



Keith VanSike and Phil Finley, former Northwest Kansas Area Director, had a conversation on Jan. 26 at Keith's reception in the Norton County Courthouse lobby. Keith was honored for his 25 years of service with the Norton County Extension Office.

Telegram Photo by Harriett Gill

Resident celebrates 25 years

In 1984, Keith VanSike came from Wallace County as he was hired to be the County Agricultural Agent in Norton.

Twenty-five years later he was surprised by fellow workers and members of the community. Jeana Yost, Office Professional for the Twin Creeks Extension District, Norton County Office, thought it was time for Keith to be recognized for all his work in Extension.

She, Byron Hale, Twin Creeks Extension Director and Keri Bryon, Office Professional, Decatur County Office, coordinated plans for the surprise.

On Jan. 26, when Keith came back to work from his lunch break, he was trying to decide

about the crowd in the lobby of the courthouse only to discover they were there to surprise him.

Nearly 100 local residents from Norton, Northwest Area Extension Specialists and former Extension Personnel were present.

Keith shared some highlights of his career; the development of the Leadership-Norton County with the help of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development PDC; the establishment of the Norton County 4-H Foundation through the work of the Norton County 4-H Council and the Kansas 4-H Foundation; the completion of the district concept of the Twin Creeks Extension District # 9 (Decatur and Norton Counties).

Keith, wife Karen and their three sons Joshua, Luke and wife Holly, and Jacob VanSike have been members and actively involved in the Norton Christian Church since 1984.

Keith has served as an Elder of the church since 1990. Keith has also been Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee since 1987.

The family has been involved in numerous community events and activities during their time in Norton County.

Keith said some of the things he has enjoyed the most have been working with youth, 4-H members and leaders and that he has been the bridge between K-State and the local and area residents.

Improvement program starts

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A new county-wide program will allow residents to do improvement projects on their property.

During the Jan. 18 Norton County Commission meeting, Norton County Treasurer Cynthia Linner presented the distribution for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

A distribution of \$5,733.20 was made in January for the first half of 2009. It was approved by the commission.

After the meeting, Norton County Clerk Robert Wyatt said the program is a ten year, sliding scale tax initiative.

"The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is for the applicants of Norton County to do improvement projects to their property and receive a tax incentive," he said.

The program pays back tax dollars to the tax payer for property improvement.

"This is done with the idea that in 10 years the property is fully taxed and adds value to the county," Wyatt said.

In other commission business:

Norton County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan gave his weekly report. He updated the commission on requests from residents, saying several projects will have to be delayed until spring. The department has been working on yard cleanup and hauling scrap metal. Crews continue to work on burn piles and cleaning up trees throughout the county.

Brannan informed the commission of a request to put cattle guards on road W9 and YZ. The commission requested more information.

Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor, reported on property cleanup and disposal fees. He said he has been working with Whitney Construction for the disposal of homes and commercial property. The estimated fees for 177 tons are \$6,200. The commission agreed to five properties a year for municipal cleanup.

A motion was made to approve the request for a discounted rate per the county agreement of 50 percent. Vote taken, motion passed.

Emergency Medical Services Director Jane Wyatt gave the 2009 statistical report. The department had 415 runs. Wyatt said January has already been busy with 30 calls.

Wyatt also gave the commission a call schedule of Emergency Medical Services staff. Staffing requires the front team always be on call with a crew to respond for backup. She said it is difficult to find staff to commit to activities like sporting events and races. She has asked interested staff to commit.

The commission discussed a request for use of Emergency Medical Services manikins for teaching purposes. They agreed

Emergency Medical Services equipment should not be used for private or for profit use.

Wyatt also spoke with the commission on the purchase of appliances for the new facility. The commissioners wanted equipment prices and wanted Wyatt to report back.

The Emergency Medical Services units have had new grill guards installed. The guards are to help with claims from deer accidents.

Gina Frack, Norton County Health Department administrator, asked the commission to sign off on a physical therapy contract. The commission signed the contract.

The next Norton County Commission meeting will be held on Feb. 1 on the second floor of the Norton County Courthouse. All meetings are open to the public.

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Sheriff's Log

January 11
7:43 a.m. Paged subject, reference if they want to do deer report later after work, he advised he will be in Norton today at 1700 hours, he will stop in for report.

2:39 p.m. Subject arrived at S.O. checking when Phillipsburg does DL renewals.

2:40 p.m. Subject left S.O. after obtaining above information

3:48 p.m. Subject arrived at S.O. requesting a UA before his court.

3:48 p.m. Advised Deputy Annon of above.

3:55 p.m. Subject arrived at S.O. for a VIN inspection and also to do his Offender Registration.

3:55 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above.

January 12

8:07 a.m. Received another call of injured deer at Clayton just west of the old gas station on slope of hill and R.P. advised that deer was inside Norton County.

8:09 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above reports of injured deer and unable to make contact with Game Warden at this time, requested he respond, and he advised en route.

7:22 p.m. Subject arrived at the S.O. reference Offender Registration.

7:25 p.m. Above subject left the S.O.

January 13

11:18 a.m. Sheriff Thomson advised he would be conducting a request for a welfare check on an individual who is not answering phone

12:28 p.m. Received a call from subject on Archer advising of seeing smoke on the northeast edge of Norton.

12:29 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above

12:31 p.m. Called Norton landfill reference to above report checking if their tree pile was still burning and they advised yes.

5:22 p.m. Received 911 call from female subject reference to two cows out on K-9 at the 14 mile corner.

5:23 p.m. PS subject in reference to cattle, his wife advised they will check.

5:30 p.m. Received a call back from subject in reference to cattle, she advised they are back in.

6:25 p.m. Received a 911 call

from subject of a deer hit by Almerna and the deer needs to be put down.

6:26 p.m. Advised Deputy Bohl in reference to above.

January 14

6:48 a.m. Received a 911 call from subject reporting a semi wreck north of the Highway.

6:54 a.m. Called Deputy Annon in reference to wreck.

6:58 a.m. Received a second 911 call reporting there were two men involved and they are both out. One is injured and one is unsure. Advised that there is help on the way.

7:06 a.m. Received a 911 from a male reporting the semi wreck.

7:07 a.m. R.P. called to report the semi wreck.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRED J. NELSON

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of FRED J. NELSON, Deceased

No. 2009-PR-22

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Christie Van Camp, the qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Fred J. Nelson, deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that the heirs be determined; and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that the administration of the Estate be closed; and that upon the filing of receipts, the Petitioner be finally discharged as

the Executor of the Estate of Fred J. Nelson, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 25, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in the District Court, Norton, Kansas, at which time and place and cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Christie Van Camp, Executor

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•PUBLIC NOTICE•

NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION

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NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2310, notice is hereby given that the voters of NORTON COUNTY, Kansas may register to vote at the following places during regular office hours: Norton City Office, Lenora City Office and the Norton County Clerk's Office.

At 5:00 p.m. on the 15th day of February 2010, the books for registration of voters will close and will remain closed until the 3rd day of March 2010.

A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, or will have attained the age of 18 years at the next election, must register before he or she can vote. Registration closes 14 days prior to every election.

When a registered voter changes residence from one precinct to another precinct, such voter must re-register in order to be eligible to vote. Any person may apply in person, by telephone, or by mail to the county election officer to be registered. Application forms shall be provided by the county election officer upon request by the applicant. Such application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

When a registered voter fails to vote in two consecutive general elections, such voter's name may be removed from the registration books and party affiliation lists. Such voter must re-register in order to be eligible to vote.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of January, 2010.

Robert D. Wyatt
Norton County Election Officer

LAND AND HOMES FOR SALE

CURRENT LISTINGS:

•NORTON•

109 W. WAVERLY — 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, New Roof, High Efficiency Furnace on a Corner Lot. \$59,500

907 HARTFORD — 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath, Split Level Home. \$110,000.

312 S. NORTON — 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. \$52,500

512 HOME AVENUE — 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Brick. \$62,500

308 N. GRAVES — 2 Bedroom Starter Home or Rental, 1 Bath, 2 Car Garage

308 S. KANSAS — 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Unfinished Basement, 1 Car Garage

1116 NIXON DRIVE — 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, partial basement with bath, single car attached garage, \$97,500.

703 N. NORTON — 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Double Car Detached Garage, \$49,900.00

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107 VINE — 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Full Basement, 2 Car Garage, Corner Lot, \$47,900.00

205 SHERMAN — Large 2 Story Home, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Victorian Style, Fireplace, Wood Floors, \$54,900.00

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•LAND•

NORTON COUNTY

160 ACRES CRP — \$725.00 an Acre

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160 ACRES — SE Norton Co. along Cactus Creek

160 ACRES/320 GRASS ACRES — Grass and Farm Ground SE Norton County

270 ACRES — Pasture SE Norton County

GRAHAM COUNTY

320 ACRES — Farm Ground, \$900.00 an Acre

300 ACRES — Farmland, Expired CRP, \$890.00 an Acre

DECATUR COUNTY

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PHILLIPS COUNTY

175 ACRES — CRP and Grass, \$725.00 an Acre

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