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Briefly

New location for local blood drive

The Norton Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Oct. 14 from noon to 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, located on north State Street.

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit bloodisneeded.org to make an appointment today. All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old (16 in Kansas with completed Parental Consent Form). Visit bloodisneeded.org to learn more.

BB gun team to hold first meeting

Persons interested in learning more about the Norton BB Gun Team or boys or girls between the ages of 8-14 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2009 who are interested in trying out for the team are invited to attend the first meeting of the team's new year on Wednesday, Oct. 21 in the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum on East Highway 36 across from Kowpoke Supply in Norton. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short informational meeting explaining what the program is all about. Beginning at 7 p.m., try outs for this year's team will begin. Once the team is established, regular meeting nights will be Wednesday of each week. For more information, contact Cameron Archer, phone 877-5567.

An early walk



International Walk to School Day was Oct. 7. Norton Community High School football and volleyball players escorted Eisenhower Elementary School students from the Unified Office to the elementary school. Joan Streck, school nurse, said International Walk to School Day educates children about pedestrian safety as well as physical activity. (Above) An estimated 191 students crossed the intersection at Highway 36 and Jones Street, although more participated in the event. (Left) Bobbie Wiseman watched out for students crossing the Highway 36 and Jones Street. (Right) Eisenhower Elementary School Custodian Bill Goscha holds the International Walk to School sign at the school. —Telegram photos by Dana Paxton, top photo courtesy Charlotte Stephenson

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
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CORN	\$3.16
SOYBEANS	\$8.70
WHEAT	\$3.73
MILO	\$2.84

314 W. North Street
Norton, Kansas
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weather forecast

Tonight - A 50 percent chance of snow after 1 a.m. Increasing clouds with a low around 27. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible. Saturday - A chance of snow and freezing drizzle before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of snow. Cloudy with a high near 33. Saturday Night - A chance of snow and freezing drizzle. Sunday - A chance of snow and freezing drizzle.

Kingham report:

Tues., Oct. 6..... Low 36, High 57
Wed., Oct. 7..... Low 37, High 68
Thurs., Oct. 8..... Low 38, High 42
.10 Precipitation
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer
God of grace and mercy, open our hearts to your presence in the midst of the changes and opportunities that come our way. Amen

Seasonal flu preparations underway

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The much-awaited H1N1 vaccine was scheduled to come into Kansas at the beginning of the week, and while it has not arrived in Norton County, federal officials are urging all Americans to get the vaccine as soon as they can.

Norton County Health Department Nurse Gina Frack said she is not sure when the vaccine will be available. Frack said there have been no confirmed cases of H1N1 flu in Norton County. "We're trying to be prepared for seasonal flu," Rich Miller, Norton County

Hospital director, said. Frack recommends getting both the seasonal flu shot and the H1N1 vaccine. Both are influenza, although H1N1 is a different strain, affecting younger people. "Influenza is influenza," she said. Wednesday morning Health and Hu-

man Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius appeared on the Today show to discuss the importance of getting the vaccine. Sebelius called it "safe and secure." Many people are concerned about the vaccine because it was rushed through
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Grant on schedule Columbus Day closes some local businesses

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The Norton County Emergency Medical Service ambulance grant application is on schedule, and the Norton County Commission is requesting approval for the bid to be approved. Norton Emergency Medical Service was selected to receive a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Recovery with the funds from the Ameri-

can Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The \$165,000 grant will fully fund a new ambulance. Norton County Clerk Robert Wyatt said the commission requested approval for the bid, but they are waiting on the Kansas Department of Commerce. "At this time, we need to wait for an approval from Kansas Department of Commerce to accept the bid presented
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By Christie Anderson
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Columbus Day has had many changes over the years since its beginning. On Oct. 12, 1792. Europeans in New York are said to have had the first recorded celebration of the 300th anniversary of

Columbus' landing in the New World. During 1892, the 400th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage, President Benjamin Harrison urged citizens to participate. This was the first time that Francis Bellamy recited in public the Pledge of
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