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Norton, Kansas
Home of Matt Rushton

Briefly

Farm Bureau to hold meeting

The Norton County Farm Bureau Association will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Norton American Legion.

Special guest will be Aaron Popelka, legislative assistant to Congressman Jerry Moran in Washington. He will be at a "meet and greet" at 5:30 p.m. at the Legion before the annual meeting.

Surplus food to be distributed

The Norton County Senior Center will be distributing government surplus food. Food available for distribution will include: macaroni, peanut butter, grapefruit juice, dry milk, dried cherries and orange juice.

Distribution will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 29 at the Lenora Senior Center; 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31 at the Norton Senior Center; from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31 at the Almena Senior Center; and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Clayton Library.

'Meals' needs volunteers

Volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels are needed for the week of Aug. 27 to Sept. 2. If you can help, call Alice at Norton County Hospital, 877-3351.

Alumni gather September 7, 8

Norton alumni are reminded of the Norton Community High School Reunion scheduled for Sept. 7-8.

Planned events include a hamburger feed before the high school football game on Friday, Sept. 7; an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Norton Junior High cafeteria; and the dinner Saturday evening at the American Legion.

To make reservations or for more information, contact Sonya Montgomery at 785-669-2145.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. **Saturday** — Patchy fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, partly sunny with a high near 83. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 65. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 93.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 66, High 99
Wednesday Low 66, High 99, .05 Rain
Thursday Low 62, High 82, 1.20" Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to understand how you work through all circumstances, both good and bad. thank you for giving your son to die for us. **Amen**



Don Ryan, left, Andrew Sheley, center, and Jim Rowh stand and look up at the broken scaffolding that plunged Mr. Sheley's grandfather, Jerome Rudolph, to the sidewalk below. Mr. Rudolph is in the Intensive Care Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Calvert man flown to Kearney after 25 foot fall

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Jerome Rudolph, Calvert, fell about 25 feet Thursday afternoon and suffered injuries that sent him to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Mr. Rudolph, a master bricklayer, and his grandson, Andrew Sheley, were working on scaffolding, high above the sidewalk on the south side of a brick building on Washington Street located between State Street and Kansas Ave. They had been working there several days repointing the brick work.

At about 2:20 p.m. Wanda Stephenson, an employee of Almena State Bank, saw

the planking break that Mr. Rudolph was standing on and saw him fall. She immediately called 911 to report the accident.

At the same time Jim Rowh, owner of Pure Prairie Natural Foods, located directly across the street south from where Mr. Rudolph and Mr. Sheley were working, saw it happen as well. He, too, called the 911 operator.

Mr. Rowh and Annette Puent, a customer in his store, immediately ran to aid Mr. Rudolph. Mr. Rowh said he observed a deep gash on Mr. Rudolph's head and ran back to his store to get some rags to staunch the bleeding. He said he and Mrs. Puent began praying for Mr. Rudolph.

Emergency Medical Technicians arrived in a matter of minutes and began administering treatment. His left arm was immobilized and he was placed on a back board before he was loaded into the ambulance and transported to Norton County Hospital.

Mr. Rowh said, "I think the world of Jerome. I used to work for him. We built lots of schools together. He has been a figure in my life for a long time — he's a good Christian man."

JoAnn Rupke, the oldest of Mr. Rudolph's 10 children, told *The Telegram* Thursday night that her father had been air-lifted to the hospital in Kearney where

he is in the intensive care unit.

She said the main concern is his head injury and the next 72 hours will be crucial. She said he is heavily sedated.

Mrs. Rupke credits her nephew, with possibly saving her father's life. She said, "Andrew was on the board, too, when it broke. He tried to break Dad's fall."

Mrs. Rupke said this is the first time her father has ever been in a hospital. She said, "He's been a hard-working man all his life. He likes keeping busy."

Cards and letters will reach Mr. Rudolph at Good Samaritan Hospital, 10 E 31st. Street, Room 6205, Kearney, Neb. 68847-2918.

Firemen plan for fun day in Jennings

The 16th annual Firemen's Fun Day, an annual event always held the fourth Saturday of August, is a time for Jennings to host friends and neighbors from the surrounding areas. The event is a big draw for Jennings and involves many volunteers.

Jennings enjoys bringing people together for a day of fun and reminiscing and to raise money for local organizations, organizers told *The Telegram*. Money raised by the fire department will be used to purchase equipment. Their goal is to purchase a 4,000-gallon tanker truck. The fire department is an all-volunteer department with a limited number of volunteers and this piece of equipment would be a big asset to the department and to the community.

BCI (Bus Coach International), is being featured to show the community's appreciation of the new business in Jennings. BCI purchased the Jennings School building last year following the school's closure. They have remodeled the interior of the building and established corporate headquarters and much of the business operations in Jennings. The owners and employees of BCI

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Sheriff's vehicle gets a 'deer in the headlights'

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Oh, dear, what can the matter be. In the case of Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson, the matter be a deer.

The sheriff told the county commissioners at their Aug. 20 meeting at the courthouse, one of his vehicles and one of Mother Nature's deer, had a chance meeting last week and the vehicle sustained some damage.

Sheriff Thomson presented three bids from local body shops to repair the vehicle as necessary. The commission approved the low bid.

That matter is now cleared up.

The sheriff also updated the commissioners on the Mitigation 20-20 plan, which was completed several years ago and approved at the time. He told the commissioners the Federal government has now declared the county plan inadequate and is requiring the plan be redone.

The commissioners — John Miller, chairman, Richard Thomson and Leroy Lang — wonder if this was just a requirement of Norton County or if it was statewide. The sheriff said the change of plan requirements were statewide and every county will now need to comply with updating.

Sheriff Thomson said he will continue

working on securing a grant fund to complete the new requirements.

In other business:

Road & Bridge supervisor Tom Brannan presented a service and repurchase agreement to the commissioners for review. The agreement involves Martin Tractor for the Caterpillar 140H recently purchased. The agreement outlines the service, warranty and repurchase option between the county and Martin at the end of the five-year lease purchase agreement.

Following review, the commissioners signed the agreement as presented.

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Cyclists ride for kids

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Norton was a stop-over point Monday night for two young bicyclists who are riding across America to promote "Unleash America's Passion". It is a national cycling tour taking place this summer across America to empower youth.

The young men, Kristian Dorken and Ali Amiri, both chiropractors, had set out with three other professionals, from Los Angeles to cycle over 4,000 miles to New York city. They conduct interactive events at Boys and Girls Club across the United States.

On the organization's website, www.unleashpassion.com, you can read their "blog" and see their entry during their stay in Norton at the home of Dr. Terry Crow. The on-line diary said Dr. Crow fed them

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Two bicycling chiropractors rode into Norton at dusk Monday. They are part of a cross-country bicycle tour promoting a youth program called, "Unleash the Passion". — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts