

**Tuesday**  
June 20, 2006

**Norton, Kansas**  
Home of Dale Engelbert

*Briefly*  
**'H' and 'I' tags**  
due June 30

Friday, June 30, is the last day to renew automobile, pickup, motorcycle and/or motorized bike tags for those whose last name begins with "H" and "I", or businesses whose name begins with "H" and "I". You must bring in or include proof of insurance for each vehicle, which includes the vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date. The Norton County Treasurer's office is a limited service driver's license station for renewals on regular driver's licenses. Commercial licenses have to be renewed in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby. If you have questions, please call 877-5795.

**Training offered**  
**Aug. 1-3 in Hays**

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging and the Kansas Department of Aging will sponsor a training for people who would like to become volunteer health insurance counselors. The three-day training is scheduled for Aug. 1 through Aug. 3 in Hays. The training will cover aspects of health insurance that most affect Medicare beneficiaries, such as Medicare claims and enrollment, Medicare Supplement Insurance and Long Term Care Insurance and the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program. The staff of the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas Program will conduct the training. These volunteers are available through the agency to counsel older Kansans who have questions and problems regarding their health insurance.

To become a counselor, volunteers must not be in the health insurance business or a financial planner. The volunteers will be expected to offer some time for counseling duties and their expenses will be paid.

Anyone interested in receiving training and serving as a volunteer counselor should contact Glenna Clingsmith at the agency at 1-800-432-7422 or 785-628-8205.

*Weather*  
**Forecast:**

**Tonight** — Cooler and partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy and not as warm. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

**Kingham report:**

Friday ..... Low 62, High 82, 1.40 Prec.  
Saturday ..... Low 60, High 79, 1.45 Prec.  
Sunday ..... High 61, Low 92  
Monday ..... Low 62, High 96  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Loving God, help us to believe that you are our source for all we need in this life. **Amen**

## Lenora lives it up!



The Lenora Jubilee was a big hit this year as it celebrated its centennial birthday. Entertainment abounded, including the annual parade where the princess, Sarah David, and prince, Collin Brooks, and their mothers DeAnn David and Darcy Brooks (above) got to show their stuff. ABATE of Kansas District 2 wasn't about to let the opportunity the parade presented go by and so made a special detour on its annual poker run (below) to swing through Lenora. There were 84 bikes involved this year. As a crowning touch, Lenora got Shawn Gregory (right), a man of many talents, including stiltwalking, magic and balloon art, to come entertain the crowds. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



## Dinner, not a dance, is on the agenda

By VERONICA MONIER

Instead of having a dance, the Norton School Board opted to have a catered meal for its employees to show its appreciation.

Superintendent Greg Mann said he hadn't had a lot of positive feedback from the staff where the dance was concerned. They would rather have something edible, he said.

Mr. Mann suggested having a catered dinner at the end of the school year next year. This way, he said, all people would have to bring is themselves.

If that was what the board wanted to do, he said, he would need to begin securing a location for the dinner and see if a caterer could serve that many people.

Board member Jeff Nielsen said he had had a lot of positive feedback on some-

thing like this. He said those who went to retiring principal Lary Stull's dinner really enjoyed it.

The board agreed with the catered meal idea. Mr. Mann said he would work on getting a location and then focus on finding a caterer.

In other business, the board:

- Was thanked by Mr. Stull for the surprise and honor of having the high school gym named after him. He said he was not expecting it and was very humbled by it.
- Heard from Mr. Mann that Nelson Brothers Construction has started the district's concrete work. Also, he said, work has begun on the football field and work hopefully will begin on the track in mid-August.

Mr. Mann said he spoke with Tom

Dreiling, publisher of The Telegram, and was told that the paper would run two free employee highlight spots each week.

- Learned from Mr. Mann that the district will be going from 337 square miles to 378 square miles on July 1, increasing the valuation by about \$1 million. He said they will need to look at voter registration to make sure the district is in compliance with a new state law and so have asked the county clerk for updated population figures.
- Heard a presentation on the Norton Community High School Site Council from Steve Streck.
- Went into a 10-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Accepted resignations from JaLynn

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## School leaving fees, meal prices the same

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District will not be raising fees for the 2006-07 school year.

Superintendent Greg Mann said he recommended that no changes be made to the district's fees, which include text book rental/enrollment fees, meal prices and mileage reimbursement.

He said the district raised the price of text book rentals in June of 2002 and raised the meal prices last year. Meals went up 10 cents per lunch, 5 cents per breakfast, and 5 cents for additional milk.

Lunch prices for the 2006-07 year will be \$1.40 for kindergarten through third grade students, \$1.50 for fourth through sixth grade students, \$1.70 for seventh through twelfth grade students, and \$2.45 for adults. Breakfast costs will be 80 cents for kindergarten through sixth grade stu-

dents, 95 cents for seventh through twelfth grade students, and \$1.40 for adults. Additional milk will be 20 cents per each half pint carton.

Text book rental/enrollment fees will be \$8 for early childhood development and kindergarten students, \$14 for first through sixth grade students, \$20 for seventh and eighth grade students, and \$25 for ninth through twelfth grade students.

Mr. Mann said for mileage reimbursement, he recommended that parents who drive their special education students to school receive 44 cents per mile, which is state approved rate. As for staff members, he said they have paid 26 cents per mile for a while. The amount is well below that which is paid by most government agencies, he said, but the district has kept it low to encourage staff to take

school vehicles rather than their own.

The board approved the fees for the 2006-07 school year and also approved a motion to once again take part in the Federal School Nutrition program.

In other business, the board:

- Adopted the 2006-07 student-parent handbooks for the high school, junior high and grade school.
- Approved Wes Georgeson, Amy Richard, Lacey Roe and Blake VanEaton as the student members of the Stull Gym Appreciation Plaque Committee and directed Mr. Mann to contact any of the six adults recommended until three have agreed to serve on the committee.
- Accepted a bid of \$104,435 from Boxler Insurance of Norton for the district's property, vehicle, workmen's

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## Nominations being taken for committee

Norton County farmers have until Tuesday, Aug. 1 to nominate candidates from the western one-third part of the county to run for the Norton County Farm Service Agency farmer elected committee.

The agency is looking for people who want to help out, get involved and work to help other folks in the business of agriculture in the community.

"We need more than a couple of local farmers to pitch in now and then," said Vesta Hobbs, Norton County Farm Service Agency director. "We need people who know the business of farming, are farming new or different crops, and those who can bring a different perspective to the USDA's (U.S. Department of Agriculture) work here in our area."

This year's election will be held Dec. 4. Candidates will only be taken from the western one-third part of Norton County.

If you know someone who might be interested in working on the farmer elected county committee, or if you would personally like to help, stop by the county's agency office at 11640 Pineview Dr., Norton, or call 785-877-5156.