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Getting to know you...

Norton, Kansas
Home of Dennis Gilhousen

Briefly 4-H pet show to be Monday

The Norton County 4-H Pet, Cat and Dog Show will be held at the Andbe Home Monday evening. 4-H'ers will be on hand to display their hand pets, cats and work their dogs through the obedience and showmanship trials. The Pet Show will begin at 6:45 p.m. with hand pets, followed by cats. The dogs will show at about 7:30 p.m. There will be a variety of pets, including cats, dogs and perhaps even a few aquarium pets. The public is invited to watch these 4-H'ers in action.

Acres open for grazing

Sen. Pat Roberts told *The Norton Telegram* Thursday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture released Conservation Reserve Program acreage in Kansas for emergency grazing due to serious, long-term drought conditions to seven additional counties. He said the latest counties approved are Cheyenne, Greeley, Hamilton, Morton, Sherman, Stanton and Wallace. Sen. Roberts said that by allowing the emergency grazing of CRP land, producers can prevent damage to grazing and crop acreage. He also said he was pleased that the Ag Department quickly acted on the Ag Committee's request to bring relief to Kansas producers hit hard by the drought. He said the drought has placed tremendous pressure on pastures, forcing some producers to sell livestock or move them out of state. "Absent moisture, this is at least one step we can take to help our producers stay in business."

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — A few clouds, warm and muggy. Low 73. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny, very hot and humid. Southeast winds from 5-15. High 101. **Saturday night** Low 73. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny and very hot. High 103. **Sunday night** — Low 73. **Monday** — Mostly sunny and very hot. High 104, low 71. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny and very hot. High 101, low 70.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 68, High 90
Wednesday Low 69, High 97
Thursday Low 68, High 99, .90 Precip.
Year ago today Low 65, High 98
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, you are always faithful to us, and we want to be faithful to you. Help us to live in gratitude for all you have given us and to honor you by how we use the gifts. Amen



New postmaster, Brenda Darnell, right, helped customer, Alice Jones at the counter of the Norton Post Office. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

New postmaster gets on board at Norton operation

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

There is a new face in the Norton postmaster's office. On June 24, Brenda Darnell assumed her official duties as Norton's postmaster. Ms. Darnell takes over the position previously held by JaNan O'Brien who left Norton about six months ago. During the interim period, Larry Donahey, who is the postmaster in Hill City, carried out the duties as Officer In

Charge. Now that Ms. Darnell has moved to Norton, he has returned to his permanent position in Hill City. Ms. Darnell has been with the postal department since 1988 when she started as a part-time clerk in the general mail facility in Wichita. Since then she has worked as a clerk in Anthony; as the postmaster in Hazelton; as the postmaster in Argonia; as the Officer In Charge at

Andover; and on a detail assignment in the Wichita main office. She supervises 12 other employees and said the Norton office is busier than the position she held before, but the duties are about the same. For the time being her address is Sebelius Reservoir at her "Lake Home on Wheels". "But, I am looking for a house to make the move permanent," she said.

"I like Norton," she said. "It has some nice attractions like the lake and golf course." In her leisure time Ms. Darnell likes to travel in her RV, spend quiet time at the lake, read and play with her cat. She has a 15-year-old son who will be a freshman at Chaparral High School at Anthony/Harper and a 25 year-old daughter who is an emergency room nurse at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital, Wichita.

School goes with hourly calendar

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School board decided to go with a calendar based on hours again, rather than one based on days. Superintendent Greg Mann said each year the district had to decide whether to certify by hour or by day. Typically, he said, certifying by hour allows for more flexibility. If the board decided to certify by days, then it would need a 186 calendar days to be accredited. At the moment, the district has 180, which is short for what would be needed. However, he said, if the board built the school calendar on an hourly basis, then only 179 days, or 1,116 hours, would be needed. The board chose to certify, once again, by hour for the 2006-07 school year. There will be a minimum of 465 hours for kindergarten; 1,116 hours for grades 1-11; and 1,086 for grade 12. In other business, the board: • Approved the consent agenda, which included paying bills; appointing Janice Russell as clerk of the board; appointing Dan Walter as the board's attorney; approved *The Telegram* as the official publication for the district; setting the fee for (Continued on Page 5)

Horse shows for fair will be Saturday, Monday

The Norton County Fair horse show events are coming up. This year's Fun Day Show will take place on Saturday, July 22, with entry check-in at 8 a.m. and the show beginning at 9 a.m. The show will be held at the Equine Facility Arena in Elmwood Park. Pre-entries are requested in the Extension office by 5 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Entrants need only fill out one section of

a tri-section pre-entry card. The show is open to youth and adults of Norton and other counties. Events that will be held include showmanship, western horsemanship, trail, reining, poles, barrels and pair sack races. Main superintendents are Shannon Esslinger and Cindy Lowry. The 4-H and FFA Youth Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 24,

with entry and check-in at 8 a.m. The show will begin with the halter, showmanship and pleasure classes. Entry cards are due in the Extension office by Thursday, July 20. Only two sections per entry are needed. The Ranch Rodeo will beat 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26; the Jackpot team roping, sponsored by the Norton County Horse Council, will be at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 27.

Storm damage



A storm that hit Lenora last night did plenty of damage, making Lenora look "like a war zone," said one resident. A shed at 440 Main St. was just one of the casualties. More information will be available on this storm in Tuesday's edition of *The Telegram*. — Telegram photo by Hypatia Day