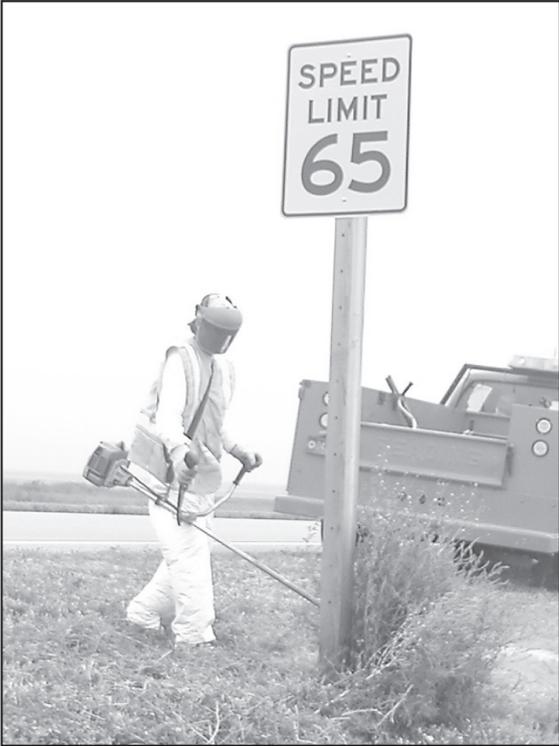


Getting a trim...



Clearing brush from around signs on U.S. 36, Kansas Department of Highway worker Marty Harrington was using a weed whacker to neaten up just east of Reager on Thursday.

— Telegram photo by Cynthia Haynes

Norton Correctional Facility names honored employees

Norton Correctional Facility Corrections Officer I Angel Amlong, Maintenance Supervisor Mike Shearer, and Carolyn Caudry, Mental Health Professional, were selected as the facility's "Uniformed, Non-Uniformed, and Contract Employee for the 2nd Quarter of 2008".

Officer Amlong began her employment with the Kansas Department of Corrections at the Norton Correctional Facility on April 28, 2003. During her assignment at the Central Unit, she was primarily assigned as a yard officer and worked the inmate canteen two nights a week. Amlong transferred to the Stockton East Unit in 2005, and has been assigned to the 4 p.m. to midnight shift since her transfer. Officer Amlong has served for two years as a member of the Mentoring Program and one year on the Facility Logistics Team. Her hobbies include her two horses, fishing and reading murder-mysteries.

Officer Amlong is seen by her coworkers as always ready to help others, and is always considerate of other officers. She rarely misses work or takes time off. Whenever another officer has a question, she always takes the time to explain in detail what needs to be done and then follows up with the officer to ensure that officer understood.

Officer Amlong is aware of what happens on her shift and does her best to do what needs to be done on the shift, and communicates with others to make sure the shift runs smoothly. Receiving an employee

of the quarter nomination will show Officer Amlong how much she is appreciated by her fellow employees, according to the news release from the facility.

Mike Shearer started his career for the State of Kansas working for Social and Rehabilitation Services at what was then known as the Norton State Hospital before transferring to the Norton Correctional Facility as a corrections officer I on March 18, 1988. He was promoted to a Corrections Officer II on June 18, 1988. He was a work crew supervisor and then the tool control specialist when he accepted a position in the maintenance department as a facility maintenance supervisor, a position he still holds today. Mr. Shearer assumed his new duties in August of 2003, duties that required him to have a certification in Water & Wastewater. He received these certificates in August 2006.

Mr. Shearer was nominated by facility employees who have seen him go the extra mile to "help the unit run smoothly." He is quick to lend a hand when needed, and on several occasions was seen giving guidance to less experienced officers. His efforts have not gone unnoticed. He has shown that a facility is not made of departments, but of staff working together. "We often take for granted the efforts put forth by some to make this facility work. In this fast paced environment we call work, it seems we are quick to criticize and slow to praise," the news release stated.

Mr. Shearer has many outstand-

ing characteristics. He has a first-rate work ethic and always does what is asked of him. His easy going personality and humor make him a joy to have as a co-worker. His helpful nature and willingness to go the extra mile make him an asset to the maintenance department. His guidance has helped many of his colleagues at the facility better themselves.

Carolyn Caudry began her employment with Correct Care Solutions on Jan. 2, 2007. She is known to be a cheerful, self-motivated, and reliable staff member. Her clients and other staff frequently comment about her professionalism and caring attitude. She is a great team player and has proven to be an invaluable member of the Mental Health Department, according to the news release.

The Mental Health Department

has been short one mental health professional since November of 2007, and Ms. Caudry has willingly stepped up to take on additional duties to help manage the mental health workload. This was never more evident than during the mental health coordinator's recent two-month maternity leave. She was integral in keeping the department afloat during this period.

She is a very effective teacher, and has received consistently-positive feedback from staff development personnel and other facility staff for her instruction in annual staff training.

She is an effective mental health clinician in both individual and group therapies, and facilitates four psychotherapy/psycho education groups each week.

Ms. Caudry loves animals and plays the fiddle.

No injuries in stand-off

By BRANDY LEROUX
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Law enforcement officers were dispatched to the 700 block of North Norton at 10:45 p.m. last Friday to respond to a call of a man who had been drinking and was threatening himself with a weapon.

The man, identified by officers, was Billy Tallent, and the caller was his wife, Dana. Mrs. Tallent reported that there was no one else in the house with her husband.

Officer Larry Land and Under Sheriff Rich Wenzl were the first to respond, with more officers and deputies, Kansas Highway Patrol Lieutenant Terry Rieger and Wildlife and Parks Ranger Toby Kuhn also arriving to assist.

After being on the phone with a friend, Mr. Tallent was talked into coming out of the house just after midnight on his own free will.

Chase ends on county road

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When Norton Police Chief Pat Morel walked into the sheriff's office last Wednesday morning to check in, he saw a notice about a pickup that had been stolen from Lloyd Schoen of Lenora the night before. As he left the sheriff's office, he noticed a pickup matching the description driving by in front of the courthouse.

The chief followed the pickup and called in the tag. The driver of the pick-up turned south on State Street, and when the tag number came back to be the stolen pickup, the chase was on!

Top speed on the county roads, said the police chief, was about 95 miles per hour.

Sheriff Deputies Robert Annon and Scott Bohl assisted in the chase, as well as State Trooper Dave Schoenberger.

The chase ended when the driver turned west onto Road N and drove for about 300 yards, where the pickup ran out of gas and coasted to a stop.

"With the help of the sheriff's office and the Kansas Highway Patrol, the subject was taken into custody without incident," said Chief Morel.

The chase lasted around 10 minutes.

Dewayne Bangle, Norton, according to authorities, allegedly stole the pickup.

Mr. Tallent was taken into protective custody, then to the Norton County Hospital to be medically cleared.

At about 3:30 a.m., Norton Police Chief Pat Morel and Sheriff's Deputy Jodi Enfield took Mr. Tallent to the Larned State Hospital to be admitted.

No charges will be filed, according to the police chief.

Chief Morel said, "By all agencies working together, the incident was resolved peacefully, and no one was injured."

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BACK TO SCHOOL September Community Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 2
Norton Lions Club Board, 7 a.m., Town and Country Kitchen
Norton God Squad, noon, VFW
Varsity Volleyball, at Osborne with Colby, 4:30 p.m.
Norton 12-Step Women's Group, 5:30 p.m., VFW
Ladies Night Golf, 6 p.m., Prairie Dog Golf Course
AAUW Child Study, 7:30 p.m.
Norton Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 p.m., VFW

Wednesday, Sept. 3
Willing Workers, City Hall
Norton Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, VFW
Al-Anon, 7 p.m., VFW
Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m., Norton Manor
Eagles and Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.
Norton Alcoholics Anonymous, Roundtable, 8 p.m., VFW

Thursday, Sept. 4
Preschool Story Hour, 10:30 a.m., Norton Public Library
Norton Cross Country Invitational, home, 4:30 p.m.
Junior High Volleyball, home, 4:30 p.m.
Junior High Football, home, 5:00 p.m.
Norton Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, VFW
IOOF, 7:30 p.m., at Norton Eagles club

Norton Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., VFW

Friday, Sept. 5
Norton Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, VFW
Red Cross Volunteers, Bingo, 2 p.m. at Andbe Home
Booster Club tailgate party, 5 to 6:30, Norton livestock barn.
Norton Varsity Football game, home, 7:00 p.m., against Phillipsburg.

Al-Anon, 7 p.m., VFW
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., upstairs classroom of Norton Christian Church, non-smoking
Norton County seventh, eighth and ninth graders, 7 to 10 p.m., The Rock, Norton
Norton Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 p.m., VFW

Saturday, Sept. 6
Varsity Tennis Tournament at Colby, 9:a.m.
Norton Alcoholics Anonymous, 1 p.m., VFW
Norton Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., VFW

Sunday, Sept. 7
God's Pantry, 3 p.m., Norton Trinity Episcopal Church
Norton Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., VFW

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