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Home of Brad Harding

Question: 'Where's my check?'

Answer: On its way, (maybe)

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Some of you have received your economic stimulus checks by now. But most of you haven't. Matter of fact you may not get it this month or next. It may be July before it's in your hands. Or later. Or maybe not at all.

The Internal Revenue Service said it started sending out the economic stimulus payments last week — the *initial round* that will run right on up to around July 11.

The payments are being made by direct deposit to those who indicated on their 2007 income tax returns that's how they wanted it handled. All others will receive their economic stimulus payments in the form of a paper check.

The payments are being sent out in the order of the last two digits of the Social Security number used on the tax return. Because the IRS will use the Social Security number to determine when checks are mailed, taxpayers may receive their checks at different times than neighbors or other family members.

On a jointly filed return, the first Social Security number listed will determine the mail out time.

Expectations from the Internal Revenue Service are to make somewhere in the neighborhood of 34 million payments within the first three weeks after the initial disbursement on May 2. That would be about 25 percent of the total number of payments to be made to the more than 130 million households.

Those who chose direct deposit can expect to receive their payments between May 2-16, provided, that is, their returns *were received and processed by April 15*. If you did not choose direct deposit on your tax return, but your return was processed by April 15, the paper checks will start arriving May 16. The initial payments are expected to be completed around July 11.

The IRS put together a stimulus payment schedule for tax returns received and processed by April 15. It looks like this (and it is important to again remember these dates are for the tax returns received and processed *by April 15*.

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Briefly

Appointment and reports on agenda

The Norton City Council will consider an appointment by Mayor Corns for Economic Development At-Large position when it meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall. The mayor is also expected to report on a meeting held with the county clerk regarding recycling.

Other reports will include City Administrator Rob Lawson, Elaine Mann/Utility Committee meeting, Ron Briery/Finance Committee meeting, Donna Foley, sidewalk replacement request at 1010 Churchill Drive and Public Works Committee meeting, and Toby Kuhn, Public Safety Committee meeting.

The meeting is open to the public.

Blue Jay Boosters to hear coaches

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Featured speakers will be golf coach David Stover and track coach Jason Jones. They will update fans on recent competitions by their teams and preview upcoming tournaments and meets.

Call goes out for 'Meals' volunteers

Community volunteers are needed to help deliver Meals on Wheels Monday, May 12 through Sunday, May 18. If you can help, call Alice Hawks in the Norton County Hospital Dietary Department, 877-3351.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Showers and thunderstorms likely before 1 a.m. Some of the storms could be severe.

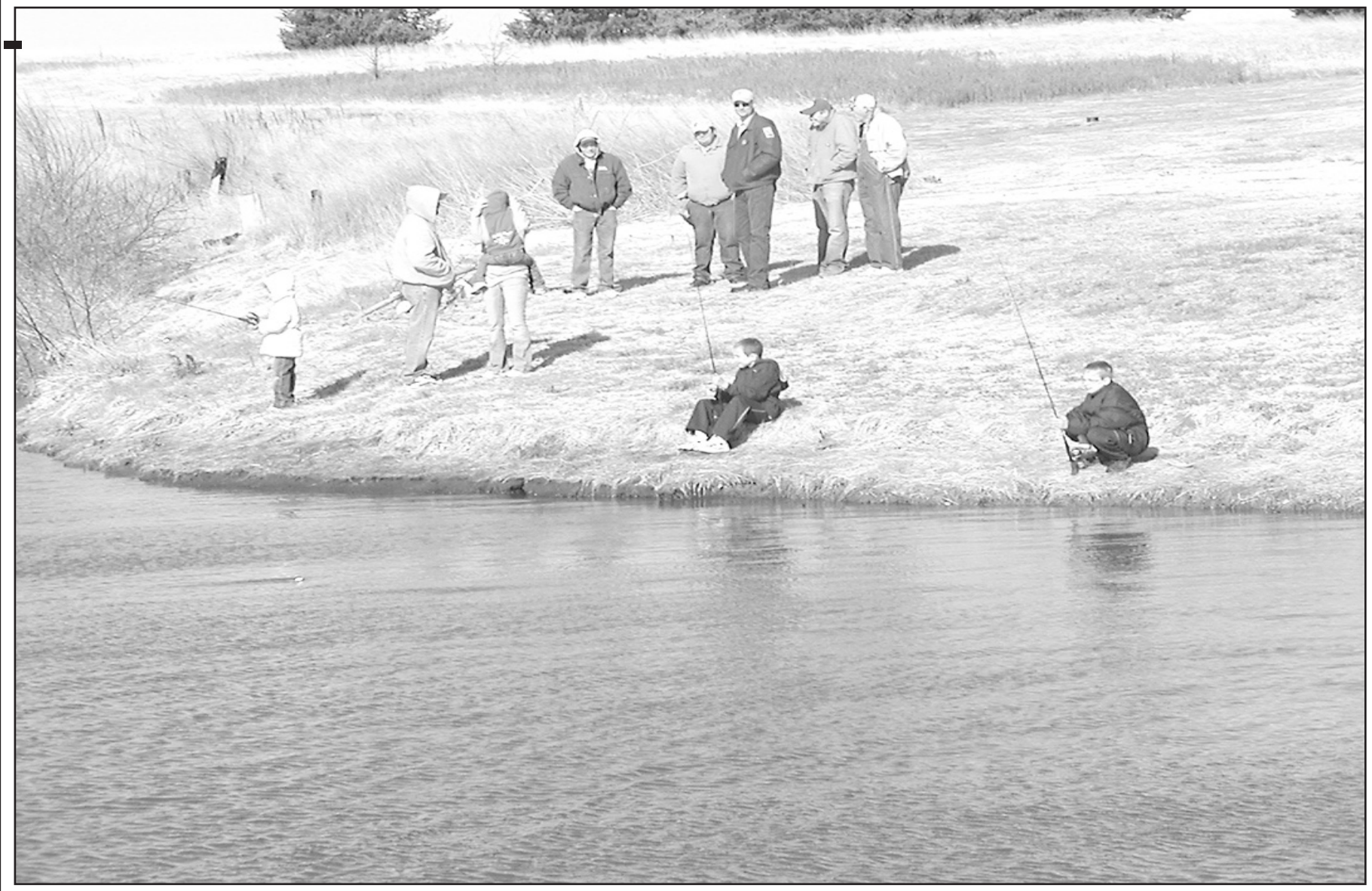
Wednesday — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 66. **Wednesday Night** — A slight chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 45. Chance of precipitation is 20%. **Thursday** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 68. **Thursday Night** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

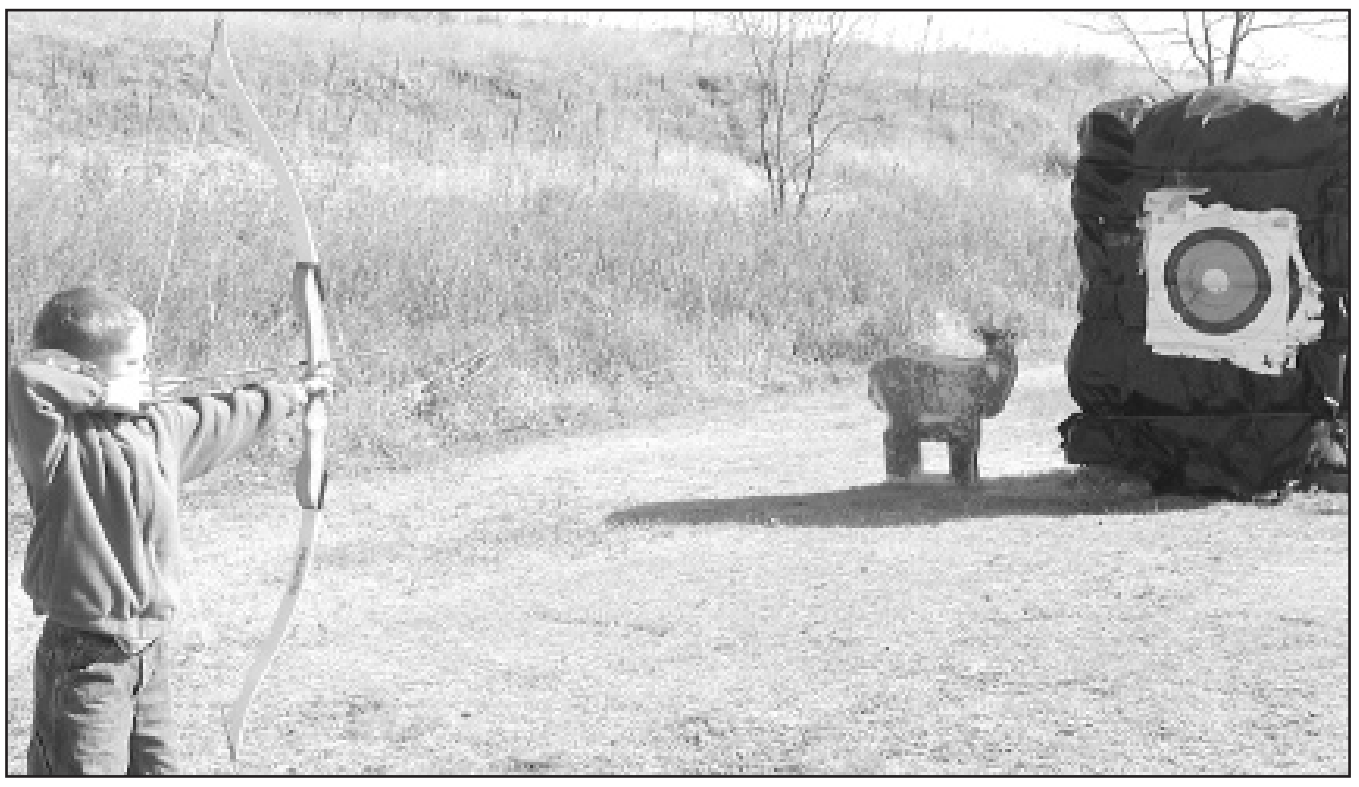
Friday ..... Low 37, High 47
.20 Rain; 1" Snow
Saturday ..... Low 30, High 66
Sunday ..... Low 34, High 78
Monday..... Low 47, High 75
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, Friend and Creator, for always being near to us, especially in the most difficult moments of life. **Amen**



Great 'Kids Day' at park



Park officials, parents, sponsors and kids (above), gathered on the shore of Sebelius Reservoir Saturday during Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day to try their luck with fishing. The fishing clinic was sponsored by Norton County Big Brothers Big Sisters and Longspur Chapter of Pheasants Forever. A young archer (right), took aim at the bullseye. The Norton Archery Club conducted the archery clinic and provided the targets and 3-D animals.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Edmond readies for big Alumni Reunion; reservations sought

It's just about time for the 2008 Edmond Alumni Reunion, scheduled for Saturday, May 24, at the Senior Citizen Center, 208 W. Main, Norton. The celebration will begin with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30.

All alumni, spouses, teachers, friends and anyone who attended Edmond schools are invited. Prizes will be given to members of the class with the most attendance. Special honors and recognition will be given to the Classes of 1937, 1938, 1948, 1957 and 1958.

Reservations for the buffet dinner are required by May 10. Contact Barbara McKie at (785) 877-3340.

Norton teacher going into Hall of Fame

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Gene Wiltfong

Eugene Wiltfong, a teacher in Norton County since 1941, will be inducted into the Class of 2008 Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame in Dodge City on June 7.

Mr. Wiltfong taught in rural schools, he coached, taught science and was the elementary school principal from 1960 to 1981. During that time period he also served as assistant superintendent and from 1981 to 1988 he was the Norton Junior High principal and Norton school athletic director.

Since his retirement in 1988, Mr. Wiltfong has been a substitute teacher and tutored "after school" students.

Mr. Wiltfong said, "I truly believe teaching is one of the most rewarding professions. Excellent school systems help children realize their potential in their preparation for their adult life.

"My goal as an educator was to instill a positive attitude for caring, respect, honesty, responsibility and faith to all my students.

"As an administrator, my goal was to provide and promote a positive school environment for students, faculty, parents and community. The way educators portray themselves is the most powerful legacy they can give their students.

"Quality schools are the result of quality teachers going above and beyond the call of duty."

In his letter of recommendation for Mr. Wiltfong's induction, long-time Norton Community High School teacher and principal Lary Stull said, "Through his entire career in education, Eugene Wiltfong was never complacent or satisfied that we were doing our best. He was always searching and encouraging those around him to achieve, do better, to be on top of whatever could help students better themselves.

Jane Kersenbrock, another former teacher who worked with Mr. Wiltfong, also wrote a letter of recommendation. In it she said, "Gene worked tirelessly to complete

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