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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Don Stuvick

Briefly

## Distribution of surplus foods set

The Norton County Senior Center has released the distribution schedule of government surplus food for low income persons of all ages in the county. Food available for distribution at this time includes: Cherry-Apple Juice, Beef Stew, Grapefruit Juice, Blackeye Beans, Pears, Potato Flakes, Canned Pork and Peaches. Distribution times and places are: Friday, Aug. 7, 2-4 p.m., Senior Center, Norton; Friday, Aug. 7, 2-3:30 p.m., Senior Center, Lenora; Friday, Aug. 7, 9-11 a.m, Senior Center, Almaena; and Saturday, Aug. 8, 2-3:30 p.m., Library, Clayton. For more information, call Ramona at the Norton Senior Center, 877-5352.

## Floral design is library program

The Norton Public Library will host, "How to do Floral Design" at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6, in the Norton Public Library Community Room. A presenter from the Dodge City Library will demonstrate how to create bridal bouquets, corsages, boutonnières and arrangements for general events. There is no cost to come and join the fun.

## Meals on Wheels schedule continues

Redeemer Lutheran Church will deliver Meals on Wheels from Aug. 3-9. Contact person is Cynthia Washburn 877-3004. Volunteers should report to the hospital at 11:30 a.m. Each group should have three persons, each with their own car.

## weather forecast

Tonight - Thunderstorms likely before 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 56. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Saturday - Sunny with a high near 80. Saturday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 58. Sunday - Isolated thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Sunday Night - Isolated thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Monday - Mostly sunny.

## Kingham report:

Tuesday, July 28 ..... Low 61, High 77  
1.10 Precipitation  
Wednesday, July 29 ..... Low 53, High 82  
.20 Precipitation  
Thursday, July 30 ..... Low 49, High 81  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm  
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, when we are tired and see no way to go on, remind us that you will make a way for us. Amen

# 'Yes' votes win paper's straw poll

By TOM DREILING  
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The Moffet Station Project will move forward, according to The Norton Telegram's 'straw poll.'

For the past several weeks, the newspaper asked its readers to take part in the poll and the number who did was quite impressive.

A total of 148 ballots were received. And here is what the poll showed:

YES, go ahead with the project — 85 votes

NO, stop wasting money — 63

The straw poll was conducted because the Moffet Station Project was getting a lot of negative comment in the city, leading the newspaper to believe, perhaps, Norton City/County Economic Development should take another look. And also because the early comments referred to the grant and a private foundation's financial input as taxpayer money, which economic development said was not the case.

Thus, the straw poll was born.

Here are a few of the comments, placed in the straw poll box at the newspaper, from both sides of the issue. Identity of the writers is confidential, per straw poll

understanding.

• Yes - "Norton needs a lot of cleanup and we need to start somewhere."

• No - "I don't think they should waste money to fix it up."

• No - "If you do go ahead, call it Kent Station."

• Yes - "I am having difficulty understanding why attracting investment from an outside corporation and private donors to transform an unusable downtown building into functional office space is negative. This grant is a win for the community and we should be celebrating the Moffet Station project."

• No - "Moffet Station was never owned or operated as a gas station under the name Moffet. The structure currently being referred to as 'Moffet Station' was actually Kent Station. Melvin Moffet purchased the property (maybe in the '70s?) and it was used only as a storage and work site... My history may not exactly be correct either, but certainly trying to restore the building as a historical reminder of our past as 'Moffet Station' is incorrect. It should be called Kent Station. Ask any of the city elders!"

• Yes - "Spiff up the south entrance of Norton...go ahead with the project."

Tuesday's Snippets column will provide readers with many more comments from participants in the straw poll.

## All's clear



Trains are back in service after being held up by a derailment last Friday in Norton. Seven cars were involved, with three spilling an estimated 15,000 bushels of wheat. Kyle Railroad had originally said only 15 bush-

els were lost, as was reported in an earlier story. This train was passing through the derailment area when the picture was taken Thursday.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## It's crazy time again in Norton

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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Norton merchants will hold their annual Crazy Day Sidewalk sale tomorrow which promises to be a day full of bargains.

Chamber of Commerce Director Karla Reed said the sale will begin as early as 7:00 a.m. She suggested coming early and staying late in order to take full advantage of the sales.

Many merchants will offer sales inside stores as well, where sales can be found in the comfort of air conditioning.

Ms. Reed said Crazy Day started some 50 years ago when local businesses wanted to sell things at an extreme discount.

This year's participating businesses include Engel's Sales and Service, Twice Sold Treasures, Norton Flowers Gifts and Greenhouse, Norton Homestore, Decor and More, Norton Furniture, Jamboree Foods, Hall's Clothing, Garden Gate Florals, Destination Kitchen, Moffet Drug, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, EndZone, White Fields Coffee House, Kellie's, Sander Furniture/Bed and Bath, Janet's Creative Crafts and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Reed said in past years there have been car washes and bake sales during Crazy Day.

"You never know who will be out on the street," she said. "All non-profit organizations are encouraged to participate in the Crazy Day promotion," she said.

## 4-H'ers busy at county fair

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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The Norton County Fair was a huge success this year with excellent community participation and almost 100 events during the week.

Keith VanSki, Twin Creeks Extension agent, said 4-H participated in an estimated 72 events including judging and livestock events.

"We had a lot of good judges. There was a good variety," Mr. VanSki said. He said there were 25 judges.

Judging for 4-H events began the week of July 13 with the pet show and clothing construction and buyman-ship.

Nancy Hagman served as the judge and Mary Wentz served as an assistant judge for the clothing construction portion of the event.

Mrs. Hagman said she expected 20 children to participate in the construction portion.

The judge asked 4-H members about their garments, the material they bought, how much it cost, if it could be washed and where they would wear it.

The boys and girls were divided into three divisions: junior, intermediate and senior.

Mrs. Hagman judged the girls' levels and Sandy Jacobs judged the boys' levels.

The children modeled their clothes and were asked a series of questions about their outfits.

Judges asked where they bought the

outfit, where they would wear it and other questions.

The public fashion show was held on July 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H building.

The other pre-fair event was the pet show which was held on July 13 at The Andbe Home.

The categories included dog obedience in the junior and senior categories, fitting and show in the junior and senior categories, cats in the junior and senior categories and hand pets.

For the fitting and show category, dogs were judged on how clean they were, how well trimmed and how well they behaved.

In the junior category, Dalton VanOver won the purple ribbon, Clay VanOver won the blue ribbon and Skylar Davis won the red ribbon.

Morgan Baumann and her collie Lassie won the purple ribbon, Kegan Vanover and Chris Maddy tied for the blue ribbon and Jade Cressler won the red ribbon in the senior dog category.

The winners of the obedience portion were Dalton and Clay Vanover, both were winners of a red ribbon in the junior dog category.

Kegan Vanover received a blue ribbon for the senior dog category and Morgan Baumann received the red ribbon.

Micah Kasson and Quentin Wentz received the purple ribbon in the junior cat category, Amy and Quentin Wentz received the blue ribbon and Tony An-

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## Big grant funds new ambulance

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Norton County Emergency Medical Services has been selected to receive a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Recovery with the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Jane Wyatt, Norton County Emergency Medical Service director, said the \$165,000 grant will fully fund a new ambulance.

Mrs. Wyatt said Norton County will not pay any money for the project.

"At this time, with the way the economy is, we would not have been able to do this," she said.

"We're pleased to announce the awarding of these funds to some very deserving Kansas communities," said Commerce Secretary David D. Kerr.

"These grants allow the department to assist the small and rural communities that are so important to the livelihood of our state," he said.

The project has a "buy American" provision, meaning materials used to manufacture the new ambulance have to come from America.

Mrs. Wyatt said it will take approximately six months to build the new ambulance. The bid for construction must be awarded 120 days after the contract begins, on Aug. 1.

Mrs. Wyatt said she heard about the

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