

PUBLIC RECORD

Jail Log

Feb. 17 — Jay Holste, Norton, serving 40 day jail sentence.
 Feb. 19 — Antonio Paz-Lopez-Marco, Dodge City, driving under the influence, holding for Dodge City warrant.

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. 15 — Erin Tibbetts, Norton, duty to report amended to inattentive driving, fine \$10, court cost \$60.
 Jan. 21 — Joseph Davis, Norton, duty upon striking, duty to report, and reckless driving, fine \$450, court cost \$60.
 Jan. 21 — Klare Zillinger, Phillipsburg, driving while under the influence, fine \$500, ADSAP fee \$150, diversion fee \$200, court cost \$60.
 Jan. 28 — Alisha Smallwood, Hill City, no proof of insurance, dismissed as proof provided.
 Feb. 9 — Christine Stevens, Norton, failure to use child safety restraints, fine \$20, court cost \$60.

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

Dec. 8 — Juan E. Perez, Lakin, speeding 75 in a 55 mph construction zone, fine \$180, court cost \$60.
 Dec. 9 — Jack L. Holmes, Almena, driving while suspended, dismissed, court cost \$60.
 Jan. 2 — Carl Joe Robinson, Clayton, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$60.
 Jan. 25 — Michael P. Peterson, Rexford, expired registration and width of vehicles and loads thereon, fine \$120, court cost \$60.
 Feb. 5 — Dianne R. Amenta, Omaha, Neb., speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$60.
 Feb. 9 — Pieter W.C. Leibrant, Westminister, Colo., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$60.
 Feb. 12 — Paul E. Shepard,

Lenora, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$60.

Limited Action

Jan. 30 — Pizza Management versus Michelle Thompson, Almena, check for \$25.84, plus court cost and fees.
 Jan. 30 — Pizza Management versus Gary Horacek, Norton, check for \$16.44, plus court cost and fees.
 Jan. 30 — Brooks Motel versus Jody L. Henson, Fort Scott, two checks for \$120.40, plus court cost and fees.
 Jan. 31 — Jamboree Foods versus Verland Olliff, Norton, check for 19.92 and check for \$100, plus court cost and fees.
 Jan. 31 — Pizza Management versus Verland Olliff, Norton, check for \$16, plus court cost and fees.
 Feb. 1 — Norton Dairy Queen, LLC, versus Julie K. Laurin, Almena, check for \$19.64, plus court cost and fees.

Marriage

Feb. 15 — Leon Hollis Hughes III, Norton, and Amanda J. Morgan, Norton.

Divorce

Feb. 15 — Cheryl D. Murphy, Almena, versus Randy K. Murphy, Prairie View.
 Feb. 21 — Gregg L. Wicker, Norton, versus Kimberly K. Wicker, Norton.

Ambulance

Feb. 5 — Trauma emergency, Norton.
 Feb. 6 — Medical emergency, Norton.
 Feb. 7 — Medical emergency, Almena.
 Feb. 8 — Picked up flight crew from Eagle Medical at airport.
 Feb. 8 — Trauma emergency, Norton.
 Feb. 9 — Medical emergency, Norton.
 Feb. 9 — Trauma emergency, rural Norton.
 Feb. 9 — Picked up flight crew from Air Care at airport.
 Feb. 9 — Trauma emergency, rural Lenora.
 Feb. 10 — Trauma emergency, Norton.
 Feb. 11 — Medical emergency, Norton.
 Feb. 12 — Medical emergency, Norton.
 Feb. 12 — Medical transfer to Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb.
 Feb. 14 — Medical emergency, Norton.
 Feb. 15 — Medical emergency, Norton.

READERS

Chance Harman, Norcatur, will be competing tonight and Saturday in the Bulls and Broncos Rodeo at 7:30 p.m., at Kiplinger Arena in McCook. Tickets are available at the gate. He is the son of Ron and Renee Harman.

— Now showing at Norton Theatre, "Big Momma's

4-H NEWS

By PHILLIP BECKER

The monthly meeting of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club was held Feb. 19 at the 4-H Building. Jacob VanSkiwe gave a parliamentary procedure about majority voting. Roll call was to name a

House", and featuring "When a Stranger Calls". Call 785-877-2075 or www.nortontheatre.com.

As of Jan. 1, the Norton County Treasurer's office can no longer renew commercial driver's licenses, but are still able to do regular driver's license renewals.

county in Kansas.

Members learned that 4-H Day will be March 20 at Norton Junior High School.

The club collected food to donate to God's Pantry.

Students talk their way through tournaments

The Northern Valley High School forensics team made a good showing at two recent meets.

The Norton Forensics meet was held Feb. 11.

Representing The Huskies were Andrea Lowry, Melody Miller, Kelli Cole, Ashley Kingham, Amanda Hopkins, Hannah Hawks, Amy Shearer, Jessica Largent, Travis Redeker, Avery Thalheim, Ethan Hays, Tom Bartley and Jessie Redeker.

Students from 12 different schools competed in the nine different categories. Students are allowed to enter a maximum of two events per meet.

After three rounds five students from Northern made it to the finals. They were Andrea Lowry, third, humorous solo; Tom Bartley, second, extemporaneous; Avery Thalheim, fourth, prose; Ethan Hays, fifth, prose; and Amanda Hopkins and Hannah

Hawks, sixth, duet.

The next meet on the schedule was at Beloit.

Northern Valley took 13 students to the competition. They were: Tom Bartley, Kelli Cole, Kylene Hager, Ashley Kingham, Andrea Lowry, Jena Jessup, Jessie Redeker, Jesi Zillinger, Cody Callaway, Ethan Hays, Melody Miller, Patrick Hammond and Travis Redeker.

Heather Hansen represented Northern Valley as one of the judges.

Seventeen schools attended the Beloit meet. Jesi Zillinger made it to the finals in informative and placed fourth. The team finished seventh.

Mr. Thurman, forensics coach, said he was extremely proud of the conduct and attitude of the students. He said they represented Northern Valley with distinction and pride at each meet.

Pet photos could win big bucks

Pet owners from Norton County are invited to enter the 2006 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest sponsored by the International Pet Owners Club. Over \$10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded. The deadline to enter the contest is March 31. It is open to everyone and entry is free.

To enter send one photograph

to: 2006 Spring Photo Contest, c/o The International Pet Owners Club, P.O. Box 1748, Pittsburg, Kan. 66762. You may send a full color photo or a black and white. The picture may range in size up to an 8 by 10 inch photo.

You may also submit your photo directly online at: www.cutestpetcontest.com.

Grass fires are real danger to prairie

Northwest Kansans can and should prepare to protect their homes from wildfire. Firefighters already have faced a clear demonstration that Kansas is at risk to wildfires. More than 8,500 acres in Harvey County, went up in smoke Feb. 9-12.

Rangeland fire danger in Kansas continues between very high and extreme. Dry La Niña-related weather is combining with windy conditions to turn much of the state into a tinderbox.

Added to that, the U.S. Climate Prediction Center is calling for drought to develop or worsen in most of the state through April.

Three simple steps can have a big impact on reducing a home's risks:

- Don't store firewood or other flammable materials under decks, overhangs or elevated porches. Keep such combustibles at least 30 feet from the house.
- Don't allow dead organic material - leaves, needles or twigs - to accumulate anywhere on the house exterior. Clear roofs, gutters, window sills, window wells, window boxes, porches, decks and other places where leaves and other debris can accumulate. Then, keep them clear.
- Cut back dried ornamental grasses, remove any other highly flammable garden debris, and dispose of the dry material safely. Keep lawns mowed and as green as possible.

Rural residents, in particular, should also consider preparing a four-part wildfire plan:

1. Place it on your speed dial, if necessary, but ensure that emergency contact information for the local fire department is easily accessible. A quick report of a small fire is the best way to ensure the fire stays small and threatens as little property as possible.

2. Determine the flammable materials to bring indoors if wildfire is in the area or highly likely. When embers are flying on the wind, little things can make all the difference in how well your home gets through a wildfire situation. For example, you may want to remove the cushions from patio fur-

Home ed Tranda Watts, Extension specialist



niture or bring the door mats inside.

3. Determine what to have on hand when wildfires are around. Consider having at least one outside faucet attached to a hose with a nozzle. A ladder propped against the roof on the downwind side of the house can be a good idea. The family vehicle parked facing the exit is another.

Added possibilities are supplies of needed medicines and toiletries, a change of clothes, some cash, and a credit card - already packed in the car or boxed to pick up at a moment's notice.

4. Make sure family members know where to go and what to do in the event a wildfire is nearby. With outdoor fires, the best plan often is to get all family members accounted for.

Then make sure all doors and windows are closed and check that you've completed your preparations. After that, you can think about whether to wet down your roof and yard.

In any case, strictly follow emergency personnel's instructions on whether to remain with your home or to leave while firefighters extinguish the wildfire.

If you have further questions, contact your local fire department.

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The Norton Telegram... News you need!

HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE

Last week, art classes from Osborne and WaKeeney traveled to Logan to see the 29th Annual High School Art Show.

This exhibit was of great interest to these students because many of their works hang in the gallery. Not only were they able to see their own art on display but also could see the hundreds of other items produced by neighboring schools. Irene Dirks, art instructor at WaKeeney, brought 42 students on this mid-day excursion to the museum. Approximately 42 Osborne students and instructor Kent Thompson arrived to view the exhibition, which includes art from 11 area schools. This is the first year for Osborne and WaKeeney to take part in the annual show held at the Hansen Museum.

Tom Peterson, Colby, has fretwork on display in the gallery during the month of February. Mr. Peterson was chosen as one of the honored "Artist's of the Month". Johnny Cash, James Dean, and John Wayne are depicted in his framed wood cutouts. Each item is intricately cut to reveal a picture of someone or something, and then framed over black velvet to enhance the finished art piece.

An oil painting workshop will be held on March 8, 9, 10, and 11. This workshop will be instructed by Barbara Schaffner, a Wyoming artist, who will be returning for the third time. Call 785-689-4846 for more information.

MARKETS

At close of business Feb. 23

Wheat	\$3.93
Milo	\$1.74
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Soybeans	\$5.36



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