

## Valentine's preparations



Lynn Ward and Ruby Pflieger, owners of Garden Gate Floral, arranged a Valentine's Day display in preparation for the holiday. Garden Gate is running specials through Feb. 14 and will even deliver free of charge before the holiday. They are located at 411 E. Holme Street. —Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

# Moran named wheat advocate

Congressman Jerry Moran recently received the 2009 Wheat Advocate Award from the National Association of Wheat Growers for his exceptional support of the wheat industry.

Members of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers presented Moran with the award during a meeting on Jan. 26 in Moran's Washington, D.C., office.

"Kansas wheat producers contribute to the economic strength and vitality of communities across our state," Moran said. "I am honored to receive this award and will continue to promote policies that give Kansas wheat producers an opportunity to succeed."

Throughout the past year, Moran worked on legislation important to wheat producers. He continued to champion enhanced agricultural trade with Cuba by authoring H.R. 1737, the Agricultural Export Facilitation Act, which would make it easier for wheat producers to sell wheat to

Cuba. "We appreciate Congressman Moran's continual efforts and work on behalf of American agriculture," said First Vice President of National Association of Wheat Growers Jerry McReynolds, of Woodston.

"He has been a leader on trade, the 2008 Farm Bill, implementation of the Farm Bill and an advocate for the safety net for producers."

This is the fifth time Moran has been recognized by National Association of Wheat Growers with the Wheat Advocate Award since 2000.

In addition to being one of only nine Members of Congress to receive the 2009 Wheat Advocate Award, Moran was the 2004 recipient of the Wheat Leader of the Year award, which is the highest honor given by National Association of Wheat Growers.

Moran is a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee.

## Council presents 'Flying Debris'

The Norton County Arts Council has brought "Flying Debris" to town. Richard Holmgren's "Flying Debris" juggling show will be at the East Campus on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

Holmgren was born a joker and learned to juggle in fourth grade gym class.

Later he learned that using his comedy wit in conjunction with his arsenal of useless human skills would make for a great way to make a living.

He began performing in 1994. He has entertained thousands of people for a variety of functions, from street festivals to professional basketball half-time shows

to corporate events. One of the most memorable events in recent "Flying Debris" history was performing for a crowd of several thousands at a professional basketball game where Richard got a standing ovation.

Holmgren is a family man. His wife, Lisa, along with two sons Tanner and Gunnar, support him in all that he does. Tanner is already following in Richard's footsteps and Gunnar is not far behind.

When not performing, Richard enjoys playing basketball, golfing and perfecting his juggling skills.

# Patrol watching for impaired drivers

Super Bowl Sunday is one of America's biggest and most entertaining sporting events, as friends and families gather to socialize and watch the big game. Unfortunately, it also has become one of the nation's most dangerous days to drive, due to impaired driving.

According to research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2008, fatalities in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes accounted for 32 percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities.

On Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3 to 5:59 a.m. Feb. 4), 49 percent of the fatalities occurred in crashes where a driver or motorcycle rider had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level of .08 or higher.

That's why authorities are urging those who watch the game away from home to designate a sober driver in advance of the festivities in order to avoid a front row seat with several of your "best friends" in jail - or a life-altering tragedy.

"State and local law enforcement are well aware of the statis-

tics, and they will be vigilant before, during and after the game," Kansas Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller said.

"Those who try to beat the system risk stiff fines and mandatory imprisonment.

"And if you are involved in a crash that takes a life, even if you survive, your life will be changed forever."

Miller added that people attending Super Bowl parties with friends need to take the initiative and be responsible for their own safety and that of their companions.

"Our message is simple: Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. That's the theme for the national enforcement and awareness campaign currently under way in Kansas and around the country," Miller said.

"You need to designate a sober driver, and make sure he or she is the only one who ends up behind the wheel."

The Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk campaign is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Na-

tional Football League and state and local transportation and law enforcement agencies across the country to remind everyone to designate a sober driver if they plan on drinking alcohol on Super Bowl Sunday.

**KDOT offers these guidelines for a safer, super Sunday:**

**If you are hosting a Super Bowl party:**

- Remember, you can be held liable if someone you served ends up in an impaired-driving crash.
- Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride sharing with other sober drivers.
- Serve lots of food and include lots of nonalcoholic beverages.
- Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of the game and begin serving coffee and dessert.
- Keep the numbers for local cab companies handy, and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving while impaired.
- Set safeguards to ensure that underage persons at your party do not have access to alcohol, or you

may be prosecuted.

**If you are attending a Super Bowl party or watching at a bar or restaurant:**

- Designate your sober driver before the party and give that person your keys.
  - Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself - eat enough food, take breaks and alternate with nonalcoholic drinks.
  - If you don't have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend, or family member to come and pick you up; or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.
  - If you attend a Regents University, use your community's SafeRide program.
  - Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired.
- Remember, Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. Always buckle up - it's still your best defense against other drivers who may be impaired. For more information, visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).

## Public Record

### 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

- Jan. 21 - Amber Combs, Norton, failure to provide verification of insurance. Verification provided at hearing. Case dismissed.
- Jan. 21 - Justin Brill, Norton, driving while under the influence of alcohol, illegal tag, minor in possession of alcohol, driving while under suspension and transporting an open container. Previous Diversion revoked. 60 days jail time reduced to 48 hours if all fines paid and has no trouble during the one year probation period. Must complete ADSAP and attend AA meetings as recommended. Driver's license suspended for 30 days. Diversion fee \$250, ADSAP fee \$150, lab fee \$400, fines \$1,700, court cost \$75.
- Jan. 21 - Edward Meyers, Norton, defective tail lamps. Dismissed at hearing as tail lamps fixed.
- Jan. 21 - Tyler Cook, Norton, basic speed. Fine \$60, court cost \$75.
- Jan. 21 - Russel Gibson, Norton, defective tail lamps. Dismissed at hearing as tail lamps

fixed.

### 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. 8 - Eugena R. Reed, Palco, defective head lamps and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$60, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 8 - Kalen H. Speake, Phillipsburg, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 8 - Charles Larry Strode, Aurora, Colo., speeding 57 in a 45 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 8 - Dennis J. Thome, Rosehill, speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 8 - Jeremy A. Wharton, Waynesville, Mo., failure to keep a log book, fine \$150, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Joseph Walter Bloomer, Carbondale, Colo., expired registration, fine \$60, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Gregory Douglas Brooks, Lakewood, Colo., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

- Jan. 14 - John B. Entz, Hesston, Speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Lonnie G. Feenstra, Brookville, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Melissa Dawn Galvan, Almena, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Nicki D. Grauerholz, Kensington, speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$72, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Dennis L. Greeninger, Isanti, Minn., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Stanley M. Komarek, Salina, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Catrina Kimberly Jo Kunclers, Norton, speeding 74 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.
- Jan. 14 - Donald L. Manis, Selden, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

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## McMullen & Wyatt Auctions Farm Consignment Auction

McMullen & Wyatt Auctions is now accepting consignments for our Annual Spring Auction. Any farm related items, livestock equipment, tools, machinery, tractors, or trucks accepted for the March 27 auction. To consign or for more information, please contact Donald or Robert

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**AgValley Co-op**  
314 West North Street, Norton, KS 67654  
785-877-5131

Is now accepting bids to replace the front office deck and steps at this location.

Bids will be accepted until March 1, 2010.

The target date for completion of the project is June 1, 2010

Call 785-877-5131 for a complete description of the details of the project.

## Special Valentine's Day Menu

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**APPETIZERS:**

- ♥Jalepeno Poppers
- ♥Portabella Mushrooms
- ♥Cheese Sticks
- ♥Calamari
- ♥Shrimp Cocktail

**ENTREES:**

- ♥Prime Rib — Small and Large Cut
- ♥Crab Stuffed Chicken
- ♥Surf n Turf
- ♥Fried Shrimp
- ♥Crab Legs
- ♥Scallops
- ♥Small Lobster Tail
- ♥Chicken Cordon Bleu

**KID'S MENU:**

- ♥1/3# Cheeseburger
- ♥(2) Piece Chicken Strip with Fries

**DESSERTS:**

- ♥Assorted Pies
- ♥Cheesecake

**Jam Session DJ Karaoke**  
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

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