

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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A salute to National 4-H Week
October 7-13, 2012



Showing their love for the events and activities of 4-H, these girls lined up for the 2012 Ranch Riders at the Norton County Fair. Left to right are Kyla Sorenson of the Cedar Ridge 4-H club, Adeline Hager of the Bay Rivers 4-H club, Mikela Smith of the Cedar Ridge 4-H club and Kaitlyn Cunningham of the Cedar Ridge 4-H club. Photos by Ruth Schilly

4-H Week Insert in today's issue

Briefly

Fall Round-Up is Sunday afternoon

The First Church of God at 1010 Churchill Drive will have its Fall Family Round-up on Sunday at 3 p.m. There will be games for the children, a pot-luck supper at approximately 5 p.m. and a talent night worship service at 6 p.m. The community is invited.

Schools to dismiss early Wednesday

Norton Community Schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. All students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. and buses will still run regular routes.

Legion is holding membership drive

The annual membership drive for the Norton American Legion, the Legion Riders, the Sons of American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will be held on Monday, Oct. 8 at the Norton American Legion at 6 p.m.

Markets

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Wheat	\$8.12
Milo	\$6.95
Soybeans	\$14.79
Corn	\$7.40

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Friday Night - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Saturday - Overcast with a chance of snow and a chance of rain in the morning, then partly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 45. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening, then clear. Sunday - Partly cloudy in the morning then clear with a high of 59. Sunday Night - Clear with a low of 30.

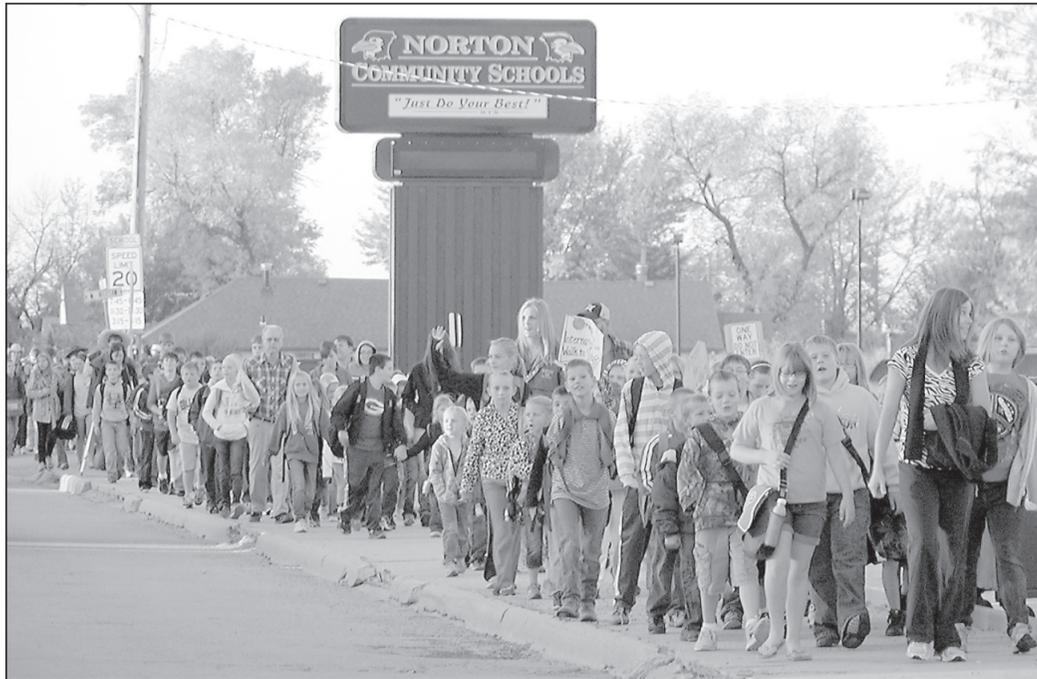
Kingham Report

Tuesday, October 2Low 36, High 78
Wednesday, October 3 ..Low 48, High 87
Thursday, October 4 Low 39, High 61
LOW (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for being near to us. May we seek you and, throughout our lives, submit ourselves to you and love you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

School holds Walk to School Day



(Above) Eisenhower Elementary students and volunteers approach the Highway 36 crosswalk near Norton Community High School on Wednesday morning.

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Celebrating International Walk to School Day, almost 300 Eisenhower Elementary students walked to school as a group Wednesday morning.

The students and volunteers gathered at the district unified office at Washington Square and walked west to Second Street. They went north to Woodfield and over to Jones, where they walked in front of the high school and crossed Highway 36 in front of the future Dairy Queen.

According to event coordinator Joan Streck, a total of 327 people, including students and volunteers, crossed the crosswalk on Highway 36.

Among the volunteers were about 15 school staff and about 40 parents, along with a Norton Police officer.

Two Eisenhower classes had 100 percent participation. Mrs. McEwen's third grade class and Mrs. Gay's fourth grade class had 100 percent participation and another class had 94 percent participation. The classes with 100 percent participation earned a pizza party, sponsored by Pizza Hut and the second-place class will earn treat bags from the local Kansas Department of Transportation office.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Council agrees to amend building codes

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The Norton City Council accepted the third reading and passed an ordinance Wednesday evening that will amend the city of Norton's building codes.

According to the ordinance, the new building code will state that "before beginning any building, construction, or repair work, a builder or building contractor shall apply to the building inspector and obtain a permit to do such work.

Permits shall be obtained for exterior roofing work on any structure. All such work shall meet the building code requirements. An owner must also apply for a permit if the owner does the work but an owner is not subject to a late application fee (and) . . . a builder or building contractor who does not apply for a permit prior to beginning the construction may be charged a late application fee. That said late fee may be assessed at \$5 per day for any day the permit was required and not applied for or obtained."

Prior to the ordinance amending the code, city building permit codes did not apply to roofing projects for buildings within the community, but with the amendment, roofing projects will be included in required permits.

The council voted 5-1 to pass the ordinance to amend the building codes with council member Ron Briery opposing the decision.

In addition to the building code amendment, the council approved the first readings of three ordinances that will require all contractors, plumb-

ers and electricians who are working in Norton to hold liability insurance before providing services in the community. Proof of insurance must be on file with the city before projects can be started.

City administrator Rob Lawson reported Wednesday that the insurance requirement will not affect any residents who are working on their own homes, but local "handymen" will need to provide proof of liability insurance before providing their services.

County reminds citizens of emergency protocol

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After an incident over the weekend, Norton County leaders are reminding area citizens of the protocol the county follows to dispatch emergency personnel to emergency situations in the area.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson and EMS Director Jane Wyatt reported Monday morning that the Norton County dispatcher received a call over the weekend of a car accident at the Norton and Decatur County line. When the county receives a call, the ap-

propriate emergency responders are dispatched to the scene if the incident is within Norton County. If the incident is outside Norton County, the county where the incident occurs is dispatched.

Thomson reported that the callers from the weekend incident were upset about the time it took for emergency responders to arrive at the scene. Because the incident was in Decatur county, however, the Norton County dispatcher needed to notify Decatur County authorities.

Because of cell phone systems, a call placed from

Decatur County from a cell phone will not necessarily reach the dispatcher in the county where the call was placed. A call placed from Decatur County, for example, might reach a cellular tower in Norton County and go through to the Norton County dispatcher.

To help the appropriate responders get to an incident scene as quickly as possible, Thomson is encouraging everyone to be as specific as possible when providing directions and location of an incident. An exact address is always best and specific road names are always helpful.

Dog owners warned of possible parvo virus outbreak

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After having to euthanize two dogs because of the virus, local animal health professionals are encouraging all dog owners to vaccinate their pooches to prevent the deadly parvo virus.

Certified Veterinary Technician Rosemary Vannatta of the Norton Animal Health Center reported this week that an adult dog and a puppy had to be euthanized recently because of the virus, both of which lived within the city of Norton.

Vannatta said the parvo virus only affects dogs and members of the dog family like wolves and coyotes, but it is extremely difficult to kill the virus.

"The virus is transmitted through dog feces and can live for several years in soil," Vannatta said. "Because it is so hard to kill, the only prevention for the disease is through vaccination."

When a dog contracts Parvo, the technician said, the animal can appear to be fine for several weeks before symptoms appear. After symptoms appear, the disease is usually in advanced stages and the dog's life probably cannot be saved.

Vannatta said the virus first attacks the dog's lymph nodes, then spreads into bones and intestines. The process can take up to three weeks without showing any signs.

"By the time we see an animal with

parvo at the clinic, it's usually too sick to treat," she said. "The only way to know for sure that your dog won't get the virus is to make sure all of your dogs are vaccinated."

Anyone who purchases dogs through a breeder should ask for documentation to verify that the animal has been vaccinated.

Puppies need a series of immunizations and a parvo booster vaccine should be given annually throughout the dog's life.

"An adult dog that has been vaccinated all its life will not get parvo," Vannatta said. "The only sure prevention is to vaccinate."

After a dog contracts parvo, treatment may be possible, but treatment is very expensive and is may not be effective.

A dog treated for the disease needs to be hospitalized. Because parvo causes severe diarrhea and vomiting, a dog with the disease usually dies from dehydration. Treatment includes administering IV fluids and antibiotics and keeping the animal hospitalized for several days.

In addition to vaccination, dog owners can make sure the disease doesn't spread by disinfecting every area that dogs may be exposed to, especially bedding.

"If your dog has gotten parvo, get rid of everything you can," Vannatta said.

"Dispose of items in a plastic bag so the virus doesn't spread and disinfect bedding and blankets with a sanitizing setting on your washing machine."

Anyone interested in learning more about parvo or how to protect pets from

the deadly virus can visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals website at www.aspc.org for more information about pet health and parvo prevention.



Certified Veterinary Technician Rosemary Vannatta demonstrates at the Norton Animal Health Center how easily a dog can be vaccinated to prevent against potentially dangerous diseases, especially the deadly parvo virus. Vannatta reported that dogs should be vaccinated annually to prevent the virus.

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