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Briefly

Norton council in session Wednesday

This serves as a reminder of the Wednesday's meeting of the Norton City Council, which, like all public bodies is open to the public. It starts at 5:30 p.m. at the city building. Chris Miller, Miller & Associates, will discuss bid letting for Phase II of the Water Treatment Plant project, and Diane Becker, director, city/county economic development, will give her semi-annual report. City Attorney Karen Griffiths will present a resolution authorizing the abatement of conditions under the Environmental Code. Reports will be given by Rob Lawson, city administrator; Donna Foley, utility committee; and Joe Leroux, parks committee.

Veterans Affairs man here June 8

A Veterans Service Representative for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Office on Monday, June 8, from 1-2:30 p.m., to assist veterans and their families with veteran's benefits. The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs is a state agency that provides free assistance to veterans and their families. Appointments preferred, walk-ins accepted. Call 785-625-8532 for additional information.

Meals on Wheels

The Knights of Columbus has charge of Meals on Wheels delivery for this week, June 1-7. Tom Melroy is the contact person, 877-2754. June 8-14 will be the Norton Lions Club, Jon Boxler, contact person, 877-5128.



SUNNY

Tonight - Showers likely, cloudy with a low around 48. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Wednesday - Partly sunny with a high near 70. Wednesday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 49. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high near 79. Thursday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 57. Friday - Mostly sunny with a high near 79.

Kingham report:

Fri., May 29..... Low 49, High 97
Sat., May 30..... Low 57, High 88
Sun., May 31 Low 54, High 97
Mon., June 1 .. Low 56, High 97, .30 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Help us, O God, in daily situations to make choices that please you. Amen

Ready for some fun in the sun



Jacob Green, Jon Harding and Josh Green, left to right, prepared their boat for the water at Sebelius Lake this past weekend. They eagerly awaited an afternoon of fun in the sun, as did many other boaters as Memorial

weekend was favorable for the most part.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



Keith VanSike examines wheat in a field where a wheat tour will be held June 8. Mr. VanSike said the wheat looked really good and is mostly done flowering. The harvest is expected to begin at the end of June.

- Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Says wheat looks good

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The wheat crop's filling in Norton County and should be ready to harvest in late June or early July, said Norton County Extension Agent Keith VanSike.

Mr. VanSike said the harvest may begin a week later than usual, although a few warm days at the right time could speed up the time.

The crop flowered last week and the week before and could be harvested about 30 days after, he said.

Mr. VanSike estimated the harvest would be average or slightly above average this year, but he was unsure what the exact yield would be.

The average number of bushels per acre used to be about 27, but that has increased to 35 in recent years. Mr. VanSike attributed the increase to new fungicides, herbicides and genetic technology which allows farmers to plan against fungus and rust.

"Wheat is a very big crop in Norton. Statewide we are ranked 40th out of 105 counties," he said.

According to Mr. VanSike, "cool season wheat" does well in this area due to the climate. The crop is planted in the fall and grows through the winter.

Planting in the fall allows wheat farmers to diversify their operation while the wheat is growing, Mr. VanSike said.

There were very good conditions last fall which allowed the crop to get established, he said.

Moisture is extremely important during this time of the grain filling, he said. "The last rain we had was a million dollar rain for the wheat. It was becoming very stressed."

Before harvest gets into full swing, the Norton County Extension office and Tim Schulze, wheat farmer, will host a wheat tour on Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. The tour is open to the public.

He has hosted the wheat tour for the last three years. The public will be able to see several varieties, including Bill Brown, Spartan, Armour, Hitch, Aspen and Turkey Red. Mr. VanSike said Turkey Red is the "father of wheat."

Mr. Schulze said the wheat is brought out, he drills it and it is ready to display in June. It was planted in early October, he said.

He recommends people come to the tour because they are able to see different varieties and talk to professionals about the economic impact on wheat and fungus

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Relay for Life planning begins

One of the community's biggest fund raisers takes place this month. *Relay for Life* will again raise money for cancer research at Elmwood Park on Friday, June 26, starting at 7 p.m.

The Survivors' Lap will usher in the annual event, which will end on Saturday morning around 7 a.m. with clean up of the facilities.

Everyone in the community, county and surrounding area is invited to attend

Relay for Life's 25th anniversary.

According to those organizing the event, *Relay for Life* gives anyone in the county an opportunity to honor the fighters and survivors of cancer and to remember those who have been taken by the disease.

"One way to do this is by the purchase of luminaria. Individuals may purchase luminary bags for \$10 each and deco- (Continued on Page 5)

Lifeguard crew numbers nine

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The Norton Swimming Pool is fully staffed this year with nine well trained lifeguards including Zac Dreher, Taylor Rossi, Shelby Jones, Brett Wyatt, Rachel Lentz, Adam Myers, Gena Myers, Tabitha Vincent, Kendra Engelbert and assistant pool manager Ashley Smith Maybon.

Pool manager Jill Lively said the lifeguards have to be 16, go through Red Cross Lifeguard Training, take a CPR class and she prefers that they complete all of their swimming lessons before they start.

According to the Red Cross Lifeguard

Training web site, students are required to swim for 20 yards, dive seven to ten feet to retrieve a ten pound object, surface, swim 20 yards and exit the pool with the object without using the pool ladder. The exercise must be completed within a minute and forty seconds.

"All of my lifeguards have been here before, some have been here for five years," Mrs. Lively said.

She said she especially looks for work ethic when making a hiring decision, and she performs staff evaluations during the summer.

The manager said six lifeguards work at (Continued on Page 5)

Show off!



It had wheels and a motor and the Robin needed a lift, so it got one this past week at the home of Jack and Jane Kersenbrock here in Norton. Mrs. Kersenbrock said her husband was mowing and hollered for her to "come quick." She ran out to see what was going on and it turned out to be a Robin "hitchhiking" on the mower. Soon after the photo was taken, the bird flew away. Show off!

- Photo for The Telegram by Jane Kersenbrock