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Friday

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Norton, Kansas

Home of Ruby C. Strayer

Briefly

Sky will light up for national holiday

The tenth annual Norton County Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular will be held at the Prairie Dog State Park, four miles west of Norton, next Tuesday.

Free watermelon will be served beginning at 8 p.m. near the bathhouse at the east end of the park near Sebelius Lake.

Also around 8 p.m., Master of Ceremonies Marvin Matchett will welcome the crowd. Norton Boy Scout Troop No. 181 will present the flag, followed by the National Anthem and then a patriotic message read by Abner Williams.

Just before dark, Troop No. 181 will retire the flag and then the fireworks will begin.

Telegram closed Tuesday for 4th

Although *The Norton Telegram* will be closed on Tuesday for the Fourth of July holiday, all editions of the paper will be delivered next week.

*The Telegram Extra* will go out as usual on Monday, but the Tuesday edition of *The Telegram* will not be delivered until Wednesday.

The staff of *The Telegram* wishes you a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday.

Busing deadline coming soon

The deadline for students who live in Norcatur but attend school in Norton to turn in out-of-district transportation busing applications to the Oberlin School District Office is Thursday, July 15.

The application must be filed in order for Norton buses to be able to pick up students in Norcatur. All students are required to renew applications annually.

Applications may be picked up at either school district office, but must be filed in the Oberlin office.

Weather Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 60s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s with south winds around 10 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms in the evening, then a slight chance of thunderstorms after midnight. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with 30 percent chance of rain.

Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 52, High 86

Wednesday ..... Low 58, High 96

Thursday ..... Low 66, High 97

(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, help us to nurture a forgiving spirit toward others. Teach us to love others as you love us. **Amen**

PUTTING THE BOOM IN KABOOM!



These young men got a head start on celebrating the Fourth of July. Josh Green, Kaenon Keiswetter and Breyer Simmons browsed (left) the aisles of Michelle's Fireworks in the parking lot of Sander Furniture. The Black Cat brand fireworks stand had been operated by Connie (Mizell) Lillich for the last four years. Mrs. Lillich was killed in an automobile accident two weeks ago. Her daughter, Michelle Volgamore, (above) decided to go ahead with the operation of the stand. A portion of the proceeds from the stand will go to Miss Volgamore's mission work. Her stand is just one of many in Norton County selling fireworks in preparation for the Fourth of July on Tuesday.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton County Fair just around the corner

**By KEITH VANSKIKE, County Extension Director**

The 2006 Fair Premium books are available at the Norton County Extension office in the courthouse and some county businesses.

The table of contents and daily schedule is printed in the first few pages.

The 2006 Norton County Fair will run Saturday to Saturday, July 22-29, with the kick off, the Fun Day Horse Show and 4-H Clothing Fashion Revue on Saturday, July 22.

The finalé will be the home-owned carnival and car races held Saturday, July 29.

In addition, Kansas 4-H is celebrating its 100th year across the state.

The dog, cat and hand pet show will be an early pre-fair activity on Monday, July 17, and judging of the 4-H clothing will be done on Tuesday, July 18.

On Saturday, July 22, the 4-H Fashion Revue will be at 7 p.m. and the Fun Day Horse Show at 9 a.m. The 4-H Horse

Show will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, July 24.

Pre-entries for both of the horse shows need to be turned in by Thursday, July 20 in the extension office.

The exotic animal educational exhibit and petting zoo is set for Wednesday, July 26. Pre-entries are needed by July 20 for this exhibition.

Look again this year for the special School Children Division. All youth up to 17 years of age can enter exhibits in foods, textiles and handicrafts, quilts, afghans, flowers, plants, collections, sewing, woodworking, photography, and gardening and models. Other events include the 4-H food sale, Porkburger and Pork Roast Special, Market Animal Sale (with market goats added this year), livestock shows, poultry and rabbit exhibits and shooting sports exhibition.

All Norton County residents are encouraged to check out the listing of classes and plan to enter one or more exhibits at

this year's fair. Exhibits can be entered in a variety of departments and each department has a listing of related classes.

There is a section entitled "Models" for youth and adults who work with model crafts. Models will be entered from noon until 2 p.m. and judged at 2:30 p.m. on Monday.

Entry day for most open class exhibits in the 4-H Building is Tuesday, July 25, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday's entries include 4-H Rockets, 10 to 10:30 a.m.; 4-H and Open Class Art, sketches and drawings, photography, and woodwork and models, 10 a.m. to noon.

Horticulture and Flowers are entered on Wednesday morning.

4-H and Open Class livestock are entered on Tuesday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Swine must be entered by noon.

Open Class Textiles, Handicrafts, and Culinary will be judged at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Culinary can be entered between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Judging of

Coverlets, Home Sewing, and Consultation Judging of Open Class Quilts will be Tuesday afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m.

4-H Entomology, Electric, Geology and Small Engines will be entered and judged at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

4-H Heritage Arts includes articles such as crochet, knitting, needle arts, quilting, macrame and weaving. These will be entered Tuesday and judged from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by 4-H club schedule. The 4-H Crafts and other Skill Arts will be entered and judged Tuesday by schedule from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Special programs include a Bluegrass Gospel Music Concert featuring "Big Al Weekley" on Tuesday, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. Big Al is from Gothenburg, Neb., and has a syndicated radio music show.

Wednesday evening will be the Ranch Rodeo, Porkburger and Roast Hog Special and a free Watermelon Feed, sponsored by the 4-H club.

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July 4th giving some a four-day weekend

**By CAROLYN PLOTTS**

The Fourth of July could rightly be called "The Original National Holiday".

Most Norton County businesses will observe the day by closing their doors. Some are even taking a two-day holiday, when added to the weekend, makes a four-day vacation.

The Norton County Commissioner followed suit with Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and declared Monday a holiday, giving county employees both Monday and Tuesday off. As a county office, the Norton County Health Department will also be closed both days.

All other public offices, including the Norton Public Library will be closed only on Tuesday.

Still there will be plenty of businesses open to serve the needs of area residents.

All county banks will be closed for business Tuesday. Bank of the West will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Countryside Sales and Service Station will be open. Time Saver is open from 5 a.m. to midnight and Love's and Norton Total are both open 24/7.

Almena Market and Country Corner in Lenora have both opted to close for the Fourth. Jamboree Foods will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Norton Shop and Save will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Area eateries that will be closed Monday and Tuesday are Attitudes, Hidden Dragon Chinese Restaurant, K & S Center, Whitefield's Coffee House and The

Cardinal Bar and Grill, Norcatur. Pure Prairie Natural Foods will be closed Tuesday only. Adventures in Eating will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; McDonald's from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Town and Country Kitchen from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Dairy Queen from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Pizza Hut/Taco Bell, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m..

O'Brien's Bar and Grill will be open Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Norton Theatre will be open Tuesday showing "Superman Returns" and "Click". Showtime is 7 p.m.

Both pharmacies in town will be closed Tuesday but both discount stores will be open. Pamida's hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dollar General will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Farmer's Market

now operating on Thursdays

The Norton County Farmer's Market began Thursday.

The location for the market is the main west entrance to Elmwood Park, south side of the entrance row of cotton trees. It will be held every Thursday morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. until the first killing frost in the fall.

The Farmer's Market allows local produce growers an opportunity to

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