

# PUBLIC RECORD

## District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

### Traffic

Jan. 26 — David J. Adamczyk, Pleasant Hill, Mo., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Bradley S. Anderson, Ketchum, Okla., speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$93, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Kevin L. Bainter, Hays, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$51, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Candice A. Izza-relli, Norton, speeding 72 in a 55 mph zone and failure to use child restraining system or seat belt, fine \$141, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Donald E. Lantz,

Denver, failure to have over-size permit, fine \$109, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Katherine R. Kohr, Norton, driving on right side of roadway required, fine \$69, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Lyndon L. Pence, Granite, Okla., speeding 84 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$93, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Richard P. Reagan, Mayfield Heights, Ohio, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Ronald J. Rietcheck, Hoxie, speeding 67 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$51, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Harold G. Schiltz, Selden, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone fine \$57, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Christopher L. Tracy, Amarillo, Texas, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$39, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Fredric R. Wilson Jr., Aurora, Colo., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 26 — Shannon L. Yost,

Big Rapids, Mich., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 29 — Tanner L. Conrad, Smith Center, speeding 66 in a 55 mph zone and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$75, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 29 — Dirk J. Franzen, Broken Bow, Neb., motor carrier safety rules and regulations, fine \$109, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 29 — David L. Jackson, Logan, failure to use child safety restraints and seat belt, fine \$69, court cost \$66.  
 Jan. 29 — Lance M. Willoughby, Littleton, Colo., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$51, court cost \$66.

### Animal Shelter

**For Adoption**  
 One-year-old female Bassett mix.  
 Four-year-old female, brindle Lab mix, spayed.  
 One-year-old female Lab/Boxer mix.  
 Twelve-week-old male kitten, long hair.



This Black Angus cow delivered triplet calves last week. She belongs to Dave and Patty Stapp, owners of Long Branch Farms, Norcatur.

- Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Triplet calves born on Norcatur farm

**CAROLYN PLOTTS**  
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 The proud mama stood guard as her three babies romped and played in their pen. They were just days old but already tipped the scales at 50-60 pounds each.

of Long Branch Farms, Norcatur, delivered triplet calves. Coincidentally, it was also Mrs. Stapp's birthday.  
 Mrs. Stapp said her husband had checked on the cow early in the day and discovered two calves.  
 Later, when he checked her again, there were three. She said they have never had triplets on

their farm.  
 All three calves — two heifers and one bull — are healthy and doing well, said Mrs. Stapp. She said, "I doubt if she (the cow) can continue to feed all three. She probably won't have enough milk."  
 Mrs. Stapp later reported that one of the calves was placed on a heifer that had lost her calf.

## Carbon monoxide: dangerous gas

**By BRANDY LEROUX**  
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 The Norton County Ambulance took a family of three to the Norton County Hospital early Wednesday morning for possible carbon monoxide poisoning. The family, Tonya and Mike Methot, and their daughter, Gia Laurin, were treated and released from the hospital later the same morning.

less, tasteless, colorless gas released when something burns. This generally means that where there is a flame there may be carbon monoxide present. Carbon monoxide is not harmful unless it builds to dangerous levels. To prevent carbon monoxide from building, you should never use the kitchen gas stove to heat a room. Don't run engines such as an automobile, lawn mower or snow blower in the garage or in areas where the fumes may enter the house.

flu. These include headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, vomiting, and convulsions. Please remember to conduct regular maintenance and properly use appliances. Have all heating systems, fireplaces, water and space heaters checked annually. Remember that any gas-powered motor is a source of carbon monoxide, so never leave them running where the exhaust fumes can enter the house. And finally, install carbon monoxide monitors to provide an additional safeguard.

The family opted out of talking with The Telegram about the incident, though Mr. Methot did say the family is doing okay. The family lives on Brown Street, Bob Helm, Public Relations for Midwest Energy, said there were elevated carbon monoxide levels present, caused by the damper being closed on a wood-burning stove while it was in use.  
 The incident allowed Midwest Energy to pass along the following information about carbon monoxide:  
 • Carbon monoxide is an odor-

It is important to note that there are many sources of carbon monoxide present in the home everyday. Any time fuel such as oil, coal, natural gas, gasoline or kerosene burns, harmless amounts of carbon monoxide are released. But under certain conditions, dangerous levels of carbon monoxide can build. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause symptoms that are sometimes mistaken for those of a cold or

If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, call 911 or the fire department dispatcher, take the person suffering symptoms to fresh air, and ventilate the home by opening windows and doors. Everyone in the house should meet outside at your designated meeting place for emergencies. Carbon monoxide poisoning is far too dangerous with which to take chances.

## School menus

**Monday, Feb. 16**  
**Northern Valley — NO SCHOOL**  
**Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast** — Yogurt, bagel with cream cheese, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Monte Cristo with ham, corn, fruit, cherry cobbler, or chef salad, and milk.  
**Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast** — Shipwreck, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — **Lunch** — Chicken fry, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit cocktail and milk.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 17**  
**Northern Valley — Breakfast** — Sausage gravy, biscuits, hashbrowns, pineapple, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Ham 'n cheese pockets, mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots and pineapple chunks.  
**Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast** — Breakfast round, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Macaroni and cheese, green beans, bread with margarine, sweetened applesauce, brownie, or chef salad, and milk.  
**Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast** — Ice cold strawberries, bagel with cream cheese, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk —

**Lunch** — Western bean bake, cheese stick, corn, jell-o with pears, corn bread and milk.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 18**  
**Northern Valley — Breakfast** — Cinnamon butterflake biscuits, scrambled eggs, grape juice, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Beef tamale pie, tossed salad with dressing, buttered corn, garlic stick and lemon pie.  
**Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast** — Coffee cake, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Chicken fajita, lettuce and chopped tomato, bread, water-gate salad, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.  
**Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast** — Banana spears, apple wedge, oatmeal muffin square, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — **Lunch** — Pigs in a blanket, french fries, dill spear, baby carrots, rosy applesauce and milk.  
**Thursday, Feb. 19**  
**Northern Valley — Breakfast** — Streusel top muffin, hashbrowns, fruit, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Parmesan chicken, whole wheat roll, buttered peas, rosy applesauce and milk.  
**Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast** — Sausage pockets, tater wedge, fruit or juice, or cereal

and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Pigs in a blanket, coleslaw, peas, jell-o with whipped topping, or chef salad, and milk.  
**Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast** — Sausage pancakes on a stick, warm maple syrup, strawberry fruit cup, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — **Lunch** — Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, warm peas, peaches, cinnamon rolls and milk.  
**Friday, Feb. 20**  
**Northern Valley — Breakfast** — Cherry coffee cake, scrambled eggs, apple slices, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Spaghetti, tossed salad with dressing, buttered green beans, french bread, peach half and milk.  
**Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast** — Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Hamburger with fixings, lettuce and tomato, french fries, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.  
**Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast** — Hot ham slice, hashbrown patty, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — **Lunch** — Cavatini, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread and milk.

## 'Through With Chew Week' begins Monday

The Norton County Counsel on Alcohol and Other Drugs wants the community to know it is "Through With Chew Week" Feb. 15 through Feb. 21. The goal is to raise awareness about the dangers of smokeless tobacco and encourage smokeless tobacco users to quit.  
 The United States Surgeon General has concluded that the use of smokeless tobacco "is not a safe substitute for smoking cigarettes. It can cause cancer and a number of non-cancerous conditions and

can lead to nicotine addiction and dependence."  
 Smokeless tobacco use is highest among high school males and Kansas rates are higher than average. According to the 2007 Kansas Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 16 percent of Kansas high school males report currently using smokeless tobacco. In the United States, an estimated 13.4 percent of high school males use smokeless tobacco.  
 "We need Kansas males to hear the message that smokeless does

not mean harmless," said Craig Krizek, D.D.S. "Smokeless tobacco is addictive, can cause throat and mouth cancer, and can cause you to lose part of your face or even your life."  
 When Kansans are ready to be "Through With Chew" or other tobacco products, the toll-free Kansas Tobacco Quitline -866-KAN-STOP (1-866-526-7867) is there to help. Experienced quit coaches work with callers to prepare for a quit date and help them make a free personalized quit plan.

## Program closes at Norton facility

**By BRANDY LEROUX**  
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 In an effort to reduce the Department of Corrections' budget, several facility and community based programs have been suspended effective April 1. Among the programs is the Sex Offender Treatment Program at the Norton Correctional Facility.

George Heckman, the assistant director, one full-time employee and three quarter-time employees' jobs will be affected. Mr. Heckman did say that there are openings for transfers in other parts of the state, though. The Sex Offender Treatment Program usually has about 30 inmates, and there's almost always a waiting list to get into the program. Bill Miskell, the Kansas Department of Corrections public information officer, said the in-

mates, if wanting to join another similar program, will be able to transfer to another facility as space allows.  
 Other programs to be suspended are the Lansing Correctional Facility South Unit in Osawatimie Substance Abuse Therapeutic Community, the Salvation Army Shield of Service House in Kansas City, and Wichita and Topeka Mirror, Inc. Community Residential Beds.

## School reminders

**NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS**  
 Monday, Feb. 16 — NO SCHOOL; HS Dance team practice, TBD, FFA NW District Public Speaking at Hill City, 9 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 17 — KAY Unit conference at Logan, 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; HS Basketball at Hill City, 5 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 18 — Technology Director Cadre at Hays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 19 — HSDance team practice, TBD; GNEC Vocal Clinic at Damar, practice at 1 p.m., concert at 7 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 20 — FastForward Users Group meeting at Salina, 9 a.m. to noon; 4th and 5th grade Basketball games at

Long Island, 1:10 p.m., girls at 1:10 p.m. and boys at 2:10 p.m.; HS Basketball vs. Palco at Almena, Senior Night, 4 p.m. HS Dance team will perform at half-time of Boys' A-Team game.  
 Saturday, Feb. 21 — State Piano Festival  
**NORTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Monday, Feb. 16 — FFA Public Speaking at Hill City, 9 a.m.; JAY Singers, A.P.  
 Tuesday, Feb. 17 — KAY Unit Conference at Logan, 8 a.m.; Cheerleaders, A.P.; Basketball vs. Hoxie, there, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Feb. 18 — B.A.S.S meetings, A.P.; SAC meeting, A.P.; Site Council, 5 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 19 — KSPA Regional meeting; FHSU;

KAYS, A.P.; FFA WLC at Phillipsburg, 4 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 20 — Regional Wrestling at Ellis, 2 p.m.; Basketball vs. Ellis, here, JV/V, 5 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 20 — State Piano Festival at Wichita State University; Regional Wrestling at Ellis, 10 a.m.  
**NORTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Thursday, Feb. 19 — S.I.T., 7:30 a.m.  
**EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY**  
 Monday, Feb. 16 — Site Council, 5:30 p.m.; 1st and 2nd Grade Vocal Concert at East Campus Auditorium, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 19 — 5 and 6 Grade Level meeting, 3:40 p.m.

## Purchases made by area school board

*Special to The Telegram*  
 The Almena school board purchased a new dishwasher for the Almenakitchen, as well as a boiler for Long Island; and approved the repair of the 500 gallon hot water heater for the grade school.  
 After a short executive session, the board voted to accept four students that live in the Norton school district last month. Katie, Sheila, Dallas and Alex Stillion were approved as out-of-district students.  
 The board voted to submit a letter to Northern Valley Education Association advising them of the board's intent to negotiate certified staff salaries.  
 George Griffith, superintendent and high school principal,

reported on the governor's recommendations for budget cuts and briefed the board on the status of the local budget, announced that anyone wanting to file for open school board positions had until Jan. 27 to do so, and reported on maintenance issues. Mr. Griffith said the fire marshal was at the school, the state auditor is coming and guidelines for graduation speakers have been set.  
 Cheryl Roberts, elementary school special education instructor, gave the board a report on the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills testing that is done in kindergarten, first and second grades, and Sandra Dole, preschool instructor, said the preschool students are learning

to play board games and shared some file folder games.  
 The board decided to use the updated evaluation forms used, and approved to let Brittney Braun leave early for work release.  
 As per the rotation schedule, the board discussed football uniforms, then tabled the discussion until more options are researched.  
 The board approved the 2009-2010 school calendar.  
 Chris Robertson, Northern Valley elementary school principal, gave the board information on testing, the spelling bee, perfect attendance, Norton County Conservation contest winners and upcoming events.

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