

## Up, up and away...



Members of Norton Senior Citizens held a balloon launch after their monthly dinner last week. They attached self-addressed stamped post cards to helium-filled balloons.

It is hoped the cards will be returned to them from whoever finds them.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Lenora couple re-opens coin-operated car wash

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With an eye toward community improvement, Terry and Julie Peterson, Lenora, have re-opened the coin-operated car wash in downtown Lenora.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are both long-time employees of Next-Tech/Rural Telephone in Lenora. She is the mobile radio coordinator and he is the engineering manager.

Mr. Peterson said they had seen the old car wash setting unused and decided to reopen it. He said, "The community needed it."

The car wash is located in the middle of the block at 125 S. Main.

The Petersons said they would like to make improvements to the facility. Their future plans include adding a coin operated vacuum and, eventually, restoring the old building next to the car wash.

The Peterson family includes Kade, 7, and Colton, 4.

They stay busy with Mrs. Peterson serving on the school board, the Jubilee Committee and the Glade Special Education Cooperative Board.

Mr. Peterson is the Lenora Fire Chief, Emergency Medical Services coordinator and vice-president of the Regional Fire Chiefs Association.

## Deadline for academy application is September

Congressman Jerry Moran reminds Norton area students he is accepting applications for nominations to the United States Service Academies. The deadline to submit applications to his office is Sept. 15.

The academies include the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. Those selected will enter the academies in the June 2008 class.

If nominated by Rep. Moran, the applicants then must meet the individual admission requirements

of each academy. Additional information is available by visiting the Services section of Mr. Moran's Web site at [www.jerrymoran.house.gov/](http://www.jerrymoran.house.gov/).

The academies will make the final decision on who will receive an appointment. Due to limited placement, Congressman Moran encourages all interested candidates to also apply to the offices of U.S. Senators Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts.

Interested applicants should send a letter requesting application materials to: Congressman Jerry Moran, Attn: Service Academy Selection, P.O. Box 1128, Hutchinson, Kan. 67504-1128.

## Motorcycle accident injures two

STOCKTON — A wreck between three quad bikes at the Rooks County Free Fair last Tuesday sent two riders to the hospital. Neither suffered life-threatening injuries.

Hollister "Hoss" Jones, Norton, was taken to Good Samaritan Hos-

pital in Kearney and was later released. Zachary Brown, Stockton, was taken to Hays Medical Center, where he underwent surgery for a compound fracture of his leg. Jordan Lindsford, Salina, walked away from the collision without serious injury.

## Nominees being taken for conservation awards

The Kansas Bankers Soil Conservation Awards Program is looking for people, who have done a good job of stewardship of the land.

"We look forward to public nominations of the awards," said Keith VanSike, Norton County Extension director.

"This Program is being sponsored by the agriculture committee of the Kansas Bankers Association, local banks and the government agencies that cooperate with the District Conservation office. We are asking for nominations to be submitted by Sept. 6 to either the local extension office or district conservation office."

The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the agricultural resources in Kansas by giving recognition to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding

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Considerations for choosing the award winners are:

- 1) Use of land according to its capabilities;
- 2) Completeness of farm plan applied;
- 3) Balance of farm enterprise;
- 4) Quality of conservation work done and maintenance of practices; and
- 5) Special practices unique to the farming operation.

The windbreak award considers windbreaks which provide protection from damaging winds for residences or other structures, areas, livestock, or fields. Windbreaks should be a minimum of 3-years old.

Wildlife habitat awards recognize individuals for establishment and maintenance of habitat areas that encourage and protect wildlife.

Nominations can be made by anyone in the county. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Norton County Extension Office or Norton County Conservation District. The nominations should be returned by Thursday, Sept. 6.

## State Street is now detour free

By VERONICA MONIER  
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Travelers on U.S. 283 can now go all the way up State Street to U.S. 36 without having to detour.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said Midland Contracting of Grand Island finished fixing the sewer main under State Street on Friday, which is also when concrete was poured. He said the concrete set over the weekend, the

Kansas Department of Transportation patched the street Monday morning, and then city crews finished up by cleaning off the street.

The street was closed last week due to a sewer problem. He said they think an old sewer tap collapsed and then broke the sewer main. Several new taps have been installed and about a 40 foot section of the sewer main was replaced.

## Jennings man pinned by trucks

By VERONICA MONIER  
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A Jennings man was injured last Thursday after being pinned between two trucks.

Douglas E. Cressler, 48, an employee of the Kansas Department of Transportation, got out of his 1999 International truck at 8 a.m. when he was pinned by a 2003 Sterling truck, driven by Scott M. Samuelson, 46, of Quinter, said a report by the Kan-

sas Highway Patrol.

Mr. Samuelson was backing his truck at a department of transportation mixing strip on Kansas Highway 23 east of Grainfield when the accident occurred.

Mr. Cressler was taken by ambulance to the Gove County Medical Center and then later Life-Watched to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Mr. Samuelson was uninjured.

## Governor asks for declaration

Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has asked that eight Kansas counties be declared disaster areas.

In northwest Kansas, the list includes Norton, Trego, Ellis and Gove counties.

The disaster request was submitted by Sebelius to Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, who can declare agriculture disaster due to crop losses from storms.

Agriculture disaster is being sought in Norton and Gove counties because of the hail, high winds and excessive rain that occurred on May 31, while Trego County disaster is being sought as a result of ice, hail and high winds occurring through May 28 and Ellis County for hail and high winds May 22 and 31.

"Kansas has been hit by a number of severe storms that have caused extensive damage to crops," said Gov. Sebelius. "Many of our counties have already been declared disaster areas at the secretarial and presidential level; however, a few counties impacted by severe weather are not yet covered by these declarations. We want to get those declarations in place so producers in these counties can receive assistance."

The state emergency board, which includes representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, Kansas State University Research and Extension, Kansas

Agricultural Statistics and the Kansas Department of Agriculture, reviews damage assessments submitted by county emergency boards.

The board identified eight counties with loss estimates exceeding 30 percent for large crops and where a significant number of farmers were affected.

Gov. Sebelius asked Mr. Johanns to declare each of the counties an agricultural disaster area so farmers will become eligible for low-interest loans for physical and crop-production losses.



Colby Community College is accepting applications for a **part-time evening Adult Basic Education position** teaching basic life-skills and GED preparation in the Norton/Phillipsburg area. Bachelor's degree preferred (does not need to be in education, but is a plus). Ability to work with people, excellent communication skills, interpersonal skills and attention to detail is necessary. Competitive pay. Send letter of application to Nance Munderloh, Adult Education Director, Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range, Colby, KS, 67701. Call (785)460-4663 for more information. Job to remain open until filled. Interviews will begin immediately. *Equal Opportunity Employer*

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Estate of Irene Wray, deceased

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, August 7, 14, 21, 2007. (3T)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
Case No: 2007-PR-30

In the Matter of the Estate of **IRENE WRAY**, deceased  
**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on the 6th day of August, 2007, a Petition was filed in this Court by Joyce Rima, an heir, devisee, and legatee of Irene Wray, deceased, July 12, 2007, praying that the Will previously filed with the Court and the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that Joyce Rima and Joe K. Wray be appointed co-executors without bond, and that they be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 30, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. of such day, in this Court, in Norton County in Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Joyce Rima, Petitioner

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## Notice of Sunflower Electric Resource Planning Meeting

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**NOTICE OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING MEETING TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**

You are hereby notified that Sunflower Electric Power Corporation seeks input from the public in preparing an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to be submitted to Western Area Power Administration (Western) pursuant to Federal Register Vol. 65, No. 62, dated March 30, 2000/Rules and Regulations Part 905-Energy Planning and Management Program.

The purposes of the IRP are to meet the objectives of the Energy Planning and Management Program (EPAMP) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPA) and to extend the long-term firm power resource commitments of Western while supporting customer integrated resource planning; demand-side management (DSM), including energy efficiency, conservation, load management; and the use of renewable energy.

be held in Dodge City, Kansas, at the offices of Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., 3230 N. 14th, on August 21, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.; and a meeting to be held in Norton, Kansas, at the offices of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc., 1101 West Hwy. 36, on August 23, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. to provide public input into the planning process of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation for new energy resources, including new generating capacity, power purchases, energy conservation and efficiency, cogeneration, heating and cooling applications and renewable resources, in order to provide adequate and reliable services to its members, and its members' electric consumers. In addition, you may submit written comments to Sunflower Electric Power Corporation at the address stated below. All written comments must be received no later than September 11, 2007.

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