

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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### Briefly

## Annual shootout is set for May 14

The eighth annual Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Benefit Shootout will be held at 1 p.m. on May 14 at the Prairie Dog Golf Course. The entry fee is \$180 per team with free pizza provided from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. A 25 inch Rope Mulligan is available for \$20 for the first 27 teams. Contact the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce at 877-2501 or mail an entry form to 104 South State St., Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Moran's staff sets local office hours

Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that a member of his staff will be in Norton County to hold local office hours from 10:30–11:30 a.m. on May 10. Kelsey Holste, district representative for the First Congressional District, will be in the lobby of the Norton County Courthouse to meet with area residents.

For further information, or to speak with a district representative, please contact Kelsey Holste or Joseph Badger at (785) 309-0572.

## Tourism and travel plans tourism week

Norton Tourism and Travel will celebrate the 27th Annual National Travel and Tourism week May 8–16 by giving 15 \$10 gift certificates to motels, Prairie Dog State Park, service stations and restaurants to distribute to travelers.

The week promotes tourism throughout the United States. It started in 1983 when Congress passed a joint resolution designating the week be celebrated in May, 1984.

MARKETS	
Friday, May 7, 2010	
WHEAT.....	\$3.94
MILO.....	\$2.93
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.81
CORN.....	\$3.33

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## weather forecast

Tonight - Areas of frost after 2 a.m. Saturday - Areas of frost before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny with a high near 60. Saturday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 40. Sunday - A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 p.m.

## Kingham report:

Monday, May 3.....Low 36, High 72  
Tuesday, May 4.....Low 37, High 83  
Wednesday, May 5.....Low 37, High 78  
Thursday, May 6.....Low 38, High 70  
.....50 Rain; Some Hail

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Holy God, give us courage to look at ourselves in light of who you call us to be. Then help us to open ourselves to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## Students perform for friends, family

(Above) Don Mordecai conducted the fifth and sixth grade Spring Band Concert on Monday at Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym. The selections included a rousing rendition of "Mony, Mony" that was arranged by Paul Lavander. Norton can look forward to a quality band in the future with these young musicians. (Right) Eisenhower Elementary School kindergartners performed a concert Wednesday afternoon in the Eisenhower Elementary School cafeteria for school staff and family. The class performed songs including Had a Little Rooster, Elephants Have Wrinkles, Monkeys, Brother Mitch, I've Been Cleaning my Bedroom and Go, Go, Go to Bed. Dances included Rig-A-Jig, Put Your Little Foot and Shoo-Fly. Joyce Morel directed the students, and Cindy Mordecai was the accompanist.

Telegram photos by Harriett Gill and Erica Bradley



## Council discusses power plant options

By ERICA BRADLEY

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The future of the power plant is still being discussed by the city council, although they are waiting for more information before deciding to close the plant, do the required maintenance or scale it back to one engine.

Joe Leroux, utility committee chair, discussed the last utility committee meeting during Wednesday's city council meeting.

"We continue to discuss the power plant and what would be best for the city. At this time, we do not have a definite decision," he said.

He said the committee reviewed a request by Chris

Frack for a pick-up truck for his department. The council had approved the purchase of a pick-up truck but the sale fell through, Leroux said.

He said the council is holding off on major purchases at this time.

"For the time being, we're going to hold off," he said of purchasing the pick-up truck.

Leroux also discussed the results of the interview process for the vacant meter reader position. He said Corey Urban was selected for the position and will transfer from the power plant.

"For the time being, we will not advertise to fill the position vacancy his transfer will create," Leroux said.

Leroux also reported on a request from Tony Grysch regarding lowering the sewer rates for the Downtown Car Wash.

He said the utility committee and city staff researched the request and found out that other communities charge an additional sewer rate to car washes. He said other cities limit how much a car wash can introduce into a sewer system at one time.

"City staff did also contact other Kansas communities to see what their policy was in regards to car wash sewer rates and six cities responded that they did not discount the sewer rates and that they just charged

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## Moisture has been good for 2010 wheat

By ERICA BRADLEY

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Moisture has been an asset to this year's wheat crop, even though it has delayed corn harvest and planting.

Keith VanSike, Norton County Extension agent, said wheat fields are on schedule.

"The wheat is moving right along. The moisture has certainly been a good thing," he said.

He said at this stage, the wheat is protected from frost.

"Wheat at this stage is not as susceptible. It's not as tender as it would be if it were flowering," he said.

VanSike said some areas have leaf rust.

"It's not uncommon. It can happen. The farmers need to pay attention to that," he said.

He said farmers should treat their crops before the wheat starts to flower. Rust treatment is for prevention of rust, he said.

"If you apply later than that (flower-

ing), there isn't much time to protect against infection," he said.

Norton's Ag Valley Co-op Location Manager Rick Mullen said the wheat crop in Norton County looks good. He expects harvest to fall between June 20 and June 30.

"I think that's a fair assessment," he said.

He said the crop looks good so far.

"I think everyone thinks we have a pretty good wheat crop this year," he said.

VanSike said that while the moisture has been good for the wheat, it has slowed corn planting.

Mullen said planting corn is well underway, but some farmers are still harvesting.

"They're planting corn and picking corn all in the same week. That's pretty amazing," he said.

Mullen said planting is a little behind schedule due to the recent rains.

"It's been so wet, hardly anyone has been able to get in the field," he said.

## Thirty years of service

By VERA SLOAN

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Emergency Pregnancy Services, where young women or couples can go for help coping with an unplanned pregnancy, plans to celebrate 30 years of aid and assistance with an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at its office on Range Avenue in Colby.

The idea for the service began in the late 1970s and early 1980s when a group of Colby women heard about a college student who couldn't afford to buy larger clothing to hide her pregnancy.

The young woman told a friend and classmate about her problem, and she talked with her mother about it.

The prospective parents wanted to give life to their baby. Both wanted to finish college and eventually marry when school was over, but their finances would not cover the immediate need for maternity clothes, medical care and in a few months, the needs of a newborn.

A big concern was how to talk with their out-of-state parents about their situation. They feared the parents

would want an abortion, which was not something the couple was considering. Friends and their families came to the couple's aid, and Emergency Pregnancy Services got its wings.

Questions like "how do we begin" were answered when organizers met to discuss how they could best serve the needs of people in that situation. They decided it was best to start small and grow, so they developed a plan to train volunteers, arrange for free pregnancy testing and solicit maternity clothing, baby clothes and other supplies.

A phone number was listed as soon as possible and later a toll-free number to call for confidential support was put in place. The commissioners offered space in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave.

"Emergency Pregnancy Services has always been a nondenominational service," said Geri Landry, a member of the volunteer group, "and we are extremely grateful to members of the Thomas County Ministerial Alliance, private donors and to the county commissioners for their generosity in

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