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Briefly



Time moves up this weekend

Daylight Saving Time moves into the picture this coming weekend, meaning all clocks will need to be moved up one hour. The official time change is at 2 a.m. Sunday; however, most people will take care of that chore before going to bed Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time remains in effect until Sunday, Nov. 2 when Standard Time returns.

Toy show set for March 15

The 20th annual Toy and Collectible will be held March 15 at the Norton National Guard Armory from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dealers from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas will be in attendance to display old and new farm toys NASCAR, trucks, HotWheels and more. The event is co-sponsored by the Norton Chamber of Commerce and the Norton United Methodist Men. Admission is \$2 for adults and children 12 and under are admitted free. There will be hourly drawings and a food bar featuring sandwiches and homemade pies. Proceeds go to help fund various Christian mission projects.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — A slight chance of rain before 9 p.m., then a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 25. Blustery with a south wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 20%.
Wednesday — Scattered flurries. Mostly cloudy with a high near 38.
Wednesday Night — Mostly cloudy with a low around 11. **Thursday** — Partly sunny with a high near 43.
Thursday Night — A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 17. **Friday** — Partly sunny with a high near 37. **Friday Night** — Partly sunny.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 34, High 59
Saturday Low 32, High 76
Sunday Low 41, High 46
Monday Low 21, High 44
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Open my eyes, Lord, to those around me who need a loving touch from you. **Amen**



Courtney Jones, 4, (above) made herself right at home in the play kitchen of one of the classrooms at Eisenhower Elementary School during Kindergarten Round-Up Monday. Courtney who will start kindergarten in the fall is the daughter of Jason and Mindy Jones, Norton. Aiden Wicker, 5-year-old son of Elicia and Blaine Worcester, (right) listened as his mother read a book to him in one of the kindergarten rooms

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Eisenhower rounds up new students

Almost 60 children and their parents attended the annual Kindergarten Round-Up at Eisenhower Elementary Monday

night. Principal Corey Roy welcomed the group and introduced school nurse, Vicki Enfield. Mrs. Enfield informed

the parents of certain inoculations and forms needed before the children could enroll. Mr. Roy also introduced the three

kindergarten teachers, Terry Hillman, Julie Schrum and Gail Roy.

County looks at defibrillators

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To stay in compliance with new state regulations, the Norton County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) needs to buy new defibrillators.

EMS Director Jane Wyatt said they need to buy new defibrillators for all five of the county's ambulances to meet state regulations. She said they would like to put Zoll E-Series in two of the Norton ambulances and then put new power packs in the third Norton ambulance and also in the Lenora and Almena ambulances. The power packs can have simple defibrillators added to them.

She said the cost for all five would be around \$75,000. The two E-Series will cost about \$25,000 apiece and with the added defibrillators, the power packs will run around \$7,000 each.

Commissioner John Miller asked if there was anyway to upgrade the units they have now.

Emergency Technician Aden Schillig, who is also the service's instructor/coordinator, said they have Welch Allyn defibrillators, which are unable to be upgraded. The service bought the Welch Allyn defibrillators four years ago, before

the standards changed.

Mr. Miller said that would pretty much strip the capital outlay fund for the ambulance department.

Mrs. Wyatt said it would leave them with around \$10,000 left.

Mr. Miller wanted to know if it would affect the level of care having two different types of defibrillators in the ambulances.

Mrs. Wyatt said the volunteers from Almena and Lenora would prefer the power pack, because they are easier to use.

Mr. Schillig said the E-Series start off with a basic system that all of the volunteers can use, but can do more after a code is entered. You have to be a certain level of technician before being certified to use the more advanced levels on the equipment.

The power packs, he said, are more like what is at the high school and Prairie Land Electric.

Mr. Miller asked if those were the only bids they had gotten.

Mrs. Wyatt said they were and that they were going through the Zoll Company because that is what the hospital is using and they will be compatible when

a patient is brought in. She said there are other brands available if he would like her to check into them.

Mr. Miller asked her to do that and to also check with the hospital to make sure it wasn't planning on changing its defibrillators anytime soon. If the hospital is planning on upgrading to something else, the ambulance service needed to know before hand, he said.

"We need to know if they are thinking of changing," he said. "We're changing only because we're being forced to."

Mr. Schillig said the Zoll defibrillators have upgrade capabilities.

In other business, the commission:
• Heard from Mrs. Wyatt that they received two bids for tires for the Unit One ambulance. The low bid is from Ag Valley at \$218.28 per tire. The second bid is from Kansasland Tire for \$233 per tire. She said they need six tires.

• Learned that in February, the service went out on 25 calls, 12 of which were transfers to other hospitals. She said of the 25, they had five traumas, one code blue and one code black.

Since Jan. 1, the service has had 68 calls.

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Health fair has good turnout

More than 250 people attended the Norton County Preparedness and Resource Fair held Wednesday at the Norton National Guard Armory. The fair was sponsored by the Norton County Health Department, Kansas State Research and Extension of Norton County, Norton Manor, Norton County Hospital, Norton County Emergency Medical Services, High Plains Mental Health and *The Norton Telegram*.
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City wants residents to get home safe

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The Public Safety Committee is looking into the possibility of offering a Safe Ride program for Norton residents.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said one concern she had was that they didn't actually have a licensed taxi cab service in Norton.

So, she said, she made up a simple ordinance for a taxi cab license. The license would have to be renewed yearly and whoever applied for one would need to have liability insurance and a Class "C" driver's license. Also, there would be a \$25 yearly permit fee.

"This way we can work on a safe ride program with a licensed taxi service," she said.

It would be much like the contractors the city works with who are required to be bonded or insured.

She said they also needed a study done on what nights to offer the service. They should maybe poll the bars to see what their major events and busiest times are.

Councilwoman Kim Snyder said she would talk to the bar owners.

Mrs. Griffiths said when they offered it before for New Year's Eve, people used it to get to the bar as well as home. Although some of the council didn't like this, she thought it was a good idea.

Mrs. Snyder said she thought it would be better to offer to take people to where they're going as well as taking them home.

"It takes away the temptation to drive home when their cars aren't out with them," said Mrs. Griffiths.

Mrs. Griffiths said they should also talk to the people offering rides home to see if they could get some sort of discount.

But, she said, first she would like Police Chief Pat Morel to look at the license ordinance and see if he wanted anything changed.

Chief Morel asked what they would do if more than one person applied for the license.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said they would put it out for bids to see who offered the best deal.

Councilwoman Donna Foley said they would have Chief Morel review the
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Pep rally sends Lady Jays off to state tourney

A Community Pep Rally will be held for the Norton Community High School girls' basketball team at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium.

Everyone is invited to be present and boost the Lady Jays on to the Class 3A State Tournament in Hutchinson.

The team bus will depart at 8:30 a.m. The pep band bus will depart at noon and the pep buses will depart at 12:10 p.m.

School will be dismissed for the day at 12:15 p.m.

Norton will play their first game of the tournament versus Wichita Collegiate at 4:45 p.m.

Pep band and pep buses will return to Norton each night after the tournament. Seats not utilized by students will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis with adults from the community.