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## Friday

### October 2, 2009

#### Briefly

### Joy of painting classes offered

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum will be offering the "Joy of Painting" classes. These classes will feature the Bob Ross certified instructors Sandy Seamone and T.R. Mathews of Colo.. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18 in the Hansen Plaza Community Room, 110 W. Main in Logan. Lunch will be served from 12-1 p.m. Each day will feature a different style of painting. Registration needs to be made by October 9. A registration form can be obtained online at [www.hansen-museum.org](http://www.hansen-museum.org) or for more information you can call 785-689-4846.

### Meals on wheels schedule:

Meals on Wheels are being delivered through Oct. 18 by the Mid Century Federated Club. The contact person is Eunice Neiltopp (877-3052). Meals will be delivered by Norton PEO Oct. 19 - Nov. 1 by Norton PEO. Contact Ada Arford (877-3052).

### Four-H salute in today's Telegram

A SALUTE TO  
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK  
OCTOBER 4-10, 2009

**Congratulations**  
**4-H CLUB MEMBERS**

During National 4-H Week, Oct. 4-10, we salute our 4-H Club Members for the special pride they take in our community. As we extend congratulations to 4-H Club Members and Leaders we look to the future... for the 4-H'ers of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

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## weather forecast

**SCATTERED SHOWERS**

Tonight - Patchy frost after 1 a.m. Otherwise mostly clear with a low around 34. Saturday - Patchy frost before 10 a.m. Otherwise sunny with a high near 66. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 42. Sunday - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog. Otherwise mostly cloudy with a high near 59.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday, Sept. 29 ..... Low 37, High 73  
Wed., Sept. 30 ..... Low 49, High 83  
Thursday, Oct. 1 ..... Low 47, High 70  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Father, help us be who you want us to be, wherever we are. Help us to joyfully participate in what you are doing. We pray this through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.



(Back row, left) Freshmen Morgan Black and Alex Tharma, Juniors Amber Kinderknecht and Dusty Engleburger, Princess Alison Cole, Prince Michael Callaway, King Hutch Gehrke, Queen Megan Cole, Sophomores Austin Herman and Kenzie Husted. Front row: Sierra Kester, Jadon Hester,

Coy Kinderknecht, Jonathan Burger, Bailey Sides, Lauren Perez, Natalie Kinderknecht, Andromeda Housserman, Lori Moppin, Aiden Hammond and Aurora Houserman.

-Photo courtesy Kelli Perez

## Homecoming festivities in Almena

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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Hutch Gehrke and Megan Cole were crowned Northern Valley High School's king and queen during the Homecoming festivities last week.

Michael Callaway and Alison Cole were crowned prince and princess.

Megan and Alison are twin sisters.

Kindergartners who made up royalty lane included Coy Kinderknecht, Amy Wright, Jadon Hester, Sierra Kester, Mason Galvan, Andromedia Housserman, Kylor Hogan, Lori Moppin, Aidan Hammond and Aurora Housserman.

Kindergartners who assisted with the crowning included Lauren Perez, Bailey Sides, Johnathon Burger and Natalie

Kinderknecht.

Monday was crazy hair day, Tuesday was twin day, Wednesday was color day, Thursday was cowboy up day and Friday was green and white day.

The parade was held in downtown Almena with 13 floats from the high school.

Floats from community members and

the class of 1989 were also present.

Northern Valley lost to Southern Cloud.

The theme song at half-time was "Always the Love Songs" by the Eli Young band.

After the game, students enjoyed a dance with DJ Andrew Sheley.

## Vaccine available early next week

By Kevin Bottrell  
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The first doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine may arrive in Kansas as early as Monday or Tuesday.

Roderick Bremby, secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and the Environment, said in a Topeka press conference that Wednesday had been the first day that states were able to order the new vaccine. It will take a few days for the order to be processed and shipped to each state.

The initial amount will be small, about

16,000 doses. Distribution is based on population.

"It's about one half of one percent of what we'll need," Bremby said.

The state will get new allocations of the vaccine every week, he said, adding that it will take until Christmas or New Year's to meet the demand.

"This is just the first step in what is going to be a very long vaccination campaign," Bremby said.

The department will allocate doses to county health departments based on (Vaccine - Continued on Page 5)

## Informing residents about fire prevention

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Fire prevention week kicks off next week with the Norton City Fire Department and the Norton Rural Fire Department presenting a program at Eisenhower Elementary School on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

More than 3,300 people in the United States died as a result of home fires and burns in 2008, according to the United States Fire Administration. Kansas has the fourth highest fire death rate in the country.

Steve Otter, rural fire chief, said it is

important to remind citizens about fire prevention, and it is especially important to remind children.

"We want to give them the heads up on how to prepare and what to do," he said.

Otter said each family should have a fire plan and do practice drills to make sure everyone gets out of the house safely.

"We want to make sure everyone is out safely before we put the fire out," he said.

Mitch Jones, city fire chief, rec-

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## Walk to school day scheduled

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October is the official walk to school month which promotes safety, physical activity and environment for school aged children.

International Walk to School Day is Oct. 7. All Eisenhower Elementary School students and their parents can participate by either walking from their home to school or by meeting at the Unified Office and walking to the school.

The group will start walking at 7:50

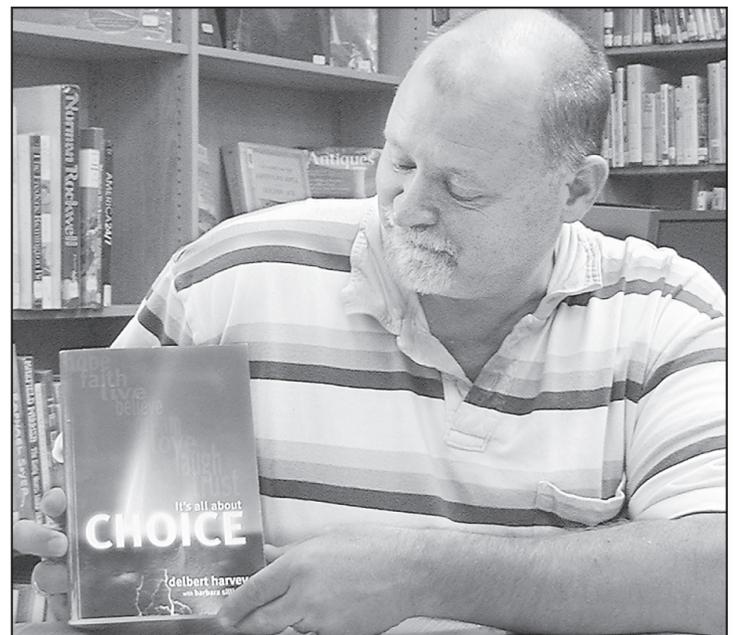
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Joan Streck, school nurse, said International Walk to School Day educates children about pedestrian safety as well as physical activity.

"Our goal is to teach them about pedestrian safety as well as teaching them that walking is a fun activity to do with their parents and peers," she said.

"This is a global event, and it makes them a little more aware of what is going on in the world," she said.

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Delbert Harvey, author of "It's All About Choice," fostered over 50 children and adopted seven. The book talks about the need to increase awareness about the issues foster children face and how foster parents, adoptive parents, schools and the community can help children who are dealing with those issues.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## The power of choice

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Foster children account for over 100,000 of American children; many times they are shipped between homes until they turn 18 and are eliminated from the system.

Delbert Harvey recently authored "It's All About Choice," a book that delves into the nature of foster children, being a parent to these kids and the role society must play to help them succeed.

In Kansas there are an estimated 4,963 children in out-of-care placement. These children may be placed with relatives or eventually returned to their birth parents, but many bounce between foster homes looking for a family to care for them.

"To eliminate the foster care backlog, we need a community focus and an inter-related system that empowers the foster and adoptive parents and gives support and encouragement to the kids," Harvey said.

"Providing structure and support to the parents of these children are of utmost importance. The learning process for the child who has been through the foster system must be a team effort just as it is with any other exceptionality," he said.

Children are taken from their parents for a variety of reasons. Abuse falls under the categories of physical, mental, emotional, sexual and neglect. Neglect is the most common form of abuse and includes failure to provide food, clothing or shelter, failure to provide adequate supervision, failure to use resources available to treat a diagnosed medical condition if the treatment will make the child more comfortable.

Emotional abuse is defined as a pattern of acts that impairs the child's social, emotional or intellectual functioning.

According to children and family services, abuse can be seen through physical indicators like bruises, welts or burns or through behavioral indicators such as being full of rage, being passive or withdrawn, running away from home or displaying severe depression or anxiety.

Any indicator has to be considered with other evidence and has to be reported to the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services or to local law enforcement.

Harvey argues in his book that removing children from their homes is not the solution, there are many other issues that (Choice - Continued on Page 5)