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Briefly

Pool open house is Sunday afternoon

The Norton Pool Promotion Committee will host an open house this Sunday at the Norton public pool from 1-3 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to show the public the condition of the current pool before the Nov. 6 election that will determine whether a sales tax will fund the construction of a new city pool. The open house will include tours and refreshments.

Barbecue contest will be in Atwood

The 9th annual Smokin’ on the Beaver has been scheduled for this weekend in Atwood. The festival committee is expecting 45 barbecue teams. The event will kick off Friday evening with the Killworms, a bluegrass/country band performing. Saturday, DJ Joe Vyzourek will provide music, followed by a live band, Vehicle, Saturday evening. The barbecue dinner is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.smokinonthebeaver.com

Schools to dismiss early Wednesday

Norton Community Schools will hold an early dismissal on Wednesday. Schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. and buses will still run regular routes. The next early dismissal is planned for Nov. 14.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$8.24
Milo.....	\$6.77
Soybeans.....	\$15.00
Corn.....	\$7.22

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

SATURDAY: Sunny, with a high near 78. SUNDAY: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. with a low around 53 MONDAY: Sunny, with a high near 80.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Sept. 25.....	Low 48, High 81
Wed., Sept. 26.....	Low 54, High 80
Thursday, Sept. 27.....	Low 49, High 78

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

Prayer

Dear Father, help us to realize that we can trust you. Teach us to wait and pray rather than rush ahead into situations that might hold danger for us or others. Amen.



Eisenhower holds book exchange

Giving students the opportunity to pick up some new reading material, Eisenhower Elementary held the annual Book Swap Thursday evening at the school. Students were asked to bring as many as five books to the school last week in exchange for “Book Bucks” that could be exchanged for books that other students had brought to be exchanged. Parents and students gathered at the school Thursday evening to peruse the books and choose books to take home. About 70 students participated in the book swap and families who weren’t able to attend Thursday evening will still have the opportunity exchange their Book Bucks for books at the school.

The books that are dropped off at the school but not claimed through the book swap are donated to the school’s Accelerated Reader program for students to use to improve reading skills.

(Right) Eisenhower 4th grader Kennedy Yeager explores some possible book options with her mom, Tiffany Yeager, at Thursday evening’s book swap.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell



Norton woman going to Mrs. Kansas pageant



Lori Shields of Norton has been selected to represent Northwest Kansas in the Mrs. Kansas Pageant. The Pageant is to be held March 1 and 2 in Branson, Mo.

This competition is the state preliminary to Mrs. America and Mrs. World. Delegates compete in three categories. The interview comprises 50 percent of the score, swimsuit accounts for 25 percent and the remainder is derived from the evening gown contest.

At the local level, contestants make appearances at community events, fairs and festivals and other events. Mrs. Northwest Kansas will be promoting and educating people on her platform “The Haven, Helping Families who are Affected by Incarceration” by speaking

to groups and volunteering at activities. The Haven is a home away-from-home for people who come on the weekends to visit inmates at Norton Correctional Facility. The Haven also provides many services and resources for families in need.

She will also become a supporter of MENC, the national association for music education, which has partnered with the Mrs. America Organization to raise awareness of the importance of music education in schools.

Mrs. Shields and her husband, Damien Shields, have two children, Darius, 8, and Emmary, 2. They live in Norton where she works as a para-educator at Eisenhower Elementary School. Mrs. Shields also serves as a

volunteer supervisor for The Haven.

Anyone interested in having Mrs. Northwest Kansas make an appearance or speak at an event may be contacted at 785-874-4043 or thehaven11@aol.com.

Winner’s Circle will be Oct. 6 at Eagles Lodge

To help raise money to support local events, the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 7th annual Winner’s Circle dinner on Saturday, Oct. 6.

The event will be held at the Norton Eagles Lodge. Social hour and games will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner and entertainment from comedian David Kious will begin at 7 p.m.

The suggested donation for the meal/entertainment and prize ticket is \$100 per person and the suggested donation for meal/entertainment is \$30 per person.

Only 200 tickets will be sold and prizes totalling \$10,000 will be awarded.

To register for the Winner’s Circle dinner, contact Tarah Vance at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce at 785-877-2501. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Edmond getting outdoor warning siren

By Carleen Bell
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Thanks to grant funding to complete the project, the city of Edmond is seeing the addition of an outdoor warning siren for the small community in southern Norton County.

Edmond City Clerk Amber Nuttycomb reports that the community was awarded grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development program for 75 percent of the project cost and a \$500 from Nex-Tech.

The estimated cost of the project is \$17,500.

The new siren will warn community residents of impending tornadoes and the siren will sound every day at noon. It may also be used as a fire siren, but Nuttycomb said the details on exact use haven’t yet been decided.

The siren project was initiated by the Edmond city council and they have been working on the project since December.

The siren is slated to be installed next Friday in Edmond.

With the addition of the Edmond siren, every community in Norton County except Clayton will be equipped with an outdoor tornado warning system in addition to the county-wide Total Notify system.

In emergency situations like tornadoes, the Norton County Sheriff’s Office places automated phone calls to citizens who have registered on the county database. Anyone who has not registered for Total Notify may do so by visiting www.discovernorton.com and clicking on the Total Notify link.

While many home phone numbers in the county may already be registered with the notification database, residents should make sure they are registered with Total Notify to make sure they receive proper notification. In addition, anyone who wishes to use a cell phone number needs to register the cell number to the database.

Long-time cafe owner retiring after nearly four decades

By Carleen Bell
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After operating the business for 37 years, a long-time cafe owner is retiring from serving food in Long Island.

Sylvia Kats announced this week that she is retiring as owner and operator of the Island Cafe.

Sylvia grew up in Prairie View and was a waitress at the cafe before purchasing the business 1977.

“The cafe was going to close and I liked working there,” she said. “I didn’t want it to close, so my husband and I decided to buy it.”

Sylvia and Allan, along with their four children, purchased the business from a group of 18 business men. Back then, the restaurant was located across the street from its current location north of the Long Island school.

In 1994, Sylvia and Allan remodeled a church across the street to become the current cafe. Several elements of



Sylvia Kats

the church were incorporated into the restaurant, like using the church pews for booth benches. Additionally, a new kitchen was added to the church building to accommodate the needs of cooking and serving food.

Running a successful restaurant for nearly four decades isn’t always an easy task, but Sylvia said she has had plenty of help to make it happen. While Allan and Sylvia’s oldest daughter, Jennifer (Fessenden) was away at college when they purchased the business, their four younger children, Susan (Lowry), Norman (Kats), Stuart (Kats) and Shawni (Richardson) all learned how to work in the restaurant.

Through the years, Sylvia’s grandchildren and great-grandchildren also spent their summers helping serve the loyal customers of the Island Cafe.

“Everyone in the family knows how to wait tables and cook,” Sylvia said. “All the grandchildren and great grand-

children have helped out while I mostly cooked.”

Of everything that goes into running such a business, Sylvia said she would most miss getting to meet and talk to all kinds of people. While the cafe’s clientele has been primarily local farmers, she has gotten the opportunity to talk to people of all kinds of backgrounds.

What she won’t miss, though, is meeting supply trucks for the restaurant at 6 a.m.

“I won’t miss getting up early to do that,” Sylvia said. “That wasn’t much fun.”

Now retired, Sylvia intends to move to Norton and the Island Cafe will remain closed until the business is sold.

A reception to honor Sylvia and the Island Cafe is planned for this Saturday, Sept. 29 at noon at the restaurant. Everyone in the area is invited to help Sylvia celebrate her retirement.