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Norton, Kansas
Home of Mike Pollock

Briefly

Dinner to help with medical bills

Friends and family are planning a benefit for Desiree McMullen, daughter of Don and Cindy McMullen. Miss McMullen has been a patient at Mayo Clinic.

There will be a Mexican Buffet from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Town and Country Kitchen.

All proceeds will go to help offset her medical expenses.

Construction will slow traffic

Harvest trucks bringing in wheat, as well as all other travelers, will be slowed down for a while as road work is being done on area highways.

In the Norton area, K-383 is having an asphalt overlay from U.S. 36 north to the Norton/Phillips county line. The work is being done by Dobson Construction of Nebraska.

Also, soon to begin is another asphalt overlay, this time of U.S. 283 from Armory Road in Norton to the Kansas/Nebraska line. Hi-Plains Sand of Kanopolis is doing the work.

Other area work being done by Hi-Plains Sand is on U.S. 36 at the Rawlins/Decatur county line proceeding west eight miles, U.S. 83 in Thomas County, and K-27 in Sherman County.

If the weather cooperates, these projects should all be finished by the end of July.

Traffic will be taken through the construction zones by pilot cars. The wait shouldn't last more than 15 minutes.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the north in the late morning and afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 60. East winds around 10 mph early in the evening becoming light. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. Light winds becoming east around 10 mph in the late morning and afternoon.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 70, High 94
Wednesday Low 68, High 82, .80 Prec.
Thursday Low 64, High 75
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, help us to recognize the people and situations around us that need our attention and move us to action. **Amen**



Carlie Voss

Umm, umm good!

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Larry the Cucumber and other Veggie Tales characters demonstrated the lessons during the First Church of God's Vacation Bible School this week. The theme of the program was Home Town Values.

More than 50 children attended every day and learned important life lessons like, serving others, not lying, not stealing, and that they are under God's protection.

Director of the week-long program
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These two little girls enjoyed their lunch at Wednesday's Vacation Bible School sponsored by Norton's First Church of God.
— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Kennedy Yeager

Despite the numbers...

Some positives found in census report

By TOM DREILING

There's nothing new in the latest population estimates released this week by the U.S. Census Bureau. Specifically for northwest Kansas, there were no gainers to be found. The figures, it should be noted, are estimates, not actual and are for July 2005.

Despite the continuing loss of popula-

tion, there's always a positive or two in the mix.

The City of Norton, for example, has an estimated population of 2,806. The July 2004 estimated figure was 2,852 and the last official count — the 2000 census — showed 3,012 people in Norton.

Despite these figures, Norton still remains the third largest town in the 12-

county area generally called "northwest Kansas."

Here are figures of the largest towns in each of those 12 counties (2005, 2004 and 2000 actual census, in that order):

- Cheyenne County/St. Francis — 1,376, 1,390, 1,497
- Rawlins County/Atwood — 1,139, 1,182, 1,279

- Decatur County/Oberlin — 1,811, 1,854, 1,994
 - Norton County/Norton — 2,806, 2,852, 3,012
 - Sherman County/Goodland — 4,485, 4,516, 4,948
 - Thomas County/Colby — 5,030, 5,139, 5,450
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Board staying off Decatur County's turf

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Economic Development Board doesn't want to step on Decatur County's toes where a bus company is concerned.

Chairman John Miller said a couple of people asked him why Norton County wasn't trying to get involved with a bus company that is trying to set up operations in Jennings. He said he told them that it was a Decatur County project and that the board didn't plan on getting involved.

But, he said, he would mention it to the board.

Board member Dean Kruse said he thought it was a delicate situation. He said if they went in and told the company Norton had all the answers to its problems, it might just get Norton County involved. But, he asked, would they want to?

"I don't want to step on Oberlin's toes," said board member Donna Foley. "The only thing we would possibly want to do is to have our airport board remind their airport board that we have a runway that

will work until they can get theirs to where it needs to be."

Board member Gayle James agreed, saying Norton County has to live with Decatur County as a neighbor for a long time.

It might be a different situation if things fell through, said board member Elaine Mann, but at the moment, it wouldn't be a good idea to get involved.

In other business, the board:
• Approved the proposed budget and
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Fair has category for wheat farmers

With the wheat harvest soon underway, farmers are encouraged to enter the Market Wheat Show at the Norton County Fair this year.

The entries will be collected at the fair and sent to the State Grain Inspection Service the next week to determine the physical properties such as test weight, protein and dockage.
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Custom cutters are ready to roll

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

When the Wentz brothers, Darren and Galen, get ready to go to work, they take quite a crew with them.

Wentz Enterprises is a custom silage cutting outfit. Tuesday morning the caravan pulled out of Norcatour where the business is headquartered. With ten people on the crew it's like moving a small army to put everything on the road.

Lined up in the caravan were an Airstream trailer, a Mobile Villa trailer, eight silage trucks, four pickups, two choppers, three service trailers and two header trailers.

Darren Wentz said his crew was heading for Texas, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana, "not necessarily in that order".



Loaded and ready to roll, the custom silage cutting crew of Wentz Enterprises, Norcatour, pulled out of town Tuesday.
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts