



This is the way it's done. Volunteers (above) line up to fill boxes with personal products and food items for soldiers overseas. An unidentified soldier (below) opens a box from "home". — Photos courtesy of Operation SOS

# Mother makes a difference

(Continued from Page 1) to include them. In 2002, the initial goal was to send 500 boxes to men and women serving overseas. This year, they plan to send 1,000 boxes.



M. Elliott

The work is not limited to boxes. This year she coordinated the mailing of 3,500 Valentine cards.

Mrs. Elliott said Operation SOS is supported strictly by donations, both monetary and items to ship. She said, "We are non-political. Our only concern is the men and women overseas. But, the recurring theme I hear from every single American serving overseas is how proud they are of what they're doing."

Part of the money she raises comes from a huge garage sale she holds each year. She also accepts speaking engagements from clubs and organizations in hopes of encouraging them to contribute to their cause. She said the cost of shipping a flat rate box is now \$9.05. That means she has to raise over \$9,000 just for postage.

She said receiving the boxes helps the soldier get a feeling of "community" and helps them know their country still cares about them.

Some of the items needed include: jerky, chips, nuts, new socks, stocking hats, gloves, tooth



brushes, tooth paste, dental floss, shampoo, Q-tips, hand sanitizer, dry laundry soap, empty Pringles cans, greeting cards, disposable razors, styrofoam cups, instant tea and coffee, gum, microwave popcorn, instant oatmeal, instant macaroni and cheese, seasonings, reading material, puzzle books, canned fruit, single serving puddings, Christmas decorations and extension cords.

She asked that you don't send any pork products because of religious beliefs in some of the countries where the boxes will be sent.

If you want to help, contact Mrs. Elliott at (785) 476-2840 or e-mail her at: [operationSOS@gmail.com](mailto:operationSOS@gmail.com). Donations can be mailed to Operation SOS at P.O. Box 267, Kensington Kan, 66951.

The website is: [www.operationsupportoursoldiers.org](http://www.operationsupportoursoldiers.org).

# Power lines being rebuilt

(Continued from Page 1) awarded a contract in Dodge City to replace lines, he said, working for Victory Electric Cooperative. The company has about 41 crew members in Oberlin, he said, and that number will probably grow to 80 and they will most likely have 80 in Dodge City.

Mr. Moore said he doesn't know how long the power company will be in Oberlin, although it will most likely be around three years.

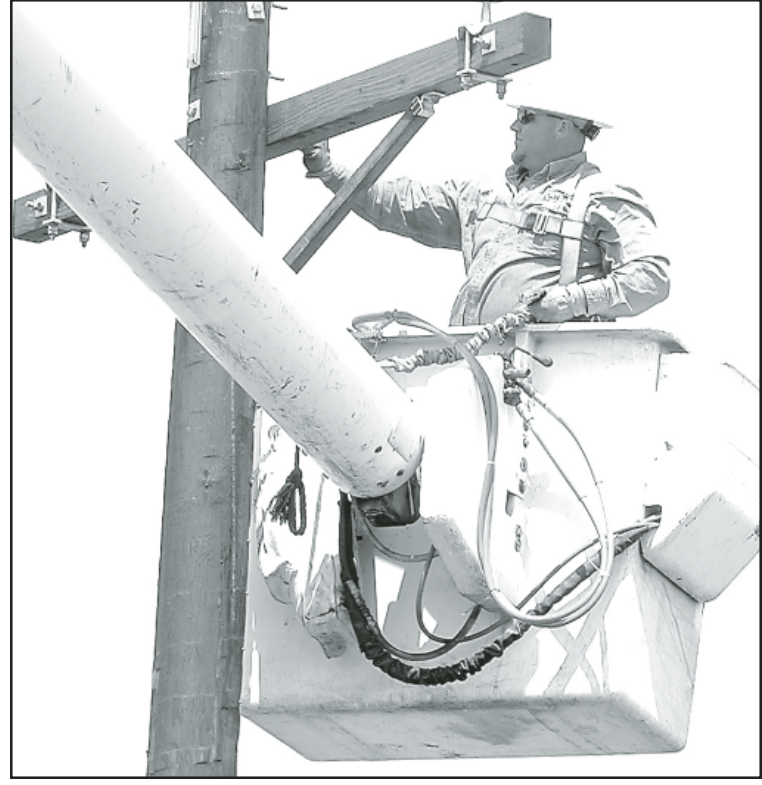
Since they knew that the company would be here for several years, he said, and since one of the supervisors plans to stay here, the company bought two to four houses. The availability of motel space in the area isn't the greatest, he said, so the company bought the houses for the crew members. It just made things more affordable, said Mr. Moore.

The company did buy the Oberlin Inn, said Mr. Moore. He said he isn't sure if there is an office here.

Although the company is based out of Oklahoma, they hire workers from Mississippi, Missouri and Louisiana as well, he said. In the power line industry, unless you

work for a power co-op, the crews plan to travel. Most of the crew members in Oberlin work seven days a week, with 21 days on and then six to seven days off. That

way people can go home and see their families, he said. So far, said Mr. Moore, things are going good in Oberlin and he's really happy with the work.



On Monday, Charles Beller with C&H Power worked on replacing a power pole about 15.5 miles east of Oberlin on the north side of U.S. 36. — Photo by Kimberly Davis

## Museum opens for summer

The Norton County Museum will re-open for the summer from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday. During the season, the museum will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. As part of the kick-off for the season, the Norton County Historical Society will host a hamburger feed fundraiser from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the museum. The society is asking for a \$5 donation per person. Those with paid-up 2007 membership dues eat free. For more information, call Joe Ballinger, 877-5626.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Application to change name

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, April 24, May 1, 8, 2007. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS Case No. 2007-CV-12 In the Matter of the Application of **BRETT MICHAEL LANUS**, to Change Name **NOTICE OF HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN — GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the above-named Brett Michael Lanus has filed his petition in the above-named Court praying for judgment and decree changing his name to that of "**Brett Michael Thomson**," and that said petition will be heard by said Court at the Courthouse on the third floor of the Norton County Courthouse, Norton, Kansas, on the 6th day of June, 2007,

at 1:30 o'clock p.m. and you are hereby required to plead to the petition on or before that time. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition. Brett Michael Lanus, Petitioner **R. Douglas Sebelius #09157 SEBELIUS & GRIFFITHS, LLP** 105 South Norton Street P.O. Box 10 Norton, Kansas 67654-0010 (785) 877-5143 Attorney for Petitioner

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### Norton County Weather ----- May 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
75/47	70/45	75/47	80/49	85/51

Normal High: 70  
Normal Low: 43

Sunrise: 6:35 to 6:40am  
Sunset: 8:34 to 8:38pm

Warm and mild temperatures will continue along with the chances for thunderstorms and severe weather into May. The temperatures will be a bit above normal, but the storms are common in May and June on the High Plains. Today and tomorrow's storm activity will be scattered with only a slight risk of being severe. However, over the weekend a stronger disturbance will move through increasing chances for heavier rains and severe weather. In between storm chances the weather will be beautiful!

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## Defensive driving class coming up

Anise Gill, Norton, will be the instructor for an eight-hour, two-day defensive driving class. The eight-hour, two-day class is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 7 and 9 at the Almena United Methodist Church.

The course will cover the effects of aging on driving, identifying the most common crash situations, give tips on how to reduce the chance of a crash and make a driver think about what they are doing. It will also offer tips on driving strategies that take into account the changes aging drivers experience. The course is open to

anyone with a valid drivers license, although, it is geared to those age 50 and over.

Upon completion of the course, you will be given a certificate that allows you a discount on your auto insurance for the next three years. Cost for the program is \$10.

The Coterie Club of Almena is the sponsor for the class. Call Shari Archer, 785-669-2278 for more information.

## LODGE NOTICES

**American Legion Harmonson Redd Post No. 63**  
Second and Fourth Monday  
Joe Ballinger, Commander

**Eagles Lodge FOE 3288**  
Second and Fourth Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Dennis Gilhousen, President  
Lee Smith, Secretary

**Sons of the American Legion**  
Fourth Monday 7:30 p.m.  
James Railsback, Commander  
Alan Hale, Adjutant

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
Reg. 7:00 p.m.  
First Mon. of each month  
Curt Archibald, Commander  
Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

**I.O.O.F. No. 157**  
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Thursday-7:30 p.m.  
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## Norton Schools Staff Spotlight


*Classified Employee*



**Dale Goss**

Mr. Dale Goss is completing his 32nd year as a bus driver for USD 211 and will retire at the end of this school year. He and his wife, Leota, are the parents of seven children and eighteen grandchildren. Fishing, wood working and collecting toy farm tractors are his favorite leisure activities. Mr. Goss says the best thing about his job is being able to watch the kids grow up over the years that they ride his bus.

*Certified Employee*



**Carol Clough**

Mrs. Carol Clough is an inter-related teacher for both the Norton junior and senior high schools. Mrs. Clough has taught in Norton for 13 years and is retiring at the end of this school year. She has earned a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree, both from Fort Hays State University. Mrs. Clough and her husband David have two grown children and seven grandchildren, all boys. Her favorite leisure activities are listening to music, dancing, and gardening. What she really likes about her job is working with the "great people" at the junior and senior high schools, staff and students.

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