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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

## 4-H Week

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## Friday

October 5, 2007

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Wayne Smith

### Briefly

## Team roping to benefit woman

A benefit team roping will be held for Rose Wagoner beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Alexander Roping Arena, 5 miles west of Logan or 9 miles east of Edmond on K-9. For more information, call David Alexander at (785) 689-7522 or (785) 623-0916 or Jamie Wildeman at (785) 871-7756.

## Pets to be blessed Sunday at park

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, Norton Trinity Episcopal is sponsoring a "blessing of pets" at 5 p.m., Sunday at the Elwood Park east shelter area. The Rev. Dennis Gilhousen will conduct the blessing. A free will offering will be collected to support the Second Chance Homeless Pet Society and the work they do in helping pets in the Norton Community that do not have a home.

## Representative to help veterans

A Veterans Service Representative for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Office from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, to assist veterans and their families with veterans' benefits. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted. Call 785-625-8532 for more information.

## Local violinist to play Sunday

Stanton Nelson, 16, will present a violin concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at East Campus Auditorium. His accompanist will be Jennifer Ruder. His program will include selections from Handel, Beethoven, Dvorak, Schubert, Chopin, Kreisler, Granados and an original composition. He is the son of Terry and Sara Nelson, Long Island.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 69. Breezy with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph. **Saturday** — Partly sunny with a high near 86. Breezy with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph. **Saturday Night** — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 56. **Sunday** — A 50 percent chance of showers.

#### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 62, High 74  
Wednesday ..... Low 44, High 81  
Thursday ..... Low 55, High 84  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Lord, help us to live in ways that are pleasing to you and helpful to others.

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# Comin' to the rescue



Captain Underpants, (left) aka, Austine Dole, fought his (her) way through the halls of Norton Community High School Thursday on Super Hero day of Homecoming Week. Two more super heroes (above), Amanda Delimont, left, and Ashley Colip stood back-to-back as the last bell of the day rang.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Prevention is the name of the game

By VERONICA MONIER  
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Besides being on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Norton volunteer firefighters spend a lot of time teaching fire safety.

National Fire Prevention Week starts Sunday with the theme "Practice Your Escape Plan".

The Norton Fire Department prefers to prevent fires, City Fire Chief Mitch Jones said.

The department has a program to teach children fire safety and gives tours to students, day care classes and scouts. Fire fighters also go to the schools to explain their job and equipment.

From 1 to 3:30 p.m. next Thursday, Norton city and rural firefighters will be at Eisenhower Elementary School talking about fire prevention.

The mission of the Norton City and Rural Volunteer Fire Departments is to protect lives and property by minimizing the frequency and effects of fires, Chief Jones said. To do this firefighters use education, prevention, code enforcement, control and training.

He said the departments are committed to using all resources at their disposal and all innovations with the goal of timely response to protect and preserve life, property, resources and the heritage of Norton.

Some tips on fire prevention, he said, are:

- Don't leave the house with candles burning;
- Keep combustibles a minimum of 3 feet away from space heaters;
- Get furnaces checked and change filters before using for winter;

- Keep dryer vents and screens clean and free of lint;
- Burn only clean wood in fireplaces; and
- Clean the chimney and check the spark arrestor.

"We appreciate everyone being safety conscious," he said. "It helps keep fire premiums and property damage down."

The Norton City Fire Department has been on 21 runs, including rescue and fire calls and weather watches, since January.

The Norton County Rural Fire Department has gone on approximately 14 calls since January, which include fires, extractions, and mutual aid to other departments.

Rural Chief Steve Otter said the department will be holding a can drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pamida parking lot  
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## Road work wrapping up along highways

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Road work around the area is wrapping up.

Kristen Brands, public affairs manager for the Kansas Department of Transportation, said the U.S. 83/K-383 project, which is actually a combination of three small projects, is finished except for stripping.

She said the project ran from the Sheridan/Thomas county line to the west city limits of Jennings. The project was part of the department's 1-R program, which helps to maintain the life of Kansas roads.

The project, she said, included several overlay treatments, ranging from one and a half to three and a half inches.

The only thing left to do, she said, is add permanent stripping, which will be done by a department crew. Other than that, she said, the main part of the project which would have delayed travelers is finished.

Other work in the area is the geometric improvement project in Oberlin. The intersection of U.S. 83 and U.S. 36 was replaced with new concrete and had curb and gutter work done. The \$1.2 million project was applied for by the City of Oberlin, which will be paying for approximately \$46,000 of it.

The concrete extends on U.S. 36 to Neill Street. The remainder of U.S. 36 within the project's range will be  
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## Oberlin man elected association president

NORFOLK, Va. — Steve Haynes of Oberlin, president of Nor'West Newspapers, has been elected president of the National Newspaper Association, representing more than 2,700 "community" newspapers in small towns, cities and suburbs across the country.

Mr. Haynes, who has served on the organization's board for seven years, was elevated to the presidency at the group's national convention Friday, Sept. 28. He takes the place of Jerry Tidwell of Texas for a one-year term.



Steve Haynes

Nor'West owns six community newspapers in northwest Kansas, including *The Norton Telegram*. Mr. Haynes also is president of the U.S. Highway 36 Association, which represents 13 counties along the northern tier of Kansas.

"It's an honor to stand here as your president," he told the members, adding that he was tired of hearing negative news about the business based on the troubles of a few publicly held companies which own big-city newspapers — and thought they were, too.  
"When you talk to community newspa-

per publishers," he said, "you find out that most of us are doing pretty well."

Circulation is growing for community newspapers, mostly weekly or daily and in smaller towns, he noted, and their numbers are expanding even while city dailies are in trouble.

"Community newspapers have been around for nearly 400 years," he noted, "and we're here to stay."

"No 'new medium' has ever replaced newspapers, not radio or television, and that's not going to happen with the Internet.

"Community newspapers are the primary source of local news in their towns, and as long as we remember that, we'll grow and prosper."  
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