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# It only takes a spark

## Fire departments teach kids basics safety

By VERONICA MONIER

Besides being on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Norton volunteer firefighters spend a lot of time teaching fire safety.

National Fire Prevention Week started Sunday with the theme "Watch What You Heat".

The Norton Fire Department prefers to prevent fires, City Fire Chief Mitch Jones said.

The department has a program to teach children fire safety and gives tours to students, day care classes and scouts. Fire fighters also go to the schools to explain their job and equipment.

For fire prevention week, Norton firefighters went to Eisenhower Elementary School to talk about fire prevention and safety.

They also held a fire prevention program at the Andbe Home Monday night.

The mission of the Norton City and Rural Volunteer Fire Departments is to protect lives and property by minimizing the frequency and effects of fires, Chief Jones said. To do this, firefighters use education, prevention, code enforcement, control and training.

He said the departments are committed to using all resources at their disposal and all innovations with the goal of timely response to protect and preserve life, property, resources and the heritage of Norton.

"We appreciate everyone being safety conscious," Chief Jones said. "It helps keep fire premiums and property damage down."

Some tips Chief Jones had to "Watch What You Heat" were to have furnaces serviced before using them and change the furnace filters in preparation for winter. Also, he said, fireplaces and wood stoves need their flues and chimneys cleaned out and need to have the spark arrester checked.

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After a program on fire safety Sparky The Fire Pup, showed children at Eisenhower Elementary the fire truck. In return, the children presented Sparky with special pictures they had made just for him.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plott



Norton, Kansas  
Home of Walt Hazlett

## Briefly

### Book signing to be held Sunday

Ward Foley will debut his newest book, *Thank My Lucky Scars*, at a book signing from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday in the Community Room of Norton Public Library.

Mr. Foley is also the author of *God Didn't Make Me A Woman Because I Had Enough Problems*.

You can learn more about the book and the life of Mr. Foley by going to [www.thankmyluckyscars.com](http://www.thankmyluckyscars.com)

### Acrobats coming to Norton Monday

The Fabulous Chinese Acrobats are coming to Norton, sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council and Unified School District No. 211.

The acrobats have an interpreter who will provide the audience with facts about Chinese culture, customs and school life.

Performance time is 7 p.m., Monday at Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gymnasium, East Campus. Arts Council members are admitted with their season ticket, adults are \$5, high school students, \$2, children 12 and under \$1 and reciprocity tickets are \$2.

### 'Force' to play at Rock Sunday

Kingdom Force is coming at 7 p.m., Sunday to The Rock Christian Youth Center, Norton, for a "Life Changing Encounter". Students in sixth through twelfth grades are welcome. Admission is free. Concessions will be available. For more information, call Holly at 785-543-6630.

### Society gets new website

The Norton County Genealogical Society is sporting a new website. The site was designed by Sharlene Wurm, the director of the Decatur County Museum. Check out their new address: [www.rootsweb.com~ksncgs2](http://www.rootsweb.com~ksncgs2).

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly clear early in the evening then becoming partly cloudy.  
**Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 60s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 40s.  
**Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 40s.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 40, High 46, 1" Prec.  
Wednesday .... Low 39, High 45, .10 Prec.  
Thursday ..... Low 32, High 56  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

O God, teach us to willingly forgive those who mistreat us as you forgive us through your marvelous grace. **Amen**

## Barnett closes gap in local poll

By TOM DREILING

The Telegram's straw poll shows Republican challenger Jim Barnett closing the gap held by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, Democrat.

Six more readers of *The Telegram* "voted" since Tuesday's results, with Gov. Sebelius receiving 2 of those and Barnett 4.

The governor leads to date with 36 votes vs. 34 for Barnett. A total of 70 votes have been "cast" to date.

You can still take part in this less-than-scientific poll by e-mailing [tomd@nwkans.com](mailto:tomd@nwkans.com), faxing 877-3732, mailing to *The Telegram*, 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654 or calling either 877-6908 or 877-3361.

The straw poll ends on Oct. 31. Comments accompanying some of the votes, included:

"I don't know too much about him (Barnett), but I'll vote for him."

"I'll vote for Barnett because I believe Sebelius is not serious on help-  
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## Economic development gets new director

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

He's only been on the job two weeks but

Wade Carter, the new Norton County Economic Development Director, has wasted no time meeting people in the business community. As he said, he is out "getting his feet wet" and doing a lot of hand shaking.

"I'm pro-active," said Mr. Carter. "I think that's why they (Norton County Economic Development board) chose me."

Mr. Carter said his job is to look for ways to benefit the entire county and everyone who lives here. That's why he welcomes input from



Wade Carter

the community. He plans to take those suggestions to the board for consideration.

"One thing that has impressed me about Norton County is how nice everyone is," he said. "It's great how everyone knows everybody and waves."

He is also impressed with what a forward-thinking community Norton is. He said Norton has some exceptional business leaders in the community and added that the industrial park is another plus.

Mr. Carter is enrolled in the Leadership Norton County class and plans to become

a member of the Kansas Economic Development Directors Association.

He is a 2004 graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina. He graduated with a triple major in Criminal Justice, Psychology and Sociology. He finished his master's degree in 2005 and expects to eventually get his Ph.D.

Mr. Carter moved to Norton from Salina where he worked at St. Francis Academy, a residential treatment center for boys. He was a case manager and a counselor.

He is the son of Kathryn Carter, Jamestown, and George Carter, Norton. He has a brother and three sisters.

To contact Mr. Carter at the Economic Development office, call 874-4816 or e-mail him at [nortoneda@ruraltel.net](mailto:nortoneda@ruraltel.net).

## Almena youth earns pigskin 'W' with picks

By DICK BOYD

Football fans had their toughest week of the season in the most recent Pigskin Pick-Em Contest with the winner, Skyler Harris, Almena, missing two games. Perfect entries have been the norm for previous winners.

On the tiebreaker game, Harris out-guessed nine other fans who missed two games. Harris, who missed the Logan win over Palco and Florida victory over LSU, will receive \$15 in scrip money for first

place.

Texas defeated Oklahoma 28-10 in the tiebreaker game. Harris picked it 27-14, or just five points off the actual scores of both teams.

Clint Lowry, Almena, and Tammy Maddy, Norton, each missed two games and both missed the tiebreaker by seven points. A drawing was held and Lowry won the second place scrip money of \$10 and Maddy was third with \$5 in scrip money.

Lowry picked Texas by 24-13 and Maddy chose Texas by 31-14. Lowry's two misses were Nebraska's win over Iowa State and Logan's win over Palco. Maddy missed Kansas' loss to Texas A&M and the Oregon loss to California.

Other fans missing two games and points off on the tiebreaker were: Bob Covington, Almena, 8; Mary Ann Hager, Norton, 10; Tim Moore, Hoisington, 16; Lynn Nelson, Norton, 17.

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