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Norton, Kansas
Home of Aaron White

Briefly



Don't forget time change

With winter around the corner, it seems the sun has been setting earlier lately, making the days seem shorter as the day for Daylight Saving Time to end gets closer and closer.

The clocks will turn back an hour on Sunday, which means the evenings will seem even longer throughout the winter.

Clocks need to be turned back at 2 a.m. that morning, but most of us will either set the clocks back Saturday night before going to bed, or when we get up. Just don't forget, or you'll miss that extra hour of sleep.

Brass Brigade plays Saturday

The Blue and Gray Brass Brigade will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday in the East Campus auditorium. Members of the military attending will receive special recognition. This performance is sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council. For ticket information, call Carol Erlenbusch at 877-2627. Admission is by Arts Council membership or \$8 for adults; \$4 for students; \$1 for children 12 and under; and \$4 reciproc-

Turkey feast set at Norcatur

The Norcatur United Methodist Church will host its annual Pheasant Supper. Serving will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday at the church's Educational Building. On the menu will be turkey and dressing, ham loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salads, desserts, coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome especially hunters. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 12 and children five and under eat free.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 27. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 66. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 32. **Sunday** — Sunny with a high near 75. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear.

Kingham report:

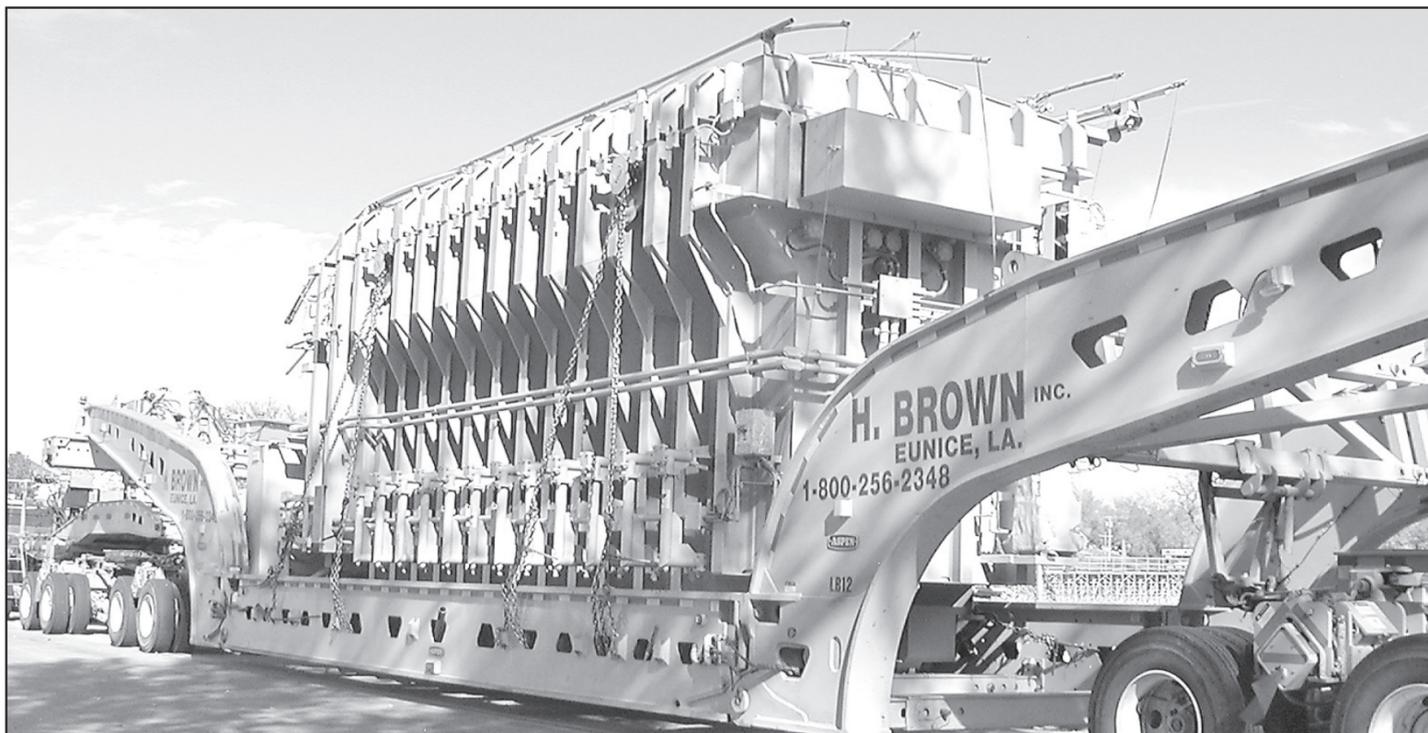
Tuesday Low 39, High 79
Wednesday Low 37, High 60
Thursday Low 27, High 61
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to look for opportunities to serve you by serving others. Open our hearts and make us available to those who are in need.

Amen

Showstopper



The city of Norton had one of its largest 'visitors' ever come through earlier this week and it was nothing short of a showstopper. The giant transformer weighed in excess of 800,000 pounds and was several hundred feet long. The trip from Houston to Norton took nine days.

Using U.S. 283 through downtown Norton necessitated the removal of one of the cross-arms at the railroad crossing on the south end of State Street (lower photo). Additional details are in the accompanying story. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Giant transformer moves through downtown Norton

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Traffic through downtown Norton came to a standstill Tuesday afternoon. The cause of the stoppage was the transportation of a giant transformer through town on U.S. 283. The size of the load required the removal of one of the cross-arms at the railroad crossing on the south end of State Street. City police and railroad crews were on hand to help with its passage.

H. Brown, Inc., of Eunice, La., was responsible for moving the piece of equipment from where it was manufactured in Houston, Texas, to its new home at a power plant in Nebraska. It had taken the crew of five, nine days to travel from Houston to Norton. Tuesday night the transformer was hauled to the Nebraska/Kansas state line where it waited until Thursday morning to travel the remainder of the way.

The moving crew consisted of two semi drivers, one pulling, one pushing; two escort vehicle drivers; and a bucket truck driver.

The height of the transformer was 19 feet; the weight was 800,090 pounds; and the length was several hundred feet.

Blake Fontenot said his company specializes in moving big equipment. He added that the transformer was big but it was not the largest piece of equipment they have moved.

A second transformer will make its' appearance in Norton in about two weeks.



Reports point to good pheasant opener here

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Pheasant hunting is looking to be better than expected this year.

Steve Mathes, park manager at Prairie Dog State Park, said there are areas where the numbers are good and there are areas where the numbers are down.

"I think it's going to be better than expected," he said. "And I think you're going to find both good and bad areas in Norton County and the surrounding area."

Much of the western quarter of Region One, which covers northwest and north central Kansas, was covered with more than 20 inches of snow in January and

February. That, coupled with drought in 2006 had pheasant numbers down substantially this spring, said the Kansas Wildlife and Parks statewide and regional summary report. However, said the report, nesting and brood rearing conditions were good this summer throughout most of the region and helped compensate or exceed the declines observed in the spring.

The report said pheasant densities in the snow-affected northwestern quarter of the region will be similar or somewhat less than last year with a higher percentage of the birds being juveniles. But, pheasant numbers in the counties just east of the snow-affected area will be better than last fall and offer some excellent hunting

opportunities, the report said. Bird numbers in the more central and northeastern portions of the region will be similar to last year or somewhat improved. Pheasant numbers in the southeastern portions of the region will be less than last year because of late May rain and flooding.

Statewide, the report said, that because of the severe winter, the number of pheasants going into the nesting season was more than 30 percent lower than in 2006. However, the deep snow that fell across much of Kansas last winter provided much needed moisture after several years of drought.

"The added moisture helped stimulate vegetative growth this spring which re-

sulted in good cover conditions for nesting pheasants," the report said. "Because many of Kansas' pheasants nest in green wheat the timing of wheat harvest plays a big role in the number of young produced. Weather conditions early last spring and throughout the summer delayed the wheat harvest in many areas giving hens a longer time period to hatch their nests and rear young. The good vegetative cover and generally later wheat harvest resulted in good pheasant production throughout much of the range."

On a statewide scale, the report said, the reproductive output more than compensated for the losses of last winter.

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Motels pretty much booked for weekend hunting

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If you are a pheasant hunter planning a trip to the Norton area this weekend, you better already have a place to stay lined up because the chances of finding a motel room are pretty slim.

Ketan and Mani Kher at the Hillcrest Motel, 877-3343, said they only have a couple of rooms left for this weekend and next weekend looks the same. He said the bulk of their guests had standing reservations from last year.

Ron and Vicki Fisher own the Brooks Motel, 877-3381. Mrs. Fisher said the

Brooks is booked solid for opening weekend. She said, "We have the same people who have been coming for 40 or 50 years. They just keep their reservations from year to year." She said next weekend looks the same.

Larry Patterson is the new owner of 36 Motel but he echoed the other motel owners, "We're booked solid." The phone number is 877-3311

Mr. Patterson said his motel has 15 units all with microwaves and refrigerators. He said he has some units with a full kitchenette and two bedrooms. He said most of his reservations for this weekend are

return guests from last year. The 36 Motel is booked solid for next weekend, too.

On the north side of U.S. 36 is the R & M Motel, 877-3541, owned in part, by Marguerite Godbout. Ms. Godbout said all 14 rooms at the motel are booked solid for this weekend. She said they are all standing reservations from last year. Next weekend, though, she has a few vacancies.

The Rose of Sharon Bed and Breakfast, 877-3010, owned and operated by Gale and Sharon Schulze is not taking hunters this year. Mrs. Schulze said

For hunters bringing their own accom-

modations, there are spaces still available at the RV Park, 877-3744, across from the football field. Nadine Fowler, part-owner, said they still have a few spaces available. If anyone calls, they should leave a message on the park's answering machine.

Mosier Trailer Court, located two blocks east of Elmwood Park on KQNK Road can accommodate four to five campers. Owners James and Georgia Mosier said the campgrounds are full service, offering electrical hookups and sewer service.

Anyone wanting reservations should call Ty Bruton, 877-3961.