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## Briefly

### Meals on Wheels schedule released

Community volunteers will deliver Meals on Wheels this week. Contact Alice Hawks, 877-3351, for more information. The American Legion Auxiliary will deliver July 19–25. Contact Marcia Wiltfong, 877-2459. The Norton Lions Club will deliver July 19–Aug. 1. Contact Jon Boxler, 877-5128, for more information. Each group must have three people, each with their own car, to deliver the noon meal. Volunteers should report at 11:30 a.m.

### Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting set

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County invites the public to a community meeting, scheduled for July 21 at 7 p.m. at the Norton Public Library.

The agency, which has been operating in Norton County since 2001, will present information about its operations and outline different ways residents can get involved and help support the organization. Founded in 1904, Big Brothers Big Sisters is the nation's oldest and largest one-on-one mentoring organization. Independent research indicates that children who are matched with a mentor in the program are more confident in their school work, less likely to skip school and less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol.

For more information about the community meeting, contact the agency at 785-874-4200.



## MARKETS

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WHEAT.....\$4.09  
MILO.....\$3.00  
SOYBEANS.....\$9.47  
CORN.....\$3.35

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Local Weather

**Wed 7/14** 97/64

Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

**Thu 7/15** 91/66

Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.

**Fri 7/16** 96/67

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

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## Kingham report:

Friday, July 9 .....Low 56, High 92  
Saturday, July 10 .....Low 64, High 92  
Sunday, July 11 .....Low 64, High 95  
Monday, July 12 .....Low 55, High 88  
40 Rain; Some Hail  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Thank you, God, for providing what we need. May we rest and again be filled with your spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen



## Annual car show a success

The seventh annual Norton Classic Cruisers Car Show and Drag Races were held Friday and Saturday in downtown Norton. (Above) An estimated 170 cars were entered into the car show, held at courthouse square on Saturday. (Right) Scott Ellis, Norton, participated in the drag races, held at the Norton Airport at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

—Telegram photos by Erica Bradley and Dana Paxton



## County commission approves purchase

By ERICA BRADLEY

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The Norton County Commissioners approved a bid for a 911 console for the Sheriff's Office, at an estimated \$68,000, during yesterday's meeting.

Sheriff Troy Thomson told the commissioners it was time to make a decision regarding the console. By 2013, he said, emergency services across the state will be required to switch to narrowband radios.

"I think we need to get the ball rolling. We need to have this done by Dec. 31, 2010," Thomson said.

The commission discussed the bids, saying the Nex-Tech bid for \$68,000 would be best because it included

eight radios and 24 channels.

A motion was made to approve the Nex-Tech bid. Vote taken, motion passed.

Thomson said the 911 grant is paying for 62 percent of the new console. Norton County will pay \$25,968.

In an interview after the meeting, Thomson said the console they are currently using is 15 years old. The new one, he said, will comply with the mandate.

"By 2013, all radios for emergency services will have to be narrowband capable," he said.

The commission also discussed emergency warning systems in the county.

"I've had a lot of positive comments about Code Red,"

said Commissioner John Miller.

In other commission business:

- Norton County Health Department Administrator Gina Frack reported on the Beta Project site visit. She said representatives from various state and federal public health agencies will be in Norton on July 21 and 22.

The commissioners presented Frack with a plaque from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the department's work distributing the H1N1 vaccine.

- Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor

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## New physician will join hospital staff

By AMY GRIFFEY

Special to The Telegram

Norton County Hospital will welcome a new physician to its staff soon, Martin K. Griffey, D.O. will join its medical staff. Board eligible in internal medicine, Dr. Griffey will begin practicing at the hospital and the Doctors Clinic on July 21. An internal medicine physician, also called an internist, is specialized in the care of the adult population. An internist also receives additional training in treating hospitalized and critical care patients.

"Dr. Griffey joins three physicians and three mid-level practitioners on the medical staff at the Norton County Hospital and Doctors Clinic," stated Rich Miller, Norton County Hospital CEO. "Having an internal medicine specialist available with the family practice and surgical specialists provides the opportunity for

extensive primary care coverage for the Norton area and surrounding communities," he said.

Dr. Griffey graduated from Norton Community High School in 1985 and from Barton County Community College. From there, he went on to graduate from Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, with a bachelor of science degree. Dr. Griffey continued his training at the Baptist School of Medical Technology in Little Rock, Arkansas and went on to complete the physician assistant program at Wichita State University in the fall of 2000.

Dr. Griffey is a graduate of the Kansas (Internist - Continued on Page 5)



Martin Griffey

## Cyclists for Change arrive in Norton for a good cause

By HARRIETT GILL  
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Cyclist for Change bicyclists rode into Norton yesterday, where they completed almost half of their journey to Key West to raise awareness for poverty. Father Matt said the team is more than 2,000 miles into their 5,000 mile journey to Key West. The trip is planned to take 100 days and Monday was the 45th day. Monday's ride was from Atwood to Norton, a 62 mile ride.

"Our trip will end in Key West, and so far we are on schedule," said Father Matt. "We had a good ride today, it was good day to ride a bike."

The bicycle trek started Memorial Day and will end 5,000 miles and 100 days later in Key West, Fl. The trip is to raise awareness of poverty across the nation and point to some solutions.



Cyclist for Change participants rode into Norton yesterday where they made a pit stop at Hillcrest Motel.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill