Be a quitter on Thursday

The American Cancer Society marks the 37th Great American Smokeout on Nov. 15 by encouraging smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit. The Society provides tips and tools online at cancer.org to help smokers quit tobacco for good. An estimated one billion people worldwide will die during the 21st century because of tobacco use, according to The Tobacco Atlas, published by the American Cancer Society and World Lung Foundation.

"Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States," said Jennifer Taylor, Society community manager in Kansas. "Quitting smoking is the most important thing you can do for your health and the Great American Smokeout is a great way to start."

Research shows that smokers are twice as likely to quit smoking for good when they get help. One way to get help is by calling the Kansas Tobacco Quitline smoking cessation hotline that is available at no charge 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (800) QUIT-NOW. When you call, a Quit Coach will work one-on-one with you to create a plan to quit smoking and help you learn to fight your cravings. Free coaching is also available online at KSquit.org.

Other valuable resources that will help you quit smoking are nicotine replacement products, counseling, a smoking cessation support group, prescription medicine to lessen the cravings, guide books, and encouragement from friends and family.

Tobacco use accounts for at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths and 80 percent of lung cancer deaths. In the U.S., tobacco use is responsible for nearly one in five deaths, or about 443,000 premature deaths each year. Smokers who quit, regardless of age, live longer than people who continue to smoke. In just 20 minutes after quitting smoking, heart rate and blood pressure drop, and in about one to nine months after quitting, coughing and shortness of breath decrease.

The American Cancer Society created the trademarked concept for and held its first Great American Smokeout in 1976 as a way to inspire and encourage smokers to quit for a day. Since then, it is estimated that more than two million U.S. smokers quit for the day each year for the Great American Smokeout. And if they quit for the day, perhaps they will quit for good.

You'll find important facts about tobacco use from acs.bookstore.ipgbook.com/the-tobacco-atlas-products- The Tobacco Atlas, Fourth Edition, newly published by the American Cancer Society and World Lung Foundation:

Cigarette smoking costs the United States more than $193 billion (i.e., $97 billion in lost productivity plus $96 billion in health care expenditures).

In 2011, tobacco use killed almost 6 million people, with nearly 80 percent of these deaths occurring in low- and middle-income countries.

An estimated 600,000 people die annually because of secondhand smoke.

For cancer information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, call the Society at 800.ACS.2345 or go to cancer.org.

Buying goodies…

Neysa Carlson and mother Glenda Maurer stop at a venders booth during the 38th annual Norton County Arts and Craft's Fair that was held over the weekend. Vendors showed their wears of jewelry, woodwork, clothing, holiday decorations, candles, food and more again this year. While the men were out hunting, the ladies toured Norton's many craft sites which were located at five different locations in town.
– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Celebrate books by reading to a preschooler

Gov. Brownback proclaims November 11-17, as Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week. He urges all residents to celebrate books and reading to our youngest.

With over 200,000 preschool-aged children in the state of Kansas, Governor Sam Brownback signed a proclamation designating November 11-17 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week, encouraging Kansans to read to our youngest residents.

By signing the proclamation, Governor Brownback continues to show his commitment to developing our children, the encouragement of early literacy programs in Kansas libraries and building healthy learning communities.

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers week is a one-book/one-state reading initiative annually launched by the State Library of Kansas, and powered by Kansas libraries. "Family members and teachers need to know that every moment you spend reading to your child is well spent," said Manhattan Public Librarian Jennifer Adams, "and Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week is a great campaign to make sure people are aware of the importance of sharing books with their little children."

You can visit www.kcfb.info/ksreadstoprek2012.html to learn more about Kansas Reads to Preschoolers and download toolkits, learning activities and other free material contributed by Kansas librarians.

In the summer of 2012, Governor Brownback helped launch a reading program challenging Kansas children to read during the summer months and plans to continue to work with Kansas libraries and the Department of Education on future summer reading programs.

Winter weather awareness day is celebrated this Wednesday

As the days shorten and temperatures drop, thoughts turn to winter weather. The National Weather Service in conjunction with Kansas Emergency Management is observing Nov. 14 as Winter Weather Awareness Day in Kansas.

"While the short-term outlooks are calling for milder and drier than average conditions this winter, it only takes one storm to seriously make your life difficult," said Mary Knapp, state climatologist with K-State Research and Extension. "Remember, while the national average for tornado deaths is 70 per year, the national average for deaths on icy or snow-packed roads is more than 1,300 with an additional 100,000 injuries."

Winter storm: Severe winter conditions, which can vary by the storm. This can include a mix of snow, wind, ice, poor visibility and cold temperatures. Winter storm is coupled with one of the following terms:

Outlook: Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2-5 days. Stay tuned to local media for updates and plan for expected conditions.

Advisory: Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If you are cautious, these situations should not be life threatening.

Watch: Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36-48 hours. Prepare now.

Warning: Life-threatening severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. Act now.

Information about Kansas weather is available on the Weather Data Library website: http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/. The Weather Data Library is based at Kansas State University. "Weather Wonders" audio reports are available on the K-State Research and Extension News Media and Marketing website at http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/.

Governor proclaims November adoption month

Bringing attention to the 389 children in the state who need permanent families, Governor Sam Brownback on Friday signed a proclamation declaring November Kansas Adoption Month

Gov. Brownback said even though the number of finalized adoptions has risen sharply in the last two years, there are still many children who need loving forever families.

"Adoption is a beautiful example of the power of family to change the course of a child's life," Governor Brownback said. "All children deserve to grow up with parents who love them and are committed to them."

In fiscal year 2012, there were 777 finalized adoptions in Kansas; up from 761 in FY2011, and 721 in FY2010. From July through September this year, there have been 144 adoptions finalized.

"I'm so pleased that more families are stepping forward to open their hearts and homes to Kansas kids," said DCF Secretary Gilmore. "We will not stop working until every child has a permanent family."

Children available for adoption through the state of Kansas come from varied backgrounds, circumstances, races and ethnicities. While some have specific medical, physical or emotional issues requiring special care, many do not. Some are part of sibling groups that want very much to stay together as part of a new family.

There are approximately 900 children in Kansas who are technically available for adoption but many of them have an adoptive resource, such as a foster parent or relative who plans to adopt them. Of that 900, about 389 children do not have any adoptive resource, but want to be adopted by a family.

Other Facts about adoption in Kansas:

The adoption process through the state costs little or nothing.

Kansas adoption is legally secure-children are not eligible for adoption unless the courts have terminated parental rights.

Children adopted after age 16 from foster care are eligible for free tuition at any state university, community college or vocational school.

People interested in a Kansas adoption should visit http://www.adoptkskids.org or call 877-457-5430.

Former resident hired for engineering

Kyle Martin, son of Jan and Cherry Martin, formerly of Norton, has been hired as a design engineer for Vortex Valves. He will be responsible for engineering the design and modification of existing products to meet the needs of customers. Martin has a mechanical engineering technology degree from Kansas State University at Salina.

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STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF NORTON
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2012

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COUNTY FUNDS BUDGETED	FUND BALANCE
COUNTY GENERAL	1,101,769.26
Road & Bridge	195,396.86
Special Bridge	19,105.97
Ambulance	223,149.48
Andbe Home	2,529.25
Appraiser's Cost	39,869.29
Bridge Bond	4,066.39
County Health	7,490.19
Economic Development	71,006.26
Election	18,733.28
Employee Benefits	447,284.11
Extension Council	14,825.15
Fair Building	1,171.54
4-H Maintenance	14,078.37
Historical Preservation	611.57
Hospital Maintenance	14,078.37
Mental Health	4,489.05
Mental Retardation	6,506.49
Noxious Weed	36,635.70
Noxious Weed Deficiency	82.46
Senior Citizens	7,911.24
Soil Conservation	1,203.22
Airports	8,272.64
Solid Waste	36,389.33
Landfill Closure	10,000.00
Bridge Construction #2	325,696.83
Special Machinery & Equip	138,988.34
Co. Health Capital Outlay	83,269.97
Ambulance Capital Outlay	167,313.15
Noxious Weed Capital Out	44,474.04
E 911 Fund	43,735.81
EMS Building Bonds	23,279.95
EMS Building COP Debt	3,887.54
GOB Recovery Zone Bond	3,946.38
Ag Valley-Series 2012	1,974,651.00
911 Tax	23,205.91-
KELLING FUND	584.70
Bridge Construction 2004	65,769.97

COUNTY FUNDS NON-BUDGETED	FUND BALANCE
Co Treas Capital Outlay	38,147.56
Co Clerk Capital Outlay	29,945.26
Dist Court Capital Outlay	30,560.78
Reg of Deeds Cap Outlay	13,498.20
Sheriff Capital Outlay	35,139.97
Appraiser Capital Outlay	.10
Election Capital Outlay	114,424.08
Solid Waste Cap Outlay	150,981.45
Special Drug & Alcohol	13,716.25
Spec Parks & Recreation	17,995.37
Spec Prosecutors Trust	175.00
DISTRICT CORONER	471.44
Economic Dev Cap Outlay	185,562.69
EMS Memorial Fund	1,134.00
Probation Capital Outlay	7,857.75
Auto Fund	2,518.83-
Travel Nation	650.00
Pamida Fund	1,000.00
Norton Co. 911 Fee Fund	32,075.64
Special Auto	44,650.01
Reg Deeds Tech Fund	13,937.25
Heritage Trust Fees	106.45
Oil & Gas Depletion Trust	70,053.71
Unclaimed Monies	3,782.71
Strays Sold by Sheriff	555.51
Attorney Fund Cap Outlay	4,275.60
Alcohol & Drug Test Fund	3,223.00
Co Attorney Training	267.31
Co Attorney Diversion	9,855.96
Special Law Enforcement	7,403.93
Worthless Check Admin Fee	1,986.29
Northwest BT Region	7,196.69-
DATA PROCESSING CAP OUT	86,431.31
4-H BUILDING CAP OUTLAY	9,592.00
Wireless 911 Grant	4,142.41
Hansen Grant Fund	43,681.57
Change Check Clearing	.20
Credit Card	273.76-
Long and Short	65.73-

REVENUE FUNDS	FUND BALANCE
Vehicle Tax	77,591.91
RV Tax	1,853.92
Advance Tax	1,100.85
Escrow Account	13,883.77
Compensation Sales Tax	42,954.70

TRUSTEE FUND	FUND BALANCE
Court Trustee - State	4,529.42
Court Trustee - Local	36,767.77
Case Management	38,758.04
Juvenile Just Authority	76,634.79
Supplemental Grant	1,600.00
Parent Training	80.24
JISP	99,839.35
Diversion	24,967.21
Juvenile Intake	15,047.65
Judicial Capital Outlay	44,719.46
Thinking For A Change	7,275.82

TOTAL CASH IN TREASURY 6,584,537.54

STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF NORTON
I do solemnly swear the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God

Cynthia J. Linner,
County Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn before me this 31st day of October, 2012
Robert D. Wyatt,
County Clerk