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## Friday

### September 21, 2007

## A clean sweep

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Carolyn Applegate

### Briefly

## Huskies celebrate homecoming

The Northern Valley Huskies will meet the Logan Trojans in Alma for their homecoming football game this evening at 7 p.m.

A highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the homecoming king and queen at halftime. Candidates for queen are Amanda Hopkins, daughter of Brad and Launa Hopkins and Amanda Turman, daughter of Clayton Turman and Belinda Turman. King candidates are Richie Kersch, son of Joanna and Gayle Martin and Brian Sproul, son of Greg Sproul and Tracey Sproul.

A special guest of honor at the festivities will be Northern Valley's first homecoming queen, Kathy (Gebhard) Hogan, Hastings Neb. Mrs. Hogan, the 1967 homecoming queen, will crown the new queen and king. Other royalty from past years have been invited to attend the 40th annual homecoming game for Northern Valley.

## Homes Tour to be Sunday

The Norton County Arts Council Homes Tour will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Homes on the tour are Tony and Verla Grysck, PDRA Road, only home on north side of road; Burton and Lois Schrum, 709 W. Woodfield; and Lee and Kathy Hardy, 4 miles south and 4 miles west of Norton on Road Q. Refreshments will be served at the Schrums; Norton County Arts Council memberships may be purchased at all of the homes.

## Archers hold shoot Sunday

The Norton Archery Club will host a bowhunter practice 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.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly clear with a low around 54. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 88. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 62. South wind around 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly sunny with a high near 89. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph. **Sunday Night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

#### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 58, High 83  
Wednesday ..... Low 48, High 78  
Thursday ..... Low 65, High 90  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, when we're not doing what you ask of us, help us to do better. **Amen**



Norton Lion Tom Brannan (above) helped pick up trash during the club's semi-annual Adopt-A-Highway clean-up project Tuesday. Lion Roy Skrdlant (right) did his part, searching the ditches along U.S. 36 east of Norton.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



## Lions leap to clean up highway

By CAROLYN PLOTTS  
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Lions hunt in a pride, so it was a pride of Norton Lions Club members that hunted roadside trash during their semi-annual highway mile clean-up Tuesday afternoon.

Adopt-A-Highway Chair, Tiffney Yeager, said about a dozen Lions showed up to clean

their assigned stretch of U.S. Highway 36, about two miles east of the intersection of highways 36 and 283. With the distinctive blue, plastic bags given to clean-up crews, the Lions combed the ditches for refuse, pop cans and the occasional dirty diaper. Soon, the roadside was lined with blue bags, ready for the state highway de-

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## School starts off well in Norton

By VERONICA MONIER  
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The Norton School Board heard beginning-of-year reports at last week's meeting.

Superintendent Greg Mann, who said he was covering for the absent Rudy Perez, high school principal, gave the board Mr. Perez's handout.

For the entire district, he said, if the numbers hold, they will be receiving about \$6,500 more in budget authority.

Head counts total 706 students in the district with 22 Lenora contract students. Eisenhower, he said, had a head count of 354, while the junior high has a count of 113 and the high school a count of 239.

Estimated full-time equivalency (FTE), he said, is lower than the head count, but that is normal because Norton doesn't count the Lenora students in its FTE.

The Norton School District's estimated FTE for the upcoming year is 649.5, which is an increase of 1.5 over what was published.

Larry Mills, junior high principal, said the school year is off to a good start. He said they are down 13 students from last year, but 80 to 85 of the 113 students are participating in school activities.

Corey Roy, Eisenhower principal, said they are also off to a great start. He said they have a number of new students. They are down eight from last year, but of the

eight, only four attended Eisenhower last year.

The average daily attendance, he said, is 98.75 percent, which is excellent. They really try to stress attendance, he said.

They also have an average of 100 students a day eating breakfast.

In other business, the board:

- Heard that the district met its 100 member minimum for its health insurance plan and so will be keeping it. But, Mr. Mann said, he plans to shop around this spring to make sure they are getting the best deal for health insurance.

- Heard a presentation on the revised science curriculum. The matter will be

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## Hunt wraps up on a positive note

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The U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt is a big thing. And don't try to convince Carolyn Applegate otherwise, or she might be selling you from a roadside site next year!

Mrs. Applegate of Norton, who oversees the annual hunt along the 13-county route, was high in praise of the second annual event held last weekend.

"Sale hoppers," she said, "came from 23 states." She credited the Internet with alerting out-of-staters of the treasure hunt. "Our map has been on the web site more than a month," she said, pointing out that some came from as far away as New Hampshire and Oregon. She said other advertising was concentrated in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

Mrs. Applegate said a sampling of garage sales, combined with a sampling of Norton tourism service businesses, "leads us to believe \$55,000-\$60,000 was left in the community last weekend."

She said when you consider the "standard" 7x factor used by the state of Kansas to gauge tourism dollars, the impact on Norton is estimated to be in excess of \$400,000. The 7x's factor says money will turn over seven times in a community before it leaves the area.

"For example," she said, "one family spent theirs on new plumbing fixtures and one couple spent their profits on pick-up repairs, (Continued on Page 5)

## Benefit brings in cash to help with expenses

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Over 200 friends and family of Jerome Rudolph came together last night for a benefit spaghetti supper to help his family with medical bills.

Volunteers prepared a spaghetti supper with tossed salad, garlic bread and a variety of homemade desserts. It was served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Norton Senior Center.

Mr. Rudolph was injured in a 20-foot fall Aug. 23 while he was working on a brick building in downtown Norton. He was airlifted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney where he remained in intensive care for approximately two weeks. (Continued on Page 5)



Ramona Pabian dished up spaghetti to Otis Howard and Bertie Leigh Compaan at Thursday night's benefit for Jerome Rudolph. Volunteers served over 200 people in two hours.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts