



Norton, Kansas Home of Jane Kelling

# Briefly Chocolate fondue stars at Fun Night

Chocolate is the star of Fun Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at Norton Public Library. Seventh through twelfth graders are invited to bring a bag of chocolate to build something with and something to dip in chocolate fondue. For more information call Mary Luehrs at the Library, 877-2481.

## Story hour features parents

Thursday the Summer Reading Program, "Get a Clue @ Your Library," at the Norton Public Library will feature "Parents as Teachers" for the 10:30 a.m. Story Hour. At 2 p.m. Jane Ballagh de Tovar will be teaching "Learning and Listening to Spanish".

## Forum to discuss smoking in public

You are invited to take part in a public forum to discuss smoking in public places. The forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 25 in the community room at Norton Public Library. It will be facilitated by the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democraty at Kansas State Universıty



You can't have a parade without clowns. During the Lenora water and Silly String. Marcia and Richrd Wiltfong (below) Jubilee parade, these two (above) from "Mad Cow Ranch" kept paused along the parade route to pose for a picture with a cos-

Whether you want smoking banned everywhere or think it is your right to smoke where you please, your opinion should be heard.

You are encouraged to preview the discussion guide by going online to www.k-state.edu/icdd.

### Florists joining cancer fight

Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse and Garden Gate Florals, Etc. will be participating in Cuts for a Cure Thursday. Both stores will offer cash and carry roses and carnations. Money will also be donated to the American Cancer Society for single roses and carnations in vases. Cuts for a Cure is a fund raiser for the Norton County Relay for Life, which will be Friday from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Weather

### **Forecast:**

Tonight — 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Wednesday — 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 70, High 89 Wednesday Low 63, High 76, .50 Rain Thursday Low 61, High 87,1.10 Rain Friday Low 61, High 87,1.10 Rain Saturday Low 61, High 89 Sunday Low 60, High 89 Sunday Low 60, High 94, .25 Rain (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles parthword of Norton)	
9 miles northwest of Norton)	

Prayer

God of light, thank you for being our resting place in times of darkness, our strength in times of sorrow, and our refuge during life's storms. You are our everlasting peace. Amen

the crowd entertained and cool as they sprayed onlookers with tumed parade participant.

#### Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

# Jubilee calls up 'Spirit'

**By CAROLYN PLOTTS** cplotts@nwkansas.com

The "Spirit of the West" was alive and well during the weekend activities that made up the 2007 Lenora Jubilee.

A concert in Larrick Park kicked things off Friday night. City-wide garage sales starting at 7 a.m. Saturday brought bargain shoppers to town early. The garage sales shut down at 11 a.m. just in time for the parade down Main Street.

Reigning as Prince and Princess of this year's jubilee were Gavin Sproul and Gentry Sproul. They each won a \$50 savings bond. Other royalty candidates were: Zadok Taylor, Zordyn Taylor, Aleecia Day, Colton Peterson,

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## Businesses could be 'spotlighted' with project

#### **By VERONICA MONIER** vmonier@nwkansas.com

The Norton County Economic Development Office is looking into spotlighting a Norton County business each month on the Internet.

Wade Carter told the Norton County Economic Development Board they're putting something together that would feature one business a month. He said he is talking to the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce about it. The Chamber was going to discuss it at its next meeting.

"It would give the businesses a little free name would be picked randomly.

advertising," he said Mr. Carter said businesses that were chosen would have a small feature story about them on the Internet.

"I think it's a good deal," said Vice-Economic Development Director Chairman John Miller. "It's a step in the right direction and is simple to do. There are a lot of different businesses in the county."

> When asked how the businesses would be chosen, it was suggested that the names of all the businesses in the county be put into a "hat". This would ensure that a

Mr. Miller said he liked the idea. This way, he said, businesses that were chosen could be contacted to see if they would like to do the spotlight and a story.

The board will discuss the idea more at its next meeting.

In other business, the board:

• Met Ada Arford, the newest member of the board appointed by the Norton County Commission to fill an at-large position.

 Signed a one-year lease agreement (Continued on Page 5)

## Revitalization act offers property tax credits

#### **By VERONICA MONIER**

vmonier@nwkansas.com The Norton County Economic Development Board wants more information before doing anything with the Neighborhood Revitalization Act.

The act would allow people who increase the value of their home, or build a new home, to receive a tax rebate.

Wade Carter said their major concern is fice and the Norton County Clerk's office cost of additional software, and extra

if the county enacted the revitalization act. staffing."

County Appraiser Alan Hale said he thought improving the community is important, but he needed to know what exactly the board is trying to do.

Board Chairman Curtis Eveleigh said they are trying to encourage people to build and improve their property.

"We're not afraid of hard work," Mr. Economic Development Director Hale said. "And we want to look at the benefits, but there are some concerns. I'll the extra work load that would be put on say that right up front. Concerns like who both the Norton County Appraiser's of- is going to administer the program, the

Mr. Hale said someone may put \$10,000 into their home, but it might not raise the value by \$10,000. In order to get the rebate, the value has to be raised.

He said with the act, the county wasn't losing anything on the books, but it wasn't gaining income either.

"Yeah, but the renovations will bring in sales tax and employment," said Mr. Eveleigh. "There's just something about taxes, whether their large or small, that

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## Alumni gather in Norton on Sept. 7 and 8

Norton Community High School Alumni Reunion is being planned for Sept. 7 and 8. All alumni, teachers and anyone who attended Norton schools are invited to attend.

Plans are to attend the Bluejay Booster Club hamburger feed and Norton high school football game on Friday, Sept. 7.

There will be an open house from 2 to 4 p.m.on Saturday, Sept.8 at the Junior High School cafeteria.

Saturday evening dinner and visiting will be held at the Norton American Legion.

Help is needed to contact people who would like to attend. Addresses for many are still need for records. Any help would be appreciated in contacting everyone so this can be a well-attended and enjoyable reunion, said organizers.

To make your reservations or for more information contact Sonya Montgomery 713 Van Horn, Almena, Kan. 67622 or call at 785-669-2145.