

One-hour photo would help, women tell commissioners

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first concerned a volunteer who was mad because she was left behind on a run. Mr. Nielsen said when the ambulance went out on the call, there was a full crew of three and time is important. The commissioners agreed, saying that if there was a full crew, then there shouldn't be a problem.

The second incident was when Enfield Funeral Home refused to pick up a body, so the ambulance service had to take it to the hospital. He said the woman had been dead for two hours and it had been

a natural death with the husband in attendance. The husband said Enfield was supposed to take care of all of the arrangements. Mr. Nielsen said this needs to be billed to someone, but he didn't feel comfortable billing the husband.

The biggest problem, he said, was that once the body was loaded into the ambulance, it was out of service so if someone had a heart attack, then a new crew would have to be paged out and that would take time they didn't have.

After talking to County Attorney Doug Sebelius, the commis-

sioners said Mr. Nielsen should send the bill to Enfield's with a letter of explanation for Mr. Sebelius.

"We're here to look after the best interests of the Norton County residents," said Mr. Miller. "We're here to do what's best for them. I think your people did the right thing taking the body."

• Heard from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that most of the county road projects his crews have been working on are just about finished.

Winter beef meeting set for Thursday morning

A "Winter Beef Update", with information for beef producers, will be held Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the 4-H Building in Norton.

Norton County and K-State Research and Extension will sponsor the program. Dr. Rodney Jones, K-State Extension Livestock Economist will speak on "Economic Considerations for Feeders and Cow/Calf Producers".

This is the fourth in a series of short programs that Dr. Jones has delivered here on economic conditions in the beef industry.

Dr. Sandy Johnson, Northwest Kansas Extension Livestock Spe-

cialist will discuss the "U.S. Animal Identification Plan". With the recent "mad cow disease" discovery, a plan for a national identification system is on the Congressional agenda. Dr. Johnson will give an overview of this plan and implications for beef producers.

Finally, Dr. Larry Hollis, KSU Extension veterinarian, will cover issues dealing with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) disease, development of the foreign animal disease response plans and other herd health issues for beef producers.

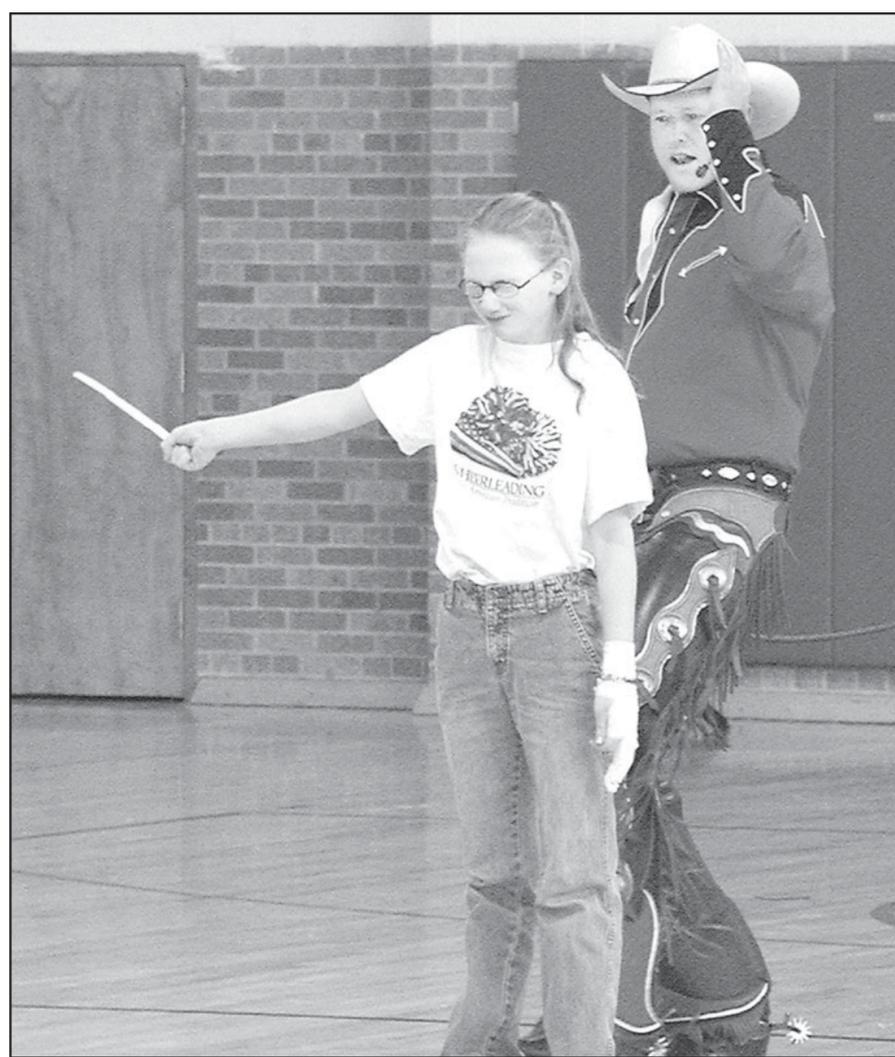
The public is welcome to attend.

Deer cause two accidents

The Norton County Sheriff's Office responded to two accidents involving deer on Jan. 16.

Neil K. Robinson, 28, Almena, was driving a 1976 International Scout west on K-383 when a deer came out of the south ditch. The animal struck the vehicle and caused over \$500 in damages. No injuries were reported.

The second accident occurred on U.S. 283, when a 2003 Toyota four-door driven by Daniel J. Cowhick, 39, Lenora, hit a deer. Over \$500 in damages were reported but there were no injuries.



Christina Benton squeezed her eyes shut and hopes for the best as Dan Mink used a bull-whip to crack off pieces of the stick she's holding. The Rhinestone Ropers — made up of the trio Dan, Kimberly and Cody Mink — were in Logan last week, teaching students many traditions of the old west. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier



Officers from Norton County Sheriff's office and Norton City police handcuff John Spencer Stevens II of Almena, on drug charges. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Almena man arrested on drug charges

Norton County sheriff's officers arrested John Spencer Stevens II, 34, Almena, Jan. 22 in the 400 block of West Main in Norton, on drug charges.

Mr. Stevens was arrested on two

counts of distribution of marijuana, one count possession of marijuana, and one count possession of drug paraphernalia.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said that the arrest was

the result of an ongoing investigation.

Sheriff Thomson said that the investigation has resulted in one other arrest and he reported that more arrests are expected.

Youngsters to jump rope for heart group

Third through sixth grade students of Eisenhower Elementary School are jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke.

From now until the end of February, students will be getting sponsors for Jump Rope for Heart to help raise money for the American Heart Association's research and educational programs.

Joan Bolt, the physical education and health teacher at Eisenhower Elementary, is the

coordinator for this year's event. The students will jump during physical education classes.

Jump Rope for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The program teaches the importance of a healthy lifestyle. At the same time, students enjoy being a part of a team.

"This is such a fantastic opportunity for the students to be a part

of this volunteering effort," said Mrs. Bolt. "There is so much they can learn from this experience, not to mention the feeling of being able to help with such a worthwhile cause."

For more information contact Mrs. Bolt at 877-2122.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Vicious Animals Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. 1526
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-213 OF THE NORTON CITY CODE RELATING TO DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS:

Section 1. Section 2-213 of the City Code of Norton, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Dangerous or Vicious Animals.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to keep, own or harbor any dangerous or vicious animal, unless such person shall keep the animal subject to the following requirements:

1. Confinement: All vicious animals shall be securely confined indoors or in an enclosed and locked pen or structure upon the premises of the owner. The pen or structure must have minimum dimensions of five feet by ten feet and must have secure sides and a secure top attached to the sides. If no bottom is secured to the sides, the sides must be embedded into the ground no less than two feet. All pens or structures must be adequately lighted and kept clean and sanitary. The enclosure must also protect the animal from the elements.

2. Leash and muzzle. The owner of a vicious animal shall not allow the animal to go outside its kennel, pen or structure unless the animal is muzzled, restrained by a chain or leash not more than four feet in length, and under the physical control of a person. The muzzle must not cause injury to the animal or interfere with its vision or respiration but must prevent the animal from biting any human or other animal.

3. Signs. The owner of a vicious animal shall display in a prominent place on the owner's premises a clearly visible warning sign indicating that there is a vicious animal on the premises.

B. A dangerous or vicious animal is described as any animal who without just-

tification or provocation has attacked or bitten a person or domestic animal, or behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses a justified imminent threat of serious injury, harm or death to one or more persons or domestic animals. A dangerous or vicious animal means an animal with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or domestic animals. A dangerous or vicious animal includes those animals which are owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or any dog training strictly for dog fighting. Attack would mean any aggressive physical contact initiated by the animal and could include approaching or chasing a person upon the street, sidewalk or any public place or property in a menacing fashion or in an apparent attitude of attack.

C. If any such dangerous or vicious animal is not confined as set forth herein, the City may take such animal and impound it at an animal shelter house or by a veterinarian. Such impoundment shall take place until such time as a hearing for determination as herein provided can be had or until release to the owner upon condition that the animal shall be temporarily kept and considered to be a dangerous or vicious animal pending the hearing. Violation of the temporary condition shall be considered a first offense to this section.

D. Upon complaint duly made to any law enforcement or animal control officer, and if the officer finds there is probable cause to believe the complaint is true or upon his or her own observation of an animal, the officer has reasonable belief that the animal is dangerous or vicious, he or she shall make an attempt to notify and request that the owner, keeper or harbinger confine the animal. In the event the owner, keeper or harbinger cannot be notified, refuses or is unable to act upon such notification or the event there is an immediate, dangerous situation that warrants action without notice, any officer may capture and impound said animal. In all cases where the complaint is made or where an officer acts upon his or her own observations, regardless of whether the animal is taken into custody, a hearing for the determination of whether the

animal is dangerous or vicious shall be held before the municipal court.

E. The municipal court shall set the matter for immediate hearing and shall determine if the animal is dangerous or vicious as defined under this section. Upon a finding that the animal is dangerous or vicious, the animal shall be released to the custody of its owner, keeper or harbinger upon the condition that the provisions of this section pertaining to keeping and restraining the animal are met, and accrued impounding fees are paid. If the court finds that the animal creates a continuous danger to the community or that the animal has had previous incidents of a dangerous or vicious nature as defined herein, the court may order further restraints on such animal, the requirement that the owner, keeper or harbinger obtain liability insurance in an amount no less than \$25,000 to cover medical and veterinary costs resulting from future actions of said animal, or the humane destruction of the animal. Upon a finding that the animal is not dangerous or vicious it shall be released to its owner, keeper or harbinger upon payment of the accrued impoundment fees.

F. Any law enforcement or animal control officer is authorized to destroy any animal, whether previously determined to be a dangerous or vicious animal or not, when, in his or her best judgment, no other course of action is possible to preserve the safety of the community.

G. The penalty for failure to keep an animal found to be dangerous or vicious securely fastened, fenced, penned, kennelled, tied and muzzled pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be a \$100.00 fine for the first offense, \$250.00 fine for the second offense and \$500.00 fine for the third and subsequent offenses.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS, on this 21st day of January, 2004.

David N. Corns, Mayor

Attest:
Darla R. Ellis
City Clerk

Ogallala Aquifer Symposium Monday, February 23, 2004

Wray High School Auditorium - Wray, CO
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Water Conservation - Saving Water Today for Tomorrow

Topics:

- ◆ Water Supply Update
- ◆ Republican River Litigation
- ◆ Water Legislation Update
- ◆ Water Conservation Programs
- ◆ Water Savings - Ag Producer Panel

Register with Golden Plains Cooperative Extension by February 2nd at \$15/person or \$25/two (Late fee of \$10 following this date)

Phone 970-345-2287 or Fax 970-345-2288
E-mail - washingt@coop.ext.colostate.edu

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Flu Vaccine in Stock at the Norton County Health Department

Flu season normally peaks in February and March so it's not too late to vaccinate!!

*Pediatric vaccine covers infants 6 months thru 35 months of age.
Adult vaccine for anyone 4 years of age and older*

Walk-ins welcome or call for an appointment
785-877-5745

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday- 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:00-4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Norton County Health Department
801 N. Norton, Norton, Kan.—785-877-5745





KSTATE SINGERS

Sunday, February 8, 2004
3:00 P.M.
Norton East Campus Auditorium

ADMISSION:
Adults — \$5.00; Students — \$2.00
Children 12 and Under — \$1.00
Arts Council Members Free

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