at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, at Quality Inn, 1950 South Range, Colby, and at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Lenora City Library, 125 East Washington. Lunch will be provided. RSVPs should be made by Dec. 4. Please call the Norton Conservation District at 877-2623 Ext. 37.

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings more meetings will be held in February in Norton and Jennings.

This is your chance to voice your concerns about the restora-

tion and protection of Prairie Dog Creek/Keith Sebelius Lake Watershed.

For more information about WRAPS for the Prairie Dog Creek/Keith Sebelius Lake or if you would like to be on the leadership team, contact Christa Mulder at 785-877-2623 ext 40 or [christa.mulder@ks.nacdnet.net](mailto:christa.mulder@ks.nacdnet.net).

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has provided financial assistance to this project through EPA Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grant # 2006-0052.

### Norton woman adds a little spice to her life

It's never too late to start a new career.

Ask 91-year old Katherine Severns, Norton. Several months ago, Mrs. Severns contacted Wayne Billinger, owner of Advantage Studio, Hays, to inquire about promoting a song by a member of her family.

She hired Mr. Billinger to compose music for some poems she had written over the past few years and submitted a few works by her brother, Earnest Hoppes.

Recently Mrs. Severns wrote lyrics about a child whose daddy won't be home for Christmas because he's fighting for the "good

'ole U.S.A. Mr. Billinger had 10-year old Shelby Matlock perform the vocals to "I Miss Daddy". It is one of five original songs by Mrs. Severns. Her brother wrote three songs and there are two traditional selections on the 10-song compact disc project.

Mrs. Severns said, "It was only a few years ago that I decided I

would like to write poems. I'm not musically talented, but I like music and I come from a musical family." She is featured telling a short story on the final selection on the CD, "Amazing Grace".

Her CDs are available at The Good Book Store in downtown Hays. For more information, call 785-625-6868.

Thanks for reading  
*The Norton Telegram*

### This columnist finds eBay addictive

The Hubby has spent many a long winter evening checking out the farm equipment on eBay. Until recently, I did not understand the attraction.

It all started off innocently enough. I was watching the DIY Network. There was a show called Knitty Gritty where they were making an Aran Afghan. I thought, "Hey, I could do that!" So I went to their website and made a copy of the complete directions.

A certain type of yarn was recommended. It takes 11 skeins, not available at Hobby Lobby or Walmart. I enjoy going into a nice yarn shop, trouble is there aren't any close, that and the prices.

So what is a farm gal to do? First I checked on-line retailers, the lowest price I found was \$5.29 a skein. Then it occurred to me — eBay.

There it was: 15 skeins of purple yarn! Maybe an authentic Aran Afghan would be cream or ivory, but they had purple and I like purple. The bid was around \$2 a skein, with eight minutes left to bid. So I submitted a bid, or I tried to submit a bid. You have to have a user ID and a password. According to eBay I had one, if only I could remember it, and truthfully I can hardly remember what I had for lunch — so there you go.

Luckily, you can retrieve the User ID, but you have to answer some questions. Your birthday? Whose birthday? Mine didn't work!

They wanted to know your school mascot. I was pretty sure Tricia had set the original account up but what mascot would she

Back Home  
Nancy Hagman



have used? Blue Jays? Wildcats? Or had the hubby done it? Goldbugs? How many chances do you get? How much time is left?

I called Tricia. She thought she had set the account up, using her birthday, and was pretty sure the mascot was the Blue Jay. Of course, by that time the bidding had closed! And, I still did not have the password. There is no way to retrieve that so I got a new one, at least I am prepared for next time.

EBay is addictive. I looked for candy dishes with lids. I didn't realize how particular I am until I looked at 148 and found only two I would consider. One of them had a reserve of \$70. I don't want one that bad. But I did get to look at lots of interesting stuff. Did you know you can get glassware in a color called "Vaseline"? It glows in the dark.

I looked for and found some crystal glassware to match some pieces I already have. I tried to match some yarn for Kate. I looked at DVDs. I did not buy a thing but I wasted a lot of time!

I have since checked the yarn on eBay and have not found a sufficient quantity to do the Afghan project. But there are always fun things to check out! This morning I found more candy dishes I liked. One was most unusual and had a

"Buy It Now" price. While I was looking at the details, someone bought it now! Is there a pattern here? I keep ending up just seconds too late! There were two wooden candy dishes. My grandma had one, her second husband made it and she always kept it filled. I realize that is the candy dish I really want. I think I know which of my cousins has it. I wonder if she would let me have it?

The crystal glasses I found earlier did not sell and are re-listed. If only that yarn would show up again!

The page had a list of other searches related to glassware and pottery. Roseville Pottery. I inherited two Roseville vases and a bowl. For years I thought they were unbelievably ugly.

I was never too respectful of them, hoping perhaps they would get broken or something. But they have grown on me and since I know they are somewhat valuable, I display them proudly.

I decided to see what the market value might be. I found a vase on eBay like mine, which is saying something because I looked for the pattern for years and never found it. They wanted a \$99 beginning bid. I about hyperventilated. I have two. The bowl I have was also listed for \$99.

I'm starting to love that pottery. (Of course, they can ask anything, I notice no one had bid!) Maybe I can trade my cousin a piece of pottery for the candy dish? Maybe I'll sell my stuff online. Overall window shopping on eBay is a pretty harmless vice, I suppose.

Except for the hubby and farm equipment, he's dangerous!

## Help us select the Telegram 'Carrier of the Year'



The 'Carrier of the Year,' as selected by subscribers of The Norton Telegram, will receive a \$30 cash award. First runner-up will receive \$20 in cash and the second runner-up will receive \$10.

Fill out the entry form at right and drop it by the Telegram office or mail it to Norton Telegram 215 S. Kansas Ave. Norton, KS 67654.

### Telegram Carrier of the Year

My carrier is \_\_\_\_\_

I think he or she should be 'Carrier of the Year' because:

Delivers promptly  Never misses a delivery  Is polite

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Entries must be received by Tuesday, December 19 to be counted.

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