



Librarian Kaye Goscha and Josh Gallentine, an employee at the library, put books back in "the stacks". Norton Public Library was recently ranked No. 4 in the state as compared to other libraries that serve towns the size of Norton. —Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Norton library ranks fourth for service

(Continued from Page 1) are the number of children who attend programs sponsored by the library, how much use the public computers receive and how much money is spent in each area of the library.

Kay LeBeau, Library Director at Norton Public Library, said, "Fifteen years ago when it was

determined a new library was needed, the community support was great. From groups and individuals to those giving to the Library Foundation."

Mrs. LeBeau said, "When the library receives this kind of recognition it makes you feel good. You know you're doing something that pleases people. Besides, people

out here have the same needs as people in the city."

## Cattle specialist gives July management tips

MANHATTAN — Summer's hot, dry weather can take a toll on cattle in the High Plains, but producers can take steps to keep health and productivity problems at bay, said Kansas State University beef cattle specialist Twig Marston.

Marston provided the following tips for producers to keep in mind as they manage their cow herd operations to maximize nutrition and health during July:

- Provide plenty of clean, fresh water.

- Provide free-choice mineral to correct any mineral deficiencies or imbalances.

- Monitor grazing conditions and rotate pastures, if possible and/or practical.

- Ammoniation can increase the digestibility of wheat straw and other grass hays and crop residues. If planning ammoniated wheat straw for winter needs, keep in mind:

- 1) The best time to ammoniate is immediately after wheat harvest, prior to weather deterioration.

- 2) The ammoniation process is temperature-sensitive, fastest during hot days.

- 3) Apply 60 pounds of anhydrous ammonia per ton of straw.

- 4) Do not ammoniate wheat hay or any other intermediate or high quality forage as production of imidazole, an organic compound, can cause hyperactivity and death.

- 5) Process will double crude protein content, enhance intake and be cost effective.

More information about ammoniation treatment of low-quality forages is available at [www.oznet.ksu.edu](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu) and type in FORA12 for a fact sheet or MF1073 for publication in the search window.

- Consider early weaning if drought

conditions develop and persist.

- Consider creep feeding only if cost-effective.

- Monitor and treat pink eye cases.

- Control flies. Price and efficiency will dictate the best option(s) to use.

- Monitor and treat foot rot cases.

- Avoid handling and transporting cattle during the hottest part of the day to reduce heat stress.

- Vaccinate replacement heifers for Brucellosis if within proper age range (4-10 months).

- Continue anaplasmosis control program (consulting local veterinarian).

Marston also provided these tips for forage and pasture management during July:

- Check and maintain summer water supplies.

- Place mineral feeders strategically to enhance grazing distribution.

- Check water gaps after possible washouts.

- Harvest hays in a timely manner; think quality and quantity. Harvest sudan and sudan hybrids for hay in the boot stage (normally 3 to 4 feet in height). If possible, run a routine nitrate test on a field before harvesting hay.

- Plan hay storage placement wisely. Putting hay conveniently near feeding sites reduces labor, time demands, and equipment repair cost.

Good general management practices, Marston said, also include heeding the old saying "Good fences and good brands make good neighbors."

And, he recommended that producers check equipment such as sprayers, dust bags, oilers and haying equipment and then repair or replace them, as needed.

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Sometime in the late 1800s, children assembled in front of Dry Creek School for a photo. The school closed in 1961. Alumni of the school are planning a reunion at the school this weekend. The school is now at home, in Almena, on the grounds of the Sunflower Pioneer Power Association. — Photo courtesy of Sunflower Pioneer Power Association

## School doors re-open for weekend

By CAROLYN PLOTTS  
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More than 46 years ago the doors closed on one of the last country schools in Norton County. This weekend, during the Sunflower Pioneer Power Association's Antique Machinery and Threshing show, the school will once again open its doors.

Dry Creek School, also known as Deer Creek School, began as a sod schoolhouse. It was located ten miles north of Norton with a legal description of SE 1/4 Sec. 3 T1 R23. The land was first owned by Wilson and Melinda Adams and sold to Anna Sheldon in 1883. Ms.

Sheldon sold the land to School District No. 23 in 1886. Many years later it was deeded to the State of Kansas and then again to School District No. 117 (formerly District No. 23). The property in Aldine Township was purchased in 1961 by Blanche Lofgreen and later deeded to her son, Denzel Lofgreen, in 1970.

For 73 years children were taught the fundamentals at Dry Creek School. All eight grades were taught in the one-room school by a single teacher.

Many schools in Norton County began consolidating in the late 1940s. Dry Creek was among the last to close its doors. The school was closed at the end of the 1960-

1961 school term.

In 1989, the Sunflower Pioneer Power Association moved the building into Norton. Later it was moved to Almena where it stands on the property owned by the association.

Alumni of the school are planning a reunion to relive the memories of this country school. The public is invited to come share the day with them. A reception is planned to be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at The Lariat in Almena and a continental breakfast will be served at 10 a.m. Sunday in the schoolhouse.

## Archery Club holding annual carp shoot

The Norton Archery Club will be holding its 16th annual Carp Shoot from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16 at Keith Sebelius Reservoir as a fund raiser for Norton County 4-H Shooting Sports.

Participants must be pre-registered by 8 p.m. Friday, June 15. Weigh-in will be from 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday at the Leota Cove boat ramp, followed by a meal and awards. There will be a one fish per minute penalty for weigh-ins after 7 p.m.

A percentage payback will be given to teams with the most carp. Awards will be given for the largest and smallest carp.

The shooting area is open to any legal waters; carp must be shot in accordance with all state rules and regulations.

For more information, call John Baker, (785) 877-3253; Pat Inman, (785) 475-2839; Randy West, (785) 877-5269; or R.D. Wait, (785) 871-0598.



# 27th Annual Antique Machinery, Threshing Power and Car Show June 9 and 10, 2007 ALMENA, KANSAS

Events Start at 9:00 a.m.—All Exhibitors Welcome  
*Featuring: International Harvester & Machinery*  
Non-Denominational Church Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday  
Antique Parade of Power Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m.

Admission to Entire Show for Both Days-Adults \$3.00; 12 & Under FREE when Accompanied by an Adult

Prizes to be given away Sunday, June 10, (\$1 Donation) 1st - 1946 John Deere B Tractor; 2nd - John Deere Pedal Tractor; 3rd - Handmade Linen Chest; 4th - Intarsia Wooden Pheasant  
EVENTS BOTH DAYS — Small Engine Display, Saw Mill, Threshing, Corn Shelling, Hand Tie Baling, Steam Engines, Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Windmill Display, Tractor Pull Saturday and Sunday, Car Show Saturday, Quilt Show in Depot Both Days, Food Stand Both Days, Breakfast Both Days, 6:30 a.m.

•Entertainment on Grounds: Larry Henderson and LeeAnn Shearer•  
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