

## City kids had 'farm fun' at town, country day camp

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

City met the country last week when Norton County Farm Bureau and Kansas State Extension co-sponsored "Town and Country Day Camp". Farm and safety were the themes of the camp coordinated by Farm Bureau Association Director Patsy Maddy and Multi-County Extension Specialist Tranda Watts.

Over 100 youngsters attended the camp with 18 group leaders and helpers, two kitchen helpers and three volunteer moms overseeing the day's activities. Activities and leaders were Tool Identification, Dylan Sprigg; Look Alikes, Patsy Maddy; Sun Safety, Tranda Watts; Grain Identification, Garrett Beydler; Mower Safety, 4-H Junior Leaders; Roots and Shoots, Keith VanSkike; Fat Tubes, Melinda Becker; Gravity Flow, Doug Zillinger; Dairy, Mrs. Watts; Wheat, Reba White of the Kansas Wheat Commission; Snodgrass, Doug Zillinger and Emily Zillinger; Games, Megan Wentz and Carissa Wentz; Enviroscape, Twila Dizmang; Cheeseburgers, Craig Cooper, Farm Bureau 10th District Administrator; First Aid, Ruth Schillig, Norton County Emergency Medical Services; Forestry, Jim Strine, Kansas District Forester; and Water Games, Christopher Maddy, Kelsie Griffith and Dylan Sprigg.

Group leaders were from Northern Valley High School and Norton Community High School FFA organizations. They were Bri Cook, Jessica Gilgenbach, Tim Becker, Brian Juenemann, Brittney Braun, Jesi Zillinger, Joni Hilburn, Kylene Hager and Emily Juenemann.

Other helpers were Dustyna Sprigg, Diedre Kramer, Melinda Becker, Annette Becker, Kara Miller, Joy Johnson, Michelle Sprigg and Joy Johnson.

Beverly Kindler also conducted a life skills judging exercise.

Take a little off the top, please. Ron Branek (top right) gave a ewe a close "haircut" last Tuesday during the Town and Country Day Camp co-sponsored by Farm Bureau and Kansas State Extension. Onlookers were from left to right, Nick Peterson, Melanie Cotton, Alec Otter and Jordan Karnopp. Ice cream in a bag was on the

agenda for day campers. Alec Gilgenbach, above, placed all the ingredients in a small baggie which he then placed in a larger baggie filled with ice. Multi-county Extension Specialist Tranda Watts added rock salt to the mix. After a few minutes of vigorous rolling and tossing, Alec had ice cream.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Community grants given to area organizations

The first distribution of the Midwest Energy Community Fund for 2006 has been made to organizations requesting donations.

The Community Fund includes five separate areas within Midwest Energy's service territory.

There were applications from 63 communities representing 36 counties in the service territory. Over 213 applications were received and 150 applications were approved, at least in part.

As an example, area applicants receiving funds included the Norton County Arts Council and Norton Public Library.

Bob Muirhead, Director Eco-

omic and Community Development for the company said, "The committees had a very difficult task and they did a great job of spreading the available funds to many worthy organizations throughout the area."

Midwest Energy invested a total of \$43,169 in communities and organizations in central and western Kansas with this round of distributions.

Applications are being accepted now for disbursements in the fall of 2006.

Any organization requesting donations should contact their local Midwest Energy office, or log on to [www.mwenergy.com](http://www.mwenergy.com) for more information.

## 'SHARE' deadline Wednesday

The deadline for ordering the June Heartland SHARE food package is Wednesday evening. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 24 at the Center.

The June Heartland SHARE food package contains 24 ounces of breaded chicken breast chunks, 17 ounces of grill-marked salmon fillets, 12 ounces of Jennie-O turkey sausage links, 2 pounds of split chicken breasts, 1 1/4 pounds of Applebees pork riblets, lettuce, red bell peppers, potatoes, Granny Smith apples, Valencia oranges, peaches, plums, a mango and a 24-ounce apple pie.

For \$20.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive

all of the food listed. You can order as many shares as you want.

You can also order a meat only (first five items) package for \$11 plus one volunteer hour. There is no limit the number of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase your basic SHARE package you can order one or both of the two June Specials.

The first special is the chicken picnic pack. It contains a large 10 pound box of fully cooked rotisserie chicken breast quarters. It costs \$14 plus one additional volunteer hour.

Special Number 2 is the fire-cracker combo. It costs \$17 and one additional volunteer hour. It contains a 4 to 5 pound box of beef steaks, 8, 4-ounce pork tenderloin medallions and 6, 6-ounce USDA ball tip sirloin steaks.

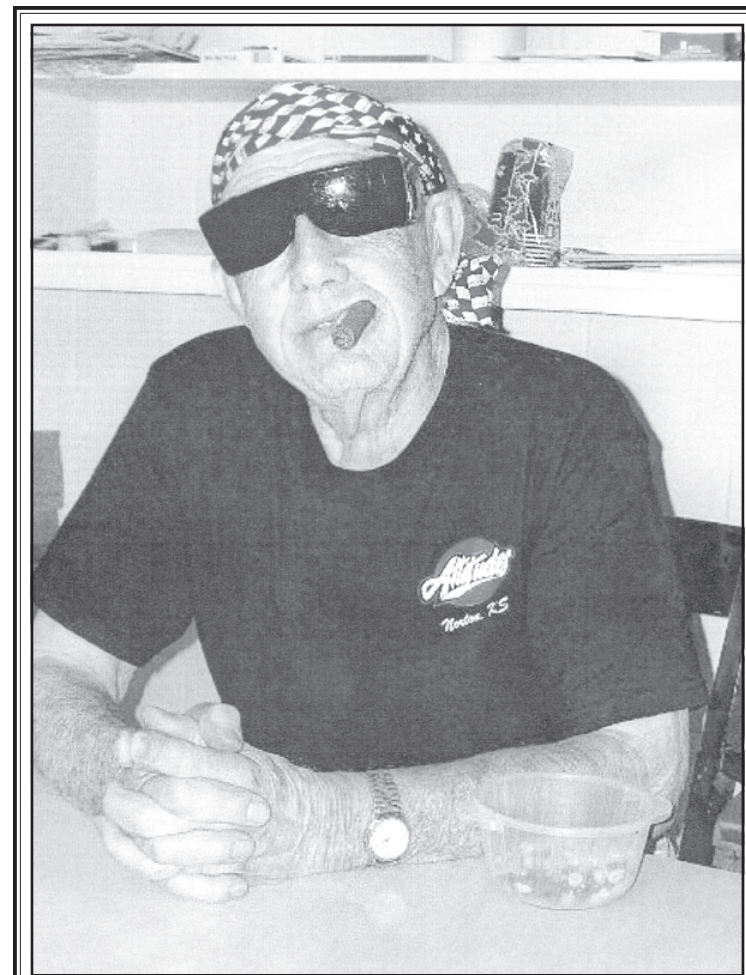
## Writers' retreat to be held on June 24 in Oberlin

The annual Sappa Creek Writers' Retreat will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oberlin Covenant Church, 810 W. Cedar St. in Oberlin on Saturday, June 24.

The event is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission and led by instructors Barbara Dehlinger and Merlou Robinson. Registration will be \$45 per person, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch at the LandMark Inn.

"The retreat will be a day of experiencing your imagination, expanding your writing palette, taking home two writing books, playing with your experiences, surrounding yourself with other writers (both beginners and published writers), being courageous in your writing and celebrating your creative self," Mrs. Dehlinger said. Casual apparel is encouraged.

For details and/or registration information, call Mrs. Dehlinger at (785) 475-3344.



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