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The Mindrups moved to their home in August of 2001. Previously, they had lived in Colorado — in Denver, Grand Junction and Ft. Collins — for 18 years. Mrs. Mindrup grew up in a small town in northeast Colorado. Mr. Mindrup grew up in Lenora, where his father, Bernard Mindrup, still lives.

Since buying the house, the Mindrups have not done any major remodeling. They have textured the living room walls and removed wallpaper and carpet. "The house came with beautiful landscaping. Mr. Kohfeld did a wonderful job with the yard," said Mrs. Mindrup. "We haven't needed to do much to it, but maybe add some flowers here and there."

In the dining room, there is a china cabinet that holds Pfaltzgraff dinnerware, on the lowest shelf, bought at an auction, china plates and champagne flutes from their wedding on the second, and crystal glasses and pitchers on the top shelf.

The walls have medium-tone paneling. There is also a built-in china cabinet/hutch/desk/shelves in the dining room, which is a catch-all.

The living room is very open and bright, with a piano, a marble-accented fireplace, and two built-

in bookcases.
"The woodwork and how everything is very open and airy drew us to the house. It was very well taken care of and the woodwork was tastefully done," said Mrs. Mindrup.

Mr. Mindrup works for Rural Telephone in Lenora, and Mrs. Mindrup works for Valley Hope at the corporate office.

"We are very blessed with our jobs," said Mrs. Mindrup. "The people of Norton and the surrounding communities have been very welcoming, and we've made many friends."

The Mindrups also have a pomeranian dog, Nikki, but she will be visiting friends during the home tours.

The people taking the tours of the homes will be able to go everywhere in the home, except the garage, where Mrs. Mindrup keeps everything she's putting in the Highway 36 garage sale.

Transportation priorities topic of regional meetings

A series of regional meetings that give Kansans the opportunity to discuss their transportation priorities with members of Governor Kathleen Sebelius' transportation task force have been scheduled throughout the month of September.

The eight local consultation meetings, which will begin Sept. 11 at Ulysses, will include collaborative, regional discussions on highway and other modal needs (rail, aviation, transit, bike/pedestrian) in the morning. In the afternoon, there will be an opportunity for communities to testify about their particular projects or concerns.

"It is important that the discussion at these meetings be elevated to the regional and state levels," said Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Deb Miller. "We will also have a conversation about how transportation should be paid for and what funding approaches Kansans will support."

The meetings will be conducted by Kansas Department of Transportation staff and include representatives of the Governor's task force — Transportation — Leveraging Investments in Kansas (T-LINK). Although the full 35-member T-LINK task force, charged with developing a new strategic transportation approach for Kansas, will not be present at each meeting, a number of task force members will participate in each session.

The transportation department also conducted a series of local consultation meetings two years ago to hear what types of projects were important to communities.

"It's time to go back to communities to determine if any economic or transportation needs have changed in the last two years and to continue discussions about regional priorities," Secretary Miller said.

"Clearly, there will always be more needs than funding, so it's important to think about how transportation investments best support statewide needs."

All meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. Summaries of each local consultation meeting will be posted on the T-LINK Web site at www.kansastlink.com. The Web site also includes full summaries of T-LINK meetings, schedules and much more.

The meeting closest to Norton will be on Sept. 12, at the Hays Holiday Inn and Convention Center, 3603 Vine.

Highway evaluations begin

The Kansas Department of Transportation is this week conducting pavement evaluation tests on portions of US-36, US-283, K-383 and K-60 Highways in Norton and Phillips Counties, which include the use of a pilot car operation to control traffic, Kristen Brands of the Norton office told *The Telegram* Monday.

Specifically, these annual surveys called Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) tests are performed by the agency each year. The survey measures the quality of pavement and certain aspects of deflection upon the roadway.

Kansas Department of Transportation technicians will be working in four-mile segments while performing the tests.

Motorists should expect a minimal wait of 15 minutes or less while the survey is underway.

For questions concerning the survey, contact the transportation department's District Three Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org.

Pick-Em: Many are taking part

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Leroy Newell, Tom Baumann, Dustan Daniels, Rick Green, Kristy Keilig, Mark Keilig, Sady Keilig, Rodney Stapp, Dennis Maybon, Bob Stephenson, Gary Matson, Tiffney Yeager, Virginia Carlton, Charlotte Stephenson, Jeff Elliott, all of Norton.

Missing six contests were: Sandi Winchell, Almena; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Hi-Plains Co-op, Lenora; Evelyn Springer, Hoisington; Douglas Daniel, Chriselle Thomson, Baylee Miller, both of Norton.

be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Saturday or you may bring them to *The Telegram* office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's *Telegram* for this week's high school and college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

The defending champion is David Riemann of Norton.

Scores of last week's games were:
Ellis 12, Atwood 6

Osborne 34, Oberlin 14
Palco 46, Northern Valley 38
Logan 40, Western Plains 24
Trego 26, Hoxie 22
Ashland 36, Hill City 30
Norton 29, Phillipsburg 22 - 2 OTs
Colorado Mines 37, Fort Hays 17
Kansas State 69, Montana State 10
Kansas 29, Louisiana Tech 0
Nebraska 35, San Jose State 12
Florida 26, Miami, Fla. 3
Brigham Young 28, Washington 27

This week's entries
The second week's entries must

Carlyle: Deer seen in the backyard

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peaceful place."

Ms. Carlyle said she has seen deer wander into her backyard, and has even heard wild turkeys nearby.

Ms. Carlyle works as the Emergency Medical Services billing clerk in the Norton County Courthouse.

She has a daughter that lives in Florida, with two grandchildren who came to Norton to visit this summer.

Ms. Carlyle's hobbies are sewing, playing cards, spending time with family, traveling, hiking and water aerobics.

Big names head mentoring campaign

After years of competing from the sidelines, former head football coaches, Bill Snyder, K-State, and Tom Osborne, Nebraska, are moving the challenge off the field — in the name of mentoring.

"Coach Osborne and I are excited to be teaming up to promote such an important cause," Snyder said. "Our children need positive adult role models in their lives and mentoring makes this possible."

The Coaches' Challenge wagers which state, Kansas or Nebraska, can sign up the most new mentors this summer and fall, with the winner announced at the K-State-Nebraska football game, Nov. 15 in Manhattan.

While the challenge may be friendly in nature, Coaches Snyder and Osborne take the issue of mentoring seriously with both leading efforts in their home states: Snyder with Kansas Men-

tors and Osborne with Nebraska's TeamMates Mentoring Program.

And the Coaches agree that the "numbers" for mentoring are startling. According to the National Mentoring Partnership, there are 15 million children in the nation in need of caring and quality mentors. And in Kansas, surveys estimate there are 50,000 young people in need of mentors.

"These youngsters need our help," Snyder said. "Being a mentor doesn't require a lot of time or any money. We are asking for an individual to spare an hour a week to spend time with a young person in the community."

Visit www.kansasmentors.org to take the challenge, or call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 785-874-4200.

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