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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Rick Green

Briefly

Paper to close  
for Labor Day

The Norton Telegram will not be printing The Telegram Extra on Monday, Sept. 6, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Instead, the Tuesday, Sept. 7 edition of The Telegram will be distributed to every home in Norton County, regardless of whether you are a subscriber or not.

The staff at The Telegram wish you a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

Weight room  
open to public

The Norton schools' weight room on State Street by Wilmeth Kirk Gymnasium at East Campus, will be open to the public from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, beginning Tuesday. The weight room will not be open Friday evenings or weekends.

Businesses can get  
disaster loans

Norton is listed among 39 Kansas counties that are eligible to apply for low interest disaster loans from the Small Business Administration.

These loans are available to help businesses meet operating expenses that cannot be met due to a disaster.

Small businesses that depend upon farming and ranching, who have experienced reduced incomes due to bad weather, may apply. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible, but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other federal agencies.

To obtain an application call the administration's office at (800) 366-6303.

The deadline to file is April 20.

Weather

Forecast:

**Tonight** — Clear and breezy with lows in the mid 60s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 90. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy with isolate thunderstorms. Chance of rain 60 percent.

Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 97, Low 58  
Wednesday ..... High 95, Low 60  
Thursday ..... High 92, Low 63  
Week ago ..... High 88, Low 53  
Month ago ..... High 103, Low 72  
Year ago ..... High 97, Low 58  
September precipitation ..... 0.00 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ..... 16.58 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to reach out to your children and, through our influence in their lives, to extend your love to them. Amen

City administrator to stay on job

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Rob Lawson, who has served as the Norton City Administrator for three years will be on the job for a while longer.

During a brief closed session at Wednesday evening's city council meeting the board extended Mr. Lawson's contract for another two years. Mr. Lawson said, the contract stayed the same, only the dates were changed.

Alberta Slaby, representing the Cemetery Beautification Committee, reported that the group is working with Solomon Valley Resources Conservation and De-

velopment. She said it was suggested the cemetery committee make application, through the city, to the Department of Agriculture for a Community Facilities grant. Mrs. Slaby said that the grant would supply 75 percent of the amount requested. She said she would ask for \$35,000 and the committee had already raised the rest of the money. The council gave her preliminary approval to write the grant application and asked her to report back to the finance committee.

Mrs. Slaby also reported to the council that the bricks for the cemetery project are

expected to arrive soon.

Councilman Jerry Hawks said he thought the paint on the water tower by the playground has held up well but "Norton" needs to be re-painted. He said that someone has suggested that a Blue Jay be painted on the tower.

In other business the board:

- Adopted an ordinance restricting the shooting of fireworks in the city between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. July 1-5. The hours are extended to 1 a.m. on July 4.

- Discussed cleaning up properties

around town.

- Discussed an ordinance to restrict public parking on the south side of State and Madison to allow for trucks at Western Distributing.

- Reported July combined county and city tax collections at \$31,387.90 for a year-to-date total of \$228,512.68.

- Learned that a new city police officer has been hired and he starts next week. Chief Menagh will introduce him to the council at its next meeting which will be at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Water break  
dries out  
part of town

Parts of Norton was without water for a short time Tuesday when a city water line broke. City employee, Ed Lively (right) dumped a scoop full of dirt into the hole after the repairs had been made. Vance Poage (below) shoveled the dirt out evenly. Thursday, city crews poured concrete to top off the repairs.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Food pantry still needs help  
with cash for perishable items

God's Pantry's shelves aren't quite as bare as they were a few weeks ago, but it's still short on what it needs to make it through winter.

Elaine Mann, one of the organizers of the community food bank, said the Pantry received a lot of non-perishable food from the school's annual food scrimmage.

The food scrimmage was started several years ago when the school asked if God's Pantry would be interested. God's Pantry said yes, and so the soap scrimmage turned into the food scrimmage.

She said this year, the donations from the scrimmage were exceptional. "We received far more food than we have in the past," she said. "It's so welcome. The shelves are starting to fill."

Mrs. Mann said they've also received food and donations from people and organizations around town. She said businesses have been a big help. For example, Twice Sold Treasurers has been giving a 10 percent discount when customers bring in two cans of food. Another business donated a deep freeze.

"It's really appreciated," she said. "Usage is at an all-time high. We have 35 to 40 more families we're serving this year

compared to last year."

Another large influx of food should come in this fall when the Norton Boy Scouts hold their annual food drive, she said.

Sometime around October, the Scouts will be putting bags on house doors. The following Sunday, they go around and pick up the bags, hopefully filled with food.

"That's always the biggest in-gathering of the year," she said. "It's what gets us through the winter."

However, the food bank is short of non-perishable items and money.

She said the money reserve, which is used to buy fresh produce, butter, cheese and milk is getting low. That's why, she said, cash donations are appreciated.

To give or receive food, the pantry is open every Sunday from 3 to 4 p.m. and is right next to Trinity Episcopal Church, which is on the corner of State Street and Waverly.

To donate non-perishable items, bring them to The Norton Telegram or call Connie Johnson at 877-2039 or Mrs. Mann at 877-2019 or drop them off at the pantry on Sundays.

Most places closed for holiday

Schools all over the county will observe Labor Day on Monday and not hold classes.

Most banks and financial institutions, federal, state, county and city offices will also be closed as will most businesses.

However, should you want to eat out that day, there are several choices in Norton.

Restaurants that will be open include Adventures in Eating, McDonald's, Town and Country Kitchen, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut/Taco Bell and the Barbecue Barn. O'Brien's will be open from 1-10 p.m.

All Norton service stations will be open including Jack Rabbit Service, Love's, Time Saver and Diamond

Shamrock.

Both grocery stores will be open on Monday, however, with shortened hours. Jamboree will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Norton Shop and Save will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Norton Theatre will be showing "The Village" and "The Cinderella Story", both rated PG. Showtime on Monday is 7 p.m.

Pamida Discount Store will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday but its pharmacy will be closed Saturday through Monday. The Dollar General Store in downtown Norton will be open its normal hours, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All city and county offices, including the Norton Public Library, will be closed.

Logan to hold Labor Day party

The Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, invites everyone to a "Small Town-Big Event", the 28th annual Labor Day Celebration, at the Logan Golf Course, on K-9 outside of Logan on Sunday.

Events will include a radio control fly-in for model airplanes on the top of the north hill, beginning at 8 a.m.; a sand volleyball tournament, beginning at 9 a.m.;

a Wet Slide from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Joe Cheesman's Tubs of Fun, beginning at 11 a.m.; the Ice Cream Truck, beginning at 10 a.m.; a kids pedal pull beginning at 2 p.m.; the Phillipsburg National Guard climbing wall, throughout the day; and a food stand by the Logan. (Continued on Page 5)



Almost 200 folks turned out for “Good Neighbor Day” at Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse Wednesday. The idea is to spread good cheer and Annette Over-lease, owner of Norton Flowers, asked everyone to pledge to give away five of the six roses she would provide them. This national observance is sponsored by Florists Transworld Delivery (FTD). Kathy Erbert (left) walked down the petal-strewn sidewalk at the flower shop after picking up her bouquet. “Good Neighbors” (above) lined up three-deep Wednesday morning to gather their roses. Mrs. Over-lease had the multi-color rose bundles packaged and ready for delivery. She said she had also sent roses to Almena and Lenora for distribution.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

# Soybean aphids moving in

In the July 22 issue, I wrote about the possibility of a new pest, soybean aphids, moving into western Kansas. It appears that has come true. Reports have come in from an area ranging from Oberlin down to Garden City.

So what is the best way in dealing with these new pests? First, let’s look at identification, how many there are, the action threshold for insecticide treatments, and the treatments available.

Soybean aphids are small, greenish-yellow aphids with “black tailpipes” or cornicles near the tip of the abdomen. It is the only aphid in North America to develop large colonies on soybeans.

To scout a field for this pest, the North Central Soybean Research Program offers these guidelines:

- Scout fields once to twice a week.
- Check 20 to 30 plants per field.
- Examine the entire plant, especially new growth.
- Pay special attention to late-planted fields.

Research suggests the action threshold for insecticide treatment is 250 aphids per plant if the populations are actively increasing when soybeans are between the R1 (beginning bloom) to R5 (begin-

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ning seed) stage.

Most reported levels have been well below this number, however, aphid numbers can increase dramatically with favorable conditions, such as cool weather and stressed plants.

Actively increasing populations would be described as those populations with low numbers of parasitized aphids (mummies) and low numbers of winged adults. If parasitized numbers are high, natural biological predators will likely decrease numbers below the action threshold level. If winged adult numbers are high, aphids will likely be leaving the field soon.

If aphid numbers increase past the action threshold, farmers can elect to spray their fields with labeled insecticides including Asana XL, Lorsban 4E, Mustang Max, PennCap-M, Pounce 3.2 EC, and Warrior, which will obtain high

levels of control. Suppression can be obtained with Baythroid 2 and Dimethoate.

Please keep your eyes open if you are growing soybeans. There is some understanding of how this pest will impact soybeans here. However, this is still a new pest to the area, and there will also be many things to learn about its management.

On another note: With the diminishing resources at K-State, Kent McVay, soil conservationist, would like no-till farmers to answer a survey on where they would like to see no-till research directed in the future. The survey is available at the web site below.

For more information on soybean aphids or the no-till survey, go to [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/), or visit your county extension office to pick up a copy of the information on soybean aphids.

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## Logan to hold holiday party

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gan Chamber of Commerce, all day.

There will be plenty of entertainment during the evening. Beginning at 5 p.m., “Heartland” will take the stage with country/rock tunes. “Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations” will rock be-

ginning at 7 p.m. with tunes from the 50s and 60s.

Tim Schumacher, Hays, will lead into the fireworks show on trumpet at 9 p.m.

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