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Briefly

Monday marks beginning of school

The first day of school for Norton USD 211 will be Monday with a 1 p.m. dismissal.

Blood drive is planned for Aug. 23

The Norton Community Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, Aug. 23 from noon to 6 p.m. at the American Legion, 1120 N. Norton Ave. Please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to schedule your appointment today!

Local author to hold book signing

Local author Randa Vollertsen will hold a book signing Saturday at Garden Gate Florals, Etc. from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. The author, along with her illustrator Diane Pratt will be on hand to discuss and sign copies of her children's book "Mimi's Mulberry Tree."

Early childhood screening planned

Eisenhower Elementary will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screen on Friday, Aug. 26. If you have a concern in any of the following developmental areas: vision, hearing, speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning, please call to schedule your child for this screening. Those eligible are children ages 3 through 5. The appointments are approximately 30 minutes, beginning at 8 a.m. To schedule an appointment, please call Eisenhower Elementary at 877-5113 by Aug. 25, and ask for Joan Hale.

Races slated for Saturday at Elmwood

Races are this Saturday at Norton Elmwood Park Speedway starting at 7 p.m. Don't miss the last race of the regular season. There will be 305 Sprints, Hobby Stock, Sport Mods, Stock Cars, and Modifieds.

Markets

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Wheat\$7.23
Milo\$6.25
Soybeans\$12.71
Corn\$6.92

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely. Saturday - Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly sunny. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with areas of fog after midnight. Sunday - Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80s. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, August 16.....Low 62, High 88
 Wed., August 17Low 66, High 85
 Thursday, August 18.....Low 66, High 99
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us replace negative words and thoughts with your words of hope, joy, and peace that we can find in scripture. Amen

Crash causes minor injuries

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Three individuals escaped major injury early Thursday afternoon when two vehicles were involved in a crash on Highway 36 in front of Pamida.

Norton Police Officer Wes DuBois reported Thursday that just before 1:30 p.m. Thursday, a late-model Ford Freestyle was stopped on Highway 36, preparing to turn south on Jones Street. The crash occurred when the driver of a Dodge Ram truck struck the first vehicle from behind.

The driver of the Ford was transported to the Norton County Hospital with minor injuries and a passenger in the vehicle was uninjured. The driver of the second vehicle was also not injured. The names of the occupants have not been released pending investigation into the crash.

Responding to the crash were the Norton Police Department, the Norton County Sheriff's Department, and members of the Kansas Highway Patrol. DuBois said that an investigation into the incident is ongoing and citations are pending.



Rescue workers attempt to extract a man from his vehicle Thursday afternoon on Highway 36 in front of Pamida. The unidentified man was preparing to turn left from the highway when his vehicle was struck from behind by another vehicle. The driver was transported to the Norton County Hospital.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Jennings FunDay set for Saturday, Aug. 27

On Saturday, Aug. 27, the community of Jennings will host the 20th annual Firemen's FunDay.

The parade theme for this year's event is "Happy Birthday, Kansas-Celebrating 150 Years of Statehood."

Saturday's festivities will kick off at 8 a.m. with the health fair at the Senior Center. The health fair is sponsored by the Decatur Health Systems, Family Practice Clinic and the Decatur County EMS. A health profile will be available for \$35.

Also from 8-10 a.m., a kolache coffee will be held at the senior center. The coffee is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Sean Conroy, PA-C, will be on hand to answer health questions. Kolaches will be sold all day at the fire station for \$1 each.

The day will continue with community garage sales and the Legion bake sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the American Legion hall, a half block east of city hall.

At 10 a.m., children's games begin with a dunk tank and coin search on Main Street and a giant slide at Heritage Park. Pony rides, children's train ride, and a cake walk will also be held at 10 a.m. with Wii games planned for 10:30 a.m.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., a wobble-trap shoot will be held one-half mile north of Jennings on County Road 385 at the Kenny Wildeman farm. Participants

should bring their own shotguns and plenty of shells.

From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a safety demo will be conducted by Midwest Energy in front of the fire station.

The funday festivities will continue at 11 with an honor flight presentation by George Launchbaugh, Gayle Bainter and Cindy Schnelle. The presentations are also planned for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at city hall.

Also from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Czech Museum will be open with free admission or free-will offerings. The museum will close during the parade.

Bingo games are also planned for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the senior center. Tickets are three for \$1 or 50 cents each.

For patrons looking for food, the lunch counter at the fire station will open at 11:30 a.m.

The day will continue with parade line-up slated for 12:30-1 p.m. at the south end of Penn Avenue (School Street). All entries are welcome, but organizers ask that parade participants be prompt in lining up for the parade. There is no pre-registration or entry fee and the parade will be led by the American Legion Post #63 motorcycle group.

At 12:30 p.m., all females competing for the title of "Jennings Firemen's Fun Day Queen" are asked to register at the

parade site. All ages are welcome to compete.

At the conclusion of the parade, queen candidates will be introduced with reigning queen Ashley Vacura. Patrons who would like to vote for a queen can do so at the speaker's stand following the parade. Voting will close at 5 p.m.

The festivities will continue at 2:30 p.m. with registration for the Children's Pedal Pull. The event will be held at Heritage Park and is open to children ages 4-12. Sponsored by Great Northwest Insurance, the pedal pull will begin at 3 p.m. and is sanctioned for the Kansas State Fair.

At 4 p.m., a free bicycle/helmet giveaway will be held courtesy of the Jennings Fire Department/EMS. One boy's

bike and one girl's bike will be awarded. Entrants must be 12 years old or younger to win and participants must be present to win. Children can enter at the speaker stand or at the Kolache stand.

The firemen's team barrel will be held at 4 p.m. and a hog roast is planned for 6 p.m. at the fire station. The meal will include pulled pork, beans and chips.

The evening of fun will continue at 7 p.m. with the crowning of the Fun Day queen, followed by an auction. Items to be sold are donated from area businesses and individuals.

Also at 7 p.m., the firemen's raffle will be held to give away a television, surround sound system and portable DVD

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Scout leaders to hold membership drive Aug. 25

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To help promote awareness and membership for the organization, local Cub Scout leaders will hold a social event/recruiting time next week for anyone interested in learning more about scouting.

Local Scout leader George Boutwell reported that the event will be held Thursday, Aug. 25 from 4-8 p.m. at the Norton Public Library. Refreshments will be provided.

There are currently only seven Cub Scouts in Norton and George and Jennifer Boutwell are the primary leaders for the group. The Cub Scouts organization is open to all boys entering grades 1-5. Boy Scouts are for boys entering grades 6 and up.

The purpose of the scouting organization is to foster leadership and outdoor skills for young boys. The group also

promotes community service and civic responsibility for the youth.

"We want our members to be helping the community and learning leadership skills," Boutwell said. "We try to stress that connection and participate in service activities when opportunities arise."

Some of the group's activities include camping trips, helping with projects at Prairie Dog State park and helping with the Lions Club's holiday programs, among other projects. The trademark event for the Cub Scouts is the annual Pinewood Derby.

Joining Cub Scouts is a simple process with an initial \$15 fee per member. Other costs and fees are spread out over time, but are offset with fund-raisers and projects.

For more information about the scouting organization or how to join, contact George and Jennifer Boutwell at 785-877-3997.

Local businesses honored

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In honor of the contributions of local business to local economy, the Kansas Department of Commerce recently recognized four local businesses as part of Business Appreciation Month, celebrated in June.

Dan Steffen visited Norton Tuesday morning to recognize four local businesses, including Destination Kitchen, E11even, Miltech Machine Corporation and Otter's Inc. Destination Kitchen and E11even were honored as retail businesses and Miltech and Otter's were recognized in the manufacturing sector. The award ceremony was held at the newly-constructed SleepInn hotel.

Steffen reported that the Department of Commerce received 131 nominations for Business Appreciation Month awards in the categories of manufacturing/distribution, retail, service and hospitals/non-profit. A panel of economic development professionals, business leaders and Chamber of Commerce officials narrowed the field to 27 regional business excellence award winners. While no local businesses earned such a distinction, the four local businesses have been recognized as earning a certificate of merit.

The representatives recognized as business leaders included Cindy Boller and Georgia Mann of Destination Kitchen,

Joslyn Henson of E11even, John Milnes of Miltech and Frank Otter of Otter's.

The businesses were nominated for their contributions by the Norton City/County Economic Development representatives.



Dan Steffen, regional project manager of the Kansas Department of Commerce, presents awards Tuesday for four local business.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Eagles to hold supply drive

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To help alleviate pressure for families who may not be able to afford all the supplies their children need to return to school, Norton's Fraternal Order of Eagles will host a supply drive/dance this Saturday.

Eagles member Barbara McKie reported that the dance will be held at the Eagles Lodge this Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight. The dance is open to lodge members and guests.

Cover charge for the event is \$5 per person, but anyone who brings school supplies to donate to local students will

be admitted for only \$3.

Some of the needed supplies include Crayola crayons, Crayola water colors, Crayola colored pencils, pencils, highlighters, pocket folders and wet wipes/baby wipes. Throughout the Norton school district, 43 percent of students come from families who live in poverty, so the supplies collected will be used to help make sure every student has the supplies they need for a successful school year.

Musical entertainment for the dance will be provided by The Three Jacks and the lodge bar will be open for service.

