

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



## Friday

### September 9, 2011

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### Briefly

#### Prairie Dog office hours to change

The Prairie Dog State Park office will no longer be open on weekends for the remainder of this camping season due to budget cuts. Office hours will be Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The self-pay station in front of the office can be utilized to purchase camping and vehicle permits. Licenses and permits can also be purchased online or through various vendors.

#### Bridge repair to start on Sept. 13

On Tuesday, Sept. 13 a bridge repair job on US-36 Highway is anticipated to begin in Phillips County.

The bridge over Spring Creek is located 1.5 miles east of the East US-183 Junction in Phillipsburg. During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane and controlled by temporary traffic signals.

Weather permitting, the bridge repair will be finished in late October.

#### Hwy. 36 sales to be held next weekend

The Highway 36 garage sales will be held Sept. 16-18. Location listings can be found in the Tuesday, Sept. 13 edition of the Norton Telegram.

#### Phillipsburg to hold 9/11 ceremony

As part of the nationwide observance of the Sept. 11, 2001 tenth anniversary, Phillips County and Phillipsburg is planning a special program at 7 p.m. on the Phillipsburg Courthouse Square, Sunday, Sept. 11.

### Markets

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Wheat .....	\$7.49
Milo .....	\$6.45
Soybeans .....	\$13.00
Corn .....	\$7.10

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 50. Saturday - Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 80s. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly clear. Sunday - Sunny with highs in the upper 80s. Sunday Night - Mostly clear with lows in the mid 50s.

### Kingham Report

Tuesday, Sept. 6.....Low 45, High 83  
Wednesday, Sept. 7.....Low 56, High 79  
Thursday, Sept. 8.....Low 46, High 77  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Loving God, help us to remember your promises - promises that give us hope and strength in difficult times. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

## Logan Labor Day draws crowd



(Above) The Prairie Dusters Drill Team's afternoon performance at the Labor Day Celebration in Logan on Sunday attracted another large crowd of all ages who enjoyed their precision maneuvers on horseback. They are the official color guard for Kansas' Biggest Rodeo in Phillipsburg but they also have traveled many miles to do what they love to do, fly the American flag from the back of a horse.

(Right) The fireworks display as the grand finale for the Labor Day Celebration in Logan is always outstanding but everyone agreed that this year's was unbelievably fabulous and fantastic!

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



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The 35th annual Labor Day Celebration was held Sunday on the golf course in Logan and attracted another crowd of people from a wide area who enjoyed a full day of a variety of fun and patriotic events and entertainment.

"The day was perfect," said Shirley Henrickson, director, Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum.

"There was very little wind and the 70-80 degree weather was enjoyed by all."

This popular event is sponsored annually by the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum and Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

There is no admission charge.

The Logan Chamber of Commerce sponsored Church Service began at 8 a.m. Randy and Logan Kiser of the Logan Scout Troop held the service. It was well attended by approximately 30 people.

The annual Radio Control Fly-In for model airplanes started early as well and attracted 18 pilots who brought 38 model airplanes. The crowd enjoyed the acrobatics and demonstrations of technique by the pilots and planes.

Mickie Melroy does an excellent job of coordinating the fly-in, which continues to grow each year.

Mickie has been flying model airplanes for 23 years.

**Sand Volleyball**

Sand Volleyball began at 9 a.m. with Brandon and Tina Gehring as coordinators again this year.

"Thirteen teams were represented and played at a fast pace," said Henrickson.

Champions were the "I'd Hit That" team. Team members were Joe Jackson, Rick and Lisa Dusin, Dylan and Caci Webb and Lindsey Wood.

The runner-up team was the "Thun-

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## New downtown store opens today

As an additional retail location in downtown Norton, the ReNew Chic Boutique will open today at 106 S. State Street.

Store co-owner Robin Townsend reported that the consignment store will offer women's, men's and children's clothing with name brands, jewelry, purses, shoes, home décor and furniture.

"We hear all the time about sustainable living, going green, and saving the planet," Townsend said. "ReNew offers you another opportunity to take part in recycling. You bring us your good quality items that you no longer need, and we will sell them to others that will put them back in use. This way, we bypass the landfills and you receive compensation for your items. Compensation can be in the form of a

store credit or a check."

Norton City/County Economic Development Executive Director Scott Sproul welcomed the store to Norton, citing the benefits of a local retail establishment for the community.

"Owners Robin Townsend and Stephanie Thompson have 16 years of combined experience in consignment and retail sales, as well as marketing," Sproul said. "Their goal is to provide Northwest Kansas with a local establishment that offers affordable good quality and brand name clothes, without having to drive a long distance."

ReNew Chic Boutique will be open each Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and can be reached at 785-874-4700 or online at renewschicboutique.com.

## Citizens reminded of street parking rules in city limits

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As the camping and outdoor recreation season comes to a close for the season, the Norton Police Department is reminding all Norton citizens of the regulations for parking boats, campers and trailers on city streets.

Norton Police Chief Pat Morel reported to the Norton City Council Wednesday evening that officers will begin marking the tires on vehicles parked on city streets for more than 48 hours. If the vehicles are not moved after 48 hours, the owners will receive a parking ticket with a fine of \$25. This is especially true of boats, camp-

ers, and trailers as citizens are storing their units for the winter.

"City ordinance requires all trailers and boats to be hooked to a vehicle when they are parked on the street," Morel said. "Those trailers need to be stored in off-street storage and can't be left on the street."

The parking restrictions don't apply, however, to the companies with work trailers parked on the street. Morel said as long as companies, particularly contracting companies, are working from the trailers parked on a street, the trailer will not be subject to a parking ticket and fine.

## 'Golden Heart' winner on a mission

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Julie Siefers is on a mission to help ensure that no one has to go through what she has experienced. And she is carrying out that mission by telling her story whenever she gets the opportunity.

Siefers was recently awarded the annual "Golden Heart" award at Norton Valley Hope's annual meeting and Alkathon, held Aug. 20 in Norton. She was honored for her dedication and passion for doing whatever she can to help Valley Hope clients recover from addiction and substance abuse.

The Norton resident's story began back in 2007 when she learned that her oldest son, Derek, was a long-term methamphetamine addict. Siefers reflects that her son was a successful business man, happily married with a child, and leading what seemed to be a successful, happy life.

That very success, however, was a major factor in what would eventually be Derek's downfall.

"Derek was a perfectionist and made a lot of money," Siefers reflects. "As a perfectionist, he wanted to work 24 hours a day, but soon realized his body wouldn't let him do that."

To overcome the limitations of his humanity, Siefers said, Derek began taking diet pills, but soon started experimenting with different kinds of drugs. Though known to use different types, methamphetamine was his drug of choice.

For nearly 10 years, Derek was able to keep his drug addiction a secret from even the people closest to him, not the least of which, his mother. Though eventually consuming about \$100,000 in methamphetamine a year, Derek continued to run a successful business and live his life in a way that made no one suspect that he was struggling with the illness of drug addiction.

Siefers reflects that even before she knew of her son's situation, however, she was aware of signs that something was wrong with Derek. The two had gone from talking every day, sometimes several times a day, to going sometimes several days at a time without any contact. Derek often wouldn't return phone calls when his mother called and sometimes the only word she would have from her son would be through her younger son, Dane.

"Dane would often say that everything is fine and Derek is just busy and trying to run a business," Siefers said. "I just got this sense that something wasn't right, but I didn't know what."

When she finally learned of his addiction in 2007, however, Siefers had no doubt that Valley Hope would be the best place for Derek to get help to pull himself from addiction. As a Physician's Assistant, she had been referring patients to Valley Hope for a long time and had full faith in the program.

"I didn't know how the program worked or what it was all about, I just knew it worked," Siefers said. "They are the best of the best right there and I knew that's where Derek needed to be."

Though Siefers encouraged her son to seek treatment from the time she learned of his addiction, it would be several months before Derek was ready to make that choice for himself. Still running a contracting business, Derek finally promised to seek treatment after he finished a major project through the fall and winter of 2007.

In the months before he enrolled at Valley Hope, though, Siefers watched her son struggle to maintain the successful life he'd so carefully built. His wife decided to divorce him and Derek struggled more and more to maintain the secrecy of his addiction while still functioning as a successful individual.

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