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It could have been real

Mock drill gives a dose of reality

By VERONICA MONIER

With a little bit of imagination, the county's emergency service workers had a full-blown emergency on their hands Friday.

The Norton County Emergency Medical Service, Norton Fire and Rescue and local law enforcement were at the airport Friday, responding to everything a mock accident could throw at them.

Emergency Medical Service Director Ruth Schillig, who played one of the patients, said the scenario was a one-vehicle roll-over north of the airport. There were three passengers, she said, a baby, an unresponsive female and a hysterical mother.

The object of the drill was to get everyone out safely.

"I think everyone did pretty well," she

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Norton Fire and Rescue, along with the Norton County Emergency Medical Service, and local law enforcement participated in a mock accident Friday. Fire and Rescue members (above) used the Jaws-of-Life to tear off the door of an overturned car to free the people trapped inside. One of the passengers, a baby, (right) was comforted by Norton Police Officer Brian Shannon after being rescued from the car.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Norton, Kansas
Home of Charles Hadley

Briefly
Museum has new summer hours

The Norton County Museum will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday from now through Oct. 30. If you need information or would like to volunteer, call 785-877-5626.

Clayton to host reunion Saturday

The Clayton High School Reunion will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Norton American Legion. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Anyone with a connection to Clayton is invited to attend the banquet. Reservations should be made with Merrice Brooks, 701 W. Woodfield, Norton, Kan. 67654 or call 785-877-2401.

Boosters to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Norton golf coach David Stover and track coach Bruce Graber will report on season ending competition for their teams. All fans of Norton Community High School are invited.

Retirees will be recognized

The Norton School District will honor its staff who will be leaving at the end of this school year at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday in the East Campus Auditorium. Following the recognition program, light refreshments will be served in the East Campus gym and those attending will have the opportunity to wish the retirees well.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 50s. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 35 mph in the evening.
Wednesday - Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80s. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 50s.
Thursday — Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80s.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 57, High 97
Saturday Low 58, High 87
Sunday Low 26, High 90
Monday Low 59, High 87
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God of grace and glory, pour out your grace, love, and understanding on all your creation, but especially on those who feel unloved. Make us agents of hope, reconciliation, and love. **Amen**

Lenora Jubilee in second century of celebrations

Even the smallest of towns can sustain big dreams. In 1906, residents of Lenora came together for the very first Jubilee. Hailed as the "best jubilee in Kansas," the small town celebration still continues 100 years later. There were highs and lows, but just when people might have thought that Lenora could no longer support the event, it suddenly bounced back, bigger and better than ever. Just last year, the Jubilee drew guests from all over Kansas, and even a few other states. "Trent Willmon performed on the first night, and the crowd also enjoyed an unexpected visit from Wade Hayes," said event coordinator Scott Sproul. "It was really something to see such an amazing show in our small community." For this year's centennial celebration, the town certainly isn't slowing down a bit. There are more events on the schedule than ever. The celebration continues for three days, kicking off on June 16 with a concert by Nashville recording artist Rhett Akins. "His fourth album will be released around the same time as the Jubilee, so we're looking forward to hearing the brand new songs," said Mr. Sproul. The popular regional group, Blaine Younger Band, will be opening his show and will return again after the Akins performance to cap off opening night. Saturday, June 17, includes a full day of events. The traditional com-

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Norton graduates 65 seniors

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

As the Norton Community High School band played the solemn "Pomp and Circumstance," the junior honor guard of Annette Becker, Kayleigh Brooks, Maggie Nielsen and Mathew Shepard led the graduating seniors from Norton Community High School into the high school gymnasium. It was a standing-room only crowd, Sunday, as parents, friends and families filled every seat and corner of the gym. Cameras flashed and camcorders rolled as parents tried to preserve the moment. The welcome was given by Naomi Streck. Then, in what at first appeared to be a fumbling start, senior Chelsea Cox, was given a final "time-out" by her basketball coach, Kevin Jilka. Coach Jilka gave her a pep talk "on the sidelines" and told her

to get back up there and deliver her speech. Chelsea "got back in the game" and came back to say, "That wasn't as bad as some of my other time-outs have been." In her farewell speech called, "Undecided Chelsea shared how her father has helped her develop good decision-making skills. She said he told her that information is power and to not let emotions cloud her decisions. Chelsea said that she and her classmates have lots of decisions ahead of them. For some it's whether or not to attend college. If so, where; and what to major in. For others, it's choosing a career or a spouse. She said she knew that a lot of her classmates were undecided on a lot of choices. And that was fine, she said. Things change; they don't really go the way you planned. Her advice was to take a deep breath, step back, and determine the best

solution to the problem. In closing she said, "2006 graduates, I wish you all the best and pray that your decisions take you where you want to go." Next, Valerie Lee directed the school choir as they sang "For Good" from the musical "Wicked". In his graduation speech titled, "The Next Great Generation," Heath Vincent recalled another speech given by Franklin Delano Roosevelt almost 70 years ago. Mr. Roosevelt said much is given to some generations and much is expected of other generations. Heath said he and his classmates have grown up with words unknown 70 years ago. Words like: internet, terrorism and out-sourcing. He also said much has been given to his generation and much is expected of them. He said his class has had

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Norton council to remove stop sign

By VERONICA MONIER

Because of a large number of complaints, the Norton City Council decided to remove a temporary stop sign on KQNK Road, next to Elmwood Park. City Administrator Rob Lawson said at the council's last meeting that the stop sign has generated a lot of comments, none of which were good. "I think we should get rid of it and maybe do something else," he said. Councilwoman Donna Foley said she thought they should do something else. Councilman Jerry Jones agreed, suggesting the possibility of realigning the road coming out of the park. The council passed a motion to take out the stop sign and explore other alternatives of improving safety at the intersection. Mr. Lawson said he met with Whitney Construction about the lot in Elmwood Park. He said it will be filled in this sum-

mer and then chip sealed to make a better parking lot. Whitney Construction will do the final cut to grade. He said street work this summer will include chip sealing, crack filling and some overlays with AC oil. Also, he said, he's had a lot of compliments on the parks and cemetery looking nice. In other business, the council: • Heard from Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn about the programs in which the Norton Police Department has participated. Also, he said, the department will be participating in "Click It or Ticket" and will be working overtime to enforce seat belt laws May 27 through June 4. They will be reimbursed for the overtime with grant money. • Asked Mr. Lawson to get more information on potential roofs for the public library. Mr. Lawson said he received two bids — Roofmasters for \$66,243.71 with

a 30-year warranty and Eagle Urethane Roofing for \$26,270 with a 10-year warranty. The two bids are for completely different types of roofs, he said. The council wanted to know if the roof from Eagle Urethane Roofing was fire and hail resistant and then get back to them. • Heard that John Haas from Ranson Financial has completed a rate study on the city's electric rates and will be presenting the information at an upcoming Utility Committee meeting. The council would also like to see how Norton's rates compared to other towns in the area. • Learned that Main Street in front of The Rock will be closed from 6 to 10 p.m. tonight for an end-of-the-school-year celebration. • Bought a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 four-door pickup from the Highway Patrol Surplus Property for \$14,725. Mr. Lawson said the truck is

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