Church:

Take advantage of the church listings to find out when and where to go.

Page 6 & 7



Sports:

Division I and II Softball play final games of the season.

Page 10

Friday, July 2, 2004

Norton, Kansas Home of Bob Underwood

Briefly Paper will not be printed Monday

In observance of the July 4 holiday and since the post office isn't open on Monday, July 5, and the press crew at Nor'West Press is taking the day off, The Norton Extra will not be printed on Monday.

Instead, the July 6 edition of The Telegram will be distributed to every home in Norton County, regardless of whether you are a subscriber or not.

The staff at *The Telegram* wishes you a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Representative here July 12

A service representative from the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton Social and Rehabilitative Services Office from 1-2:30 p.m., Monday, July 12, to assist veterans and their families with matters pertaining to veterans' benefits.

Money needed for fireworks

Donations are still needed to finance the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at Sebelius Lake. Russ Erbert is once again designing and coordinating the project with the support of Larry Nelson and the fireworks crew. Contributions may be made at Norton businesses or by sending contributions to the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, Box 97, Norton, Kan., 67654.

By KEITH P. VANSKIKE, **County Extension director**

Fair time is just around the corner and everyone is getting geared up. The Norton County Fair premium books are available at the Extension office and at local businesses.

Participants need to review the table of contents and schedule in the first few pages to see what's going on.

The 2004 Norton County Fair will start classes. Saturday, July 24, and continue until Saturday, July 31, with the kick off of the Fun Day Horse Show and 4-H Clothing Fashion Revue on July 24. Things will culmi-

nate with the Home-Owned Carnival and between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.. car races on July 31.

All Norton County residents are encouraged to enter one or more exhibits. Open class exhibits can be entered in livestock, poultry and rabbits, crops, horticulture, culinary, fancywork and handicrafts, flowers, home sewing, photography, quilts and art.

Each department has a listing of related

There is a section on models for youth and adults who work with model crafts. Entry day for most open class exhibits

in the 4-H Building is Tuesday, July 27,

Monday's entries include 4-H Rockets (10-10:30 a.m.), 4-H and open class art (10 a.m.-noon), 4-H and open class photography, and 4-H and open class woodwork and models.

Horticulture and flowers are entered on Wednesday morning. 4-H and open class livestock are entered on Tuesday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Swine must be entered by noon).

Consultation judging of open class quilts will be Tuesday afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m.

The open class culinary will be judged

at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Culinary can be entered between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday

4-Hentomology, electric, geology and small engines will be entered and judged at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The judging of the 4-H clothing will be done early the previous week on Tuesday, July 20.

4-H heritage arts is a new division this year. This includes articles such as crochet, knitting, needle arts, quilting, macramé and weaving. These will be judged as entered 10 a.m.-noon on

(Continued on Page 5)



Roger Fuller (above) of Rawhide Iron Works, located just outside the city limits of Norton, uses a welding torch to heat a piece of iron. This cowboy on horseback, chasing a buffalo (below) is an example of the silhouettes Roger can produce. McClain Ranch (below right) well-known for providing mutton bustin' entertainment at county fairs, had Roger produce a unique sign for the entrance to their ranch. - Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Local family makes art out of iron

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Artists work in different mediums: water colors, charcoal, oils, pastels, iron. Iron? Yes, iron. In the hands of a skilled

artisan, iron can become a beautiful thing. Roger Fuller, Norton, is an artisan. He takes a piece of raw material, and using heat and gentle force, molds it into a custom-made work of art.

Roger and his wife Linda are a collaborative team making up their company, Rawhide Iron Works.

She creates the artwork that starts the process, working with clients making sure she has captured the essence of what they

Mrs. Fuller feels that communication with customers is a vital part of the project's success.

Both pride themselves on paying atten-(Continued on Page 5)

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Lows in the lower 60s. East winds around 5 mph shifting to the south after midnight. Saturday — A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid-90s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Independence Day— A 40 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening.

Howell report:

Tuesday	High 85, Low 61
Wednesday	High 85, Low 66
	h of precipitation
Thursday	High 75, Low 66
.45 of an inc	h of precipitation
Week ago	High 78, Low 57
Month ago	High 86, Low 53
Year ago	High 93, Low 68
July precipitation	0.45 inches
Year-to-date precipitation	n 10.33 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm	
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mi	le East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, eternal God, for your faithfulness, for bringing joy to our lives when all seems lost in sadness and pain. Amen





County clerk running for another term



Robert D. Wyatt is running unopposed for another four-year term as Norton County Clerk.

In the eight years he's been in office, there have been a lot of changes, he said. The clerk's office has been modernized (Continued on Page 5)

County looks at landfill covers

By VERONICA MONIER

The proposed Norton County landfill must have all trash covered every day with either dirt or some other covering.

If the county uses dirt, it would take several inches every day and would be almost impossible to remove each morning. This would shorten the life of the landfill and, with as much trouble as Norton County has had in getting a permit, — the process is still underway -county commissioners want it to last as long as possible.

Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald to look at a alternate covering.

Mr. Archibald told the commission-

ers Wednesday that the Clay Center landfill is using Topcoat, which is a daily cover that is sprayed on. He said it costs them \$52 per day.

Topcoat, he said, is non-toxic, biodegradable and 65 percent recyclable.

Commission Chairman Leroy Lang asked if that was the only cover available.

Mr. Archibald said there is also a foam covering available, but he hasn't checked into it yet.

Commissioner Dean Kruse asked if Therefore, they are sending Solid Clay Center was Topcoat's only customer.

Mr. Archibald said they had custom-(Continued on Page 5)

Most businesses will be open Monday

The Fourth of July falls on a Sunday this Foods Store and Restaurant (although following Monday off in observance.

United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Office and The Norton Telegram. The Beacon Cafe, Pure Prairie Health

year. Sometimes, when a national holiday owner, Jim Rowh said if anyone needed falls on a Sunday, businesses will take the anything, he would gladly open for them), K & S Center Cafe, Barbecue Barn (un-Most Norton businesses have chosen to less she has some ribs left over from her operate "business as usual" Monday. regular hours), Pamida's Pharmacy will However some will be closed on Monday. close at 3 p.m. Saturday and re-open at 9 These include First Security Bank and a.m., Tuesday, The Norton County Court-Trust, Almena State Bank, The Bank, house, Norton City offices, the U.S. Post

Register of Deeds runs unopposed



Wanda M. Vincent is running for her third four-year term as Norton County Register of Deeds.

She joined the office in 1992 when she began serving as the deputy register of deeds. She was elected to the head posi-

(Continued on Page 5)



It's a slow process, but that's the way Roger Fuller of Rawhide Iron Works bends iron or aluminum to create custom made, metal scenes and designs. Roger and his wife Linda strive to create exactly the style their client desires. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Iron worker makes decorative pieces

(Continued from Page 1) tion to details, dimensions and finishing.

The Fullers moved to Norton a little over four years ago from Steamboat Spring, Colo. Linda was a graphic artist and Roger worked construction.

He knew he wanted to be his own boss and welding was a skill he was good at and enjoyed. It was a logical blend of talents to begin a custom design business.

After Linda and the customer agree on the design, whether it is for a ranch entrance gate, interior railings for a custom home, a western motif floor lamp or side table for the den, she transfers the design to large sheets of brown paper.

This is the point where Roger takes over.

He tacks the design to the wall of his neatly organized welding shop and begins to bend iron.

It's a slow process.

If he is working on a large piece, like a gate, he takes flat iron 1 1/4inches wide and 3/16-inch thick, measures it to the right length and, using a bender begins to shape the design is illuminated by the flames

piece. He bends it a little, takes it to the minary. drawing to match the arc or the

flare. If it needs more, it's back to the bender.

matches the drawing. Then he on Dean Esslinger's property. dons his welding mask and begins to put the pieces together.

When the piece is finished, he burnishes the welds to smooth them. The piece is then taken to New Age in Norton where it receives a powder coat in the color the customer has selected.

Powder coating is electrically charged particles sprayed onto the Norton in the Sappa Creek Valley. piece, then heated. The powder coating turns into a hard, durable finish.

For intricate work, like lettering, He uses a plasma cutter.

A fun item that Roger makes is a party barrel. This is usually a 50gallon barrel to which he has added three sturdy metal legs. Then, using his plasma cutter he can create it. cuts designs, of his customer's choosing, into the sides.

to make an industrial strength lu-

A well-known piece of the Fullers' work is the Indian on horseback standing four miles east of Back and forth until the iron Norton on the south side of U.S. 36

Mr. Esslinger's family commissioned the piece as a Christmas present for him. The piece was pictured in the June 22 edition of The Norton Telegram.

Another piece by the Fullers that can be seen locally is the arched gateway to Spring Green and Valley Cemetery, northwest of

The entrance was dedicated in April of 2003 and a picture appeared in the April 16, 2003, edition of The Norton Telegram.

Rawhide Iron Works forms metal into scenes, designs and themes, all guaranteed to be unique and original. If you can imagine it, Roger and Linda Fuller

For more information call them at 785-877-3729 or check out their When a fire is lit in the barrel, the website at: www.rawhideiron.com

Legislation allows county to charge for civil process forms

THE NORTON TELEGRAM

for the sheriff's office to deliver civil process fee was the only one civil forms, such as divorce papers, small claims and limited action suits and seeing if it can collect money for expenses incurred while holding prisoners in jail.

Friday, July 2, 2004

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said starting yesterday, a \$5 fee will be billed to the plaintiff for each address the civil forms are delivered to.

"This wasn't something we were going to jump into," he said. "It just passed in the legislature and is still relatively new."

Sheriff Thomson said he talked to Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed. Sheriff Steed was one of the originator's of House Bill 2293. The bill covered the \$5 fee, as well

Norton County will be charging allowed to charge. He said the \$5 charges works in other counties, Norton County was charging at the moment to deliver civil forms.

The charge for delivering civil work will cover papers coming from civil, district and federal courts, he said. The court clerk will collect the fee and then the money will go into the county's general fund.

All of the money collected this way will stay in the county, Sheriff Thomson said.

Two other things the county is looking at is recovering the cost of medical bills on inmates who are in the Norton County jail and recovering jail fees after a person is convicted.

More information is being gathas other fees sheriff's offices are ered on how well recovering these worth it," he said.

said Sheriff Thomson.

If either is done, then the county will have to decide how to bill them, how to collect and who will collect, he said.

With the medical charges, he said the county will initially pay the bills and then collect payment from the inmate if possible.

There are three ways other counties are dealing with the medical bills, Sheriff Thomson said - getting the owed money from the inmate's tax returns, taking them to court, or just not going after it.

Sheriff Thomson said whatever is done, it will be another bookkeeping item for the sheriff's department.

"We just have to see if they are

County checks out spray-on cover for landfill

(Continued from Page 1) ers all over the country, but Clay Center was the closest.

He said there is an applicator that can be bought to apply the cover. Clay Center built their own.

"I thought I would take off a day and watch them do this," he said. "That way we can see what all is involved."

He said the only time you can't apply it is when it's raining as it won't solidify. Also, it needs be kept warm when it's cold, but the applicator has a heater.

Mr. Kruse and Mr. Lang told Mr. Archibald to drive to Clay Center to see if Topcoat would be any good.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Talked with Gina Frack, Norton County Health Department director over the phone.

• Approved the monthly vouchers and payroll.

 Heard from County Treasurer Cindy Linner that the May sales tax receipts collected were \$20,837.78, making the year-todate total \$135,822.70.

Mrs. Linner said she would be taking a two-week vacation start-

ing Monday, but would be check- There won't be a charge for crimiing in periodically.

• Met with Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson.

Sheriff Thomson said the county will now be charging \$5 per address to serve civil process in to discuss plans for future concourt clerk's office and the money will go into the general fund. He said they would set up a meeting said the sheriff's office serves 150 to 175 civil processes a month.

nal papers.

 Spoke with John McClymont. attorney, and Allan Miller of Prairieland Electric. Mr. McClymont and Mr. Miller were missioners a possible layout and to talk about it more in a couple of weeks.

Register runs for re-election

(Continued from Page 1) tion in 1996.

She attended Fort Hays State majoring in business and after college took time off to stay home with her children before taking the deputy position.

district president of the Kansas Register of Deeds Association.

Vincent and they have two children: Tabitha, a high school fresh-election on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

County fair just around the corner

(Continued from Page 1) Wednesday. The 4-H skill art and crafts will

be entered and judged Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Dog, Cat and Hand Pet needed for the exhibit, so one can armband night (1 ticket rides) on

canned foods departments are re- fair board. minded of the guidelines that jars

Also each night (Tuesday-Satmay be opened during judging for urday) the Home-Owned Carnival jams, spreads, relishes and sauces. will be in full swing from 6:30-For these classes two jars are 11:30 p.m. with a special kiddy

Look

forms. It will be collected by the struction. They showed the com-

man and Heath, a high school junior.

> She enjoys singing in the choir at the Church of God and is also a substitute Sunday school teacher.

When she isn't working she likes to read and also enjoys keep-She is the Northwest Kansas ing up with her children and their school activities.

Mrs. Vincent is running unop-Mrs. Vincent is married to Mike posed in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 3 and in the general



show will be an early pre-fair ac- go to the state fair. tivity on Monday, July 19.

On Saturday, July 24, the 4-H Fashion Revue will be at 7 p.m. and the Fun Day Horse Show at 9 a.m. The 4-H Horse Show will begin

at 9 a.m. Monday, July 26.

both of the horse shows and are due Thursday, July 22, in the Extension office.

The exotic animal educational exhibit and petting zoo is set for Wednesday, July 28. Pre-entries are requested by Thursday, July 22.

Look again this year for the special school children division. All youth up to 17 years of age can enter exhibits in foods, textiles and handicrafts, quilts, afghans, flowers, plants, collections, sewing, woodworking, photography, and gardening and models.

Other events include the 4-H Food Sale, Porkburger Special, Market Animal Sale, livestock shows, poultry and rabbit exhibits and shooting sports exhibition.

Special programs include a gos-

pel concert featuring The Advo-Ministerial Alliance.

Jackpot Team Roping, Pre-entries are requested for Porkburger Special and a free watermelon feed, sponsored by Jamboree Foods.

> Fair Association will hold the 4-H may contact a member of the and FFA Challenge of Champions, which offers a \$250 scholar-vice Association. ship award sponsored by Kowpoke Supply.

Showmanship and 4-H and FFA ment and plan to participate. Livestock Sale and the Ranch Rodeo will also be on Thursday.

Friday evening's schedule has the youth Pedal Power Pull sponsored by Phillips County Implement, mutton busting and Kid's Ranch Rodeo, sponsored by The Bank, Almena State Bank, United Mick Miller, Vice-President Northwest Federal Credit Union, Curtis Eveleigh, Secretary First Security Bank and Trust, Deanna Nelson and Treasurer Deb Those entering the open class First State Bank and the Norton Eveleigh.

Friday and regular arm band night on Saturday.

Some newer rides are available cates on Tuesday sponsored by the this year - a new kiddy Ferris Wheel and Tubs of Fun. There is Wednesday evening will be the also a new kiddy animal character ride and a shuttle tram to offer rides to and from the parking areas.

The carnival rides and games are all a volunteer service and any-Thursday morning, the Norton one wishing to offer assistance Norton County Community Ser-

The fair offers something for everyone. Check out the possibili-The Round Robin Champion ties and guidelines for each depart-

> The 2004 Fair Board President is Becky Delimont, Vice President is Spencer Braun, Secretary is Julie Thompson and Treasurer is Kathy Holste. The officers of the Norton County Community Service Association are: President

Clerk plans to serve for four more years

(Continued from Page 1) to make daily operations easier, going from paper to computers and making accounting, financial records and county dates easier to access.

Mr. Wyatt said he ran for office eight years ago because he was approached by county residents, who asked him to get involved.

He's running this year because he still has a strong interest in county government and in politics.

"I feel that since I've been in office I've made a difference," he said. "I enjoy my job and enjoy working with the people."

He said the clerk's office has tried hard to keep the public inthe county and he encourages county residents to question him at

any time about county govern- only one on ballot in the primary ment.

"I love it when people call me to find out the truth about something, rather than wondering if something they've heard is true or not," he said.

He said the most challenging thing ahead for the county clerk will be handling the new election laws. He said there are going to be a lot of tough changes for everyone, including the voters.

Mr. Wyatt lives in Norton County with his wife of 24 years. He is a member of the Church of God and the Kansas Clerks Association. He has two children and no grandchildren. In his spare time, formed about what is going on in he auctions real estate and does bank appraisals.

election on Tuesday, Aug. 3 and probably in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Deadline coming for students

The deadline for students who live in Norcatur but attend school in Norton to turn in out-of-district transportation busing applications to the Oberlin School District Office is Thursday, July 15.

The application must be filed in order for Norton buses to be able to pick up students in Norcatur. All students are required to renew applications annually.

Applications may be picked up Mr. Wyatt's name will be the at either school district office.

