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Briefly

## Time to renew tags for 'B' last names

The deadline for businesses or persons whose last name begins with "B" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bikes license tags at the Norton County Treasurer's office will be March 31. To verify the Vin number, policy number and current expiration date current proof of insurance must be brought with you. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Collectibles show set for Saturday

The Tri-State Toy and Collectibles Show will take place this Saturday at the Norton National Guard Armory from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is one of the oldest shows of this type in the area featuring dealers from three states.

## Quilt Club plans to stitch up a storm

The Heritage Quilt Club is observing National Quilting Day the Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stitch Up A Storm in Norton. Join them for displays and demonstrations.

## Soup supper benefit planned for girl

There will be a benefit soup supper at the Clayton Community Center Saturday, March 26, from 6-8 p.m. to help Diedre Kramer with expenses for a trip to Europe this summer. There will be a free will donation and also items for sale that Diedre has made to raise money for her trip. She will participate in this tour and perform with other students from the Midwest in several European cities.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$7.23
Milo .....	\$5.76
Soybeans .....	\$12.52
Corn .....	\$6.15

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Tonight** - A slight chance of rain and snow showers after 4 a.m. Areas of fog after 4 a.m. **Saturday** - A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 7 a.m., then a chance of rain showers. Some thunder is also possible. Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy with a high near 53. **Saturday Night** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Areas of fog. **Sunday** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. **Sunday Night** - Partly cloudy with a low around 41.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, March 15 .....Low 30, High 61  
Wednesday, March 16...Low 34, High 79  
Thursday, March 17.....Low 36, High 65  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to release our anxieties to you. In gratitude we place our lives in your loving care. Amen



# Lenora shops suffer vandalism

Two businesses in Lenora suffered vandalism early Tuesday morning and the Norton County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

At 4:02 a.m. Tuesday the Sheriff's Department received a 911 call from a *Salina Journal* newspaper delivery driver. The driver reported seeing suspicious

movement and then noticed that the window of the front door to the Country Corner store had been broken.

The business is owned by Raymond and Rhonda Heikes. Lots of merchandise was removed from the store.

Some of the items have been recovered.

Sheriff Troy Thomson said, "We have interviewed multiple subjects in this case and it is an on-going investigation at this time."

At 10:13 a.m. the same morning the Norton County Sheriff's Department received a call from Donna Downs, the manager of the Timezone Bar and Grill in

Lenora. She reported a break-in.

The Sheriff's Department found no forced entry was discovered. Things inside the business were disturbed and some items taken, the sheriff's report said.

"This is also an on-going investigation but we do believe that the two break-ins are connected," Sheriff Thomson said.



## They're just hangin' out at the park

Trustin Ragland, (above) grandson of Steve and Gloria Cole, enjoyed the spring like weather and spent the afternoon with his grandmother at Elmwood Park this past Sunday. Riley Meyers (right,) daughter of Troy and Lindy Meyers of Norton, enjoyed her spring break just hanging around and playing at Elmwood Park. The warmer weather has made this year's spring break much more fun for those not in school.

- Telegram photos by Dana Paxton



## Area economy doing well

Economic Development is a moving, vibrant entity in Norton, Scott Sproul told the Norton City Council on Wednesday.

Sproul, the city and county economic development director, gave a brief report from the board's Economic Development Board's monthly meeting last week.

The Ag Valley Rail project is one of the biggest long-term economic development things in progress, he said, with an estimated \$8 million in infrastructure.

"It's a huge project," he told the council.

Much of the material for the project is being obtained locally, Sproul said, which is a big boost to local businesses.

"The biggest winners are the local farmers," he said, adding that when the facility is in operation it should be able to add 7 to 10 cents per bushel to what farmers make on their crops. Since the facility should be able to handle 10 million bushels a year, when it is completed, that will be an enormous help for farmers. It will also provide a good source of trickle-down for local businesses as farmers with more money, are able to spend more.

The Kansas Department of Transportation is doing a traffic study, he said, to make sure that the roads in the area, including U.S. 36, can handle the increased truck traffic.

Other economic news included:

- Within the last 60 days, three area businesses have been sold. The Norton Flowers and Gifts is already under new management and two other businesses have their sales almost complete.

- Master Cleaners out of Hays will be picking up clothing at Moffet Drug since the Norton Cleaners has gone out of business.

- The Cinda Baxter seminar was well attended and the economic development group wants to hold another business seminar this year but so far nothing has jelled.

- The Kansas Economic Development Association is supporting a bill in the

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## Gunshot kills Lenora youth

On Tuesday afternoon, the Norton County dispatch received a 911 call reporting that a subject had suffered a gunshot wound at 325 North Main Street in Lenora. The Norton County/Lenora ambulance and the Norton Sheriff's Department responded to the scene.

The victim, identified as 17-year-old Brennon Salem of Lenora, was in the front yard and was pronounced dead at the scene by the Norton County Coroner's Office. The Norton County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident and all evidence indicates a self-inflicted gunshot wound as the cause of death. The case is still under investigation.

Brennon was a senior at the Northern Valley High School and left behind, his mother, Amanda Salem Shellhamer, step-father, Jake Shellhamer, brother, Jacob Shellhamer, sister, Jenna Ricker, grandparents, other family and numerous friends. A memorial service will be held at the Rock in Norton on Tuesday, March 22 at 4 p.m.