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January 10, 2006

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Noel Tier

Briefly

## Jennings district to hold hearing

A public hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Jennings school to discuss the disorganization of Prairie Heights Unified School District. The hearing is a formality required under law to verify that all the information sent to the Kansas State Board of Education is accurate and to allow a public forum for comments regarding the steps taken by the local board.

## Cookies are up for sale in Norton

It's cookie season again. The annual Girl Scout Cookie sales kicked off Jan. 6. The sale will continue through Jan. 23. On the menu again are Thin Mints, Shortbreads, Carmel deLites and all the other flavors you have come to love. Cookies sell for \$3.50 per box.

## Spelling bee set for February

The annual Norton County Spelling Bee is scheduled to be held at 4 p.m., Feb. 15 at the Lenora Grade School.

Schools participating in the competition will be Norton Eisenhower Elementary, Norton Junior High, Northern Valley Grade school and Northern Valley Junior High and Lenora Grade School.

The Norton Telegram will present first, second and third place plaques to the county winners.

Weather

## Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. **Thursday** — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. **Thursday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow in the evening, then partly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. **Friday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 40s. **Friday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s.

Prayer

Dear Lord, forgive us when we fall short of your expectations for us. Help us to become the people you want us to be. Amen



Outside Dresden Friday morning, Decatur County firemen checked out a Jetta in the ditch after they helped at the accident scene. The driver and three passengers in the car were taken to Decatur County Hospital by ambulances.

— Photo by Kimberly Davis

## Four thrown from car on K-383

Four people, who were thrown out when their car rolled Friday morning on K-383 near Dresden, were rushed to the Decatur County Hospital, then on to hospitals in McCook and Kearney, Neb.

Two are in serious condition and one is critical.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that a 2001 Volkswagen Jetta traveling east out of Selden towards Dresden crashed around milepost 48 at roughly 9:48 a.m. The patrol said the driver, Christopher Breci, 22, Glendale, Ariz., lost control at high speed. Trooper Dave Schoenberger said the driver told him he was going about 90 miles per hour.

The report says that the car went off the left side of the pavement. The driver over-corrected, and the car came back across the road, then went into the south ditch. The vehicle rolled, coming to rest on its wheels facing west.

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## Norton County gives loan to new business

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County is helping a new business out with a loan.

Gloria Zwickle, owner of Fit To Go, a fitness center, talked to the Norton County Commissioners Monday afternoon about getting a small rural business enterprise loan.

She told the commissioner that she and several other people exercised at the other fitness center and were worried when, in November, the owner said she would be closing. At the same time, she said, her tenant, SueAnn Skrdlant, decided she would not be renting space for Arline Graphics anymore after the end of December as she wanted to be a stay-at-home mom.

Mrs. Zwickle said she told Jenny Tibbetts, the owner of Masters Touch, the fitness center thought to be closing, that she might be interested in buying her equipment so there would still be a fitness place in Norton.

About a week later, she said, Mrs. Tibbetts contacted her and gave her a price.

"It was quite a bit more than I could have gotten it for elsewhere," she said. "I had been pricing the equipment."

She said she told Mrs. Tibbetts that it didn't make much business sense to pay that much money for the equipment when she could get it cheaper elsewhere.

Mrs. Zwickle said she purchased the equipment and then found out that Mrs. Tibbetts was going to stay open. Because she already had purchased the equipment, she decided to open Fit To Go.

Commissioner John Miller asked if there had been a lot of interest in her business.

Mrs. Zwickle said they had been open for a week and already had about 40 people sign up.

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## Airport board puts together information to get money

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Members of the Norton City/County Airport board got right to the point in Monday night's meeting.

Chairman John Miller is still trying to make contact with Jeff Deitering of the Federal Aviation Administration regarding the non-priority funds the board is trying to obtain. Mr. Deitering advised Mr. Miller to check out the administration's website before they have a discussion.

Part of the process to get those funds is the completion of a survey required by the administration. Airport manager, Delvis

Miller, told the board the survey required a 5-year projection plan and more technical information than he was able to supply.

Mr. Miller did say that since the runway project has been completed corporate and jet traffic at the airport has increased.

In other business, the board:

- Learned another plane is based at the airport.
- Discussed the possibility of a 24-hour, self-serve gas pump.
- Paid bills totalling \$1,182.46, leaving a balance of \$6,464.10.

## Paper needs weather watcher

For 10 years Paul and Pat Howell recorded the daily temperature highs and lows for *The Norton Telegram*. Following Mr. Howell's death in November, Mrs. Howell has continued the daily reports. However, she

feels it is time for someone else to take over.

If you are an interested weather watcher and would enjoy keeping those records, please call *The Telegram* at 877-3361.

## Volunteer makes a difference

Jessica Porter, 18, will be a new face at the Andbe Home soon.

Miss Porter is involved in a work study program through Norton Community High School. Tuesdays and Thursdays she will help staff prepare popcorn for residents and on Friday she will assist with bingo and other activities.

She will be accompanied by a para-professional from the school.

Miss Porter is the daughter of Beth Lombardi, an employee of the Andbe Home.



Jessica Porter shows Wava Hickert her schedule for helping at the Andbe Home. Behind Mrs. Hickert is Wilmadean Brockman.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Four thrown Friday during accident

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None of the four occupants was wearing a seat belt, and all four were thrown from the car. Others in the vehicle were Zoltan Kovats, 37; Tiffany Jones, 17; and Derek Spaar, 18.

People driving by reported the wreck, saying all four victims were lying on the grass by the road. At least one had a broken leg, while others had head and chest injuries. Three Decatur County ambulances, one from Jennings and two from Oberlin, and two from Sheridan County, one from Selden and one from Hoxie, were sent to the wreck.

Around 10:22 a.m., the first victim was loaded into a Sheridan County ambulance to be taken to the Decatur County Hospital. About 10:27 a.m., the second person was sent off, then the third and fourth.

About an hour after the first patient was sent to the hospital, an ambulance left for the airport with

the first person to be flown out. A second patient was flown out around 12:40 p.m.

Hospital officials said Mr. Breci and Mr. Spaar were transferred to Community Hospital in McCook. Ms. Jones and Mr. Kovats were flown to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Mr. Breci was transferred from Community Hospital in McCook to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney and is in serious condition. Mr. Kovats is in critical condition and Ms. Jones is in serious condition.

A nurse at Community Hospital in McCook said Mr. Spaar is no longer a patient and he is not a patient at the hospital in Kearney.

Trooper Schoenberger said he couldn't comment on whether illegal substances had been found at the scene or in the car. As of Monday, he said, there hadn't been any fatalities from the accident.

# County approves loan

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Mr. Miller asked her what kind of loan she was looking at getting from them.

She said she needed between \$5,000 and \$10,000. She said she's put about \$10,000 into it and owes the bank \$5,000 for a six-month balloon note. She said she would like to pay it back to the county over the next five years.

Commissioner Dean Kruse asked her how much exactly she wanted to borrow.

"Five (thousand dollars) will do it," she said. "That way I can pay the bank."

Commissioner Leroy Lang said it was okay with him. He said the

interest rate was around 5 percent. The other commissioners agreed that a \$5,000 loan would be fine.

In other business, the commission:

- Elected Mr. Miller as commission chairman and Mr. Lang as the vice chairman.

- Left the mileage reimbursement rate at 48.5 cents per mile. The federal standard rate has gone down to 44.5 cents per mile, but the commission left it at the increased rate because of rising fuel and maintenance costs.

- Designated *The Norton Telegram* as the official legal publication for county documents.



This photo of Alice Foley, taken three months before her death, was printed in this year's "Images of Aging" calendar published by the Landon Center on aging.

— Photo by Gabrielle Woodyard

# Woman's picture on aging gets 'mention'

Local photographer, Gabrielle Woodyard, received honorable mention in the "Images of Aging" photo contest sponsored last year by the Landon Center on Aging, Kansas City, Kan. This was the first photography contest she had ever entered.

Mrs. Woodyard took a picture of her husband's grandmother,

Alice Foley on Mrs. Foley's 100th birthday, Sept. 21, 2004. Mrs. Foley died three months after the photo was taken.

The photo, shows Mrs. Foley sitting in a porch swing, tying a scarf on her hair. It is included in a calendar highlighting some of the submitted photos. To see past years winners and for information

about the contest go to the center's website at [www2.kumc.edu/coa](http://www2.kumc.edu/coa) and click on "Images of Aging". The calendars sell for \$5.

The deadline for the next contest is Jan. 31.

Mrs. Woodyard, who prefers taking black and white pictures, is

opening her own photography business. She and her husband Matthew Woodyard, live on the family farm six miles east of Norcatour. She will work out of her home or go to her client's home.

Mrs. Woodyard can be reached at 877-3951.

# Firemen make pizzas for good cause

The Norcatour Fire Department is taking orders for their homemade pizzas.

The 12-inch pizzas come with any combination of toppings, including beef, sausage, pepperoni, Canadian bacon, cheese, mushrooms, green peppers, onion, black olives and sauerkraut.

All orders must be placed by Friday, Jan. 20. The pizzas will be made and delivered on Sunday, Jan. 29.

To order a pizza, contact any of the firemen, including Chief Carl Lyon, Rex Knapp, Darren Wentz, Doug Dempewolf, Galen Wentz, Jeff Roe, Scott Hartzog, Pat Ohare, Troy Wentz, Mark Bailey, Gail Bailey or Ted Hartsough.

The firemen ask that people ordering say whether they want the pizzas delivered hot or frozen.

All money raised will help update fire fighting and safety equipment.



Sheriff's Deputy Jody Enfield took pictures of the damage to Maxine Brooks' 1994 Mercury Sable caused in an accident Thursday.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

# No one injured in Norton accident Thursday

An accident Thursday left nothing injured but two cars.

At 4:04 p.m., Maxine Brooks, 87, Norton, pulled out from Second St. onto U.S. 36 in front of a 1998 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Sally Hipwell, 21, North Platte,

and hit the Lumina with her 1994 Mercury Sable, said a report by the Norton Police Department.

Several members of the Norton County Sheriff's Department arrived at the scene to help with traffic control.

Neither Ms. Brooks nor Ms. Hipwell were injured in the accident and both were wearing seat belts.

Damage is estimated to be over \$1,000.

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DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
Monday, January 16	1:00-4:00 p.m.	North Platte, McKinley Ed Center, Multi Purpose Room
Tuesday, January 17	9:00 a.m.-noon	Bartley — Legion Hall
Tuesday, January 17	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Norton Public Library
Wednesday, January 18	9:00 a.m.-noon	Arapahoe — Ella Missing Center

Please plan to attend one or more of these meetings. Refreshments will be served.

Call 800-228-1352 for more information. Sponsored by: Ag Valley Cooperative



About "Winning the Game" marketing workshops — "Launch your Pre-Harvest Marketing Plan" is the second in a series of workshops from the University of Minnesota under the "Winning the Game" banner. Each workshop starts with a grain marketing game, where producers make pricing decisions. The games are fun, but more important is learning a practical approach to grain marketing that cuts through the fog of market opinions and commentary to help producers make some common sense decisions.

NOTICE OF 57TH

# Annual Meeting

Monday, January 16, 2006

11:30 A.M.

to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall  
104 S. Wabash, Norton

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 11

\$1.00 PER MEMBER

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