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## Briefly

### Battle of the Badge is set for Thursday

Battle of the Badge, Norton Community Blood Drive will be held on Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Norton County 4-H Building, 126 E. Park Street. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment.

### Moran town hall meeting at hospital

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran will host a town hall meeting, as part of his Kansas Listening Tour, at the Norton County Hospital in the lower level conference room on Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### 'Patriotic Fun' at the Norton library

The Norton Public Library will present "Patriotic Fun" for children on Thursday at 10:30 a.m., and again at 2 p.m. Come join the Fizz, Boom, Fun!

### 'Snack Night' will be on Thursday

Fun Night for Teens at the library will be on Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. "Snack Night" is the featured program. Seventh through 12th graders are invited to create their own snacks and do other activities. Ingredients will be provided.

## Tractor goes up in smoke!



The Norton Rural Fire Department responded to a tractor fire Thursday night at Marvin Stutheit's farm just north of town. Nine firefighters were at the scene and got the fire extinguished. Rural Fire Chief

Steve Otter said the cause of the fire is undetermined at this time, but it was possibly electrical. The tractor is a complete loss.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## 4-H Building gets several upgrades

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The Norton County 4-H Building is being upgraded to make it more attractive and user friendly for future use. The 4-H Building Maintenance Committee has been working on the project for several months now and expect its completion in late July.

The facility will undergo three significant upgrades; new ceiling, sound system and internet access.

The old ceiling will be removed and replaced with new two-by-four acoustic tiles, and insulation will be added between the ceiling and the roof. Committee Chairman Gil Otter said the new ceiling will make a big difference.

"There was dead air space between the ceiling and the roof. There was no insulation, just tile ceiling," Otter said.

"The insulation and tiles will make the building more energy efficient. It's a real asset and it makes the place look much cleaner."

And, even though insulation is being added the ceiling won't have to be lowered, according to Otter. The contractor for the ceiling project is Steve Nelson of Nelson Bros. Construction.

The second upgrade called for a new sound system for the building. The old system was very outdated. The new system will be permanently wall-mounted, user friendly and will support docking devices. K-State Extension Specialist Keith Van Skike said the facility will have a new stereo, amplifier and speakers. The sound system will be accessible for use but will be protected by lock and key.

The third upgrade is still in the

works, but Otter said the 4-H Building will have internet access soon.

"Different organizations want to use the building for educational purposes and they want internet access, so we're looking into it," VanSkike said.

A year ago new lights were installed in the building, and according to Van Skike, the high intensity lighting tripled the amount of light and will last longer than the previous lights. He also said there have been repairs to the roof and parking lot, and new PVC tubing and plumbing has been installed in the bathrooms.

"The building has been well taken care of," Van Skike said. "It's a nice facility."

The 4-H Building is used 150-175 times per year for events and educational classes, and is an integral part

of the Norton County Fair. Not all that use the facility pay a fee, but Van Skike said a good portion do, which provides funding to help pay the building's expenses.

"We've (the maintenance committee) worked very hard at getting the most bang for the buck. The money comes from the county and donated funds as well," Otter said, and added that the donated funds were from a benefactor who is very friendly to the 4-H Council.

"We want to make the building more attractive and user friendly for people to use."

The 4-H Building Maintenance Committee is a 3-person committee, comprised of Chairman Gil Otter, Pauline Poage and Kathy Holste.



## Weather

Wednesday - Mostly sunny with highs around 80. Thursday - Sunny with highs in the mid 80s. Friday - Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 60 and highs in the lower 80s. Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Saturday - Sunny with highs in the mid 90s.

## Markets

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Wheat.....\$6.82  
Milo.....\$3.99  
Soybeans.....\$13.78  
Corn.....\$4.39  
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you that we can be relieved of our fear because of the courage you provide when we spend time with you. Amen

## Valley Hope's Gregoire honored with award

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Dr. Ken Gregoire, President/CEO of the Valley Hope Association, was recently presented the Lifetime Achievement Award during the First Call Annual Community Gratitude Luncheon in Kansas City.

First Call, a nonprofit affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, hosted the annual luncheon to celebrate those who work tirelessly to reduce the stigma often associated with substance use disorders by recognizing champions who have developed evidence-based treatment strategies, volunteered their time, donated their dollars, and advocated for public policy change.

"It's a great honor and I'm very appreciative to First Call," Gregoire said. "They are a great organization that does good work. I am honored to be recognized by First Call."

According to Molly O'Neill, President/CEO of First Call, "Ken was chosen for his great dedication and significant body of work over so many years of service to the recovery community. He is an icon in our field and deserves to be recognized for his stellar leadership, his compassionate journeying with others in need and his innovative approach to treatment and recovery work." She shared that she believed Dr. Ken Gregoire is the embodiment of the Lifetime Achievement Award.



(Pictured) Former Kansas City Royals outfielder Willie Wilson and Dr. Ken Gregoire of Norton were among the honorees recognized at the the First Call 2014 Community Gratitude Luncheon in Kansas City.

—Courtesy photo

"It's a painful reminder that I've been doing it a long time," Gregoire quipped. And added, "I made a great choice coming to work for Valley Hope. It's a reflection of the organization."

Dr. Gregoire is a licensed psychologist in the state of Kansas and a gradu-

ate of the clinical psychology program at the University of Nebraska and has worked for the Valley Hope Association, a multi-state organization that has provided chemical dependency services since 1967, for 36 years.

"My fondest wish is that we continue

to give ample treatment to the alcohol and substance addicted," he said.

Gregoire has held numerous positions within the Valley Hope organization with a variety of duties including directing programs in two different states, managing accreditation and licensing activities, direct clinical care and administration.

"My hope is that chemical dependency is a covered benefit, so people can get treatment, because the need is great," Gregoire said. "Dependency is not waning and there is excellent treatment available. It's a chronic disease."

Providing the keynote address for the event was Willie Wilson, a two-time American League All Star and a member of the 1985 World Series winning Kansas City Royals team.

Gregoire jokingly said, "The best part of the day was when I got Willie Wilson's autograph. I had a baseball in my pocket and I got him to sign it."

Wilson also received the Public Service Award during the luncheon which recognized the Willie Wilson Baseball Foundation which provides support to underserved inner-city youth in Kansas City.

Other award recipients included: Philanthropist of the Year: American Century Investments; Professional of the Year: Stephanie Boyer, Kansas City Municipal Drug Court Coordinator; and Volunteer of the Year: Lena Price, community volunteer.

