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Tuesday  
August 17, 2004

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Pat Douglas

## Briefly Grade school welcomes public

The faculty and staff at Eisenhower Elementary School invite parents and students to attend an open house at the school from 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Pupils are encouraged to bring their school supplies so they may be stored in the desk they will be assigned, meet the teachers and tour the classrooms.

## Open house planned at center

The public is invited to a preview of the programs being made available to the persons served by Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas from noon-2 p.m. Thursday. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served at the Frontier Developmental Center, 1104 N. State.

## Races cancelled

The races scheduled for Saturday at Norton have been moved to the Oberlin Speedway.

## Alkathon set

All Valley Hope alumni, friends and family are invited to attend Norton Valley Hope's 37th Annual Alkathon Saturday at the Catholic Parish Center, 104 S. Wabash. Alkathon festivities include award presentations, speakers, fellowship, a buffet and a white elephant auction. Registration begins at noon at Norton Valley Hope. At 1 p.m. a "Freedom Drive" to the Parish Center will lead attendees to the day's festivities which will get underway at 1:30 p.m. The theme for the celebration is "It All Adds Up". The Norton treatment center opened its doors in 1967 as Valley Hope's first alcohol and drug treatment facility. Today, the Valley Hope Association operates a network of 24 facilities in seven states.

## Weather Forecast:

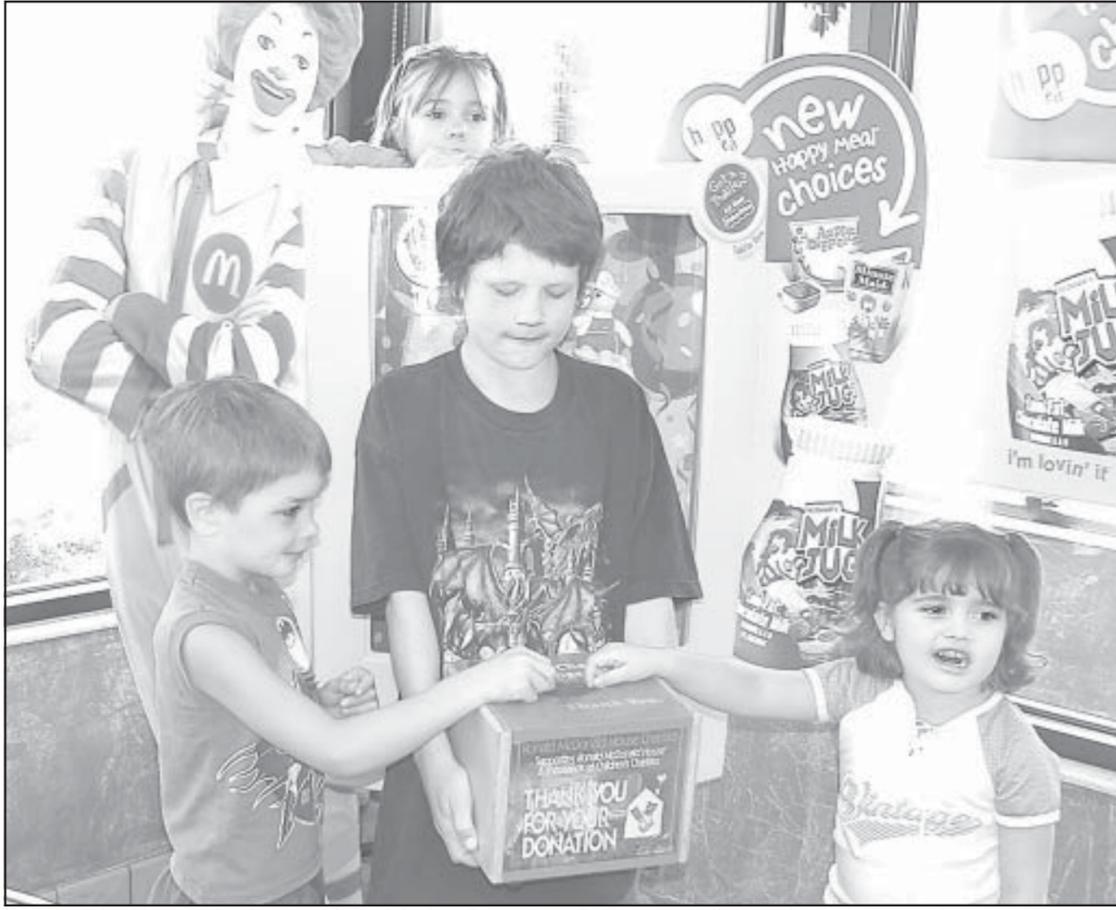
Tonight — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Wednesday** — Cloudy with highs around 90. **Wednesday Night** — Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain.

## Howell report:

Monday ..... High 98, Low 59  
Month ago ..... High 97, Low 68  
Year ago ..... High 101, Low 72  
August precipitation ..... 0.00 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 16.43 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Thank you, God, for offering us peace. Help us remember to bring our troubles and concerns to you. May we never forget to thank you for answered prayers. Amen



Brady Riggins, 12, (center) held the Ronald McDonald House Charities canister that sits on the counter at Norton's McDonald's restaurant while Heaven Gallegos, 5 (right) and Jesse Combs, 6 (left) dropped in a donation. Heaven's big sister Theresa Gallegos, 6, (above) peeks over the top. The children are involved in the Norton Big Brothers Big Sisters program that recently benefited from a \$2,500 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Clown gives kids some help

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton received a \$2,500 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities. The money will be used to purchase equipment and materials for the Norton After-School Program. Volunteers meet with little brothers and little sisters after school at the Norton Recreation Center and Public Library. The grant will give the program a boost as it begins the new school year. "We're really looking forward to meeting with all of our school-based matches again once school starts," Case Manager Erin Manning said. "With the grant money, we'll have much-needed materials and equipment to use each week." In addition to providing money for a computer, educational software and other materials, the grant is also buy items needed for the new prevention programs. This year the organization is planning programs throughout the school year focusing on prevention of tobacco and substance abuse and promoting physical activity, nutrition and character education. (Continued on Page 5)

## Requirements change to get commodities

Changes have been made in the income requirements for persons to receive government surplus commodities. To be eligible for commodities, your household's total monthly income must be below: \$1,009 for a single person; \$1,354 for a family of two; \$1,698 for a family of three; \$2,043 for a family of four; \$2,387 for a family of five; \$2,732 for a family of six; \$3,076 for a family of seven; \$3,421 for a family of eight; add \$345 for each additional person. Commodities distributed this month in Norton County include beef stew, dried plums, fruit and nut trail mix, peaches, raisins and vanilla pudding. Distribution dates and times are: 2-3 p.m. today at the Lenora Senior Center; 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Alma Senior Center; 2-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Norton Senior Center; and 2:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Clayton Library. For more information call Ramona Pabian, 877-5352.

## Taxpayers question city about budget

By VERONICA MONIER

A couple of Norton residents came to the city council's budget hearing last week to discuss the pros and cons of new playground equipment and the needs of the cemetery. Harriett Gill, a former councilwoman, said she was happy to see the council's interest in the need for new park equipment, but thought raising the mill levy just for that purpose was questionable, especially when the curbs and gutters around town need repairs. Councilman Jerry Hawks said the city

has a plan that was just approved to fix the curbs and gutters. He said the new playground equipment was needed to get and keep people here. "We think we can do both," he said. Ms. Gill said more people look at the curbs, gutters and landscaping before they look at playground equipment and that she would rather not see tax money earmarked for this particular project alone. Mr. Hawks said when he came on the council in 1984, the tax levy was 53 mills. It went up the next year to repair the pool and then at one time went up to 63 for the

library. Since then, he said, it has gone down below what it was in '84. "I think the council has done a pretty good job keeping the mill levy down over the years," he said. He said the new curb and gutter program will begin with the downtown area and that the city has put out bids. Mayor David Corns said the city was waiting to get bids. Once that is done, the project will be an ongoing thing with curbs being fixed around the city. (Continued on Page 5)

## School district looks at computer programs

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School Board is looking at switching computer programs handling grade and attendance records. The district is talking about switching from Apple's MacSchool to Apple's PowerSchool, but won't decide until the September board meeting. Keith Hauser, the district's technology coordinator, said PowerSchool, a data management program, is web-based and operates in real time, so once a teacher puts in a grade, it's changed in all of the records. He said the program is centralized, fits into the federal 'No Child Left Behind'

program and has the capability of parent/guardian access, making it possible for parents to check their child's grades, attendance and tardiness. Mr. Hauser said the program provides on-site training and has tech-support. Superintendent Greg Mann said in the price has gone down in the past couple of years. Also, they are offering a 30 percent discount to schools who were trading up from MacSchool that lasts until mid-September. He said he wanted to talk about this with the school principals before the board takes action. Mr. Hauser said the cost would be

\$12,600 for the first year, which buys the program and pays for installation and tech-support. After that it would cost just over \$2,500 annually. Board member Gary Lacy asked if this will help the teacher and save them time. Mr. Hauser said that it would and would also help with the required state reports that the district has to turn in. In other business, the board: • Held a budget hearing and then adopted the proposed 2005 budget. There were no comments from the public although several people showed up for the meeting. (Continued on Page 5)

## Couple's car takes prizes at antique show

Richard and Marcia Wiltfong, Norton, recently returned from Rochester Hills, Mich., where they exhibited their 1934 Dodge Coupe at the invitation only, Concours d' Elegance at Cranbrook Car Show. The show included many rare and valuable cars such as Dusenbergs, Cords, Auburns, Marmons, Bentleys, Pierce Arrows and Rolls Royces, as well as some better known luxury cars. The Wiltfong's Dodge was one of five in the group of cars, American closed 1926-1941, to receive a blue ribbon and trophy. They drove to the winners circle to be introduced and display their car. One of the judges was Steve Pasteriner, former chief designer for Buick. Master of ceremonies for the award ceremony was Dave McClelland, the voice of motor sports on ESPN and the (Continued on Page 5)



Richard and Marcia Wiltfong, Norton, with their 1934 Dodge Coupe.

## Commission short of members

There was no quorum and no meeting for the Norton County commissioners on Monday. Commissioner Dean Kruse was on vacation and Commissioner John Miller was ill so no business could be done. However, since the county had already set 11:30 a.m. as the time for a public meeting on the budget, Commission Chairman Leroy Lang stayed around until that could be held, although he couldn't do anything afterwards. David Davis from the Norton Extension Council was the only member of the public at the meeting and he said he was just there to thank the commissioners for remembering the council in the budget. If the commissioners have a quorum on Monday, they will probably adopt the budget, which is lower than last year's. "We're doing what we can to help people," Commission Lang said, noting that although the county's portion of people's taxes will go down their total bill may not because of other taxing bodies such as school districts and fire districts.

# Council discusses budget

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Pam Shelton, a Norton resident who was at the meeting, said she was in favor of the new playground equipment project. She thinks it's important, especially where the health of children is concerned.

Alberta Slaby, who is on the cemetery improvement board, asked if the council was earmarking any money for cemetery improvement. She said people aren't happy with the way the cemetery looks.

Councilman Ron Briery said the council had already told the board they weren't going to do that before the improvement project began.

He said the money for the cemetery comes from the parks budget.

He also said Steve Cole and his crew do a good job keeping the cemetery up.

Councilman George Jones said two-thirds of the problem with the cemetery is the drought and that the cemetery is not the place for a sprinkler system.

Mr. Hawks said the council understands that the board wants to make the cemetery look nice. He said even though the money is not earmarked specifically for the cemetery, there is still money in the parks budget for it.

He said the city just didn't have the money to tie down \$10,000 so it could only be used at the cemetery when it could also be needed for other things.

Mayor Corns said once the improvements at the cemetery are finished, they will be maintained. He said with the addition of grants, there may be money not used for the new equipment to add to the money already available for other projects, such as curbs and the cemetery.

The council ended the meeting without taking action.

# Big Brothers, Big Sisters get grant

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"It's really important to us to serve children county-wide and not just in Norton, so we are providing transportation to and from the activities for kids in Alma, Lenora and Norcatour," said Mrs. Manning.

The organization hopes to serve 40 children this year through the prevention programs.

Mrs. Manning said it is a struggle find enough volunteers to match with all the youngsters on the waiting list.

So far this year, Big Brothers Big Sisters has served nine children in school-based matches and 34 children in community matches. By the end of this year, it hopes to have matched 50 youngsters with a volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Mrs. Manning at 874-4200.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Annual Meeting of Valley Hope

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
As required by the Bylaws of the Valley Hope Association, the membership of the Association is hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in the Lecture Hall of Norton Valley Hope, Norton, Kansas, on Friday, August 20, 2004, at 7 p.m. The membership will, at that time, elect members to the Board of Directors and conduct such other business as may be brought before the membership.  
/s/Tony Jewell, Chairman of the Board  
ATTEST:  
/s/Mike Carr, Secretary



Dell Lee of Norton (back, right) inspected cantaloupes on a trailer laden with produce parked at the corner of U.S. 283 and 36 Thursday afternoon. Martin Hanson (right) of Preston looks on as an unidentified shopper is helped by Tom Lear (back, left). The two men

stopped with their load of watermelons, cantaloupes and tomatoes on their way to Alma, Neb. Hr. Hanson and his family grow the fruits on their farm.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# School could change programs for grading

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- Heard from Mr. Mann that the district's vehicles would be inspected this week; a recommendation for graduation requirements for the class of 2009 would be presented at the next meeting; and all summer projects have been finished.

- Learned that the district has reached a settlement with its insurance company for the damaged library roof. Mr. Mann said they wanted him to sign a waiver saying the insurance company wouldn't be responsible for paying anything else. He said he was going to wait until mid-fall before signing, just to make sure there are no other problems.

- Donated \$2,000 to the Norton Arts Council and granted a waiver of fees and insurance for the use of

district buildings for its programs. Mr. Mann said this is what the district gives the council every year.

- Accepted a recommendation that Jerry Darling be named on the appreciation plaque for 2003-'04. Annually the board recognizes an individual or group that has "gone above and beyond" in their support of the school district's students. Mr. Darling is being recognized for his support for the 03-04 year. His name will be added to the plaque in the high school gym.

- Adopted new board policy additions and revisions as presented. In doing this, the board adopted the prescription policy to include all students in pre-kindergarten through grades 12. Parents will still have the option to leave their children's medications in the office.

- Approved the classified employee handbook.

- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Approved Northern Valley's request to enter the Norton School District to pick up students. Mr. Mann said there are no new students to be picked up.

- Accepted the resignations of Anne Becker as the Eisenhower computer lab aide and Vicki Robison as the junior high KAY sponsor.

- Made Cindy Voss a full-time computer lab aide. She had been part-time.

- Extended work agreements to Lida Sharp as the junior high KAY sponsor, to Lisa Terrill as the junior high at-risk tutor and to Susan Ward as an assistant cook at the junior/senior high.

# Couple takes car on road

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host of the Hemmings Road Show and the Classics Road Show on the Speed Channel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiltfong drove, along with 40 old-car enthusiasts, through Bloomfield Hills and Bir-

# SHARE offers packages

The deadline for ordering the August Heartland SHARE food package is noon, Thursday.

To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Center.

The August Heartland SHARE food package contains 10 ounces of Jennie-O salad turkey, 1 pound of salmon fillets, 1 pound of ground beef, 1 pound of bacon, 14 ounces of Super Tasty meat loaf, potatoes, baby carrots, lettuce, yellow onions, red pears, red seedless grapes, a cantaloupe and a Sara Lee Danish 10-pack.

For \$17.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive all of the food or "SHARE" listed. You can order as many shares as you want.

You can also order a meat only package for \$10.50 plus one additional hour. There is not limit to the amount of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase a SHARE, you can order as many August Specials as you want for \$16 plus one additional volunteer hour.

August's special is seven, 7-ounce sirloin steaks.

mingham. A brunch was served at Pine Lake Country Club, the first auto club in the Detroit area.

Susan and Greg Ciesiel, the Wiltfong's daughter and son-in-law, displayed their 1937 Cadillac convertible.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Norton City Ordinance 1532

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**ORDINANCE NO. 1532**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS, AND THE STATE OF KANSAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LOAN FROM THE KANSAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT; ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOAN AGREEMENT.**

WHEREAS, the Federal Water Quality Act of 1987 (the "Federal Act") established revolving fund program for public wastewater treatment systems to assist in financing the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with the Federal Act and to protect the public health and authorized the Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") to administer a revolving loan program operated by the individual states; and

WHEREAS, to fund the state revolving fund program, the EPA will make annual capitalization grants to the states, on the condition that each state provide a state match for such state's revolving fund; and

WHEREAS, by passage of the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Act, K.S.A. 65-3321 through 65-3329, inclusive (the "Loan Act"), the State of Kansas (the "State") has established the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (the "Revolving Fund") for purposes of the Federal Act; and

WHEREAS, under the Loan Act, the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment ("KDHE") is given the responsibility for administration and management of the Revolving Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Development Finance Authority (the "Authority") and KDHE have entered into a Pledge Agreement (the "Pledge Agreement") pursuant to which KDHE agrees to enter into Loan Agreements with Municipalities for public wastewater treatment projects (the "Projects") and to pledge the Loan Repayments (as defined in the Pledge Agreement) received pursuant to such Loan Agreements to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under K.S.A. 74-8905(a) and the Loan Act to issue revenue bonds

(the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds to implement the State's requirements under the Federal Act and to Loan the same, together with available funds from the EPA capitalization grants to Municipalities within the State for the payment of Project Costs (as said terms are defined in the Loan Act); and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton, Kansas (the "Municipality") is a municipality as said terms is defined in the Loan Act which operates a wastewater collection and treatment "the System"; and

WHEREAS, the System is a public Wastewater Treatment Works, as said term is defined in the Loan Act; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has, pursuant to the Loan Act, submitted and Application to the KDHE to obtain a loan from the Revolving Fund to finance the costs of improvements to its System consisting of the following:

The project consists of construction of a new wastewater treatment plant. It includes an influent pump station, headworks, aeration basins, clarifiers, UV disinfection, and sludge digesters (the Project); and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has taken all steps necessary and has complied with the provisions of the Loan Act and the provisions of K.A.R. 28-16-110 to 28-16-138 (the "Regulations") applicable thereto necessary to qualify for the loan; and

WHEREAS, KDHE has informed the Municipality that it has been approved for a loan in amount of not to exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,800,000) (the "Loan") in order to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Municipality hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable to accept the Loan and to enter into a loan agreement and certain other documents relating thereto, and to take certain actions required in order to implement the Loan Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS:

**Section 1: Authorization of Loan Agreement.** The Municipality is hereby authorized to accept the Loan and to enter into a certain Loan Agreement, with an effective date of May 10, 2004, with the State of Kansas acting by and through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (the "Loan Agreement") to finance the Project Costs (as defined in the Loan Agreement). The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Loan Agreement in substantially the form presented to the governing body this date, with such changes or modifications thereto as may be approved by the Mayor and the City Attorney, the Mayor's execution of the Loan Agreement being conclusive evidence of such approval.

**Section 2: Establishment of Dedicated Source of Revenue for**

**Repayment of Loan.** Pursuant to the Loan Act, the Municipality hereby establishes a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of the Loan. In accordance therewith, the Municipality shall impose and collect such rates, fees and charges for the use and services furnished by or through the system, including all improvements and additions thereto hereafter constructed or acquired by the Municipality as will provide System Revenues or levy ad valorem taxes without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real or personal, within the territorial limits of the Municipality to produce amounts which are sufficient to (a) pay the cost of the operation and maintenance of the system, (b) pay the other amounts due at any time under the Loan Agreement; provided, however, no lien or other security interest is granted by the Municipality to KDHE on the System Revenues under this Agreement. In the event that the System Revenues are insufficient to meet the obligations under the Loan and Loan Agreement, the Municipality shall levy ad valorem taxes with limitation as to rate or amount upon all taxable tangible property, real or personal, within the territorial limits of the Municipality to produce the amounts necessary for the prompt payment of the obligations under the Loan and Loan Agreement.

In accordance with the Loan Act, the obligations under the Loan and the Loan Agreement shall not be included with any limitation on the bonded indebtedness of the Municipality.

**Section 3: Further Authority.** The Mayor, Clerk and other City officials are hereby further authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and take such actions as they may deem necessary or advisable in order to carry out and perform the purposes of the Ordinance, and to make alterations, changes or additions in the foregoing agreements, statements, instruments and other documents herein approved, authorized and confirmed which they may approve, and the execution or taking of such action shall be conclusive evidence of such necessity or advisability.

**Section 4: Governing Law.** The Ordinance and the Loan Agreement shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Kansas.

**Section 5: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the governing body of the City and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City on August 4, 2004, and signed and APPROVED by the Mayor.

David N. Corns, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Darla R. Ellis, City Clerk (SEAL)  
APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY.  
Karen L. Griffiths, City Attorney

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**KS Secretary of Agriculture, Adrian Polansky**  
**Sunday, August 22, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Oberlin Swimming Pool Park**  
sponsored by  
**Tim Peterson for State Senate**

*Paid by Peterson for Senate, Chris Gordon, Treasurer*

**Norton County Weather for August 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
88/60	82/57	84/58	86/59	88/60	90/61	88/59

Normal High 86  
Normal Low 57  
Sunrise 6:54 to 6:59am  
Sunset 8:24 to 8:32pm

**Warm first week of August, record cool second week and normal temperatures week three and four. Storm chances roll through about every 3 to 5 days keeping the fall crops in good shape. Don't see much change in this forecast the next 7 to 10 days. The cooler weather this summer has led to speculation of an early freeze. The average date is October 4 -7. We could be looking at the last week of September this year.**

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