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property damages.

• In Decatur County, officials estimate approximately \$2.5 million in damages to private property (amount uninsured unknown). They are still assessing damage to roads and other infrastructure.

• Phillips County has a preliminary damage estimate of approximately \$500,000 due to washed out and flooded roads.

• Gove County officials report approximately \$4 million in damages to private property, including 12 to 13 homes damaged by tornadoes.

Midwest Energy, said the Adjutant General's Department spokesperson, had damage es-

timates of approximately \$5.25 million in 10 counties where it operates. In Gove County, Western Electric Rural Cooperative reports approximately \$225,000 in damages, Watson said.

Storm-related deaths include a Rocky Ford, Colo., couple found in a car in a field 13 miles east of Pratt on May 24. Their car was reportedly picked up by a tornado on Friday evening, May 23, and tossed into a wheat field nearly 150 yards north of a rest area on U.S. Highway 54. Lightning was determined as the cause of another death on May 24 at Osage County Lake. Three others, also hit by lightning there, were hospitalized.

Still another person was re-

ported killed in a one-car accident on a flooded roadway. It was not determined immediately if the death was flood related.

"This storm system is another reminder of how quickly dangerous weather approaches in Kansas, and of the importance of having a weather alert radio and listening to local weather broadcasts as you travel to ensure you have time to get to a safe place," said Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, Director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

"Our thoughts continue to be with the families affected, and we are assisting the counties in determining damages to infrastructure."

## Walking Trail: Foundation funding

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funds for the mile-long project will come primarily from the Hansen Foundation, along with private donations. Currently, the committee creating the trail has \$5,000 with which to work.

When asked what kind of surface the walking trail will provide,

Ms. Becker said "millings." She said they kicked around several ideas and settled on millings.

During the interview, when asked if it was strictly for walking, Ms. Becker said, "It is actually a multi-purpose trail but would not allow anything motorized."

Spearheading the project at Le-

nora are Diana Seaton, Di Schwertfeger and Myrna Mindrup.

The Lenora committee urges everyone to "please bring any trail building equipment you may have available, including shovels, hoes, picks and weed eaters."

Again, 5:30 p.m., Saturday at Lenora's Larrick Park.

## Council: Second reading is waived

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street name of Timbercreek Drive. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• Motion was made by Mr. Briery and seconded by Mrs. Mann to waive the formal second reading of Ordinance #1575, relating to the licensing and insurance requirements of taxicab services within the city. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• Mayor David Corns stated it was brought to his attention that the outgoing council members were paid for half of the month of April instead of a full month. He stated since they answered roll call for the second meeting and conducted old business, they should be paid for both meetings. Motion was made by Mr. Briery and seconded by Mr. Otter that the outgoing council members be paid for a full month during April for 2008 and future years. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• Brandi Seamon told the council she researched some information about a dome that you can put over a pool instead of enclosing the pool in a building. She said there are benefits to the dome instead of a building and it is less expensive. Mr. Briery said a group of individuals are working on the

pool idea right now, and suggested she present the information to them.

• Mrs. Foley reported the city residents are recycling about 4.2 percent of the household trash through curbside pickup. Landfill personnel estimate that residents bring out an additional 5.8 percent of recyclables to the landfill, which makes the total around 10. She said the committee's goal is to increase the recycling percentage to 30 by the end of 2010.

• Mrs. Foley reported the Public Works Committee reviewed a list of substandard buildings, and letters will be sent out to the property owners regarding their findings.

• Mrs. Foley stated the Economic Development Board reviewed the business retention survey which was completed. She reported the painting of the Moffet station has been rescheduled to May 31. She encouraged everyone to check out the discovernorton.com website to see what else is going on.

• Motion was made by Mr. Kuhn and seconded by Mr. Briery to approve the appointment of Chad Snyder and Christopher Frack as members of the Norton Volunteer Fire Department. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• Mr. Kuhn said the Public

Safety Committee met with the fire chief, who reported on the condition of the department's fire trucks. The chief will be getting estimates for repairs.

• Mr. Kuhn also reported the Click-it or Ticket program started May 19 and will run for two weeks.

• A motion was made by Mr. Briery and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to allow the Boy Scouts to use the Livestock Barn on May 30 and May 31 for their BB gun shoot. Vote taken. motion carried.

• The following building permits were presented:

Chad Engel, \$15,000, construct storage building at 312 W. Lincoln Street; Jason Davis, \$15,000, construct garage at lot south of house located at 308 N. Grant; Ed Lawrence, \$9,800, construct pole barn at 513 W. Lincoln Street; and Kher, \$2,500, close in existing carport for storage at 606 W. Holme St.

### NOTICE

Norton County Commissioners will be holding a public meeting regarding the addition of bridges to the KDOT Five Year Construction Program. This meeting will be held in the Courthouse, second floor, at 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 2, 2008

877-3361

## 'Moving Wall' to be in Hoxie

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica, known as The Moving Wall™, will be available for viewing in Hoxie from Thursday, June 12, to Monday, June 16 at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds. Built in 1990, the replica memorial tours the country from April through November each year, visiting 15 to 20 cities.

The Hoxie Chamber of Commerce and Sheridan County Economic Development have arranged for the five-day display of the 240-foot-long, 8-foot-high replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that is located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The memorial features all of the more than 58,000 names of U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen, and nurses who were killed or remain missing in action in the Vietnam War. The Wall will be open for viewing 24 hours a day until the Retrieval of Colors on Monday, June 16.

Contact Information: Bette James, (785-675-3103; [bljames@ruraltel.net](mailto:bljames@ruraltel.net)), Hoxie Chamber of Commerce (785-675-3016).

Telegram Lines:  
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Dog groomer Bridgette Ward, owner of Groomingdale's in Almena, gave a quick blow-dry to Mocha who stood patiently on the grooming table at the new business.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## 'Groomingdale's' invades city of Almena

By CAROLYN PLOTTS  
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Bridgette Ward has always loved animals. Her mother told her she hoped that someday she would have a place to love all the creatures she brought home. Now, Mrs. Ward has opened a pet grooming and boarding business in Almena.

She calls her business "Groomingdale's" and caters to the grooming needs of dogs of all sizes.

Blankets, bowls and food are provided to boarding pets. However, you may also bring your own treats, food and toys. Dogs go outside in secure runs at least three times a day.

Her shop is located on Main Street in downtown Almena, across the street from Almena Market. Mrs. Ward takes appointments Monday through Friday and some Saturdays and evenings.

She trained with Garoleen Wilson of "D-Tails" in Smith Center and attended grooming seminars in Kansas City.

Her tidy salon features a hydromassage bath. Your dog will be bathed with high volume recirculating water and a gentle

cleansing shampoo. After rinsing, a conditioner is applied and then the dog's undercoat is brushed.

Following towel drying, a high velocity blow dryer is used to literally blow water from your pet's coat.

This process also helps remove shedding hair. Mrs. Ward promises her clients that no drugs or tranquilizers are ever used. She is committed to treat all pets with kindness and respect.

She said, "I am new in the business and I want a chance to grow

and excel. My success depends upon customers like you, giving me a chance."

Part of Groomingdale's promise is that Mrs. Ward will attend at least one seminar each year to learn new techniques and styles.

She offers grooming services to all sizes and breeds of dogs. To make an appointment, call Groomingdale's at 785-669-2169 or her cell phone at 202-0449.

She and her husband, Jason, have two children, Drake, 8, and Ashley, 14.

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and the Almena Chamber of Commerce welcome

## Groomingdale's

to the business community

Bridgett Ward has now opened her new business, Groomingdale's in Almena, KS. Grooming is by appointment only Monday through Friday. Tuesday and Wednesday appointments are available upon request. Bridgett can work with small to giant breeds and boarding is available. Groomingdale's specializes in making your pet happy.

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