

# Bowling helps area children

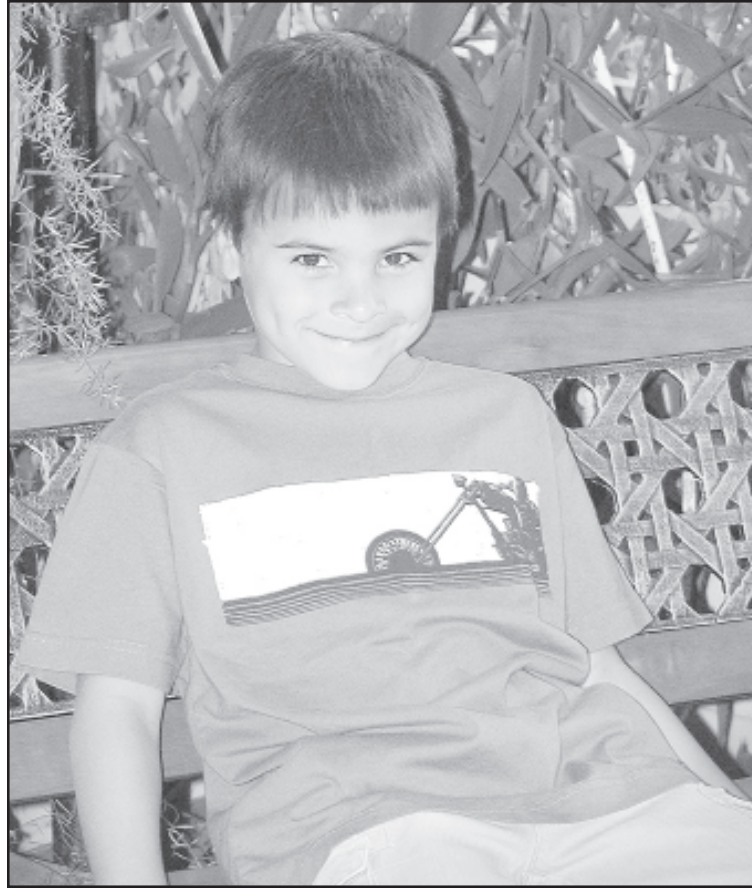
Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Norton County held their annual Bowl for Kids' Sake on May 6 at the Rainbow Lanes in Norton.

Twelve teams and over 30 bowlers took part in this fun-filled event to help the local BBBS youth. Adults and children sought pledges from friends and family to help sustain the local program and collected over \$5,000. The money made in Norton County stays within the county to support the matches in this area. Each Big and Little match involves careful screening of volunteers and continuous supervision during the life of the match.

Justis Posson received the grand prize in the 18-and-under category and Kay Hawks secured the title for the over-18 crowd. Each will receive a BBBS t-shirt and sweatshirt. Justis will receive a \$75 gift certificate and Mrs. Hawks a \$100 gift certificate to Endzone.

Sponsors were Rainbow Lanes, Pizza Hut, Pepsi-Cola, New Age, Valley Hope, First Security Bank and Trust.

BBBS of Norton County currently



Justis Posson was all smiles after winning first place in the 18-and-under age group in the Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. First place in the over-18 category went to Kay Hawks. — Telegram staff photo

has over 30 children waiting for a "match" with a Big Sister or Big Brother. To become a Big simply call 874-4200 for an application. Each match is carefully and continually supervised at regular intervals.

For more information go to the organization's web site at: [www.ksbbbs.org](http://www.ksbbbs.org).

# Norton man named employee of the year

Ray Dreher, Norton, has been named the Kansas Department of Corrections Northern Parole Region Contract Employee of the Year. Mr. Dreher is an Intensive Supervision Officer II for Northwest Kansas Community Corrections. He has been an employee of the corrections department since 1994.

He received his award from Lieutenant Governor John Moore at the State Capitol Building on May 16. Mr. Dreher is responsible for intensive supervision, drug testing

and surveillance of high-risk felony offenders. The agency supervises offenders sentenced to community corrections and parole offenders released from the Kansas Department of Corrections. The agency supervises 400 to 500 offenders each year who live in Ellis, Trego, Gove, Logan, Wallace, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks, Osborne, Smith, Phillips, Norton, Decatur, Rawlins and Cheyenne counties with offices in Hays, Colby, Norton and Osborne.

# PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS  
Recent guests of Walter and Darline Brown were Brandon Jacques and Betty Wieck of Elm Creek, Neb., and Barry Jacques and Stephanie Hatfield of Manhattan. They came to attend the high school graduation of their brother, Blake, from Norton Community High School.

Also attending were Vance Rupke, Salina; Wayne and JoAnne Rupke and Emma and Darline Brown of Prairie View; Dale and Marilyn Brooks of Hays and Dean and Grace Dillon of Phillipsburg and Rhonda Jacques, Norton. All of these people plus Burdett and Belva Leydig of Prairie View attended a reception for Blake at the Prairie Dog Club House in Norton. Blake also celebrated his 19th birthday that day. Blake's mother, Rhonda Jacques, Norton, was one of the hostesses of the reception.

"Doc" and Verlee Clark of Noel, Mo., came to visit at the home of her sister, Darline and Walter Brown and other friends and rela-

tives in the area. They also attended the fiftieth year reunion of her graduating class from Phillipsburg High School.

Sunday at noon, a dinner was held at the Branding Iron II in Phillipsburg with the following in attendance: Gene and Tammy Tillitson, Sydney and Colin, Mike and Lisa Leydig, Courtney and Megan, all of Kearney, Neb.; Caroline Veh, Marshall, Geneva, Neb.; Jana Donahue of Eagle, Colo.; Ty Long of Grand Junction, Colo.; Eudora Warner, Nowata, Okla.; Doc and Verlee Clark, Noel; Norman and Queenie Leydig, Kirwin; Dale and Lois Leydig, St. Francis; Shelly Dunker, Airel and Aubrey, Atwood; Rhonda Jacques and Blake of Norton; Richard and Mary Ann Harchow, Hays; Eric and Susan Witmer, Malorie and Macey, Phillipsburg; Steve and Terra Brown, Cody and Chelsi, Burdett and Belva Leydig, Emma Rupke and Darline Brown, of Prairie View.

# Bill gives incentives for alternative fuel

In an effort to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, Congressmen Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Mark Udall (D-CO) introduced H.R. 5346, the Alternative Energy Refueling System Act of 2006. This legislation would provide incentives for gas station owners to install alternative fuel tanks to provide greater access to fuels containing ethanol, bio-diesel, compressed natural gas or hydrogen.

"We have crops growing in our backyard here in America that can help decrease our dependence on foreign oil," Congressman Moran said. "This legislation is a necessary step in improving our infrastructure to make alternative energy sources available at the pump."

As automakers continue to manufacture an increasing number of Flex Fuel Vehicles, there is a significant need for more refueling sites across the country. Currently, of the 180,000 gas stations across the country, less than one percent offer

alternative fuels such as E-85. In Kansas, alternative fuels are offered at about a dozen stations. Encouraging gas station owners to install alternative refueling systems will give more American consumers the ability to refuel their vehicles with alternative fuels that are better for the environment and our nation's security.

Provisions of the Alternative Energy Refueling System Act of 2006 include:

- Reduces dependency on foreign sources of oil by placing the necessary infrastructure around the country to allow consumers to purchase alternative-fueled vehicles;
- Increases the availability of ethanol (E-85) and other alternative fuels;
- Expands the eligible uses of the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program (LUST) to reimburse gas station owners who replace and/or add new alternative fuel storage tanks, such as E-85,

Compressed Natural Gas, Natural Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, Liquefied Petroleum Gas, and Hydrogen, or other alternative fuels as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency;

Provides gas station owners with a reimbursement for 30 percent of the costs, up to \$30,000, of replacing a petroleum tank with or adding an alternative fuel tank;

Allows gas station owners to receive reimbursement for up to two tanks per facility, unlike the tax credit that is currently only available once per gas station owner;

Reduces the overall number of petroleum tanks, which can cause leaks of contaminants that impact public health and drinking water sources; and

In no way reduces existing environmental safeguards and legal obligations of gas station owners.

Companion legislation was introduced in the Senate by John Thune (R-SD) and Barack Obama (D-IL).

*Sunday, June 18, 2006*

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