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Briefly

Vehicle tag renewal deadline upcoming

The last day for businesses or persons whose name begins with "E," "F" or "G" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and/or motorized bikes tags will be May 31. When renewing your vehicles remember to include your current proof of insurance. We need to verify the VIN number, policy number and expiration date. In addition to insurance, we need your driver license number or Federal ID number for the business. The Treasurer's office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on May 31. Driver license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructional permits (IP) and Driver Education restricted licenses can be done in the office by appointment only. You will need to bring an original state issued certified birth certificate, social security card for the applicant and a utility bill with current address plus the driver license of the parent that brings the child.

Weed Field Day Set for June 10

The North Central Prairie Weed Management Area and Solomon Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. will be hosting a Weed Identification Field Day June 10 at the Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge from 9 to 11 a.m. Confirmed speakers include Walt Fick, range management specialist with K-State Research and Extension and Jim Nechols, professor of entomology with Kansas State University. This will be an opportunity for participants to learn how to identify and control weeds as well as to identify and learn the purpose of head and rosette thistle weevils. The public is invited to attend and to bring plants to be identified. If you have questions about the Field Day please contact the Resource Conservation and Development Area at 785-425-6647.

MARKETS	
Friday, May 28, 2010	
WHEAT.....	\$3.62
MILO.....	\$2.95
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.78
CORN.....	\$3.32

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 64. Saturday - Sunny with a high near 91. Saturday Night - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high near 74. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 49.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, May 25.....Low 54, High 78
.03 Precipitation
Wednesday, May 26.....Low 52, High 81
.04 Precipitation
Thursday, May 27.....Low 58, High 85
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the ways your goodness comes quietly to us. Help us to see them and be grateful. Amen



Students participate in Fun Day games

(Above) Richard Remington participated in the limbo during Eisenhower Elementary School's annual Fun Day as Jarrett Wentz watches after his turn. (Right) Tayli Ruesch and Tamika Peters raced in the three legged race competition. The Elementary School students rotated through several different stations. Fun Day began at 1 p.m. and ended after 3 p.m., said Joan Bolt, Fun Day coordinator.

"FUNDAY would not be the success it is without all the staff, parents and community volunteers to run the stations. I want to give a special thanks to McDonalds for supplying the sundaes everyone enjoyed for refreshments, Norton's Kansasland Tire for supplying the tire innertubes for Tire -Tug- of War and the Norton Ambulance service for being the official 'First Aid Station' as well as educating the students on what they do," Bolt said.



Community owned clothing store discussed

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Economic Development hosted a small informational meeting for a community owned clothing store, a project that is meant to get a women's clothing store in downtown Norton.

Diane Stiles, Norton City/County Economic Development director, said there are three options for a clothing store: a community owned store, expanding a local business or funding an entrepreneur. Each option would require local investors to fund a clothing store.

In order to expand an existing business or fund an entrepreneur, Stiles said, an angel investment would be needed. Angel investors are residents who invest

money into a business. Investors would also be needed for a community owned clothing store.

Stiles listed two examples of community owned stores; The Dresser in Oberlin and Waudby and Company Clothiers in Russell. She said at The Dresser, investors are lienholders, meaning their \$300 investment is paid back by a 35 percent discount over three years. They have an eight member board of directors and a part time manager.

Waudby and Company Clothiers has investors as shareholders with \$500 per share being paid back through \$100 in coupons for 5 years. They also have an eight member board of directors and four paid part time clerks.

Both stores are staffed with volunteers.

Three guest speakers discussed different issues with the audience. Karen Griffiths, Cindy Boller and Elaine Mann talked about the realities of owning a clothing store.

"It's every girl's dream to have a clothing store," said Griffiths, who owned a clothing store.

She said the reality is that most people in Norton earn \$10 an hour, so merchandise and price points are important to consider. How people shop is another consideration, she said, because most shop in chain stores or on the Internet.

"I don't shop unless there is a sale," she said.

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Norton pool set to open this weekend

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The Norton swimming pool is fully staffed with 12 lifeguards and will open Sunday at 1 p.m.

Ashley Smith Maybon will be the pool manager this year. She replaces Jill Lively who had managed the pool for several years.

Maybon said she has three lifeguards returning, including Taylor Rossi, Shelby Jones and Health Vincent, who will also be the assistant pool manager.

New lifeguards include Kaylen Rossi, Rebekah Streck, Zach Hartwell, Terrell Lane, Josh Gallentine, Kylene Hager, Megan Cole and Cassie Lowry.

The pool is open weekdays from 1-5 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Friday through Sunday the pool is open from 1-8 p.m.

Maybon said pool parties can be held Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 8-10 p.m.

The cost is dependent on the number of people attending with a party start- (Pool - Continued on Page 5)

Arrest made after investigation

An 18-year-old Norton resident was arrested May 12 following a two month investigation by the Norton County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Troy Thomson said Landon Hamel was arrested for an alleged incident that occurred in December, 2009 with a juvenile in Almena.

County Prosecutor Doug Sebelius

said Hamel was charged with one count of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and one count of electronic sexual solicitation. He said the alleged incident occurred on Dec. 18, 2009.

Hamel bonded out May 12. He made his first court appearance, and the preliminary hearing will continue July 6 at 1 p.m.

Businesses close for holiday

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A number of business will have holiday hours or be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday.

Businesses reporting closed in Norton are: Norton Home Store, Kellie's,

Kowpoke Supply and Lumber, Sanders Furniture and Bed Store, Engels's Sales and Service, Jacobs Auto Sales and Service, Car Quest, Ag Valley (use of cards at gas pumps), Countryside Sales and Service, Norton Thrift Shop, Nex-Tech (Holiday - Continued on Page 5)