

Michael Woodyard pieced together a puzzle of a huge dolphin (above) with complicated puzzles within it. And, Dana Hanlon's mouse collection (below) has invaded a case at the library.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

# Library displays collections

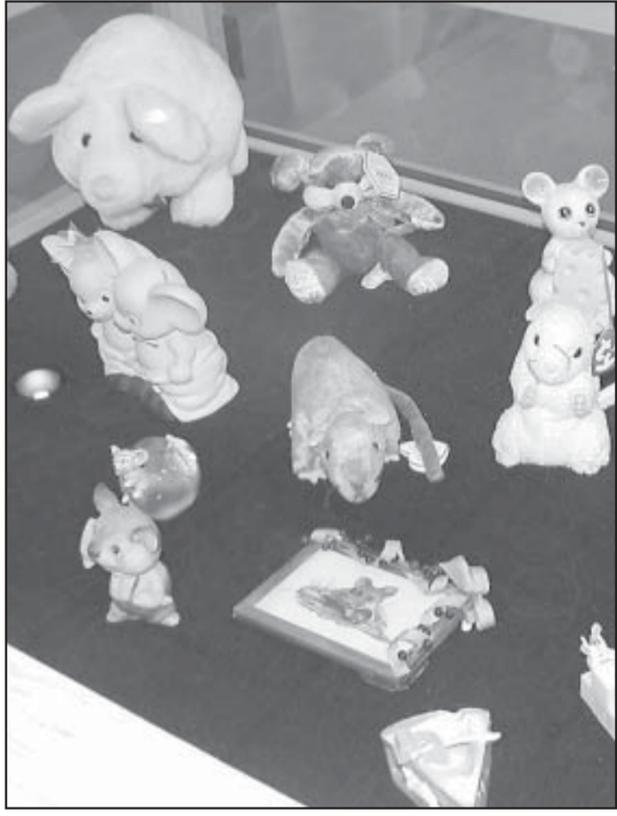
By LIZA DEINES

The good news is the new exhibits at Norton Public Library; the bad news is that they are infested with rodents.

Dana Hanlon has shooed all the mice from her house into the center display case at the library where they are happily munching cheese wedges and pursuing all kinds of mouse activities. A teeny tiny mouse on a diminutive sled frolics near Christmas decorations, greeting cards, cross stitch pictures and a multitude of other mouse-theme figurines, stuffed toys, snowglobes, and music boxes. Dana notes that many items from this collection were originally owned by Margaret Underwood.

There is more frolicking going on in the north case where Kay Bashford shares another of her collections. Beautiful iridescent glass sculptures of dolphins and realistic porcelain table displays share space with small whimsical depictions of this graceful sea creature. Kay even has blue towels with dolphin decorations and a delicate pink bracelet, as well as picture frames, keychains, and a lovely snowdome included in this group.

Authentic bead and leather work of the Plains Indians are exhibited by David and Nadine Benson. An excellent assortment of moccasins and medicine pouches demonstrate the intricate and precise nature of the art of Indian quill work and beading. Dis-



played on a colorful woven blanket are a knife sheath, an arrow quiver and an assortment of arrows. One of the most attractive pieces is a long, narrow blue and white beaded pouch. It is difficult to imagine how much time and talent it would take to painstakingly create the designs and color combinations that decorate these utilitarian items of Indian life, particularly when you realize many of the materials were natural, and had to be gathered by hand, polished and pierced before use.

Like many of us, Michael Woodyard likes to while away a winter evening working a jigsaw puzzle. The puzzles on display in the art area this month are a little different than the average landscape, however. One is in the shape of a huge dolphin with com-

plicated puzzles within puzzles inside it. Others feature the popular Harry Potter character and one is even a depiction of a box of miniature rooms with tiny furniture and decorations. After all the work to complete these complex puzzles, it's no wonder Michael has chosen to preserve his accomplishments permanently.

These displays will be on exhibit at Norton Public Library for about three months. When you stop by for books, tapes or magazines, be sure to take time to enjoy them. Our patrons love to see your special treasures. Even small groupings can be combined into shelf displays and are welcome. If you have a collection you'd like to share, please call Mary Luehrs at 877-2481 to schedule a date.

# Accidents occur at intersections

There have been two accidents at intersections recently.

The first was on Jan. 25 at the intersection of county roads L and W-1. Sheriff Troy Thomson, 33, Norton, was southbound in his own vehicle on County Road W-1, when he attempted to stop at the intersection. Due to the snow and ice, he slid through the intersection and struck a tree.

The second was on Jan. 26 at the intersection of County Road W-1 and West Washington Street.

Elizabeth A. Coone, 41, Norton, the driver of a 1994 Ford Mustang, was traveling south on Road W-1 and attempted to stop at the intersection. She lost control of her vehicle and slid into the stop sign.

**FOR GREAT BREADS STOP IN AT PURE PRAIRIE**

- ▶ WHOLE WHEAT WITH ALL ORGANIC FLOUR
- ▶ RAISIN BREAD WITH WHITE WHEAT FLOUR
- ▶ LO CARB BREAD WITH SOY AND HI-GLUTEN FLOUR
- ▶ CINNAMON ROLLS JUST PLAIN GOOD!
- ▶ GANNET CHEESE BREAD WITH CHEESE AND EGGS GREAT TOASTED

**Pure Prairie Natural Foods**  
108 E. Washington  
NORTON, KANSAS  
PH (785) 877-3610  
ORDERS—  
1-800-545-7232

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUS**

Call Ramona By Feb. 12 877-5352

**You're Invited to a CANDLELIGHT DINNER**  
SATURDAY, FEB. 14-6-7:30 p.m.  
NORTON SENIOR CENTER  
RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED BUT ALL ARE WELCOME  
CALL RAMONA BY FEB. 12 AT 877-5352  
SPONSORED BY:  
Smokey Hills Chapter of Thrivent Financial and the Senior Center

Donations will be matched and go to the Bus Fund

**Bring Your Sweetheart to Town & Country Kitchen for Our Valentine Specials**  
Saturday, February 14

♥ **Shrimp Scampi** ♥  
♥ **Prime Rib** ♥  
♥ **Steaks** ♥

HOURS: 5:00-9:00 P.M.  
(No Rojas Mexican Saturday, February 14)

*Vocal Entertainment by Kollean McMullen*

E. Highway 36, Norton • 785-877-3511

# What to do about suspect crop

Many producers have started asking questions about what to do with a suspect wheat crop. As many may remember from a previous article, wheat will vernalize once it has started to grow. There are many fields that do not have any wheat up at this time. However, that does not mean it is not growing. A producer should check the wheat seed by digging it up. If there is a viable healthy sprout on the seed, the wheat is growing, but extremely slow. If the sprout is dead, a plant will not develop. In this case, the field will need to be replanted with spring small grains crop or summer crop.

In the situations where the sprout is still alive, producers have the following options. First, since the wheat that was planted never emerged, tiller number will be extremely low, thus reducing heads per acre. A cool, wet spring will allow for large berry development in the seed head, but will not make up a significant amount of the potential yield lost due to a low number of wheat heads per acre. Typically under good growing conditions this would lead to a 50 percent or more reduction in yield. By

**About ag**  
**Brian Olson,**  
**K-State**  
**agronomist**



overseeding Jagger by the end of February at a rate of 90 to 110 lbs/A, there will be more plants per acre, and therefore more seed heads per acre. Jagger is the only wheat that should be used due to its low vernalization requirements. If another winter wheat variety is used, the newly planted wheat may not shoot a head.

A second solution would be to overseed the wheat with a spring barley or oats which will be cut for hay or grazed out. Third, a producer can do nothing and evaluate the wheat at a later point after it has started to joint and decide at that time if they are going to keep the stand.

Other producers have asked about spring barley and spring wheat which would be planted in mid-March. As is typical for our area, winter barley will on average

provide higher yields than spring barley. However, spring barley can still be a viable option. The yield will be determined more by the weather when comparing it to a winter variety. With the later heading that occurs with a spring type compared with a winter type, a cool, wet spring will be needed even more for high yields. I am only aware of one business in the area that will have spring barley and this is Paramount Seed in Quinter.

If producers would like more information on growing barley they should attend the Cover Your Acres Winter Conference on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

As for spring wheat, yields will be better for a winter variety than a spring variety. The other issue with spring wheat is that it is a different type of wheat, and the markets in the area may not handle it. Therefore, it is important for a producer to check this out before growing it. In addition, if spring wheat is overseeded with winter wheat, the load may not be taken because it will likely be sold as a mixed load.

Ron Koehn, general manager of Midwest Co-op, said "Midwest would be willing to take spring wheat if the producer lets them know what type of wheat it was. As for a mixed load of spring and winter wheat, the co-op will likely take it, but there may be a discount."

For spring wheat and oat yields, please download the "2003 Spring Grain Test Results" by clicking on the Production and Pest Icon and look under the wheat section at the Web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2), or a copy can be acquired at your local extension office. Please e-mail me at [bolson@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto:bolson@oznet.ksu.edu) if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic.

# Aerial maps are available showing farm boundaries

By VESTA HOBBS  
County Executive Director  
Norton Farm Service Agency

At last, aerial maps are now all in the computer and the system has calculated the acres for all cropland, rangeland and other agricultural use land for every farm carried in Norton County.

This has been a work in progress for the past two years. Our next step will be mailing a copy of the new maps to every owner and operator in the county. They will have a chance to review the boundaries for their farm and make sure all are correct. Once everyone has had the opportunity to make any necessary corrections, the new calculations will be the official acres for the farm for all Farm Service agency programs.

As soon as we have received copies of the new maps, we will start taking 2004 crop acreage reports. This should be toward the end of February and first of March. We need the new maps, so we will

have the correct acres for the reports.

Producers participating in the Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program will start signing applications for payment for 2003 crops that suffered losses. We are waiting for state approval of the 2004 losses for grass-for-graze so we can start processing the applications. Producers need to have 2004 production in the county office for all insured crops whether they had a loss or not.

**The BEST**  
Just got **BETTER**

**CFL announces industry leading pay increase!**

Company Drivers earn up to 45¢ per mile  
Company Teams earn up to 53¢ per mile  
Owner Operators earn up to 98¢ per mile

800-CFL-DRIVE www.cfl-drive.com

# Land Auction

## 960 Acres

Graham County, Kansas Grassland

Offering good grassland with live water running through complete pasture, with extra strong set of corrals.

### Monday, March 1, 2004-10 a.m. CT

Graham County Courthouse, 410 Pomeroy, Hill City, KS

## Selling 960 (+/-) acres

Graham Co., Kansas Grassland

All of Section 17-9-23 and the N 1/2 of Section 20-9-23

**REAL ESTATE AUCTION INFO:**

**TERMS FOR REAL ESTATE AUCTION:** 20% down day of sale with the balance due at closing. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be in certified funds. Bidding is not contingent upon survey, inspection, appraisal or financing. If necessary, needs to be arranged and approved prior to the auction. Announcements made day of sale shall take precedence over printed material.

**EVIDENCE OF TITLE:** Seller(s) shall provide title insurance to the Buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price, with the premium to be paid one half by the Buyer(s) and one half by the Seller(s). Title evidence shall be provided on sale day.

**INSPECTIONS:** Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting their own independent inspections & due diligence concerning pertinent facts about the property.

**ACREAGES:** Acreages figures are considered to be approximate and are from reliable sources based on (USDA) FSA figures. All FSA information is subject to change. FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres.

**EASEMENTS:** The sale is subject to all rights-of-way and easements, whether recorded or not, and to any oil and gas leases of record.

**MINERAL RIGHTS:** All Seller(s) rights go to the buyer(s).

**REAL ESTATE TAXES:** Seller shall pay all of 2003 and prior years real estate taxes. All real estate taxes for 2004 shall be paid by the Buyer(s). 2003 Real Estate Taxes: \$1,051.49.

**POSSESSION:** Possession shall be on the day of closing.

For more information, contact:

# Delbert Walt, Seller

254-823-6969 or 817-832-5564 (mobile)

There are no windmills in this pasture. These photos were taken January 20, 2004. Even during the current drought, live water is running through this pasture. A well casing is near the corrals although it is believed to have never been used. A new 4-wire fence with hedge posts borders the south end of the pasture. There is one working oil well.