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Briefly

Barrel racing to be held this weekend

The Norton County Horse Council will hold their annual NBHA Barrel Racing at the Elmwood Park this Saturday and Sunday.

Soil Health meeting will be on Tuesday

The K-State Research and Extension Office will hold a Soil Health and Wealth gathering for the North Central Prairie Weed Management Area on Tuesday at the Norton County 4-H building in Norton at 9:30 a.m.

There will be presentations in the morning then a catered meal which costs ten dollars. In the afternoon there be a farm tour of three farms, so bring your shovel. Contact Rachael Boyle at the K-State Research and Extension Office at 785-425-6851 with any questions.

District office to close Monday

The Unified School Office, USD 211 will be closed Monday due to a meeting.

Extension office to give grilling tips

Twin Creeks Extension District and K-State Research and Extension will hold a program on meat and grilling techniques on Thursday, June 9 at the Norton County 4-H Building at 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required so call the Extension Office at 785-877-5755 by Wednesday, June 8.

Pick up flowers by Wednesday

The City of Norton would like to remind everyone to please pick up their flowers from the cemetery no later than June 8 at 8 a.m.

Markets

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Wheat\$8.10
Milo\$6.71
Soybeans\$13.44
Corn\$7.30

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Saturday** - Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 80s. Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Sunday** - Mostly sunny with patchy fog in the morning and highs in the lower 90s. **Monday** - Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 90s.

Kingham Report

Wednesday, June 1.....Low 53, High 91
.30 Rain
Thursday, June 2.....Low 64, High 97
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O Lord, give us hearts like yours to love and care for the young people in our life. Show us what to do. Amen.



A State Trooper wrote one of many tickets that are being given out during the Click It or Ticket campaign that started on May 23 and ends this Sunday. It is not just a program for two weeks out of the year, however, but a year round thing. It is the law, click it or ticket. -Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Officers remind drivers to buckle up

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The Statewide Click It or Ticket campaign is still going through this Sunday so remember to buckle up. This is a strict two week program but the law is enforced year round.

Last year, the fine for not wearing your seatbelt was \$30 for every unbuckled person in the car. This year

the fine is \$5. The campaign is a strict enforcement of seatbelt use and child passenger safety. All occupants must be restrained. The driver is cited for any passenger under the age of 14 and any passenger over the age of 14 is cited individually.

The aim is to reduce the number of deaths and injuries that occur when unbelted drivers and passengers are involved in traffic crashes. Wearing your seatbelt saves

lives, reduces injury and holds down health care costs. Most accidents happen within five miles of one's home and it only takes two seconds to buckle up so why not?

The Norton City Police Department has reported 185 stops as of yesterday. Last year, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported citing 1326 drivers. Here is hoping those numbers go down. Buckle up and drive safely this weekend and everyday of the year.

Three charges added to officer's rape case

At the preliminary hearing last week, the Norton police officer Ryan L. Zweygardt was charged with three more counts. In addition to the two counts of alleged rape, Zweygardt is now being charged with two counts of aggravated battery and one count of aggravated sodomy. During the hearing Zweygardt requested a reduction of his \$500,000 bond and requested house arrest in Colby with his mother, Jerri

Zweygardt. Magistrate Judge, Deb Anderson, denied both requests stating he is still a danger to the community. He will remain in the Graham County Jail with the \$500,000 bond. Zweygardt's lawyer, Dan Walter, requested a motion of discovery of the text messages and phone records. The next hearing for all five counts was continued to Thursday, June 9 at 10 a.m.

Joplin tornado damage is affecting Norton recycling

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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Happenings in Joplin, Mo., are affecting recycling in Norton County.

County Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Achibald told the county commissioners Tamko, the roofing manufacturer, has changed the way it buys cardboard and paper from the county.

The person who had been handling purchasing for the Tamko plant in Phillipsburg retired, Archibald said. The new person works out of an office in Joplin and has everything on computer now.

Now, instead of just selling and delivering the county's recycled paper and cardboard to Phillipsburg, he said, he has to deal with a broker in Centennial, Colo., a suburb of Denver.

This has not gone well so far, he said, with the county getting approval to sell only part of its paper and cardboard. While the whole thing should get worked out, Archibald said, it may take some time and trouble.

"We're going to have the headache for awhile until they get things smoothed out," he told the commissioners.

Medal of Honor winner rests in New Almelo

By HARRIETT GILL
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Patrick James Leonard, a native of County Meath, Ireland, is buried in the St. Joseph Cemetery in New Almelo. His grave stone marks him as a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Timetables from various online research groups, "Home of Heroes" and roots-web information reported by Gayle James do not agree when he joined the United States Army.

Based on the agreed facts, he was born in Meath on May 19, 1847. He entered the service in the United States Army from Cincinnati, Ohio.

On May 15, 1870, Sergeant Patrick Leonard and four men from C Troop were searching the Little Blue River in Nebraska for stray horses when a war party of approximately 50 Indians surrounded the detachment.

Racing for cover, Leonard dismounted his men and discovered that Private Thomas Hubbard and two mounts had been wounded. The Indians charged twice and the troopers repelled them, with one Indian killed and three wounded.

Leonard slaughtered the two wounded horses to form a breastwork in time to repulse a third attack in which the cavalrymen killed two more Indians and wounded four others. Within the hour, the Indians retreated.

Leonard had to withdraw his patrol on foot because the Indians had killed all the horses during the attack. He took a settler's family of two women and a child under his charge.

The Indians did not renew their attack and Sergeant Leonard safely arrived at C Company's bivouac at 11 p.m. with his entire patrol and the civilians secure.

In a report dated May 23, 1870 by Captain E.J. Spaulding, who recommended Leonard and his men for the Medal of Honor, Spaulding said that he thought this was the most formidable attempt that the Indians had made since 1864. He believed that the intention of the Indians was to clean out the Little Blue and Spring Creek.

Records show Leonard was discharged at Fort Custer in Montana on March 9, 1880.

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Patrick Leonard's grave stone in New Almelo

