

Mother Nature rips tree from ground



Mother Nature's wrath was apparent this weekend when over 4 inches of rain fell between Saturday and Monday morning. The rain brought high wind, which caused damage to areas around town. In Elmwood Park (above) a

tree toppled over after Sunday's storm. Karolyn Kingham reported over an inch of rain Saturday and almost 3 inches of rain on Sunday.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Norton County Comment

Tom Brannan, supervisor of the Norton County Road and Bridge Department, began his career in Norton County in February, 2001.

He had spent 26 years in Hays working for Allied, Inc., a general municipal contracting firm.

After starting as a truck driver he worked his way up to foreman.

Tom grew up in Norton and when he heard about the opening in Norton County's Road and Bridge Department, he jumped at the opportunity to return.

Tom has seen many changes over the last nine years with the biggest change being the decrease in his crew's numbers.

When he first started, his department consisted of ten blade operators, three bridge crew members, one shop mechanic, two truck drivers and four part-time mowers.

The tough economic situation and the state budget cuts have resulted in the department losing two blade operators, one truck driver and all part-time mowers.

Adding a challenge to the loss in crew, the department's responsibilities have increased from 125 to approximately 157 miles of road maintenance. Responsibilities also include 157 miles of mowing.

Due to severe weather in our area over the last several years, the

Road and Bridge Department has also been involved with several Federal Emergency Management Agency projects.

Unusual amounts of rain, snow and ice have resulted in the north-west Kansas region being declared a disaster area four times in the last five years.

That means large projects to restore and/or rebuild roads and bridges.

In the last few years they have averaged five new bridges and one state built bridge in the county per year.

This is due in part to aggressive planning by the Norton County Commission.

Major projects scheduled for the summer include the removal of the hill on west Washington and W1 intersection.

Since Norton County Emergency Medical Services has moved to their new building, they use Washington Street a lot for access to the south areas of town.

Removal of the hill will improve the sight line there, making the intersection safer for everyone.

Even with fewer employees and greater responsibilities, the department is still striving to maintain the quality the public has come to expect.

Tom says his crews are doing a good job, doing what they can with that they have to work with.

Norton Public Library announces upcoming events

This Thursday at the Norton Public Library there will be more programs with the summer theme "Make a Splash at Your Library." At 10:30 a.m., Sandy Benoit from Parents as Teachers, will present a program for the younger children. At 2 p.m., Children's Librarian Kathy McConney will

read stories and have a fun craft for children in second through sixth grades. Teen Fun Night will host a Video Game night at 7 p.m. Teens are encouraged to come and compete in video games on Playstation2, Xbox and Wii while enjoying refreshments.

Upcoming Events at the Li-

brary:
Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. — Chess Club with Jared Shelton
June 15 from 6:30-8 p.m. — Jammin' at the Library—Come listen to Blue Grass Music or bring an instrument and join in.
June 28 at 1:30 p.m. — Monday at the Movies—Showing "The Pro-

posal" starring Sandra Bullock. Refreshments will be served
June 29 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. — Basic Computer Class presented by Kathy McConney and Josh Gallentine, library staff. Please call the Library at 877-2481 to register for the class

Police Log

June 5
4:01 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 600 block N. Norton
4:33 p.m. Report of car running out of gas
4:39 p.m. Report of missing cat
6:48 p.m. Investigate complaint concerning gun at swimming pool
7:24 p.m. Report of dead centipede at residence; request officer to look at it
9:08 p.m. Report of transient, Pizza Hut
9:26 p.m. Report of child scratching vehicle
9:34 p.m. Report of missing signs, 1000 block Hartford
June 6
12:26 a.m. Report of individuals walking up street, Jones St.
10:08 a.m. Report of missing dog, 600 block Sun
10:53 a.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter
11:05 a.m. Two vehicle accident, Elmwood Park
12:08 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter
5:14 p.m. Report of dog running loose, 800 block Wabash
9:09 p.m. Report of individuals child that is not to be around another individual
June 7
2:00 a.m. Report of power problems
4:55 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree
9:43 a.m. Report of dog running loose, owner cited
10:12 a.m. Report of child custody issues
4:10 p.m. Report of small kitten almost hit by vehicle, 300 block E. Lincoln
6:43 p.m. Report of parked vehicle, 500 block N. Norton
9:21 p.m. Report of stray cat inside house; cat taken to pound
June 8
1:47 a.m. Altercation at Loves
3:04 p.m. Individual asked to leave pool area
4:39 p.m. Request to remove individual from property
4:53 p.m. Request for extra

patrol
6:37 p.m. Report of semi parked at rural fire station
7:32 p.m. Report of dog running loose, 300 block Jones
8:07 p.m. Report of individual dropping off child and told to find own way home
9:50 p.m. Parking citation
9:53 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning phone calls
10:11 p.m. Barking dog complaint, 600 block Norton
10:56 p.m. Barking dog complaint, 100 block Woodfield
11:07 p.m. Suspicious vehicle
June 9
6:34 a.m. Report of activity at house, 400 block N. Jones

8:03 a.m. Report of two missing dogs.
8:22 a.m. Missing dogs found
11:41 a.m. EMS assist
12:30 p.m. Two party dispute concerning vehicle
12:50 p.m. Report of small child being hit by van, 600 block N. Jones
1:21 p.m. Report of gas skip, Diamond Shamrock
3:27 p.m. Report of two individuals arguing, 500 block Jones
4:04 p.m. Activated alarm, The Bank
7:03 p.m. Report of vandalism to mailbox
8:20 p.m. Report of stolen skateboard

10:11 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
June 10
9:29 a.m. Report of dogs running loose, 300 block N. Graves
10:15 a.m. Check on transient, S. Highway. 283



Dr. Dustin S. Cheney

Now Scheduling Patients

Tuesdays: 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

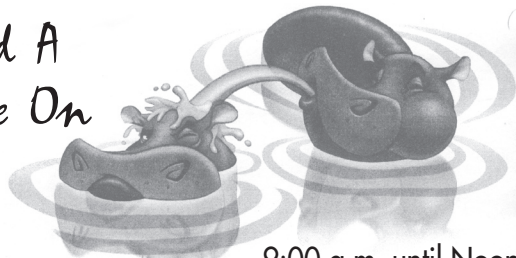
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For More Information, Call: 877-2181 or 877-3576

VBS Program will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 27

Moffet Drug Pharmacy

FIRST ANNUAL

Shred Day

Friday, June 18

From 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (or until truck is full)

Bring all of your personal documents that you would like shredded and have them destroyed on site for FREE

by a state of the art shredding truck

250 lb. limit per person. If you expect to have more, please talk to the Moffet staff about making arrangements

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June 18-19, 2010

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Adults Over 12 \$12 in Advance
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No coolers or carry-in alcohol

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Friday, June 18: 5pm: RibFest
7pm-Midnight: CONCERTS
Riverbilly, Chris Young, Colfax Cowboys

Saturday, June 19: 7-11am: City Wide Yard Sales
7:30am: Annual Charity Walk/Run
9am-4pm: Fairy Photos
11am: Parade
Noon: Amazing Arthur or Prairie Dusters
1pm: Y102 Sanctioned Pedal Pull
Trap Shoot or Bingo

Saturday, continued: 3pm: Amazing Arthur
4pm: Creature Races
5-9pm: Inflatable Carnival
8pm-Midnight: CONCERTS
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