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Briefly

License renewal deadline approaches

The deadline for businesses or persons whose last name begins with "P", "Q" or "R" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bikes will be Sept. 30. Bring proof of insurance to verify the VIN number, policy number and current expiration date. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our driver license department will be unavailable on Thursday, Sept. 29, for equipment updates. Driver license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You need to have your driver license, social security card or something with your number on it and a current utility bill with name and address. CDL licenses must be renewed at a full service office in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

Racquetball meeting set for Sunday night

The Norton Recreational Commission will hold a racquetball informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Norton Recreation Center to discuss the upcoming winter racquetball league, which will begin in October. For more information, contact Joan Bolt at 877-2122 or Gail at 874-4310.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.25
Milo.....	\$5.60
Soybeans.....	\$11.33
Corn.....	\$6.22

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with lows around 50. Saturday - Mostly sunny with highs around 80. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 40s. East winds around 10 mph. Sunday - Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 70s.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Sept. 20.....Low 57, High 73
Wednesday, Sept. 21.....Low 44, High 65
Thursday, Sept. 22.....Low 38, High 77
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Blessed Lord, guide us and open doors for us as we reach out to people in our communities who need to know Christ's love. Amen

Norton prepares for Homecoming



Under the instruction of instructor Vickie Robinson, the Norton Community High School Art I, II, III, and IV classes spent several days designing and creating posters for Homecoming week to post around downtown Norton. Students took time to hang them up Tuesday morning. Pictured are students Teslee Nickell, art teacher Vickie Robinson, Carson Kasier, Andra Romey and Shylo Paxton.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

District releases enrollment data

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After the Sept. 20 official count date, officials with the Norton Unified School District 211 have released preliminary enrollment information for the 2011-2012 school year, which reflects a 23-student decrease from last year.

According to information from Norton Superintendent Greg Mann, the overall school enrollment is 758 students in the district, which includes the district's Learning Center enrollment.

Since September 2001, the district's student enrollment has decreased slightly from 761 students to the current 758, but the numbers have fluctuated substantially in the inter-

vening years. Enrollment has dropped by as much as 29 students between years and increased by as much as 35 students between years. From last year to this year, student count has decreased by 23 students.

That number, however, is not the same as the district's "full-time equivalent" enrollment, which is 712.7 students for the year. Full-time equivalent is affected by the students who attend school only part time. While part-time students figure into the district head count, two students who each attend half-time total one full-time equivalent student.

Superintendent Mann explained that while part-time students figure into the difference between head county and

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Treasure Hunt brings together vendors, shoppers

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After last weekend's Highway 36 Treasure Hunt, event organizers reported this week that thousands of visitors poured into Norton County for the annual 400-mile garage sale.

US Highway 36 Association member Carolyn Applegate reported this week that though an official count has not yet been determined, the event drew in thousands of treasure hunters from all over the nation, particularly collectors and dealers looking for specific items.

Applegate explained that 58 vendors registered for the event, but at least 70 garage sales were held throughout the town, which ran Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Treasure Hunt runs all along Highway 36 across Kansas from the Colorado border to the Missouri border and even spills over into those states.

The Highway 36 Treasure Hunt got started six years ago as a way to draw visitors to rural Kansas. Coordinators from 13 counties coordinate planning the event for publicity and promoting the event. By the second year, the Treasure Hunt was drawing visitors from as far away as New Jersey.

"A lot of the people who come through are dedicated dealers and collectors looking for prairie primitives," Applegate said. "Things that we see on a regular basis are hot items on the coasts and that demand draws a lot of visitors."

Advertising for the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt is no small feat, but through partnerships with press associations from Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska, advertising reaches almost every newspaper reader in those states. Promotional materials are also posted on websites dedicated to providing information for antique dealers and collectors.

Applegate attributed the event's success to the hospitality and welcoming atmosphere of the towns along Highway 36 and in the Midwest in general.

"Norton has become a hub for garage sales because people like visiting the area," she said. "The restaurants benefit, the hotels benefit and the whole economy benefits. It's a great way to draw visitors from other areas and benefit almost everyone in the community."

City agrees to relocate police dept.

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After hearing a report from City Administrator Rob Lawson at an earlier meeting, the Norton City Council approved spending up to \$15,000 to relocate the Norton Police Department to the basement of the city offices.

Lawson reported at the last council meeting that the police department personnel need more office space than is available at the department's current location as an attachment to the city building. A solution to that would be moving the police department to the basement of the city building and mak-

ing the current police department space into offices for other city employees.

At Wednesday's council meeting, members discussed potential challenges with the move, including the elimination of a public meeting space. Groups who meet in the space on a

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City chooses pool study company

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Despite objection from two members, the Norton City Council approved Wednesday evening moving forward with a study to determine the best course of action, if any, to renovate or rebuild the Norton Public Swimming Pool.

Parks Committee representative Donna Foley reported to the council that the committee has \$10,000 set aside to fund a pool study from the city's general fund and after the council agreed in July to move forward with a study, four bids for

a study were received.

Foley recommended using Aquatic Design Consultants, Inc. of Louisburg, to complete the study for a fee of \$4,800. Though the matter took enough votes in favor to pass, council members Jerry Jones and Jerry Moritz opposed the decision. Both Jones and Moritz also opposed moving forward with a study when the question came to a council vote in July.

Citing concerns over financing for a potential project,

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Special guests to appear at Homecoming

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Some special guests will be present at the Norton Community High School Homecoming football game versus Oberlin this evening at Travis Field in Norton.

Members of the NCHS 1970 undefeated and Northwest Kansas League champion football team will be holding their 40 year reunion, will be attending the game and will have special seating in the stands.

"We welcome them back to Norton and thank them for the part they played

in establishing the outstanding and ongoing tradition of Norton's outstanding football success," said Greg Mann, Norton USD 211 superintendent.

In the 1970 season, the Blue Jays defeated, in order: Sterling, 14-0; Oberlin, 8-6; Oakley, 24-14; Colby, 22-0; St. Francis, 32-0; Goodland, 30-14; Hoxie, 66-16 and Phillipsburg, 22-8. Atwood played Norton to a 6-6 tie in the fourth game of the season; this was in the days before the system now in use to break ties was being utilized.

The average score for a Blue Jay game that year was 25-7. Norton held

three opponents scoreless and allowed three others to score no more than one touchdown.

The senior members of the team were: Elza Clark, Charles Hackney, Ralph Hackney, Rex Harman, John Howorth, Mark Klein, Mike Lacy, Alan Montgomery, Gary Rolland, Jerry Roeder and David Spear.

The junior and sophomore members of the 1970 undefeated team were: Lee Ankenman, Charles Blair, Joe Braun, Wes Bridgeman, Brad Brown, Jim Byrum, Brad Danielson, Lynn Davis,

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