



Tuesday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Kyle Jones

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Briefly

Hospital board to
meet Wednesday

The Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at the hospital. Items on the agenda are: Board of Trustee appointments and reappointments; corporate compliance confidentiality inservice; bill approval; statistical/financial reports; economic conditions review; radiology equipment proposal; written-off accounts; CAH annual report approval; personnel report; quality improvement summaries; patient survey summary; board member reports; chief financial officer report; and confidential risk management report. The meeting is open to the public.

Booster Club set
for public meeting

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to attend and hear reports from head boys basketball coach Doug Reusink, head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and head wrestling coach Bill Johnson. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend.

Progress reports
ready for parents

Progress reports for students in Norton will be sent home Wednesday. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 25, and there will be no school that day.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 24. Northwest wind around 15 mph. Wednesday - Mostly cloudy with a high near 36. Wednesday night - Partly cloudy with a low around 17. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high near 43. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 19.

Kingham report:

Fri., Feb. 13... Low 26, High 34, 4" Snow
Sat., Feb. 14..... Low 9, High 33
Sun., Feb. 15..... Low 17, High 37
Mon., Feb. 16 Low 21, High 51
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for loving us, for guiding us through life's pitfalls, and for strengthening us in uncertain times. **Amen**



Representative John Faber, far left, spoke with Frank Otter, New Almero, Saturday morning after the question and answer session, while Senator Ralph Ostmeier, far right, talked with Norton Correctional Facility Warden Jay Shelton. Ostmeier and Faber held a town hall meeting at the American Legion.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Concerns expressed at meeting
Senator, Representative comment, field questions

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State Representative John Faber and Senator Ralph Ostmeier faced questions from a good sized crowd of Norton County residents Saturday morning at the American Legion. A goodly number of those on hand were employees of the Norton Correctional Facility, including Warden Jay Shelton.

Interest in the correctional facility's

future sparked the turn out for the meeting, originally scheduled for the Town and Country Kitchen, but moved to the American Legion to accommodate the attendance.

Rep. Faber did not guarantee the Norton Correctional Facility would not close, and said that if cuts deepen, it could be a possibility. He said Topeka is looking at what they can do if the stimulus package gets passed, but that Kansas should not

spend the money on building programs, and instead on roads, education and public safety. He said Topeka looks at closing the prisons as a public safety issue, but for Norton County, it's an economic development issue.

"I am working to keep schools, transportation and public safety solid," he said.

Sen. Ostmeier said the legislature is talking about drastic cuts, and said, "If

you have a job, you're lucky. We're going to have to work through this." He noted that the Stockton facility has not been shut down, just "mothballed." He told Norton School District Superintendent Greg Mann that salaries may have to be cut, and noted that New Age Industrial and Natoma had both laid off employees. He stressed strongly that he is listening to

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'Pink' supports county teacher

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Staci Montgomery, who has been a Northern Valley teacher for the past 16 years, was diagnosed with breast cancer last May. Throughout the summer, she underwent radiation treatments, and finished with them just in time to start teaching at the beginning of this school year.

The Northern Valley Student Council decided to do something for Mrs. Montgomery — a day of pink to show their support.

"Several other schools have done a pink day Breast cancer awareness day on a game night and our students wanted to do something for Mrs. Montgomery," said Monica Wilson, Northern Valley Student Council sponsor.

The students decided on "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" for the theme, and timed it out so it would fall on the Friday before Valentine's Day, and also on a high school basketball game day, though due to weather, the basketball game had to be re-scheduled to Feb. 20.

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Staci Montgomery, a teacher at Northern Valley High School, went over an assignment with students Steven Brown and Staci Dole last Friday during Pink day. Mrs. Montgomery is a breast cancer survivor, and to show their support, the student body came up with "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" day. Friday night the basketball players will wear pink knee-high socks during their game to show their support.

- Courtesy photo

An expert's work



R. W. Yeager adjusted the stained-glass art he made for placement in the old Kent Oil Station on South State after the building is finished.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Bowl player invite official

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A special school assembly was held in Norton's NCHS Stull Gymnasium last Wednesday for junior high and high school students, teachers, parents, coaches and fans to witness the official invitation to Blue Jay senior Zac Dreher to play in the 39th annual 2009 Kansas Shrine Bowl all-star football game.

Zac was chosen by the Kansas news media as one of 34 players on the West team which will compete against the East squad of Kansas senior football players in the annual game on July 25 in Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

A 6-foot-2-inch, 195 pound senior linebacker-tight end, Zac was a first team All-Mid-Continent League linebacker the past three years and first team selection by the large newspapers of Kansas as well as the Kansas High School Coaches Association.

In his prep career for the Norton Blue Jays, Zac recorded 262.5 tackles and lettered all four years.

He is also an honor student and a member of the National Honor Society.

"Thank you to the Shrine Bowl representatives for coming to Norton to provide this presentation," said Norton

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