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Briefly

The deadline for Idol this Friday

The deadline to enter into the 2014 Norton Idol competition will be Friday. You can get your entry form and release form off of www.discovernorton.com.

Storywalk hosted throughout July

The Norton Public Library and Northwest Kansas Library System are hosting another Storywalk in downtown Norton during the month of July. Stop by the Norton Public Library to pick up a map and begin your walk, reading I Took My Frog to the Library. Complete the story at the library and pick up a special prize!

Archery Club to hold Carp Derby

Norton Archery Club Inc. is having its Carp Derby on July 19 at the Prairie Dog State Park. For more information please call 871-1615 or 877-5269.

Two programs to be held Thursday

On Thursday at the Norton Public Library there will be two programs for kids. At 10:30 a.m. Sandra Worden will present with the theme "Spiders" for preschool through 1st graders. The 2 p.m. presentation will be given by Nancy Sebelius using the book, Wombat Stew, for 2nd through 6th graders. Come join the Fizz, Boom Fun!!



Sebelius Reservoir at Prairie Dog State Park was put under an advisory and the beach was closed on Friday after tests by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment confirmed higher than normal

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Sebelius Reservoir at Prairie Dog State Park is under a Public Health Advisory because harmful blue-green algae have been detected in the water.

Park Manager Toby Kuhn discovered what he believed to be blue-green algae blooms in the water on July 5. Kuhn said he conducted two preliminary tests that were positive before submitting samples to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The test results by the Department of Health were available Friday and confirmed the presence of blue-green algae, which prompted Kuhn to immediately close the beach area and his staff to post signage throughout the Park.

The beach, however, is the only part

of the Park that is closed. The boat ramps are open, fishing is allowed, the camping facilities remain open and the Park's water is safe, according to Kuhn.

"The water in the lake doesn't affect the water in the Park, and prolonged contact with the lake water is discouraged but not prohibited, so you can still waterski or go boat tubing," Kuhn said.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has determined that it is generally safe to boat and fish as long as contact with the water is avoided. It is safe to eat fish caught during a harmful blue-green algae outbreak, as well, as long as fish are cleaned and rinsed with clean water, only the fillet portion is eaten, all other parts are discarded, and people should wash their

hands with clean water after handling fish from the Reservoir.

When an Advisory is issued the Kansas Department of Health and Environment recommends the following precautions be taken:

- Humans, pets, and livestock do not drink untreated lake water
 - Clean fish and rinse with clean water, consume only the fillet portion, discarding other parts
 - Do not eat or allow pets to eat dried algae
 - If lake water comes in contact with skin or pet fur, wash with clean potable water as soon as possible
 - Avoid areas of visible algae accumulation
- The Department of Health considers blue-green algae a health issue because

it's a bacterium that produces toxins which can cause skin reactions, respiratory problems, diarrhea, vomiting or even death if ingested, especially in children or the elderly. According to the Department's website numerous incidences have been reported about pet deaths after drinking lake water with blue-green algae and skin rashes on people in Kansas.

This is the first time Sebelius Reservoir has been under a blue-green algae advisory, according to Kuhn, and its never been under a warning.

"I'd rather be wrong (about the presence of blue-green algae) but we are going to error on the side of public safety."

Blue-green algae are a natural and
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Weather

Tuesday night: Chance of light rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50's. SE winds with a 50% chance of rain. **Wednesday:** Cloudy with light rain showers likely. Highs in the uppers 60's East winds 10 to 15. 70% chance of rain. **Wednesday night:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Low in the mid 50's. 50% chance of rain. **Thursday:** Partly sunny becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70's. **Thursday night:** Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50's. **Friday:** Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50's. High in mid 80's. **Friday night:** Mostly clear in the evening becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60's.

Markets

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Wheat.....\$5.99
Milo.....\$3.39
Soybeans.....\$12.03
Corn.....\$3.79
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

Dear Lord, everywhere we go we see your immeasurable creativity. We pray that you open our minds and spirits to the possibilities of what you want to do in our lives. Amen

Norton judge receives prestigious Nusser Award

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The Kansas District Magistrate Judge's Association presented the Honorable Debra S. Anderson, serving the 17th Judicial District in Norton County, with the Lee E. Nusser Outstanding District Magistrate Judge award on June 13, at the 2014 Judicial Conference in Topeka.

"I was very honored that my Association honored me with this award," said Judge Anderson. "I was in shock. I cried."

This award is presented each year to honor a Kansas District Magistrate Judge who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in supporting and enhancing the position of the Kansas District Magistrate Judge, supporting and enhancing the role of the Kansas Judiciary and displaying the dignity and integrity of the position of a Kansas District Magistrate Judge.

"I want to make things better for the members of my Association and the citizens of Kansas."

Judge Anderson joined the Judiciary in April of 2012, and has served as Secretary, and later served as President of The Kansas District Magistrate Judge's Association. She also served on the Legislative committee and was recently appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on the Kansas District Magistrate Judge's Certification Committee.

"Judge Anderson is dedicated, hard working and well deserving of this award and was voted unanimously by her peers for this prestigious award,"



Judge Debra S. Anderson

said last year's recipient Judge Donna L.J. Blake.

Before coming to the Bench, Judge Anderson worked for the Department of Children and Families for 15 years and the Juvenile Justice Authority for five years. She became a District Magistrate Judge in April of 2002, after Judge Wilda June Brown stepped down.

"She is dedicated to her family, faith and community, is a good mentor to other judges and is well deserving of this award," said Judge Anne Dixon.

Judge Anderson is the daughter of Gary and Mary Reusink. She is married to Ron Anderson and they have six children, Ryan and his wife Ashley, Kyle and his wife Tosha, Megan and her husband Ry, Logan, Megan and Jennifer. She is the proud grandmother to Ashton, Kenlee, Brooke, Jase and Addison.

Judge Anderson graduated from Northern Valley High School in 1980

and continued her education at Kansas State University.

She is active in her church, serving on the Methodist Church Education Board, working with the vacation Bible School, and giving service at the Norton Thrift Store.

"I am sure that Judge Nusser would approve of the committee's choice of

this year's recipient. Judge Anderson has been a hard working supporter of our association," said Judge Blake.

Judge Lee E. Nusser was a long standing District Magistrate Judge from Stafford County and this award was named in his honor for his years of service to our Association and his dedication to our profession.

Light 'em up!



The Chamber of Commerce Drag Races were Saturday at Norton Municipal Airport. (Pictured) Mick Kier lights up the tires on his maroon and black 1967 Chevy Camaro before heading down the track. There were 42 cars and trucks in the event and an estimated 400 spectators came out to see the drag races.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

