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Briefly

Hospital's board meets Wednesday

The Norton County Hospital's Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room. The meeting, as is the case for all public bodies, is open to the public. The agenda includes: March meeting minutes; medical staff credentialing and appointment; policies review and approval; CAH annual report; approval of bills; statistical/financial reports; fiscal year 2009 budget; renovation progress; insurance update; network affiliations; personnel report; board member reports; CEO report; and other business.

Annual pie sale Thursday event

The annual pie sale sponsored by Mid-Century Federated Club, will be held Thursday at the Norton Senior Citizens Center. Pie sales begin at 9:30 a.m. and members ask everyone to respect that time, so they may have time to get ready. Each slice of pie is \$1.50 and the coffee is free. Proceeds go to help fund club projects.

Blood drive begins at 7 a.m. Thursday

The American Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Drive from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday at the Norton Correctional Facility. *O negative* donors are especially needed. Reports are that *O negative* supplies are down all across the country. If you can donate, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule your appointment. While walk-in donors are welcome, those with appointments will be given priority.

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Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 46. **Wednesday** — A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 61. **Wednesday Night** — A chance of rain showers, mixing with snow after 1 a.m. **Thursday** — A chance of rain and snow before 10 a.m.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 31, High 48
3" Snow; .20 Rain
Saturday Low 35, High 52, .05 Rain
Sunday Low 26, High 57
Monday Low 27, High 69
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O Lord, you promise never to leave us or forsake us. Whatever today brings, help us to realize that you are close beside us. **Amen**



The new Norton FFA Chapter officers for the coming school year were sworn in by the current officers at the conclusion of the annual banquet. Pictured are, from the left: Emily Juenemann, current historian and new vice-president; Caleb Vanover, new historian; Kyra Fulton, new reporter; Levi Ninemire, current reporter; Wes Georgeson, current vice-president;

Tim Becker, current president; Sara Campbell, current secretary; Hannah Fulton, current treasurer and new president; Jessica Reeves, new treasurer; Christopher Maddy, current sentinel and new secretary; Ashley Esslinger, new sentinel.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Annual banquet honors FFA members

By DICK BOYD
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The Norton Community High School FFA Chapter capped off another outstanding year with their 2007-08 banquet on Saturday, April 5 in the junior high gym in Norton.

A total of 175 members, parents and guests were in attendance to recognize the FFA Chapter and individual members for their accomplishments.

Prior to the banquet, those attending were invited to the shop to view many of the projects crafted by the chapter members this year.

Many accomplishments

With many of the District contests completed for the year, the Norton FFA Chapter has placed first in seven, second in two and third in one.

The chapter placed first in the District Land and Homesite Evaluation, Greenhand Conference, Leadership School, Public Speaking, Agribusiness Sales, Job Interview and Ag Mechanics; second in Senior Division District Dairy and Meats Judging and third in Poultry Judging.

The chapter also placed fourth in Regional Land Judging, which is a state contest.

Chapter advisor Garrett Beydler had nothing but praise for this year's accomplishments by the Norton FFA Chapter. He said it was a great year for judging by the Norton members who won the District Judging Sweepstakes Award.

Mr. Beydler told about the good points of each member with emphasis on the senior class. He said this year's seniors won more district contests than any other group he has had in his 24 years as Norton's FFA advisor. They won back-to-back District Sweepstakes awards. This year's seniors are: Tim Becker, Wes Georgeson, Carson Braun, Sara Campbell, Kayla Cook, Kyle Edgett, Layne Graham, Galen Hildebrand, Scotty Marx, Clay McMullen, Levi Ninemire, Sydney Cliff, Patt Shaffer and



Prior to the annual Norton FFA Banquet, those in attendance were invited into the shop to view projects crafted by chapter members during the year. Above, looking at a pickup flatbed made by Levi Ninemire are, from left, his father Jim, and Deb and Bryan Keiswetter, who was the Norton FFA president in 1980 and presented one of the awards at the banquet.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Hey, kids; looks like a circus is coming to town

By TOM DREILING
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The circus is coming. That word surfaced in the Norton City Council agenda for Wednesday's meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Kathy Zimmerman, representing the Norton Rotary Club, will seek the council's approval to bring a circus to town for performances in the park.

Also, at Wednesday's meeting — under new business — plaques will be presented to departing council members — Jerry Jones and Jim Williams.

The oath of office will be given to the new council members — Toby Kuhn and Jeff Otter.

The meeting will also see election of the council president, committee, board and other appointments, discuss future goals for the city, present a proclamation declaring April 13-19 as "Week of the Young Child," and consider appointments to the Norton Housing Authority.

Old business includes third reading of Ordinance #1573, designating a stop

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Outgoing councilman offers some advice

By TOM DREILING
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Departing Norton City Councilman Jerry Jones had some good words for the city's police department, and also passed along some thoughts on other issues facing the council at its April 2 meeting, held one day after Mr. Jones lost his reelection bid.

Mr. Jones, Ward 1, said he thinks Norton has a police department to be proud of and that Pat Morel is doing a good job as its chief.

Additionally:

- Mr. Jones hopes the Public Safety Committee will continue to work on the Safe Ride program;
- The new council needs to seriously consider a new fire truck;

ing the meal.

This year's chapter officers are: Tim Becker, president; Wes Georgeson, vice-president; Sara Campbell, secretary; Hannah Fulton, treasurer; Levi Ninemire, reporter; Christopher Maddy, sentinel; Emily Juenemann, historian.

The officers presided over the meeting. President Becker welcomed everyone to the banquet and Vice-President

Georgeson gave the invocation.

Parents' response

Following the delicious meal, Trent Richmond gave the parents' response.

He compared the Norton FFA to winning sports programs. "This is March Madness time in college basketball and a time when the elite programs such as the Kansas Jayhawks are in the spotlight and

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residents pay taxes to the city and the only service they receive in return is trash removal. The homeowners, according to Mrs. Carlyle, aren't asking for curb and gutter.

Norman Nelson, entering the conversation, said they need a 21 foot wide chip and seal. The plat shows the street is 40 feet wide. Mr. Nelson reasoned that as more homes are built on the west circle, it might need to be adjusted to make the new homes fit appropriately, and that it would not need to be chip sealed now. He said there are no drainage issues and there is a good base established.

It was mentioned that there would be a 6- or 7-foot area in front of each home that

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Booster shots given in Norton, Alma schools

Norton and Northern Valley students got a chance to get free tetanus boosters on Friday courtesy of the Rotary Club and the county health department.

County Health Nurse Gina Frack helped staff nurse Jenda Jones give shots to 35 students in Norton and six in Alma at Northern Valley. The shots, which normally cost \$29.32 at the health department office, were provided free to students in the eighth-grade and up at the

schools. The Norton Rotary Club paid for the vaccine, \$19.32 per shot, and the health department donated the time and materials, which normally costs \$10 per shot.

Ms. Jones said that students have to have the shot before entering kindergarten. However, a booster is needed after 10 years so most students need another shot when they are in the eighth grade or so. That's the population being targeted by

the booster campaign, she said.

Before a student can be immunized, however, he or she has to have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. School health nurse Vicki Enfield was a tremendous help getting the forms out to the parents and getting them back for the health department, Ms. Jones said.

The Norton Rotary Club has been donating money and helping with the vaccinations for three years.