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Briefly

Motocross races here this weekend

Come enjoy the motocross races this Saturday and Sunday, one mile east of Norton on Highway 36 and then one mile north. Practice starts at 9 a.m. and the races start at 11 a.m. Concessions available and a \$5 admission at the gate.

Antique Power Show Sat., Sun. in Alma

The 31th Annual Sunflower Pioneer Power Association, Antique Machinery, Threshing, Power and Car Show will take place this Saturday and Sunday in Alma at the association's grounds on West Brockton Street. Come see the demonstrations, tractor pull, flea market, crafts and much more.

Learning Center Graduation soon

Student Learning Center is holding their graduation on Friday, June 24, at the East Campus Auditorium. The public is invited to join in the celebration.

Citizens asked to vote for grant

Norton County Economic Development is asking everyone to vote for the Moulton Drug Store building (the former Sewing Box) in a community challenge that could win the community up to \$25,000 in a grant toward the renovation of this building.

The building is in the top 10 in the This Place Matters 2011 Community Challenge.

The project with the most votes will win.

Go to www.discovernorton.com for more information on the project.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.61
Milo	\$6.87
Soybeans	\$13.17
Corn	\$7.46

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday - Partly sunny in the morning then mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Monday - Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 80s. Tuesday - Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, June 7.....Low 69, High 96
Wednesday, June 8.....Low 56, High 83
Thursday, June 9.....Low 52, High 69
Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to treat everyone as your child, even those who hurt us. Then everyone will know we belong to you. Amen



The Norton Community High School graduating class of 1951 got together and celebrated their Sixtieth class reunion over the Memorial Holiday weekend. Front row: Sally Doyle Baker and Suzann Sidman Maddy. Middle row: Sheryl Keener Morris, Norma Glann Whistler and Marlene Harvey Wilmot. Back row: Francis Carrol, Robert Whitney, Gene Alley, David Schneider and Ray Bower.

Norton alumni held reunion over Memorial Day weekend

By Sonya Montgomery

Many former Norton Community High School alumni began to arrive Memorial Weekend for the all school reunion. Thursday and Friday were spent reminiscing memories about Norton and meeting with friends and classmates. The scheduled activities began Saturday morning in the junior high school cafeteria. This is where alumni and local friends met for coffee, pastries, crackers and cheese, fruit brunch and lots of visiting.

During lunch time and throughout the afternoon classmates met for their meals and they also spent time visiting at various places around town.

The evening catered meal was served at the junior high school gymnasium to 219 people. Tables were covered with gold tablecloths and dinner was served on blue plates. Master of Ceremonies, Alan Peil, recognized various people

and groups including a 1937 graduate, Lester Williams and 1938 graduate Vernon Heitman and two of his children, John and Elaine.

Former teacher, Doris Winteroth, was also in attendance. Peil also recognized a number of two generation alumni. People were recognized for arriving here from all over the United States.

Other "fun" door prizes were awarded for the different types of categories. One larger door prize was awarded by a drawing from all those in attendance which was won by Eloise Allen of Arizona.

Plans for the gathering began last year when David Schneider and Marlene Wilmot of the 1951 class approached Sonya Montgomery to help plan the event. It was decided to spread the word by the Internet and Facebook. A big thank you goes to all who took it upon themselves to let other classmates know about the reunion.

Senator to help adjust districts

By Kevin Bottrell
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With 2010 Census data in, the state Legislature has begun the process of redrawing the district lines to reflect Kansas' population trends, and Thomas County's state senator is at the center of the effort.

Sen. Ralph Ostmeier is serving on the Senate committee in charge of redistricting. Ostmeier said he had asked Senate President Steve Morris to put him on the committee at the beginning of the session, wanting to make sure western Kansas was represented.

2010 Census data, released earlier this year, showed population loss in every northwest Kansas county except Ellis county. Because of that, some legislators now have populations lower than they should, Ostmeier said, and will have to gain territory.

"It doesn't look good," he said.

The number of senators and representatives won't change, but their district boundaries will. There are 40 senators and 125 representatives.

However, because the overall population in Kansas increased by 6 percent, each district will have to have even more people. Ostmeier said he hasn't seen the final numbers yet, but likely each senator will have about 71,000 people in his or her new district. Ostmeier's 40th district currently has about 67,500 people, he said, but it lost about 5,500 in the last census. He will have to absorb more territory to make that up and add an extra 3,500. Ostmeier's district already has 18 counties, including Thomas.

"My district is perfect, one square to another," he said. "I'd hate to change anything there."

Ostmeier said counties like Phillips or Rush could be added to his district to make up the population difference, however, he said he does not want to attach Hays to any district around it because the

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Commissioners unsure on rural cemeteries

There is some concern over who is going to mow at least one Norton County cemetery.

Norton County commissioners looked into a mowing problem at their end-of-the-month meeting last Tuesday.

After hearing earlier in May about a letter sent to some residents about the county no longer mowing some cemeteries, the commissioners asked that someone bring

in a copy of the letter so they could know exactly what is going on.

Last Tuesday, rural Densmore resident Kenneth Riemann did just that.

The letter, issued by the Solomon Township trustees, to those with family buried in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, which is in West Union Township, said that future mowing of the area will be up to them.

The commissioners discussed the problem with County Attorney Doug Sebelius but no one is sure if the land is owned by the Catholic Diocese of Salina or not. If the area is owned by the diocese, it needs to be taken care of by the church.

The commission will check to make sure to whom the cemetery belongs. However, they assured Riemann that they will make sure it is properly maintained.

In other business, the commission:

- Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Heard from County Treasurer Cynthia Linner that the county had deposited \$32,480 in sales tax revenue in May. That is \$6,000 more than last month, she said.

City to get new sewage dump tank at sewer plant

Norton will get a bulk sewage dump tank at the sewer plant provided by Larry Patterson of Septic Tech.

Septic Tech made a proposal to the city to provide and install two cement tanks, sewer grinders, backflows, valves and other necessary plumbing and materials for a bulk sewage dump tank at a point at the sewer plant to be selected by City Administrator Rob Lawson and Chris Frack.

Septic Tech will provide the installation except electrical, and then be given credit for dumping until the value of the materials and installation are depleted. Then the company will pay a monthly fee.

At its meeting last Wednesday, the Norton City Council agreed that the service will be available to the public and the Utility Committee will come up with a rate.

The council also agreed to donate \$600 to Options, formerly the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, for the help they give to Norton County residents.

The group provides 24-hour service within the Northwest Kansas counties. In 2010, it helped 13 domestic violence and sexual assault victims in Norton County.



Septic Tech is a newly formed company in Norton that will be assisting with the sewage dumping and pumping at the City plant. This is one of several trucks owned by the company.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



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