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Fire narrowly misses farm home

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A rural Norton family has much to be thankful for after a large grass fire missed their home by a few short feet Thursday evening south of Norton. The Norton Rural Fire Department was dispatched to the farm of Bill and Joy Johnson at just after 6 p.m. Thursday evening about four miles south of Norton on Highway 283. Norton Rural Fire Chief Steve Otter reports that the fire was likely sparked from a lit cigarette tossed from a passing vehicle on the west side of the highway at the intersection of Road Q, south of the Johnson home. Because of extremely dry conditions and a strong wind from the south, however, the fire traveled very quickly and was nearing the Johnson house by the time fire crews arrived. Joy Johnson, who was working her job at Farm Bureau when the fire started, reports that her husband, Bill, was home at the time with their

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—Telegram photos by Carleen Bell and Shylo Paxton

Entries are open for rodeo queen contest

The Jayhawker Rodeo Queen Contest Committee is searching for candidates for its royalty contest. Pre-entry must be made by July 18. Jayhawker Rodeo Queen/Princess contest will be July 21 in Hill City. For more information contact Sunnie Pringle at 785-216-0181.

School seeks new/changed addresses

The Norton Community School district is requesting addresses from families who have moved since the end of the 2011-2012 school year or who are new to the school district this summer. Anyone with a new address should contact the district at 877-3386 or may email to cglennemeier@usd211.org. The information can also be faxed to 877-2030. Enrollment packets are scheduled to be sent out during the week of July 16, so all new addresses need to be on file before that week.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.49
Milo	\$6.94
Soybeans	\$14.97
Corn	\$7.34

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly clear. Wednesday - Sunny with highs in the lower 90s. Thursday - Sunny with highs in the lower 90s. Partly cloudy in the evening with isolated thunderstorms after midnight. Friday - Sunny with highs in the mid 90s. Mostly clear with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Kingham Report

Friday, July 6	Low 71, High 108
Saturday, July 7	Low 68, High 98
Sunday, July 8	Low 62, High 83
1.10 Rain	
Monday, July 9	Low 65, High 86

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Father, thank you for being with us in joy and sorrow, at work and at leisure, during times of pain and times of ease. Thank you for providing solutions to the problems we face. Amen.

5K race will be Saturday, July 28 at high school

To raise money for scholarships, the Alum for Athletes 5K run/walk will be held Saturday, July 28 in Norton. The race will be held at the Norton Community High School parking lot and all students, alumni and supporters are invited to participate. Included in the day will be a 5K race and 1-mile fun walk and a 1-mile kids race. According to information from event organizers, a group of young professionals and former Blue Jay athletes came up with the race concept to keep teenagers in classrooms and on the playing field instead of causing trouble. Scholarships are a great way to encourage student athletes to continue in higher education and proceeds from the Alum for Athletes race will help make sure students can pursue their goals in college. On the morning of the race, pre-registration will be held at 6 a.m. with a 7 a.m. start for the 5K run. The one-mile walk will begin at 8 a.m. Registration forms are also available at Sloan's Plumbing and the Norton Recreation Center. The registration form and more information are available at www.alumforathletes.webs.com.

Ahead of the upcoming Norton County Fair, several events have been scheduled that 4-H and community members may be interested in. This year's Fun Day Horse Show will be held Saturday at the Norton County Equine Facility at Elmwood Park. Entry/check-in will be held at 8 a.m. with the show beginning at 9 a.m. The show is open to youth and adults of Norton and other counties. The events that will be held are showmanship, western horsemanship, trail, reining, poles, barrels and pair sack race. The 4-H and FFA Youth Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 23, with entry and check-in at 8 a.m. The show will begin with the halter, showmanship and pleasure classes. The 4-H and FFA Horses will be stalled through Thursday of the Fair at the Norton County Equine Facility. The Youth Team Penning event will be held at the Equine Arena Tuesday, July 24 after the swine show (about 8 p.m.). This event is sponsored by the Norton County Saddle Club. The Ranch Rodeo will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25 and the Jackpot team roping, sponsored by the Norton County Horse Council will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 26. The 4-H Pet Show will be held Monday at the Andbe Home in Norton. The show is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Members of 4-H will be on hand to display their hand pets, cats, and dogs. The cat and hand pets will be shown at 6:45 p.m. and the dog show begins at 7:30 p.m. Next Tuesday, the 4-H Fashion Re-

Norton Idol contest registration is now open

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Showcasing the talent of northwest Kansas, Norton County Farm Bureau is taking entries for the annual Norton Idol competition during the 2012 Norton County Fair. Norton Idol will be held Friday, July 27. The singing competition is open to 10 youth contestants and 25 adult contestants. In the youth division, \$75, \$50 and \$25 prizes will be awarded. Adult competitors will be vying for the first place prize of \$500, a recording session, photo session and concert tickets. Second place will be \$250 and third place will be \$125. People's Choice will earn \$100. Entry forms for Norton Idol are available at www.discovernorton.com and on the Norton Farm Bureau's Facebook page. Forms can be mailed to Norton County Farm Bureau Associa-

tion, Attn: Patsy Maddy, 205 N. Kansas Avenue, Norton, KS 67654 or faxed to 785-877-5186. Entries can also be emailed to nortonfb@kfb.org. A \$10 non-refundable entry fees is required,

which is payable prior to the contest or on the night of the contest. For the contestants in the show, background music tracks need to be turned in by July 20 to Farm Bureau.

Car show/drag races are this weekend

The 9th annual Norton Classic Cruisers Car Show and Drags will be held this weekend in Norton. Registration for the Cruise-In will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday evening and 8 a.m.-noon at the courthouse square in downtown Norton. Photos will be taken at dusk in front of the Norton Theatre on Friday evening. Dash plaques will be awarded to the first 100 entries and trophies will be awarded to the top 30 cars and top three motorcycles. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

Saturday downtown. The airport drag races will begin at 4 p.m. at the Norton airport on Saturday. All drag race cars must be registered for the car show and drivers must be at least 21 years old. Motorcycles are not allowed in the drag races. For more information about the car show or races, contact Dave Posson at 785-877-3207, Rob Lawson at 785-877-5000 or Goof Urban at 785-877-5535.