

School board adopts military leave policy

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The Norton School District Board of Education adopted a new policy at its Monday meeting, dealing with military leave, as recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Previously, the teacher's contract touched on the subject of military leave, but did not go into any details, and it was not in the school board policy. The new policy covers all five branches of the military, and their respective reserve components — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps

and the Coast Guard.

The policy provides reemployment rights to military personnel called to duty for the following reasons: active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty, and absences from work for an examination to determine a person's fitness for any of the above types of duty.

The policy also covers disabled veterans, requiring the school district to provide reasonable accommodations and allow up to two years to return to work if

recovering from injuries received during service or training.

The policy states that a person may be absent for up to five years for military duty and retain reemployment rights, and that the person must provide advance written or verbal notice to their employers for all military duty.

The policy also states that a person must be discharged under honorable conditions for that person to be entitled to reemployment rights. A person returning from military service is entitled to be reemployed in the job that they would have had they not been

absent, with the same seniority, status and pay, as well as other rights and benefits determined by seniority. The employer must provide training or retraining that enables the person to refresh or upgrade their skills.

A person performing military duty for more than 30 days can elect to continue employer-sponsored health care for up to 18 months at a cost of up to 102% of the full premium. A person who is on military duty for less than 30 days is covered as if they never left. Others that are a reward for length of service are protected.

Late night attack focuses on mosquitoes

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Residents of Norton who stay up late may have seen a truck making its way down their street, towing a trailer with something coming from within. What they are seeing is the city's efforts to curb the mosquito population.

BioMist 3+15 is being sprayed in residential and business areas throughout the city. The active ingredient is Permethrin, a chemical that kills the adult mosquitoes on contact. In the parks, a larvicide is spread on the grass, much like fertilizer, to kill the larvae.

The truck sprays for mosquitoes

every 7 to 10 days. They start around 9 p.m. and usually end a little after midnight. Dan Bainter, a city employee, said, "BioMist is not harmful to people or pets. No precautions need to be taken when you see the truck coming up your street."

He said windows can be kept

open, and kids can still play outside.

According to Wikipedia, permethrin is poorly absorbed by the skin, and it is not known to be harmful to most mammals and birds.

An additional bonus is the spray is virtually odorless.

Location of recycling bins noted

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Residents of Norton may not know it, but there are two recycling bins in town.

One is located at Elmwood Park, and the other is at Water Tower Park.

Both are big blue bins.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said, "Paper, aluminum, and plastic can all be put into the bins," and Solid Waste employee Curt Foley added, "Glass is allowed in the recycling bins, though they are currently not recycling glass."

He said landfill employees have to dig the glass out by hand.

"At some time in the future, we might be able to recycle glass, just not yet," Mr. Foley said.

The paper from the recycling bins goes to Tamko in Phillipsburg, and can be used to make shingles for a house.

A semi from Garden City picks up the plastic and aluminum.

Interstate-70 gets new snow gates

Special to The Telegram

It may be typical July weather in Western Kansas, but blizzards are on the minds of Kansas Department of Transportation officials this week.

Crews are installing a series of gates along Interstate 70 from Russell to the Colorado line that will enhance safety and efficiency when the inevitable winter storm requires that the road be closed.

The gates, which resemble those at railroad crossings, are being installed along westbound lanes at Russell, Hays, WaKeeney, Oakley, Colby and Goodland. In past years, Kansas Department of Transportation crews have manually placed barricades across the interstate. In some extreme conditions, the signs could be blown over.

In most situations, a law enforcement officer will continue to be stationed at the gates to allow local traffic to pass through the off-set gates, located on either side of the highway, if weather and road conditions allow safe passage.

"This will allow us to close

the highway quicker when blizzards are moving in," said District Maintenance Engineer Jerry Moritz of the department's Norton office. "And, it will also be safer for travelers and our workers."

The gates, which are equipped with warning lights, have been

tested at the University of Nebraska and are similar to those used in Wyoming. Travelers will be alerted by signs two to three miles in advance that the gates are down and the highway is closed.

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Girl Scouts figure in Dairy Queen promotion

The Norton Dairy Queen, owned and operated by Randall and Tammy Ball, joined Dairy Queens across the United States as they recognize Girl Scout Appreciation Week.

The week is made even sweeter by the debut of the Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie *Blizzard* treat and cake—available only during the month of July.

Mr. Ball said, "We're proud to be part of this event. We'll be offering the *Blizzard* the rest of the month."

Thin Mints are the best-selling Girl Scout cookie, while the *Blizzard* is Dairy Queen's signature treat product.

This is the first time Girl Scouts of the USA and Dairy Queen have come together to create a one-of-a-kind *Blizzard* flavor.

The Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie *Blizzard* is made with Girl Scout Thin Mint cookie pieces, creamy *DQ* soft serve and a Crème de Menthe topping.

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