

## A shiny new sign



The First United Methodist Church of Norton recently received a grant for a new electronic sign. The sign, located on Highway 36, includes an LED message display. The church plans to use the sign for regular announcements, and church events. The grant was a matching fund from United Methodist Communications.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

# Big Brothers Big Sisters combines several county offices

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Still Serving Norton Youth  
2009 has been a year of changes for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The Norton County office recently joined efforts with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Phillipsburg, Graham and Decatur Counties to serve children in all communities out of one central office in Phillipsburg. Consolidating the offices will save the agency money, which will allow it to recruit and match more youth and volunteers in its four counties.

“Norton has historically been a very strong county in terms of the number of children we have matched with volunteers and the community’s generosity with donations,” said Lisa Mussman, community director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Phillipsburg, Norton, Graham and Decatur Counties. “We hope this trend continues and we can keep building on the successes we’ve had.”

Mussman joined Big Brothers Big Sisters in May and heads operations out of the agency’s office in Phillipsburg. She is joined by Candace Gay, of Norton, who serves as case manager. In addition to her duties with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Gay also works as an at-risk tutor at Eisenhower Elementary School.

Big Brothers Big Sisters was introduced in Norton County in 2001 and expanded in to Phillipsburg, Graham and Decatur counties in 2006. The agency is a part of Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, which has served more than 6,400

Kansas kids in 2009 and also received the Governor’s Business Excellence Award.

Currently, Big Brothers Big Sisters oversees 16 matches among its four counties, six of which are in Norton County. Another 25 youth are waiting to be matched with a mentor. The agency offers two match options for volunteers and youth: Bigs in School matches and community-based matches. Bigs and Littles matched through the Bigs in School program meet at the Little’s school for 30-45 minutes each week. Time can be spent eating lunch together, working on assignments, playing games or just catching up. The community-based program matches a Big Brother, Big Sister, Couple or Family with a child. Volunteers spend 1-2 hours a week, 3-4 times a month with their Little doing simple, everyday activities, such as playing basketball, making dinner, walking the dog, going to the park and others.

Those wishing to become a Big Brother or Big Sister must be at least 15 years old and a sophomore in high school to enroll in the Bigs in School program, and at least 16 years old and a junior in high school to volunteer in a community match. All volunteers complete a thorough intake process that includes background checks, an interview and, depending on the match option, a home visit.

For more information on volunteering or to refer a child to the program, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters at (785) 874-4200 or visit us online at [www.norton.kansasbigs.org](http://www.norton.kansasbigs.org).

## Department had breastfeeding specialists

The Norton County Health Department has three certified breastfeeding educators. Today, most mothers breastfeed. Employed mothers, mothers at home, mothers of premature or ill infants and mothers in a variety of special situations choose breastfeeding because of its numerous benefits.

Lana Jones, Judy Wenzl, Kathryn Rachow and Susan Engelbert recently completed a three day workshop on clinical breast feeding assistance in Hays. The conference was sponsored by Hays Medical Center Educa-

tion Department and Women and Children’s Services and Lactation Consultant Services. In addition to participating the workshop which addressed the normal course of lactation, they completed an assessment and problem solving practicum, and an examination addressing usual circumstances and common challenges with breastfeeding. They were awarded certifications as breastfeeding educators. Certification is an added credential that recognizes increased clinical competence in the field of breastfeeding assistance.

Scientific investigations have recently identified significant benefits of breastfeeding which include increased intelligence, protection against childhood infections, diabetes, liver disease, certain types of cancers, allergies, immune system disorders and sudden infant death syndrome. Mothers who breastfeed have a reduced incidence of breast cancer and osteoporosis.

Certified breastfeeding educators are qualified to assist families to meet their breastfeeding goals.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

### Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

### Traffic

Sept. 10—Arlyn Jones, Shelton, Neb., speeding 34 in a 20 mph school zone and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$154, court cost \$75.

Sept. 10—Eric Thompson, Norton, speeding 40 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Sept. 10—Cameron Burd, Norton, basic speed. Fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Sept. 10—Grant Colvin, Ft. Collins, Colo., illegal tag. Dismissed by the courts.

Sept. 10—Gerald Nielsen, Norton, illegal tag. Jail time of 30 days suspended if fine paid by Nov., 30, 2009. Fine \$200, court cost \$75.

Sept. 10—Jeremiah Johnson, Norton, failure to provide verification of insurance. Dismissed at verification provided at hearing.

Sept. 24—David Perry, Littleton, Colo., speeding 30 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Sept. 24—Cheryl Thieler, Boulder, Colo., illegal tag. Dismissed by City prosecutor for court cost of \$75.

Sept. 24—Stuart Lark, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 46 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$35, court cost \$75.

Sept. 24—Francisco Villatoro, Garden City, stop sign violation. Amended to careless driving by City Prosecutor. Fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Sept. 24—Terry Conard, Norton, speeding 44 in a 30 mph zone and failure to provide verification

of insurance. Fine \$54, court cost \$75.

Sept. 24—Crystal Montgomery, Norton, expired tag. Dismissed.

Sept. 24—Marcus Ulmer, Norton, speeding 34 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$124, court cost \$75.

### Criminal

Sept. 10—Caleb Turman, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol, third offense and disorderly conduct. Amended to minor in possession, second offense. To serve 5 days in jail, driver’s license suspended for 90 days and to attend AA meetings weekly until Dec. 31. Read and write report on “It’s All About Choice”. Book to be discussed with court. ADSAP \$150, fine \$1,000, court cost \$75.

### 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

Sept. 24—Shelley V. Becker, Independence, Mo., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Ashley D. Dierking, Phillipsburg, failure to secure load, fine \$100, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Cameron J. Duede, Norton, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Connie S. Farley, speeding 85 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$90, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Alasia R. Kenney, Prairie View, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Brad D. long, Norcat, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Larry A. Nicholson, Hanover, speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$141, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Raoul H. Perez, Norton, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Lois Leeann Schrum, Tucson, Ariz., speeding 86 in a

65 mph zone, fine \$99, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Joan E. Speiser, Easton, Mo., speeding 73 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.

Sept. 24—Stephen E. Watts, Gove, speeding 71 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$86.

### Animal Shelter

For Adoption  
Female German Shepherd, 3 years old.

Female Pomeranian, 1 to 2 years old.

Female Husky, 10 years old.  
Male chocolate Lab, 5 months old.

Male Shepherd/yellow Lab mix, 6 months old.

Male black short hair cat, 6 to 9 months old.

Female black/white 6 week old kitten.

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During this school year Norton School Buses will drive more than 100,000 miles and over half of all Norton students will ride in a school bus each day. **Our bus drivers are directly responsible for the safe delivery of the most precious of all cargoes — OUR CHILDREN.**

Please join USD 211 in saying, “Thank You” and “Job Well Done” to our dedicated drivers.

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