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Briefly

Junior high to hold open house

The Norton Junior High School Open House will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday at the school. Parents are encouraged to meet their children's teachers, learn what is expected of their children, learn how the grading system works and ask questions. Mr. Mills and Ms. Ross will welcome the parents at 7 p.m. in the Junior High Gymnasium. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

Scrimmage for football moved

The food drive scrimmages for the Norton Community High School football team on Saturday morning have been moved to the practice football fields at the intersection of North Second and West Warsaw streets. The time schedule will remain the same with the pictures of the high school football team beginning at 8 a.m. and the scrimmage at 8:30 a.m. The junior high team will scrimmage at 8 a.m. and an eighth and ninth grade scrimmage is planned for later in the morning. Admission is a canned good, non-perishable food item, laundry or dish soap or deodorant for God's Pantry in Norton.

Jennings gets ready for firemen

Jennings is gearing up for their annual "Firemen's Fun Day" Saturday. The theme of this year's parade is "Small Towns Pullin' Together". The parade is open to anyone. Line up is from noon until 12:30 p.m. Other activities besides the parade include a health fair, a cake walk, kolaches, kids' games, a horseshoe tournament, a hog roast, an auction, and a street dance with a live band.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely. Chance of rain 70 percent. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the lower 80s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Sunday** — Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 61, High 83
Wednesday Low 62, High 95
Thursday Low 64, High 98
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for your presence in our lives. We know that your word is true and that we can trust you to take care of us in difficult situations. **Amen**

It's all about animal care



As a way to say "thanks" to all their customers, Dr. Aaron White (left) and Dr. Sarah White (above) of Norton Animal Health Center held a customer appreciation day Wednesday. There were door prizes and, of course, barbecued food (below) that anyone who stopped by could enjoy. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Business gets help from county

By TOM DREILING

A small downtown business will be receiving some help from the Rural Small Business Enterprise Fund. That was good news for Tom Montoia, owner of Norton Cleaners and Laundry, thanks to action taken by the Norton County Commissioners at their Aug. 21 meeting. Mr. Montoia talked with the commissioners about the possibility of obtaining a loan from the fund. He said the loan would cover the expense of repairing operating equipment for the business. After his presentation, and a discussion with Commissioners John Miller, chairman, and Dean Kruse and Leroy Lang, the commissioners agreed to fund the loan from the Small Business Account for a term of five years at five percent interest. The cleaners is located at 206 E. Wash-

ington, just south of the courthouse.

In other business: Elaine Mann, board member of CASA, an organization for child advocacy in the court system, talked to the commissioners about a funding request. She said at this time the county has eight children in the CASA program and that funding is certainly needed to support the children served. Mrs. Mann was seeking up to \$2,500. She also said CASA would like to be part of the county budget in future years. The commission took no action but a decision is expected at a future meeting. Tom Brannan, the county's road and bridge supervisor, gave his weekly report, saying that recent rains have inflicted some damage to county roads and tubes. He said most damage was in the southeast part of the county where the heavier rains

occurred. He said the crews will be working on the damaged areas as well as general road maintenance.

Mr. Brannan said he received the millings contract for the project west of Norton on US-36. He had questions about a clause in the contract which would identify the contractor on the county insurance. The commissioners said that the insurance carrier and the county counselor needed to view the contract prior to acceptance.

Curt Archibald, the county's solid waste director, gave his weekly report, during which he reviewed with the commissioners an enclosed trailer that was located in Omaha. He said the trailer would be to replace the one that was damaged a couple of months ago. The commissioners took no action at this time.

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Council looks into agreement for tower

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council is checking into a possible agreement with Nex-Tech, which would allow them to put radio communications equipment on the water tower.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said she has reviewed the lease agreement, which would last for five years. She said she is still waiting for comparative information from other cities which have allowed something like this.

She said their insurance would cover any damage done to the water tower, which was caused by the equipment. But, she wanted to know if they would pay for the electricity they would use.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said a separate meter would be installed and

Nex-Tech would be billed for their electrical usage.

Mrs. Griffiths said there is no place in town zoned for cellular towers and thought that the Planning Commission could review this.

Also, she said, she would like to meet with the Finance Committee on Monday, Aug. 28 to talk about several things that need to be clarified in the agreement.

In other business, the council:

- Adopted Ordinance 1554, after waiving the formal third reading. The ordinance allows for private garages to be built on single lots within city limits.

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- Heard from Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn that Officer Caleb Cox has finished his field training and will be attending the state academy in October.

- Were reminded by Councilman Jerry Jones that the Parks Committee will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28 at the tennis courts.

- Approved the 2007 budget. A hearing was held last Tuesday and there was no public comment.

- Waived the formal three readings for and then adopted Ordinance 1556, which incorporates the 2006 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas cities.

- Waived the formal three readings for and then adopted Ordinance 1557, which incorporates the 2006 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas cities.

Rain ended Relay for Life a bit early

Last Friday, the Norton County Relay For Life committee saw a large crowd gather at Elmwood Park to show their support for the numerous cancer survivors and their families as they walked the beginning lap. The Survivor Lap was led by Sgt. Joe Leroux of the Norton National Guard as he carried the American flag.

Approximately 400 luminaries had been placed along the route in the park but Friday night's torrential rains about 7:30 p.m. washed them away before the lighting ceremony which had been planned for 10 p.m. However, as the walkers huddled under the shelter of the grandstands, the names were read of those being honored or remembered.

Guest speaker, Crista Rhoades, shared her experiences in dealing with cancer and her treatment.

The continued rain forced the cancellation of the rest of the event but not before team members helped pick up and store away tents, tables and supplies.

Even though the event was canceled, teams still turned in \$10,000 in donations. This money will be used by the American Cancer Society to continue research and to assist those dealing with cancer.

Corporate sponsors for the event included United Northwest Federal Credit Union, New Age Industrial (Continued on Page 5)