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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Amy Dicks

Briefly

### Benefit Sunday to help baby

A benefit for little Krishna Kher, Norton's New Year's baby, will be held from 11:30 to 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. It will be a baked potato bar with all the trimmings plus desserts. Baby Krishna has been quite ill since his birth. The benefit will help offset some of the family's medical expenses. If you cannot attend, a donation may be left for the Krishna Kher Medical Fund at the First State Bank.

### School dismisses early Monday

The Norton Community High School will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. on Monday due to the large number of students and staff involved with the Norton Invitational Track Meet. The early dismissal affects students only in grades nine through twelve. Buses will run at their normal time. The Norton Invitational Track Meet will start at 3 p.m. at Travis Field.

### Northern Valley celebrates prom

Juniors and seniors at Northern Valley High School will celebrate their prom this Saturday night. Public viewing of the decorations will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. with the dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

### Rural Telephone holding meeting

The annual meeting of Rural Telephone, will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the auditorium of Logan High School. The meeting is open to the public.

### Weather Forecast:

**Tonight** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 56. **Saturday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Some of the storms could be severe. **Saturday Night** — Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy with a low around 52. **Sunday** — Rain likely, mainly before 1 p.m.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 44, High 66  
Wednesday ..... Low 40, High 71  
Thursday ..... Low 47, High 72  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to open our hearts to your peace so that there is no place for worry. **Amen**

## A choke-hold to remember



### Class teaches local women self defense

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There's not a lot of crime and violence in Norton but being prepared and not being a "sheep" was the message presented to area women during a self-defense class Wednesday.

Kansas State Highway Patrol officers Joe Vajgrt and Bill Goodness, both of Salina, demonstrated various self-defense techniques to 24 women of all ages in a class held in the wrestling room of East Campus. By being a "sheep", the officers meant don't go meekly. If you are attacked, fight back. Officer Goodness is the Lead Defense Tactics instructor for the Patrol. Local trooper, Phil Henrickson, also assisted.

The officers advised the women to strike at their attacker's vulnerable points: the nose, eyes, ears, groin and shins. They encouraged the women to use what natural weapons they had like fingernails, an ink pen or a key in their hand. They said to hit something "boney" because that was where they could inflict the most pain. Women were advised to carry pepper spray which could disable even the most aggressive attacker. Other "weapons" of choice could be a whistle or a flashlight. They said, "If you are going to carry a gun, make sure you are mentally prepared to use it."

A member of the class, Lynn Hehn, said, "It was upbeat and fun, yet we" (Continued on Page 5)

Two dozen women took a self-defense class Wednesday night offered by the Kansas State Highway Patrol. Lindsay Jessup, seated, is the "attacker" being subdued by the "victim", Joan Bolt.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Next week celebrates children, daycare

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Young children in daycare will have a whole week dedicated to them and their daycare providers.

Holly Puga, owner of Holly's Play House in Norton, said Week of the Young Child will be from this Sunday, April 22, to Saturday, April 28. Mrs. Puga is the event organizer for the week.

The week's activities are for all children in daycare, even if their daycare providers haven't participated in the scheduled events.

This will be the second week daycare providers in Norton County have participated in the Week of the Young Child.

"Jodi Sprague and other daycare pro-

viders from Sunshine and I met in Phillipsburg last year where they were having a meeting on it," she said. "We thought it sounded fun and that Norton needed to do it. Even though it takes a lot of planning, I was willing to make it a go with the help of other daycare providers."

Mrs. Puga said the week is a time to recognize the importance of a child's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. The opportunities of children is everyone's responsibility, she said, and the week allows people to recommit themselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early learning environment — at home, at child care, at school and in the community — that will promote their early learn-

ing.

This week's activities include:

• Monday — Something Special. Children in daycare will be making special ribbons for both parents to wear to work.

• Tuesday — Family Night. The children will be decorating grocery bags at both Norton Shop and Save and Jamboree Foods from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

• Wednesday — Parent Night. Parents are asked to do something fun and out of the regular routine with their children, such as making a special craft, making a special bed time snack, reading an extra story, playing outside, playing board games, watching their child's favorite movie, or letting their child take a friend (Continued on Page 5)

## Chief retires after 22 years in Norton

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Norton police chief, Lynn Menagh, has dedicated 34 years of his life to law enforcement.

His career began in Crete, Neb., in 1973, when he became a police officer for the city. He eventually assumed the title of sergeant and of juvenile officer. Twelve years after working in Crete, Mr. Menagh was hired by Norton as the Chief of Police.

Chief Menagh came to Norton Aug. 1, 1985. Twenty-two years later he has retired.

One of the major accomplishments of his career is the institution of breathalyzer testing in Kansas. Chief Menagh had been familiar with the testing when he worked in Nebraska and realized the importance of detecting impaired drivers. With the assistance of attorney Karen Griffiths, the chief initiated the bill that was introduced to the Kansas Legislature by Mike Hayden, to make breathalyzer testing (Continued on Page 5)



Police Chief Lynn Menagh greeted guests at his retirement party Tuesday afternoon at the City Building. Chief Menagh's career as chief in Norton spanned 22 years.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier