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Briefly

Churn-off set for Sunday afternoon

The First Untied Methodist Church will be holding an Ice Cream Churn Off in the fellowship Hall on Sunday with homemade entries due at 4:30. Prizes will be awarded.

Potato bar benefit planned Saturday

There will be a benefit to fight cancer for Shawna Engelsman at the Norton Community Center this Saturday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A potato bar with all the fixings will be available.

Cheer camp to be held this Saturday

Senator holds town hall meeting



U.S. Senator Pat Roberts held a Norton County Townhall Meeting Thursday, attended by over 30 people at the Town & Country Kitchen. Assistance for farmers and livestock producers was a main topic of discussion, as was the deficit and tax reform. "We're in a lot of pain and suffering," said Roberts, referring to the drought conditions in Kansas. Roberts expressed frustration with Congress' inability to pass deficit legislation. "We are headed towards a fiscal cliff," explained the senator. "We have no leadership from the executive branch and no budget from Harry Reid (Senate Majority Leader)," said Roberts. Senator Roberts is currently serving his third term and is the ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, becoming the first in history to hold the post in both the House and the Senate. The constituents in attendance were very supportive of Senator Roberts and his return to northwest Kansas. "What I call real Kansas," said Roberts.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Volunteers needed to help coordinate Relay For Life

By Carlleen Bell

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After serving the position for two years, Norton County Relay For Life organizers are looking for volunteers to take over chairing the event for next year.

Jay and Gayle Walsh reported this week that the organization needs one or two individuals to chair the event and so far, no one has stepped up for the opportunity.

American Cancer Society, reports that she prefers to

Tammy Kimminau, Community Manager for the

have new coordinators every two years so that new ideas and fresh perspectives can be brought to Relay For Life. Kimminau said that Norton County's Relay For Life has gone from 16 survivors attending to 65 survivors in 2012, so whoever takes over the chair responsibilities has a strong foundation to build upon.

Relay For Life chairperson(s) can expect a time commitment of a few hours each week for a majority of the year, but more time commitment in the days leading up to the night of the event. In addition, the leaders are responsible for conducting monthly com-

The Relay For Life committee consists of 12 individuals, most of whom have experience coordinating the event.

"There is plenty of help putting the event together," Gayle Walsh said. "Whoever takes over this rewarding position will get to work with people who have served on the committee for several years."

Anyone who is interested in serving as a chair person for Norton County Relay For Life can contact Tammy Kimminau at 785-820-9423 or by email at tammy.kimminau@cancer.

Little Kid's Cheer Camp will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the NCHS Stull Gymnasium. A Spirit Show for the public will be from 12:15 to 12:30.

Annual Alkathon to be held Saturday

Valley Hope Association will hold its 45th annual Alkathon on Satuday. Registration is at noon, the Freedom Ride is at 12:30 p.m. and gathering at 1 p.m. at the parish center. This year's theme is Prairie Miracles.

City agrees to contribute to housing development

By Carlleen Bell cbell@nwkansas.com

Helping promote growth in the community, the Norton City Council agreed Wednesday evening to contribute up to \$20,000 in infrastructure development for the possible construction of a new duplex development within the city.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul re-

ported to the council that his organization is working with a developer who is interested in building up to 12 duplex homes in the community. While many details are yet to be determined, Sproul said, he intends to request a grant for \$400,000 to help extend city utilities to the development area.

mittee meetings.

The grant application deadline is Aug. 30 and Sproul said any work the

city agrees to contribute to the project can count as a grant match, increasing the chance to be awarded the grant.

"We think we will have enough private investment to get the full \$400,000," Sproul said. "The investor would like to start building this fall, to the timeline and the city investment would help us get the full \$400,000."

After some discussion of the logis-

tics, the council agreed unanimously to extend water service to the development area and waive sewer tap inspection fees up to \$20,000.

The council also agreed unanimously to direct the economic development organization to go ahead with the grant application on behalf of the city.

Markets

Friday, August 17, 2012

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| Wheat | | | \$8.08 |
| Milo | | | \$7.48 |
| Soybeans | | | \$16.12 |
| Corn | | | |
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Weather

Friday evening - A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Saturday Night - Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy. Sunday - Clear with a high of 81.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, August 14.....Low 59, High 84 Wed., August 15Low 60, High 101 .20 Rain

Thursday, August 16Low 56, High 77 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for your interest in each of us, regardless of who we are or where we come from. Amen



By Carolyn Plotts

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Some of his work is on display at the Czech Museum in Jennings, from small comic characters to full-size carousel animals. Totally self-taught, Mr. Yahne said he began his art career on



Jennings man turned a dare into life-long hobby

It all started years ago when his daughter, Caroline, spotted a small doll in a gift shop.

"She really wanted that doll," he said, "and I found a little wooden duck. Since I had always called Caroline "Baby Duck," I wanted to hang it in my truck."

In the end, he didn't buy either the doll or the duck, and his disappointed daughter cried. He told her he would carve her one, and when she doubted that he could do it, he proved to her that he could. And, he said, he's been carving ever since.

Mr. Yahne said when he was in a high school art class, he carved an African ritual mask.

"Got first place on it, too," he said.

When asked where he gets the ideas for his pieces, he said, "Right out of La-La Land."

When he starts a piece, he said, he just carves away what doesn't look like it. His favorite woods to work with are basswood and butternut, although he has carved all types of wood and even stone. The trademark of his cowboy characters are their exaggerated turnedup toes. Many of his pieces illustrate his whimsical sense of humor.

He has sold a few carvings, he said, but he never set out to make a living from his hobby.

"If I tried to make this into a job," he said,"then my enjoyment would leave. However, if somebody wanted something, I might make it for them."

Wood carving is a time-consuming endeavor, he noted. A small boat took him a day and a half, a decoy-size duck needed three weeks, a full-size carousel goat, about 1,000 hours and his prize piece, a carousel tiger, more than 1,200.

The carver's talents are not limited to wood. He also makes his own knife blades and sheaths.

Mr. Yahne said he had ties to northwest Kansas because his family originally lived in the Dresden area. But "life happened," he said, and after living all around the United States, he moved to Jennings in 1999.

"There are good people here," he said. "If you need help, there's always somebody to help you. I like the relaxed, slow, laid-back pace. Jennings is a place with old-time values, where people care about each other."

His career path led him in many directions, he said. He has worked in the oil fields, at a filling station, as a custodian and as a painter for the Air Force. "I did whatever popped up," he said.

"Ya gotta eat."

His motto is, "If it can be done, I've done it. If it can't be done, I've at least tried it."



Ty Yahne of Jennings shows off one of the many carvings he has created over the years.