

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Friday

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Steve Cole

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### Briefly

### Next Telegram to be a day late

Tuesday's Norton Telegram will arrive in the hands of its subscribers a day late next week, due to the Monday Memorial Day holiday. "Because our employees will take off Monday, the day we generally put Tuesday's paper together, we will put it together on Tuesday afternoon and evening and get it to you on Wednesday," said Tom Dreiling, publisher.

"We hope this doesn't inconvenience anybody," he said.

### Legion baseball needing players

The Norton American Legion baseball team is looking for players. Area players, between the ages of 13 to 19, who do not have a team, are welcome to play.

For more information, contact Steve at 785-871-7393 or Joe at 785-874-4405.

### U.S. 36 to hold annual meeting

The U.S. 36 Highway Association, Inc., will hold its Annual Meeting on June 5-6 in Washington, Kan. First National Bank will be the meeting location. Steve Haynes, President, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Reports will be given by the Departments of Transportation from Kansas, Missouri and Illinois, and the Federal Highway Administration. General discussions will be held with Kansas Legislators. Judy Sifers, CEO of KSDS, Inc., is the featured speaker. The agenda also includes a business meeting and election of officers. Registration is \$17 per person. RSVP to [bonniey@ruraltel.net](mailto:bonniey@ruraltel.net).

### Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some storms could be severe with large hail and damaging winds and heavy rain. **Saturday** — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some storms could be severe. **Saturday Night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 48, High 80  
Wednesday ..... Low 52, High 80  
Thursday ..... Low 56, High 69  
1.20 Rain, Some Hail  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm  
9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Lord, help us see your purpose in all things. **Amen**

## Saying 'Thank You' in a big way



Kansasland Tire and McDonald's co-sponsored Fun Day at Eisenhower Elementary School in Norton on Wednesday. McDonald's provided ice cream sundaes and Kansasland Tire provided a "bounce house" for all the students to enjoy. Second graders left to right, Tevin Petrie,

Nik Armbrister, Kara Frack, Dallas Gosselin and Dustin Harting signed a giant "Thank You" card for the sponsors. Fun Day turned out to be another big success!

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## E-waste trailer arrives, but tag hits snag

By CYNTHIA HAYNES  
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A trailer for gathering electronic waste has arrived but the license is still up in the air, Norton County commissioners learned on Monday.

The trailer has a tag, Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the commissioners, but not the one it's supposed to have. The trailer has a regular county tag from Osborne County, he said, rather than a special government tag. Insurance problems are holding up the special tags, he said, although he assured the commissioners that the trailer is insured.

Norton County has joined a coalition of 10 counties to collect electronic waste like discarded televisions, radios, microwaves, cell phones and computers to keep them out of the landfills and to get them recycled. Osborne County has taken the lead on the project and is getting trailers sent out to all the coalition counties, Mr. Archibald said.

While it will be free for individuals to bring in their electronic waste items businesses will be charged 25 cents a pound. Of that the county will get 10 cents and the coalition 15 cents to help offset expenses. However, Mr. Archibald said, it's still unclear as to who will collect the money for distribution.

And, he said, 25 cents a pound only adds up to \$500 a ton, not a lot of money for the effort of collecting and recycling.

"It's cheaper to throw that baby in the trash," he said.

Commissioner John Miller agreed but said the county couldn't do that.

"That's a problem with how they want to do this program," he said. "But remember, since we've become a member of this coalition, you can't throw it in the trash."

Commissioner Richard Thompson asked exactly what was included in the program and Mr. Archibald said that he had a list but that electronic devices would be included.

He said that there are still a few bugs to be worked out of the system.

"The outfit that we're sending stuff to in El Dorado doesn't have a permit yet," he said, and added that he's heard it will take three to six weeks.

Mr. Archibald said he was starting  
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## Fun Day sundae



Elizabeth Smith and Jarrett Wentz, fourth graders at Eisenhower Elementary School, both enjoyed the ice cream sundaes furnished by McDonald's to all the students for their annual Fun Day Wednesday.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Big honor for Norton grad

By CAROLYN PLOTTS  
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Donald Fought, a 1965 graduate of Norton Community High School, was recently named as one of the recipients of Time Warner Cable's 2008 National Teacher Awards.

Mr. Fought teaches sixth grade social studies at Southeast Middle School, Kernersville, N.C. He was presented with several grants totaling \$5,000.

"The award means to me that the work we are doing is meaningful and it is impacting, not only to the kids, but other people see the value of

what we're doing," he said.

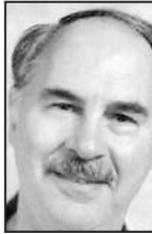
One of the special class projects Mr. Fought started was to establish a sister school cultural exchange with students in Romania.

His class posted internet video tours of their school and community, along with live webcasts with the Romanian school.

Mr. Fought will be among 15 teachers nationwide to be recognized in ceremonies in Washington, D.C., in June. Five years ago he left a 30-year career with Sara Lee to begin his teaching career.

Mr. Fought and his wife, Vicki, have three grown children: Adam, Kathleen and Kelly. They also have three grandchildren.

He is the son of Gordon and Creta Mae Fought, Norton.



Don Fought

## Get ready to hit the water here Monday

By TOM DREILING  
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If Mother Nature dons her swim suit Monday, grab yours and head for the Norton Municipal Swimming Pool to be among the first to test the waters on the pool's first day of the new season.

Jill Lively again serves as pool manager.

With weather conditions playing in the mix, a look ahead to the last full week of May seems to favor the splashers.

The pool officially opens at 1 p.m. on Monday and closes down at 5 p.m., then reopens from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Those hours are in effect Mondays through Thursdays.

Hours of operation on Fridays through Sundays are 1 to 8 p.m.

There are some conditions that will close down the pool, such as:

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