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## Tuesday

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Ronald Scheimo

### Briefly

#### Booster Club to open new season

The first weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club in the new fall sports season will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Speaking about the results of their team's season opening competition will be head tennis coach Jim Green and head volleyball coach Peggy Cox. Giving the fans previews of season openers will be head football coach Lucas Melvin and head cross country coach George Rossi. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the meetings. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

#### Agenda for city council released

Norton's city council meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the City Building. Under new business, the mayor will make an appointment to the Housing Authority Board; Rob Lawson, city administrator, will give his report; Donna Foley will give the utility committee meeting report; Toby Kuhn will give the finance committee meeting report; Jeff Otter will give the public safety committee meeting report, and also present three ordinances for consideration, effecting parking on portions of the north side of E. Warsaw St., west side of S. Second St., and east side of N. Norton St.; act on two building/demolition permits; and approve Ordinance #17 which calls for payment of bills. All city council/committee meetings are open to the public.

Logan ready for  
Labor Day event  
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## Weather forecast

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 58.  
Wednesday - Isolated thunderstorms after 1 p.m.  
Wednesday Night - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.  
Thursday - A 20 percent chance of showers.  
Thursday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 57.



#### Kingham report:

Friday, August 28 ..... Low 55, High 83  
Saturday, August 29 ..... Low 55, High 84  
Sunday, August 30 ..... Low 48, High 84  
Monday, August 31 ..... Low 48, High 83  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

God of love, help young people in the many challenges they face today. May they find in your people strong expressions of your love and may this be true for all of us, young or old.  
**Amen**

## Moffet project begins



Construction began on the interior of the Moffet building in downtown Norton yesterday. Wertenberger Construction, Hays, is tearing down the north wall, which was damaged when a local man drove his truck

through the building several months ago. The construction firm was the only one to submit a bid.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Pigskin Pick-Em contest begins

By DICK BOYD

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The 40th annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest for area football fans begins in this issue of *The Norton Telegram*.

Each week during the season, football fans will have a chance to win prizes by guessing who will win high school and college football games.

The weekly prizes will total \$30 in scrip money. First place will be \$15, second, \$10 and third, \$5 in scrip money.

The fan who picks the most correct games during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

The great thing about the Pick-Em Contest, the most popular event ever (Pigskin - Continued on Page 5)

## Train, tractor probe concludes

By ERICA BRADLEY

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The Norton County Sheriff's investigation into the accident between a Kyle Railroad train and a Wildlife and Parks tractor came to an end, with the sheriff saying it was an accident.

"The tractor was attempting to cross the tracks when the oncoming train hit the front loader of the tractor," Sheriff Thomson said.

He said the noise from the tractor prevented driver Bernie Bowen from hearing the train's whistle.

Jacob Dougherty, Kyle Railroad engineer, told the sheriff's department that the train was going 30 miles per hour and blew the horn before entering the intersection. He said the tractor had already entered the intersection.

Mr. Bowen was cited for not stopping, but the sheriff declined issuing a ticket.

## Animal cruelty laws back on agenda

By ERICA BRADLEY

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City laws regarding animal cruelty are up for discussion at today's public safety meeting and at Wednesday's city council meeting. The issue has been brought up at past council meetings by Roxanne Kent, who is asking the city to change its animal cruelty laws.

Ms. Kent wants to see the city adopt the city of Lawrence's code. She is specifically asking that Norton change its laws regarding animals left in vehicles during warm months.

The specific code Mrs. Kent wants adopted states, "to leave any animal confined in a vehicle for more than five minutes in extreme weather conditions, defined as less than 30 degrees or more

than 80 degrees."

Ms. Kent said she wants Norton to adopt an ordinance for animals left in a vehicle in 70 degree temperatures.

"Our city code is very limited. I believe it should be in our animal cruelty laws," she said.

Sherry Hickman, animal control officer, said Norton has laws against animal abuse and neglect. She said the laws cover all abuse and neglect without specifying

Mrs. Hickman said each situation should be looked at on a case-by-case basis because each situation is different. "Each case should be dealt with individually," she said.

She said some people take their pets with them everywhere, not realizing the danger when leaving the pet in a vehicle.

It is not intentional abuse.

Mrs. Hickman said animal abuse reports can be reported to the police department or animal control.

Aaron White, veterinarian, agreed that it is a case-by-case basis due to weather elements as well the breed of dog, but they should not be left in a heated vehicle for long.

"If you wouldn't leave your child in the car, you shouldn't leave your dog in the car," he said.

He said a dog definitely shouldn't be left in a car above 80 degrees.

The city council meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the City Building.

"It needs to be addressed. I won't let a dog die," Mrs. Kent told the council.

## Beginnings of new church



Spencer Steves worked on laying pipe at the site of the new Lutheran Church. Construction is underway at the site, west of Norton. Sloan's Plumbing is doing the sewer work.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Accident claims Densmore man in Logan area

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A fatal accident occurred on K-9, approximately five miles west of Logan Sunday morning.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, Glen Walters, 34, Densmore, was driving a 2007 Dodge Ram when it went off the road and into the south ditch, struck a driveway entrance causing the vehicle to go airborne and rolled a couple of times.

The vehicle came to a rest on the roadway, facing southeast.

Mr. Walters was ejected from the driver's seat, and he was not wearing his seat belt.

The Norton County Sheriff's Office received the report at 5:21 a.m. In a statement to *The Telegram*, the report said that Mr. Walters was taken to Norton County Hospital by Phillips County ambulance. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.