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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Jim Danielson

Briefly

## Paper looks for fishing tales

The Norton Telegram is looking for fish stories!

Big fish, little fish, the fish that got away. We want to use your fish tales.

We don't even care if they're true or not (although you might let us know if it's a fib).

The next issue of Reservoir News will be published Friday, Sept. 29. We will need your stories by Monday, Sept. 26. Call us at 877-3361; fax us at 877-3732; send it in at 215 S. Kansas Ave, Norton; or e-mail us at telegram@nwks.com.

This is your chance to see your name in print and to tell your story.

You can write it out or, just call us, and we'll write it for you.

P.S. We would also love pictures.

## Tailgate party set for tonight

The Blue Jay Booster Club will hold its annual Tailgate Party from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. this evening at the Norton Livestock Barn.

Membership dues are \$12 for a family and \$6 for a single membership and will include the tailgate meal.

Kickoff for the Norton versus Oakley football game will be at 7 p.m. at Travis Field.

## Telegram office closed Monday

The Norton Telegram office will be closed on Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

No Monday Extra will be printed. Instead, the Tuesday, Sept. 6, edition will become the total market coverage paper. The Telegram will be distributed to every home in Norton County, regardless of whether you are a subscriber or not.

Weather

## Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the lower 60s. Saturday — Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 90s. Saturday Night — Mostly clear.

## Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 89, Low 61  
Wednesday ..... High 77, Low 53  
Thursday ..... High 85, Low 62  
Week ago ..... High 89, Low 62  
Month ago ..... High 108, Low 67  
Year ago ..... High 95, Low 60  
September precipitation ..... 0.00 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 18.88 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm  
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, often we look to ourselves to fulfill our earthly needs when we should focus on you. Forgive us, and help us to remember to seek you and your love rather than any material desires of the moment. Amen

# Climbing fuel costs pinch drivers

## Prices at pump take leap

By VERONICA MONIER

Gas prices are on the rise and there is nothing anyone can do about it except tighten their belts and bear it.

Over the past week, gas prices in Norton have gone from in the \$2.60/gallon range to, in some cases, well over \$3/gallon.

Thursday afternoon gas at Love's was holding at \$2.99 for regular unleaded and \$3.05 for unleaded plus, which were around 20 cent increases from Tuesday.

Timesaver was still leading the pack at \$3.19 for regular and \$3.29 for super unleaded Thursday. The store had about a 40 cent rise in price from Tuesday.

Diamond Shamrock/Total was charging \$2.98 for regular, \$3.04 for plus and \$3.10 for super.

The Norton Co-op Service Station, now Ag Valley, had a 48 cent increase in regular unleaded from \$2.64 Tuesday morning to \$3.12 late Thursday afternoon. For ethanol blend, they were charging \$3.09. But, in all cases, diesel is now cheaper to buy than unleaded and a lot more people are either using their diesel vehicles, or riding their motorcycles.

Wendy Reedy, manager of Love's, said she would venture to say that gas will probably go up a little more this weekend. But, she said, the Love's Corp. is trying to be fair.

"When Timesaver went up to \$3.19, they (corporate office) called and told us



Becky Crow filled up her car and a gas can Thursday afternoon at the Norton Co-op service station before gas prices rose.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

just to go up a penny," she said.

Mrs. Reedy said the convenience store owners have to do what they can to survive, but Love's is trying not to do wrong by anyone.

"They want to try and keep it down as low as they can," she said. "They have to do what they have to do, but they don't want it any higher than it needs to be. I don't think they're trying to be greedy."

She said she didn't know what gas prices would rise to, but that Love's was just taking it a day at a time and a few cents at a time.

But, she said, she doesn't think it will get up to the rumored \$3.50. However, it's not up to her as the corporate office sets the prices.

Despite the rising prices, or maybe because of them, Mrs. Reedy said gas sales

were on the rise this week. She said a lot of people filled up when they realized that gas prices were going up again. The store was really busy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday but had slowed down a bit by Thursday.

"Everyone's thinking ahead," she said. "I have to commend them for it. People have been really good about seeing that" (Continued on Page 5)

# Norton people lend hand to New Orleans

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Hurricane "Katrina" has left a trail of destruction and officials say it will take New Orleans and Louisiana months, maybe years, to recover.

Local efforts to try to help have already begun.

"I've been in tears all morning just watching the news," Julie Laurin of Long Island said.

Ms. Laurin is doing more than crying. She's contacted Father Vincent Thu Laing of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton for permission to use

the church's parish hall as a collection center.

Ms. Laurin asks anyone with good, usable clothing to donate to bring it to the parish center. She is also seeking money to help with shipping costs. She plans to ship the clothing to the Astrodome in Houston, where refugees are being re-located.

She said she was watching the news and heard a woman say she had lost everything. The woman said she was able to take a shower at the shelter where she was staying, but then she had no clean clothes

to put on.

Ms. Laurin said everyone has been eager to help. To offer assistance, call her at (785) 669-2273.

Others are already on their way to help restore electrical power to a sister electrical cooperative in the New Orleans area.

Bob Helm, manager of corporate communications for Midwest Energy, out of Hays, said a crew of 18 linemen was to leave this morning for Louisiana. The men from Hays, WaKeeney, Colby, Hoxie, Great Bend, Hanston and Lyons volunteered to help rebuild the 4,900

miles of power lines and restore 30,000 electric poles. He said 63,000 customers are without power.

The men will be driving bucket trucks and other work vehicles, carrying their own food, water and supplies. They will be housed in 300-man tents during their two- to three-week stay.

A resident of Houma, La., about 60 miles southwest of New Orleans, said in comparison to New Orleans, Houma was not hit hard, although homes did sustain damage, power was out for three days and (Continued on Page 5)



Darlene McEwen, Andbe Home resident resource coordinator, gave Wilbur Hix, a resident, a ride to an appointment at the hospital in the home's golf cart.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Golf cart provides ride for Andbe Home man

Even a trip to the doctor's office can be fun.

Darlene McEwen, Andbe Home resident resource coordinator, suggested resident Wilbur Hix take a golf cart to his doctor's appointment at the Norton County Hospital Thursday morning.

"You're crazy as a coon," Mr. Hix said. "What time do we go?"

Mr. Hix, a former Norcatur resident, had been an avid golfer before he moved to the Home.

The two left the Home at 11 a.m. and headed down Crane Street, crossed U.S. 283, turned south on Norton Street, then made a right-hand turn into the parking lot at the hospital.

They laughed all the way, they said, while enjoying their free-wheeling ride.

Mr. Hix and Mrs. McEwen have taken several excursions researching places of interest for resident tours.

They have visited KQNK Radio Station during a morning show broadcast. Radio personality and station manager Marvin Matchett introduced Mr. Hix during his "Party Line" show.

"It wasn't as big as I thought it would be," Mr. Hix remarked on his radio sta-

tion tour.

Another point of interest was the Norton Correctional Facility.

Captain Richard Wyatt took them through the gates onto the grounds. They toured the workshops where inmates repair wheelchairs, keep microfilm files, train dogs, have a wood shop and learn fast-food preparation.

They also toured the laundry where the clothing of 750 inmates is cleaned.

Mr. Hix said he thought everyone ought to tour the correctional facility.

He recalled one of the buildings on the grounds. His mother had been a patient in the Kenney Memorial Building when the facility was the state tuberculosis sanatorium.

Chris Rich, who is in charge of the horticulture division at the prison, met them outside the gates and showed them the gardens, pond and greenhouse.

Mr. Rich gave Mr. Hix a sensitive fern to bring back to the Andbe Home.

Other trips for the team of Hix and McEwen have included Jamboree Foods; Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse; and Ted Hanchett's new home construction.



# Gas prices jump as vehicles line up

(Continued from Page 1) they keep their tanks full and have been really patient when there were long lines." Mrs. Reedy said she thinks that, eventually, gas prices will start to drop again. It might take awhile, but things should get back to normal, she said.

Ruth Winters, manager of Timesaver, said she didn't know if gas prices would continue to go up, because it isn't up to her. But, she said, she thinks that it probably will keep going up. "I heard it's supposed to get to \$3.50 and stay that way all summer," she said. "It probably won't go back down again until later in the year."

A Total employee said it probably would go up again this weekend. But, the employee wasn't sure.

"I don't know that it will go up, but I don't think it will go down either," they said. "We don't make these decisions. The corporate office does."

Becky Crow, a woman who bought gas Thursday, pretty much



Prices at the pump jumped about 40 cents a gallon during the week going from the \$2.60 range to over \$3 at most service stations in Norton.

said it best. "I don't like it," she said. "But if I want to drive I still have to buy it." "But, when you look at the people in New Orleans, the price of gas is pretty insignificant."

# Area residents look to help New Orleans

(Continued from Page 1) telephone service is still "iffy". She said she and her sister tried to leave when the evacuation order came but traffic was so snarled, they decided they would rather ride out the storm in their home than in a car stuck on the freeway. Later, however, she said, it became so bad they again decided to leave.

Officials had opened both sides of a four-lane highway, allowing eight lanes of traffic to drive northward. However, at one point, it bottle-necked down to two lanes and traffic inched along. She said it took them more than eight hours to drive 200 miles.

All the people we see on televi-

sion are not poor, she said, since more than 50 percent of the people in New Orleans don't own vehicles because they use public transportation.

Locally, the Norton Christian Church is accepting donations on behalf of International Disaster Emergency Services.

More information is available on their website at [www.ides.org](http://www.ides.org).

National organizations helping are the Red Cross ( Call (800) HELPNOW or go to their website [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)) and the Salvation Army (Call (800) SALARMY, go to [www.salvation-army.org](http://www.salvation-army.org), or by mail to, Box 4857, Jackson, Miss., 39296-4857, attn: disaster relief).

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**NORTON Senior High:**  
 Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Tennis at Phillipsburg, 1 p.m.; Junior varsity and varsity volleyball versus Northern Valley and Phillipsburg, here, 5 p.m.; Junior varsity football at Oakley, 5:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; 7-12 School photos, junior high gym, 8:30 a.m.; Norton High School election, a.p.  
 Thursday — No school, grades 7-12, Teacher Training; Junior varsity tennis at WaKeeney, 1 p.m.; FCCLA Board, 7 p.m.  
 Friday — Football at Plainville, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday — Junior varsity volleyball at Quinter, 9 a.m.; Cross Country at Wamego, 10 a.m.; Junior varsity tennis, here, 10 a.m.  
 Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Junior magazine sales end; "C Team" Volleyball versus Hill City, here, East Campus Gym, 5 p.m.; Junior varsity Football versus Plainville, here, 6:30 p.m.; FCCLA Bingo at Manor, 7 p.m.

**Junior High:**  
 Tuesday — Kay Board, a.p.; Football, volleyball and cheer team pictures, 3 p.m.  
 Wednesday — Team meeting, 7:30 a.m.; 7-12 School photos, junior high gym, 8:30 a.m.  
 Thursday — No school - grade 7-12, Teacher training; Volleyball at WaKeeney, 4:30 p.m.; Football at WaKeeney, 6:30 p.m.  
 Next Monday — Student Council, a.p.

**Eisenhower:**  
 Tuesday — School resumes, Section A kindergarten reports; AR meeting, 3:40 p.m.  
 Wednesday — Compass in-service, Kindergarten - grade 2 - No school  
 Thursday — IEP Day; Compass in-service, grades 3-4 - No school; grade 3-4 Level meeting, 3:40 p.m.  
 Friday — Compass in-service, grades 5-6 - No school

**All Schools:**  
 Monday — No school, Labor Day  
 Wednesday — Administrators meeting, Alice Tweed Center, 9:30 a.m.

Next Monday — Board of Education meeting, Alice Tweed Center, 7:30 p.m.

**High School Menus:**  
 Monday — No School  
 Tuesday — Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken noodle/potatoes, carrots, cinnamon bubble, peaches, or chef salad, milk  
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast tornado, tater tots, fruit juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Beef nachos, pears, brownie or chef salad, milk  
 Thursday — No School  
 Friday — Breakfast: Blueberry bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ham and cheese rollup, green beans, coleslaw/carrots, pumpkin custard or chef salad, milk

**Eisenhower Menus:**  
 Monday — No School  
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Peanut butter/honey sandwich, cottage cheese, peas, celery, mandarin oranges, milk  
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast fruit pizza, milk; Lunch: Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, milk  
 Thursday — Breakfast: Canadian bacon/cheese, biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, mixed veggies, rosy applesauce, French bread, milk  
 Friday — Breakfast: Pumpkin bread, rosy applesauce, milk; Lunch: sloppy Joe on homemade bun, corn, tater tots, bananas, milk

**NORTHERN VALLEY**  
 Monday — 8-9 a.m., No School, Labor Day; 6 p.m. High school dance team practice  
 Tuesday — 5 p.m., High school volleyball with Norton and Phillipsburg at Norton, bus will leave at 3:45 p.m.  
 Wednesday — 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Infant simulator meeting at Salina; 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Cooperative outdoor personal experience at Kirwin for juniors; 1-4 p.m., Project reading meeting in conference room in Alma  
 Thursday — 4:30 p.m., High school cross country, Mankato Invitational; 5 p.m., Junior high

volleyball and football - volleyball, 5 p.m.; football, 6:45 p.m. at Logan; 6:15 p.m., High school dance team practice  
 Friday — 7 a.m., High school cheerleading practice; 8-9 a.m., Freshman class work auction; 8 a.m., Student Council meeting in library; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Historic Fort Hays Days; 8:45 a.m., Patriot Day at football stadium; noon, Dance team practice, will perform at half-time of football game; 7 p.m., High school football, versus Golden Plains at Alma  
 Next Saturday — 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Grade K-4 mini cheerleading camp, high school gym, Alma; Cheerleading pictures, 2-5 p.m.

**Northern Valley Menus:**  
 Monday — No School, Labor Day  
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Doughnuts, applesauce, scrambled eggs, toast, cereal; Lunch: Cavatini, salad, French bread, green beans, cubed Jello  
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, apple juice, cereal; Lunch: Ham on a bun, dill spear, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, lemon pie  
 Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage bagel, scrambled eggs, grapes, cereal; Lunch: Enchiladas, salad, corn, fruity Jello

Friday — Breakfast: Peanut butter muffin, ham, watermelon, cereal; Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets, tator tots, California blend vegetables, watermelon

**LENORA**  
 September 5 — Labor Day, No School  
**Breakfast/Lunch Menus**  
 Monday — No School  
 Tuesday — Breakfast: French toast stix, ham, cantaloupe, juice, milk; Lunch: Hamburger gravy/potatoes, coleslaw, relishes, pineapple, milk  
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Biscuits/gravy, mandarin oranges, juice, milk; Lunch: Oven-fried chicken, potato salad, carrots, peaches, bar cookie, milk  
 Thursday — Breakfast: Long John, cereal, juice, milk; Lunch: Taco salad, corn, Jello with banana, milk  
 Friday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Creamed chicken on biscuit, hash browns, green beans, applesauce, chocolate cake, milk

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Norton County Commission Public Hearing Notice

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
 The Norton County Commission will hold a public hearing on, Monday, September 12, 2005, at 10:15 a.m. at the County Commission Room, 105 S Kansas, Norton, Kansas, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Community Facilities category. A specific project application to be discussed is the purchase of two new brush unit fire

trucks for the Norton County Rural Fire Department, to serve an area bounded by the service area of the Norton County Rural Fire Department. The estimated total project cost is \$160,000 with the grant request for \$140,000 of the project cost. Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the County's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.  
 Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to the County Clerk's Office by September 9, 2005.

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and W1, followed by the construction of a 4,420 s.f. new facility with the estimated total project cost of \$490,000 with the grant request for \$340,000 of the project costs; OR, 2) the land acquisition of 3 acres and an existing 11,000 s.f. building at the intersection of Highway 36 and E1, followed by minor construction/renovation of the building space to meet department specific needs with the estimated total project cost of \$350,000 with the grant request for \$200,000 of the project costs. Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the County's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.  
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## The Estate of Wilbur Kline

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, August 19, 26, September 2, 2005. (3T)  
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS  
 In the Matter of the Estate of WILBUR KLINE, Deceased.  
 Case No. 2005-PR-23  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
 You are hereby notified that on July 29, 2005, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Linda Mae Cheatham, an heir, devisee and legatee,

and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Wilbur Kline, deceased.  
 All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.  
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