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## Friday

August 11, 2006

# Twister tears up Colby

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Wayne Elson

## Briefly

### Archery club

### sponsoring shoot

The Norton Archery Club will be holding a 3D Shoot on Sunday, Aug. 20.

The shoot will have a trickle start from 10 a.m. to noon at the Norton Prairie Dog State Park archery range, north of the west shower house in the northwest corner of the park. Scoring is optional.

The shoot will cost \$5 per round.

For more information, call John Baker at 877-3253 or Randy West at 877-5269.

### Women host

### teachers' breakfast

The United Methodist Women of Norton will host a Back-To-School breakfast for all the teachers and personnel in the Norton schools from 7:30-8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 17, in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church.

This is an annual event for teachers, administrators and employees of Norton schools to welcome them to the new school year.

### Annual picnic

### welcomes teachers

The public is invited to the annual teachers picnic at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Elmwood Park. Guests will be the faculty and staff of the Norton school district.

This event is sponsored by the Norton Lions Club, Norton Community Schools and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. Members of those organizations and returning teachers are asked to bring a salad and a dessert. Fried chicken, rolls and drinks will be furnished.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Clear, breezy and mild with SE winds 8-18. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a few clouds, windy and hot, High 96, Low 65. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and not as hot. A chance of storms. **Monday** — Partly cloudy and warm with a chance of storms. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy and hot. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy and hot with chance of a few storms. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy and hot.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 67, High 97, 1" Prec.  
Wednesday ..... Low 71, High 101  
Thursday .... Low 70, High 89, Trace Prec.  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

God of all the world, help us to look beyond color, race, culture, and status and to love our neighbors as you first loved us. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



A tornado Monday evening loomed over the south part of Colby. The tornado touched down at about 6:50 p.m. near the Interstate 70 and Highway 25 intersection. Damage and injuries were reported where the tornado touched down including Oasis Travel, Southwind Plaza, Taylor Motors and Comfort Inn. According to the National Weather Service in Goodland, the last tornado close to Colby was July 21, 1996.

— Photo courtesy of Jaylea Black

# Tornado hits southern part of community

By PATTY DECKER  
Colby Free Press

Monday's tornado took people by surprise, but fortunately no major injuries were reported and the majority of damage was confined to Southwind Plaza and Comfort Inn's pool.

Both locations are near the Interstate 70 and Highway 25 intersection where the tornado touched down at 6:50 p.m.

Tuffy Taylor, co-owner of Southwind Plaza and Taylor Motors, said he had looked at the sky about five minutes before the tornado actually touched down.

"My son-in-law, Brandon (Booi) yelled to me 'tornado!' and I said, 'where?' The

next thing I saw was flying debris," he said.

"It happened so fast and then it was gone," he said. "The whole situation didn't really sink in until 10 p.m. that night."

Taylor and his wife, Linda, said they were grateful the only damage was to material things and no people were seriously injured.

An estimated 15 to 20 vehicles at Taylor Motors were damaged from broken windows, windshields to body dents.

The directory sign on the corner of Southwind's lot was destroyed.

"We figure the sign alone will be over

\$50,000 to replace," he said.

Other residents also spoke about the tornado and what they were doing at the time.

Shelley Barton was shopping with her daughter, Shanna Cooksey of Colby and two of her grandchildren, Brooklyn and Nichelle, in Wal-Mart.

"We had been shopping for about 30 minutes in Wal-Mart when over the loudspeaker we were told there was a Code Black," she said. "We knew it was a tornado, but that was about it."

Everyone was asked to go to the center of the store and within 30 minutes customers were allowed to leave.

Barton said it was frustrating because she couldn't see what was going on, but she was thankful her family was safe.

"We had just gotten done eating at about 6:40 p.m.," said Jaylea Black, 14, a freshman at Colby High School. "I was in the backyard and looked to the south and there was the tornado," she said.

Black said she remembers a bigger years ago, which was the first she had ever witnessed.

"I was really surprised to see it, in fact I had seen it before the sirens started to go off," she said. "I went in and told my mom and grandfather and about that time the

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## Arts and crafts fair coming to Logan

The spotlight will be on Logan as it gears up for the 33rd annual Hansen Arts & Crafts Fair on Sept. 16. The event is sponsored by the Hansen Museum and attracts crafters from Kansas and surrounding states. Called a "shopper's paradise," family and friends rally together for the event at the Hansen Plaza Square on Logan's Main Street.

Crafters check in at pre-dawn in preparation for the 10 a.m. opening. Food vendors line two sides of the square along with clowns, a 22-ft. slide, an obstacle

course, Enchanted Castle and a rock climbing wall. Food will consist of hamburgers, brauts, turkey and noodles, sloppy joes, homemade pies, kettle corn, homemade ice cream, bierocks, sno cones, eggrolls, crab ragoons and more. If you start the day hungry, you won't be for long, organizers promise.

Area radio personality, Tad Felts (Tadpole) will again man the announcement booth. This is his 31st year as master of ceremonies.

The museum gallery features "No Guts,

No Glory," the black and white rodeo photographs from Museum Presentation Associates. This is a 50-photograph exhibit by Louise Serpa of Tucson, Ariz. Local artist Bill Foster's "Horse Gear," is on display and the gallery's honored "Artist of the Month," Joyce Underwood, has a fine selection of stained glass.

Two stages with live bands will be performing at various times during the day. "Heartland" and "Wild Clover" will be providing the entertainment. These bands

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## Valley Hope is setting up for Alkathon

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Valley Hope Association will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, 104 S. Wabash, in Norton.

The annual meeting is being held in conjunction with the Norton Valley Hope's 39th Annual Alkathon which is set for Saturday, Aug. 19.

During the meeting, the membership will elect members to the board of directors and receive reports on the operation of the association.

Association members include lifetime members of the Valley Hope Association Foundation or anyone who has donated \$15 or more to the Foundation within the last year.

Alkathon festivities include award presentations, speakers, fellowship, a buffet and a silent auction. Registration begins at noon at Norton Valley Hope. At 1 p.m. a "Freedom Drive" to the Parish Center will lead attendees to the day's festivities which will get underway at 1:30 p.m.

The theme for the celebration is "Light

The Path."

Board of director members are: John Cumings, chairman, Littleton, Colo.; Pat George, vice-chairman, Dodge City; Ada Arford, treasurer, Almena; Michael Carr, secretary, Oklahoma City; Jack Andrews, Lincoln, Neb.; John McClymont, Norton; Jeffrey Wheeler, Colorado Springs; Doug Sebelius, Norton; Dr. Merlynn Colip, Norton; and Dave Hill, Baldwin City.

Jim Danielson is a lifetime member emeritus.

## Music ensemble playing in Logan Saturday

The Prairie Winds Brass Ensemble will present a concert at the Hansen Plaza in Logan at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The program will include several vocal selections by Megan Clements.

The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy an hour of varied selections, including sacred, old favorites and a Vivaldi Concerto for Two Trumpets.

The group, which is completing its fifth season under director Bob Stutterheim, plays church services throughout the area. This summer they played services at St. John's Catholic Church, the Christian Church and the Methodist Church in Logan.

They also played at St. Phillip and James Catholic Church, the Methodist and Christian Churches in Phillipsburg, Emmanuel Lutheran

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