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Briefly

Moffet Station fund raiser set

The first fund raiser for the Moffet Station on South State will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the station. A lunch of hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be served for \$3. Community members are invited to share their memories of the station. These memories will be compiled into a book documenting the history of the station. This will be a great time to find out more information about the project and give input on the project. Tax-deductible donations can be made through the Norton County Community Foundation.

Spring lawn care program scheduled

The Norton County Extension Office will present a *Spring Lawn Care Program* this month, designed to provide lawn care tips for cool season grass. Topics include: fertilization, mowing height, weed control, overseeding, watering and proper aeration or lawns. Chris Petty, Graham County Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent, will be presenting the program on Thursday, April 10 at the Norton County 4-H Building at 10 a.m. If you wish to RSVP, or like more information, call (785) 877-5755. At least five pre-registered people are needed for this program.

Toothbrush rug weaving planned

Members of the Heritage Quilt Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, in the meeting room at Prairie Land Electric. The program will be a hands-on class to learn toothbrush rug weaving. The toothbrush tool will be provided, but each member will need to bring strips of cotton or poly-cotton fabric. Please contact Regina Stark for specific instructions. Hostesses will be Freida Weyand, Jamie Dreher, Connie Miller and Cheryl Roberts.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 34. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 77. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 37. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 58. **Sunday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 33. **Monday** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 20, High 48
Wednesday Low 28, High 61
Thursday Low 40, High 46, .20 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, help us remember your plans to give us hope for the future. May we find comfort in your word and in your promises. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

Question sparks chatter

By TOM DREILING
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Residents of Norton are talking about their most recent utility bill for a reason other than the numbers.

The chatter centers around a question on the billing that reads: Would you vote for a bond issue to fund a new swimming pool? Yes ___ No ___

It's *The Telegram's* understanding that the question is intended to gauge the pulse of the community as it relates to replacing the current swimming pool.

It is also *The Telegram's* understanding that this question has been raised for several now.

What are we talking about in a dollar amount for a new pool?

A call to the office of City Administrator Rob Lawson brought this response: "\$2.5 million to \$3 million."

He said a community in our immediate area built one smaller than would be needed in Norton and it cost them \$1.3 million.

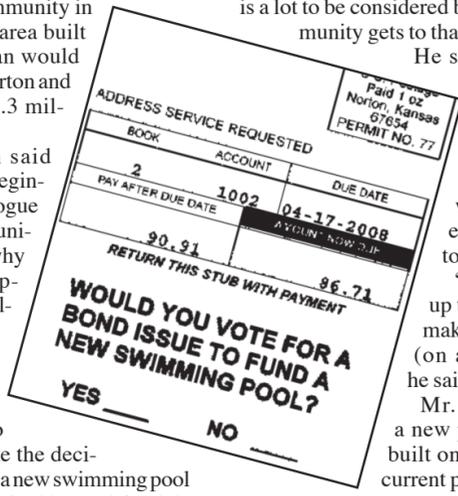
Mr. Lawson said this is just the beginning of the dialogue with the community. And that's why the question appeared on the utility statement.

"This will be a bond issue and the voters will have to eventually make the decision on building a new swimming pool or not," he said. And he explained there

is a lot to be considered before the community gets to that point.

He said the city is nearing completion or has completed some major projects, with some others still needing to be considered. "But it's entirely up to the people to make that decision (on a new pool)," he said.

Mr. Lawson said a new pool would be built on the site of the current pool.



Few vote; Otter, Foley, Kuhn win

By TOM DREILING
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Tuesday was election day in the communities of Norton and Lenora.

Looking at the number of voters, however, it was close to being a no-show.

Figures released by Robert Wyatt, Norton County Clerk, tell a "sad" story, as he put it. Somewhere around 16-17 percent of the registered voters showed up in Norton, and 10 percent at Lenora.

Mr. Wyatt didn't know exactly what the cost of putting on this election was, but whenever those figures are known, *The Telegram* will pass them along.

One thing that bothered the county clerk was the fact that each of Norton's three wards had contested races. He was of the opinion that in itself should have drawn many more to the polls than actually showed up.

In Lenora, there were three candidates for the three seats, nothing contested.

The top vote getter in Norton's city council race went to incumbent Donna Foley in Ward Two. She beat Charlotte Stephenson 96-40.

In Ward Three, Toby Kuhn rolled up 74 votes to Wally Burton's 26. This was an open seat.

In Ward One, Jeffery G. Otter defeated incumbent Jerry Jones, 54-40.

The totals: Ward One, 94 voters; Ward Two, 136; and Ward Three, 100. Total 330.

Percentages, were: Ward One, 14 percent; Ward Two, 20 percent; and Ward Three, 14 percent.

Two ladies, who asked that their names not be used, told *The Telegram* at the post

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Road abuse big problem, meeting told

By Cynthia Haynes
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There needs to be some sort of unified system for surveyors to report and pay when they tear up the county roads, Norton County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan told county commissioners during their meeting on Monday.

Surveyors digging in the roads have become a problem, he told commissioners, because when land is sold it usually needs to be surveyed. In order to find the old markers, surveyors sometimes have to dig pretty deep — up to 10 to 15 feet at times. Even then they aren't always successful, he said.

The problem isn't the digging so much, he said, as the filling in. The surveyors

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Pam Menagh, left, prepared samples for fifth graders at Eisenhower Elementary who tasted fruits and vegetables in an exercise funded by a grant to coordinate school health projects.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Yummy, nothing like jicama for the tummy

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Some were pleasantly surprised. They had no idea raw turnips or papaya could actually taste good.

Fifth and sixth graders at Eisenhower Elementary School had a special treat Tuesday during their regularly scheduled Physical Education Class. They participated in a Fruit and Vegetable Taste Test Project sponsored by the Coordinated

School Health Program.

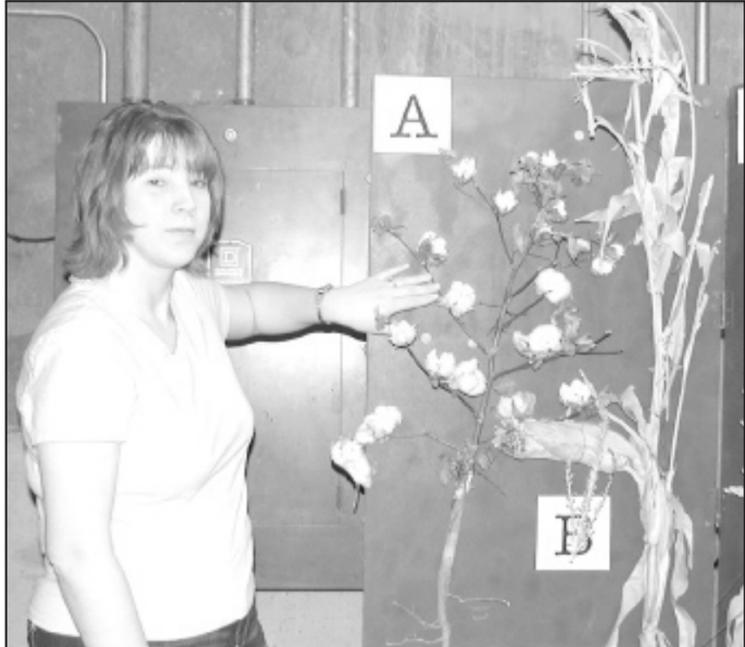
Phys Ed teacher Joan Bolt had applied for and received a grant to coordinate school health. She was assisted by Wellness Curriculum Council member Pam Menagh.

The grant funded the purchase of a variety of fruits and vegetables to allow students to experience the look, feel and taste of foods they had perhaps never tried. They had the opportunity to taste

test up to 10 different fruits and vegetables with the suggestion of trying at least two of each. The variety of fruits and vegetables came from the "Five a Day Color Way" information available from the Better Health Foundation.

The students filled out a form naming the food, listing two benefits of the food and rating it on a scale of one to four; one not liking it and four being "great."

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Teresa Schulze, Norton, was selected the 2008 Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Schulze created this display of the top six crops grown in Kansas for use in her classroom.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Teacher receives big honor

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Teresa Schulze, fifth and sixth grade science teacher at Eisenhower Elementary in Norton, was recently honored as the 2008 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Mrs. Schulze has been teaching for a total of 10 years.

The award recognizes teachers who go the extra mile to instill a passion for learning about agriculture within their students. The foundation honors one teacher annually who has successfully integrated agricultural education into his or her pre-existing curricula.

Mrs. Schulze, who also teaches one social studies class, says that she uses interactive, hands-on activities to integrate various agriculture concepts into her science class. "With living in a rural area, agriculture is the primary industry in our community," she said explaining why she thinks incorporating agriculture into her classroom is so important. "If it were not for agriculture, our town and community would be non-existent."

As a child, her family was involved in FFA and 4-H. She grew up in Wilson where her father was a Vocational Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor for years.

She and her husband, Brandon Schulze, operate a farm northwest of Norton.

Mrs. Schulze, who is also a 2007 Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom summer graduate course attendee, was honored with the award at the Kansas State Agriculture Day celebration on March 20 at the State Capitol Building in Topeka. She will also have the opportunity to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Costa Mesa, Calif., held in June. The trip is sponsored by the *High Plains Journal*.

The Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year award was renamed this year in honor of Janet Sims, who died in June 2007 from Lou Gehrig's Disease. Mrs. Sims had served on the foundation board from November 2005 until her death.

Several of Mrs. Sims' family members were in attendance at the ceremony to watch Mrs. Schulze receive the award. "I

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