

Memorial Day observances were held in cemeteries around the area. More pictures on

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Donna Millan

Briefly

## 3D animal shoot to help archers

The Norton County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold a 3D animal shoot on Sunday to raise money. The shoot will have a trickle start from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Norton Prairie Dog State Park archery range, north of the west shower house in the northwest corner of the park. All donations will be used to purchase equipment and help send the state qualifiers to the national competition in Columbia, Mo. For more information, call John Baker at 877-3253.

## Today's paper sent to everyone

The Norton Telegram is being sent to everyone in Norton County today. There will be no American Profile for those on mail routes but anyone who wants the free magazine can pick one up at the newspaper office.

## Congressman to be in Norton

The public is invited to visit with Congressman Jerry Moran in Norton at 12:30 p.m. Thursday. The congressman is on his annual listening tour and will be at the "Also Ran Gallery" on the mezzanine level at The First State Bank, 105 W. Main.

Weather

## Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 50s. Northwest winds up to 10 mph. Wednesday — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s. North winds up to 5 mph increasing to southeast with gusts to 30 mph in the afternoon. Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 30 mph early in the evening. Thursday — Breezy and partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph.

## Howell report:

Friday ..... High 78, Low 45  
Saturday ..... High 73, Low 49  
Sunday ..... High 66, Low 51  
..... 15 of an inch of precipitation  
Monday ..... High 63, Low 53  
..... 52 of an inch of precipitation  
Week ago ..... High 89, Low 61  
Month ago ..... High 60, Low 30  
Year ago ..... High 74, Low 46  
May precipitation ..... 1.52 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ..... 7.40 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

God of all the world, give us the courage to proclaim your love wherever we are and in whatever we do. Amen



Clutching the flag, Boy Scout Chris Maddy was ready to help raise the colors during Norton's Memorial Day ceremonies. Gil Otter led the honor guard with Jake Durham (far right) calling the orders. —Photos by Charlotte Stephenson and Cynthia Haynes



# Fallen veterans honored on Memorial Day

Despite gray skies and spatters of raindrops, about 100 people attended the annual Memorial Day service at the Norton Cemetery on Monday.

After conducting military honors at the Grave of the Unknown Soldier, an honor guard of veterans under the command of Jake Durham marched up the road to begin the observance.

After an invocation by the Rev. Wilmer Severns, the boy scouts of troop 181 raised the flag and Koleen McMullen sang the "Star Spangled Banner".

Debra Terrell, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the presidents of The American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Rita Minshall and Iva Gayle Craig laid wreaths to honor deceased veterans.



Miss McMullen sang "America the Beautiful" and First Sergeant Abner Williams, a retired Army veteran from Almena, spoke on heroism, patriotism and the reasons we observe Memorial Day.

"It is our sacred duty to keep the legacy of our nation's patriots forever fresh in the memories of future generations," he said.

"The freedoms that so many Americans enjoy did not come cheaply. They were paid for with the flesh and blood of American servicemen and women, and with the tears of those whose lives were changed forever by the loss of a loved one. For more than 225 years, our military has provided a defense against our enemies. The cost has been tremendous. Since the Revolutionary War, more than 42 million men and women have served in our military. More than 600,000 of those brave, selfless warriors died in combat. As we remember these brave warriors

and their comrades in arms on this Memorial Day, we must look to the future as well as the past. In today's world, freedom comes cloaked in uncertainty. America still relies on her sons and daughters to defend her liberty. We all know that the cost of independence remains high, but I feel we are willing to pay for it."

The honor guard fired a salute, "Taps" was played by trumpeters Justin Scheimo and Jeremy Wetter, Miss McMullen sang "America" and the Rev. Severns gave the benediction.

As soon as the honor guard had departed and the crowd had been dismissed to go to the Legion for lunch, little boys started searching the ground for cartridges and families moved off toward the graves of loved ones to pray and place flowers. And it started to rain again.

## County hopes to open new landfill by July 1

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Norton County Commissioners hope to be using the new county landfill by July 1 but there are lots of odds and ends to take care of over the next month.

On Monday, they visited with Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald to go over details.

Mr. Archibald said he has talked to Pat Cox with B&G Consultants, the county's engineering firm, about where to dump trash from.

The engineers had set up for the county to dump from the top of the pit but Mr. Archibald and the commissioners felt that would cause too much blowing of trash. They felt the trucks should use a road into the bottom of the pit and dump from there.

Mr. Archibald said there is no rule that says the county has to dump from any special place into the pit.

After trash is dumped each day it needs to be covered and the county is planning on using a paper-based cover instead of the six-inches of dirt the state recommends. The state has okayed the change but still wants the county to cover the pit with six inches of dirt once a week.

The commissioners are unhappy about this requirement and feel that once a month would be enough for fire protection since the paper-based alternate cover is treated to be fire retardant.

However, Mr. Archibald said he didn't think the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which is overseeing the project, would back off the six inches of dirt once a week.

Commissioner John Miller said he thinks the county needs to talk to the state about the weekly covering.

Commissioner Leroy Lang said he (Continued on Page 5)

## BB gun museum to open

The Norton BB Gun teams are going to be honored for all of their accomplishments in a museum being put together by the Rotary Club.

The grand opening of the museum will be held Saturday and begin at 11 a.m. in the Prairie Land Electric basement, followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m.. The meal will cost \$7 per person and will be catered by Town and Country Restaurant.

Introductions and presentations will be at noon and then everyone will go to the museum at 412 E. Holme at 1 p.m.

The museum will be open to the public allowing everyone to view the teams' trophies and read the articles published in the newspaper over the years.

"We've taken all of their trophies and articles and put them on display," said Kathy Zimmerman, a member of the Norton Rotary. "It's dedicated to them for how well they've done over the years."

The Norton Rotary Club is setting up the museum as its centennial project since 2005 is the international club's 100th birthday.

## Norton graduate, husband serving in U. S. armed forces

Staff Sergeant Sandra Downing, a 1992 graduate of Norton Community High School, is stationed at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom, serving with the 100th Air Refueling Wing, 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

She was deployed in late March for Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, as a force protection agent at Al Udeid Air Base, Doha, Qatar.

SSgt Downing enlisted in the Air Force immediately after graduation. She completed her basic training as the honor graduate of her flight at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Her first assignment was Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska from 1992 to 1998, where she received the 1997 transportation professional of the year award for Air Combat Command.

She has served in Operation Southern Watch, Dhahran and Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1994-'95; Operation Allied Force, Kosovo, supported from Italy in 1999; Operation Coronet East/Northern Watch, Iraq, supported from Spain; humanitarian relief in Mozambique, 2000; and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, 2001.

She was awarded the 2002 unit education and training manager of the year for service at Mildenhall.

Her parents are Eric and Beverly Sidman, Norton. Her grandfather is Ernest F. Sauer, Norton.

She has three sisters: Amanda and Ja-



SSgts. Sandra and Jeffrey Downing

son Hartley, Macon, Ill.; Carmen Sidman, Kearney; and Joslyn and Chris Henson, Norton.

Her husband, SSgt Jeffrey Downing, is also in the Air Force. He graduated from high school in Venice, Fla. and attended Manatee Community College before enlisting in 1992.

Shortly after getting married, the Downings moved to Mildenhall, where he serves with the 352nd Special Operations Group, 352nd Maintenance Squadron.

He has served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, supported from Turkey 2001. He is deployed as an avionics technician on Special Operations MH-53 Pave Low Helicopters for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

