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Harvest is a 'go'

Norton, Kansas
Hometown of "Class of 1947"

Briefly

Archery shoot set for Sunday

The Norton Archery Club will host a 3-D shoot Sunday at the northwest corner of Prairie Dog State Park. It will be a trickle start from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per round. For more information call 877-3253 or 877-5269. Scoring will be optional.

Author holding book signing

Phil Young, author and former Norton County resident, will be holding a book signing for his novel, *Harvest Heat*, from 2 to 6 p.m., today at the Norton Public Library. Mr. Young is a member of Norton Community High School's Class of 1954, and is returning to Norton for the All-School Reunion planned for Saturday at the American Legion.

Mr. Young's book describes the world of agribusiness people and the carnival-like atmosphere of a Kansas wheat harvest. It reveals how individuals have worked together to help feed hungry people. *Harvest Heat* is a fictional story set in a background of history.

Back to school bash planned

All area junior high students are invited to the "Back 2 School Bash" to be held tonight from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Rock, 101 E. Main, Norton. Organizers have great events planned like jousting, sumo wrestling, Bounce House, water games, a watermelon feed, funnel cakes, tournaments and prizes. Cost is \$5 that includes food and games. Concessions are extra. The "Bash" is sponsored by The Rock Christian Youth Center.

Everyone invited to block party

A block party will be held Saturday evening in the 100 block of North Dexter in Norcatour. All Norcatour residents are invited as well as former residents and anyone else who wants to come. It all starts around 5:30 p.m. Bring your own food and chair. A keg will be provided.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 57. **Saturday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 87. **Saturday Night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. **Sunday** — Partly sunny with a high near 71.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 34, High 49, .65 Precip.
Saturday Low 24, High 64
Sunday Low 37, High 75
Monday Low 45, High 79

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to lovingly plant and water seeds of faith by all we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray.

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Dan Skrdlant, who farms northwest of Norton, brought in the county's first load of corn Thursday afternoon. He dumped the load at Ag Valley

Co-op. He said the moisture content was 14 percent.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Harvest expected to be earlier than usual this year

By VERONICA MONIER
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Ag Valley Co-op in Norton is preparing for fall harvest. Megan Tegtmeier, office manager for co-op in Norton, said they are getting ready to take in corn, milo and soybeans.

Last week, she said harvest hadn't started yet, but that she knew of a few farmers that were beginning to cut their high moisture corn. There is a possibility that farmers will start bringing loads in this week, although it will be sparse, she said.

In fact, the first load of corn was taken to Ag Valley at about 4:15 p.m. Thursday afternoon. Dan Skrdlant, who brought the load in, said the corn was cut northwest of Norton at what was the Hadley farm. Moisture content, he said, was 14 percent. He didn't know what the yield was yet, as it was the first load, but thought that it would be good. The seed variety used was Ag-Venture.

This year, Ms. Tegtmeier said, fall harvest will be a couple of weeks earlier than (Continued on Page 5)



Man's condition stable after 25-foot fall

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Jerome Rudolph, 74, Calvert, who has been hospitalized since he fell more than 20 feet on Thursday, Aug. 23, has regained consciousness.

Mr. Rudolph's daughter, JoAnn Rupke, said her father's nurses told her his condition was stable and improving. She said his recovery is not going to be speedy.

She said he is off the ventilator and

even though he is awake, he is not talking and is unable to recognize family members.

Injuries sustained in the fall included a broken clavicle, shoulder bone, rib and ankle plus trauma to his head. His lungs were also bruised in the fall.

Mrs. Rupke said, "Our family is so thankful for all the prayers said on Dad's behalf. Please — keep them up. They are so precious to us."

Mr. Rudolph is at Kearney Good Sa-

maritan Hospital, Intensive Care Unit, Room 6206, 10 E. 31st St., Kearney, Neb. 68847-2918.

CrossRoads Church and Thrivent-Aid Association for Lutherans are co-sponsoring a benefit for Mr. Rudolph.

It will be a free-will offering spaghetti supper held from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Norton Senior Center. It is to help with Mr. Rudolph's medical expenses.

Ranch home one of three on 2007 tour

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The sprawling, ranch home of Burton and Lois Schrum is made for their easy-going retirement lifestyle.

The house was built in 1959. Its most recent inhabitants, before the Schrums, were Richard and Susan Heaton. The four-bedroom, two-bathroom house features a large living room with a vaulted ceiling of red cedar planking. The room's focal point is a brick, wood-burning fireplace that acts as a divider wall between the living room and the kitchen. The cheery kitchen sports white cabinets with red as an accent color on the soffit. A plate rail showcases Mrs. Schrum's collection of silver overlay plates. The kitchen overlooks the dining room with its lighted China hutch.

One bedroom on the main floor has been converted into Mrs. Schrum's home office, while Mr. Schrum's office is a room in the home's finished basement. His office features an antique barber chair.

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School board sets goals for 2007-08 year

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The Norton School Board set its goals for the upcoming school year at a recent special meeting.

Dennis Gilhousen facilitated the goal setting session. The board identified five areas to be developed into goal statements for the upcoming year, which were improving the handicapped accessibility mind set and systems; identifying potential certified staffing problems and being prepared to attract and pay for those positions; identifying and maximizing the scholarships awarded to graduating students; evaluating the use and effective-

ness of the breakfast program and researching opportunities for other meal programs; and planning for the most effective and maximized use of the technology program.

Board members were chosen to turn each topic into a goal statement, including coming up with a way to put the goal into place and how to pay for it. Board member Elaine Mann has taken responsibility for the handicap accessibility goal, while board member Jeff Nielsen is dealing with the staffing goal; board member Scott Ellis has taken the scholarship goal; board member Chris Harting has taken the food program goal; and board member J.J.

Terrell has taken the technology program goal.

Each board member will present their ideas at the September meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the goals listed above and will begin writing the goal statements.

- Hired Jill Lively as the assistant junior high KAY sponsor and Kayla Tacha as the kindergarten through third grade At-Risk tutor.

- Accepted the resignation of Anne Stiles as the assistant junior high girls basketball coach.

The board will meet again at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10 at the unified office.