

Tuesday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Mike Coffey

Briefly Spa extending a helping hand

Chad and Kim Snyder, owners of Bella Sole spa, 212 Pearl St., are dedicating Tuesday and Wednesday to relief efforts for Greensburg tornado victims. All money raised for services will go to meet the needs of people in Greensburg and the surrounding area. Services at Bella Sole those two days will be on a cash basis. Customers with paid-in-advance purchases are asked to use those services after Wednesday.

The Snyders are challenging all Norton and Norton County businesses, churches and individuals to match contributions.

Cash donations may be sent to the Greensburg Relief Fund, in care of Haviland State Bank, P.O. Box 348, Haviland, Kan. 67059.

'Braids' ready to be picked up

All youth who sold Butter Braids bread as a fund raiser for the Norton American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) are asked to pick up their orders at 5 p.m. Thursday at Redeemer Lutheran Church. If you ordered bread braids, it will be delivered soon.

Refresher course is being held

Colby Community College will offer a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Intravenous Therapy course beginning June 18 on the college's campus. The course is designed for LPNs and registered nurses needing a refresher course.

The class will meet from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 18-22 in the Health Sciences building, Room 809. Registration will be at 8:45 a.m., Monday, June 18 in the classroom. Cost for the course is \$300, including book and IV pack. The course is worth three college credits.

The class, taught by Shelly Rodenbeck, will be limited to the first 10 students. Prerequisites include a current Kansas LPN license and proof of malpractice coverage.

For more information or a registration form, call Mary Herbel, 785-460-5427.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 46. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 80. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 49. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 81. **Thursday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 51.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 56, High 74
Saturday Low 59, High 83, .40 Rain
Sunday Low 51, High 72, .10 Rain
Monday Low 47, High 71

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

Prayer

Almighty God, help us to trust you, in life and in death. **Amen**

Strike one for a good cause



Roger Archer got the ball rolling for the New Age team at Sunday's Bowl for Kids Sake at Rainbow Lanes in Norton. The event is one of Big Brothers

Big Sisters' major fundraisers for the year. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Bowling helps Norton County children

By VERONICA MONIER
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The kids of Norton County got a strike in their favor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser.

The event was put together by co-directors Jill Lively and Mary Kay Woodyard and other volunteers.

Mrs. Woodyard said at least 16 teams bowled at Rainbow Lanes Sunday and raised between \$6,000 and \$7,000 for the program. But, she said, more will be com-

ing in as they have extended the campaign to the end of May, giving people who haven't donated yet a chance to do so.

"There was a great turnout," she said about the event. "The people who came had a great time and were enthusiastic about the kids. It's not really about bowling, it's about the kids."

She said they have 31 "littles" who are matched, and another 33 on the waiting list who need "big" volunteers to match with.

With the money raised at Bowl for Kids Sake, she said they will be able to add about six or seven new "bigs" to their list. Each community match costs the organization about \$1,000. The money goes towards extensive background check and case management services for the first year.

"We're very careful with our matches," she said. "We want to make sure each match is right for both the big and little."

Mrs. Woodyard said Bowl for Kids

Sake is one of the organization's major fundraisers. Another is the dinner/dance. But, she said, they have a couple more in the works for which people should watch.

In addition to donations, Big Brothers and Big Sisters is always looking for community-based or site-based volunteers. Both need to be at least 16-years-old and will have to give references. Site-based volunteers meet their "little" at a specific place, like the Norton Rec Center, and

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In wake of deadly tornado Norton resident urges help

By TOM DREILING
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Norton resident Jim Maddy has already sent in his check to help the cause following the deadly and destructive tornado that struck Greensburg and Kiowa County last Friday night. He urges other residents of Norton County to do likewise.

"The area is very familiar to me," Mr. Maddy said, "as I harvested in that area for 30 years. It is a good community, much like Norton."

Mr. Maddy recalled knowing an elderly gentleman by the name of Harold Clark who lived at Greensburg. Mr. Clark worked years ago for the *Norton County Champion*.

"I don't know if he made it or not, but I did find out his house was gone," Mr. Maddy said.

"There are hundreds of good people in the area that lost everything, except the clothes on their backs. I'm sure there will

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Council wants local companies given the opportunity to bid

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton City Council hired BRB Contractors for the water plant project, but wants the company to include local businesses when getting bids.

Chris Miller with Miller and Associates, the city's engineering firm for the water plant renovation project, said they have received both verbal and written approval from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the project plans. Now that they have that approval, he said, they need to provide written no-

tice of award to BRB Contractors for the company's bid of \$3,119,000.

Once that is done, he said it starts the city's time frame on when the project needs to be done. With the notice, everyone can get to work, he said.

Councilman Ron Briery said he had been approached by the local concrete company, S&R Ready Mix, who said BRB hadn't approached them for a bid.

"It's a problem that we award the contract to BRB, when they won't even go ask our Ready Mix for a bid," he said. "We

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Norton volunteer firemen fought for two hours to contain a blaze that engulfed a trailer early Saturday morning. — Courtesy photo of Verland Olliff

Fire destroys trailer on Saturday

By VERONICA MONIER
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A fire completely destroyed a trailer early Saturday morning in Norton.

Fire Chief Mitch Jones said they received a call at 2:15 a.m. Saturday morning to respond to a call at 107 Echo Acres. When they arrived, he said a trailer, owned by Alan Taylor, was completely engulfed in flames.

It took three fire trucks and 17 men about two hours to put out the blaze. Both the trailer and its contents were considered a total loss.

Chief Jones said the fire's cause is undetermined at this time, but it is be-

lieved to have started in the east, or back, end of the trailer.

There were no injuries and they managed to keep the fire contained.

"We had a bit of a wind problem, but except for a little scorching on the tree row, the fire didn't spread," he said. "The guys did a great job keeping it contained. With the wind, it could have spread pretty easily."

Chief Jones said he appreciated the help of the Norton County Emergency Medical Service for being on stand-by and the Norton Police Department for directing traffic on the highway.