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Briefly
Merchants to go moonlight mad

Downtown will be a busy place Thursday night with the annual Moonlight Madness sale going on. Participating businesses will have sales running from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A part of East Main Street will be blocked off for adult tricycle races. Free pumpkin pie will be served at 8 p.m. There will be performances by Norton and Northern Valley dance teams from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and \$1 admission to a mystery movie at the Norton Theatre for those wearing pajamas.

Blue Jay Boosters to meet Wednesday

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton Community High School football coach Bruce Graber, volleyball coach Jill Lively, tennis coach Jim Green and cross country coach Dayton Hager will report on recent competition by their teams. Refreshments will be served.

All fans of Norton Community High School athletics are invited.

4-H group holds baby contest

Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club is sponsoring a baby contest during 4-H Week, Oct. 2-8.

Spokesperson Patsy Maddy said the club has assembled a layette, complete with a baby bathtub, shampoo, powder and receiving blankets. It will be awarded to the first baby born at Norton County Hospital during 4-H week. Mrs. Maddy said, "If a baby is not born during that week, then the prize will be given to the first baby born at the Norton County Hospital after that date."

Weather
Forecast:

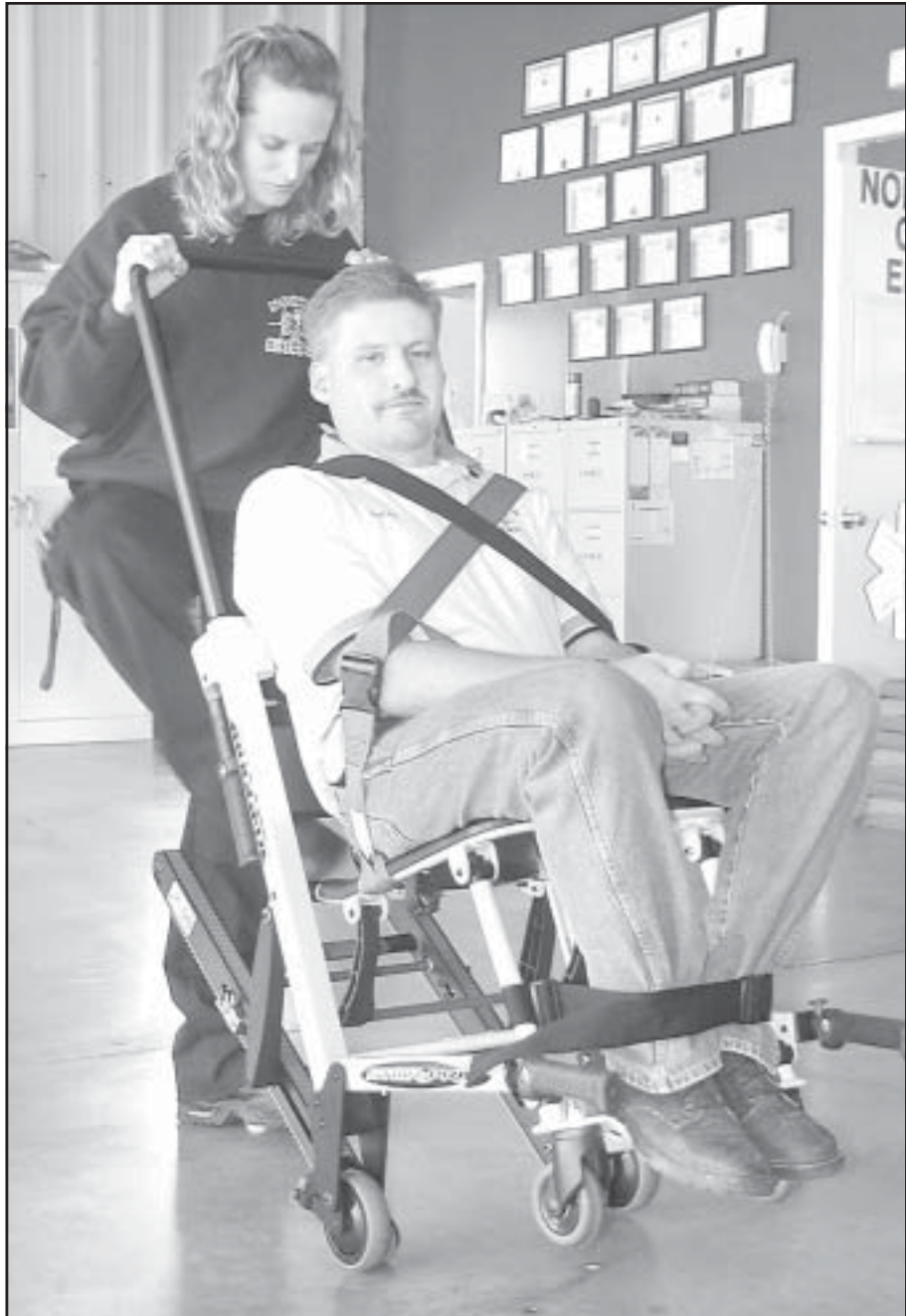
Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 50s.
Wednesday — Decreasing clouds with highs in the mid 60s. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 30s.

Howell report:

Friday High 79, Low 64
Saturday High 94, Low 59
Sunday High 68, Low 49
Monday High 80, Low 52
Week ago High 86, Low 57
Month ago High 88, Low 64
Year ago High 83, Low 59
September precipitation61 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 19.49 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, when we wander beyond the boundaries you set, may we hear your voice calling us home.
Amen



Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen got strapped into a new chair, which allows emergency medical workers to move patients up and down stairs. Assistant Director Ruth Schillig showed how easy a patient can be moved.
— Telegram photo by Cynthia Haynes

Emergency workers show off equipment

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Three fancy new chairs, worth \$2,200 each, will help emergency medical technicians move patients up and down stairs.

Norton Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen and Assistant Director Ruth Schillig showed county commissioners one of the new chairs, which can move patients up and down stairs easier for both patients and emergency workers.

The equipment, Mr. Nielsen said, was purchased with bioterrorism money from a grant the county has received.

The new chairs, two of which will be put in Norton ambulances and one in the Lenora ambulance, will help lower the number of back injuries in ambulance workers, Mr. Nielsen said, as well as give patients a smoother ride to the ambulance.

"These are a million times better than the old ones," he said. "It's a smoother ride down stairs."

Mr. Nielsen said he is applying for a state grant to pay for ambulance volunteer Teresa Clydesdale's emergency medical technician-I class, which is being given in Phillipsburg.

Also the county's first responder class of 10 students will have its test on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The ambulance service will have its state inspection today, he said, and expects to have a good report.

Ambulance workers will be attending the Moonlight Madness festivities on Thursday handing out cookies and taking blood pressures, Mr. Nielsen said.

Mr. Nielsen said he has the architectural

report and will be going over it with Amy Griffey of Northwest Kansas Development, which is helping the county apply for a grant for a new ambulance building and emergency medical offices.

In other business:

- Talked to Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan about mowing around signs on county roads.
- Learned that the road and bridge crew is driving around looking for missing signs. On one road the crew just replaced a faded sign and the new one was stolen. Mr. Brannan said that a dead end, speed limit and a couple of stop signs were stolen.
- Heard a report from Commissioner John Miller on the meeting he attended of the Kansas legislative policy committee of the Kansas Association of Counties.
- Reappointed Mr. Miller to the Community Corrections board.
- Heard from Mr. Miller that his appointments to Kansas Association of Counties and Kansas County Association Multi-line Pool boards will be up at the end of the year and he plans to ask for reappointment.
- Discussed rebuilding or getting a newer mower for the Norton City/County Airport.
- Signed an option to purchase land from Prairieland Electric for a new emergency services building.
- Learned that the incinerator building has been cleaned, scrubbed and disinfected.

Students put on Java Jive

Music and laughter could be heard in the Norton Junior High gym Sunday during Java Jive.

Valerie Lee, high school vocal instructor, said she thought things went really well.

"I feel like the kids worked really hard and I am proud of all their work," she said. "Both shows went fairly smooth and we had a good crowd for both performances."

Java Jive, which had 13 acts as well as performances from the Jay Singers, is an annual fund raiser for the music department.

Performing were Mat Shepard and Naomi Streck, A Whole New World; Cydnie Milnes with Mat Shepard accompanying, My Immortal; Perrell Stanley with Priscilla Kendell accompanying, Under the Sea; Morgan Bailey, I'll Be There; Tabitha Vincent, Cherean Kendall and Dani Wuest with Priscilla Kendell accompanying, Match Maker; Cindel Harrington, Cry; Jared Cox, Andrew Ables, Aaron Van Der Wege, Perrell Stanley and Stephen Mizell, Not Dead



Stephen Mizell, Perrell Stanley, Jared Cox, Andrew Ables and Aaron Van Der Wege had the crowd roaring with laughter at their rendition of I'm Not Dead Yet, a song from Monty Python's Holy Grail, which they performed at this year's Java Jive.
— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Yet; Rachael Lentz, My Heart Will Go On; Stephen Mizell, Grow Old; Hannah Mills, There You'll Be; Jared Cox, Andrew Ables, Aaron Van Der Wege, Perrell Stanley and Stephen Mizell, All For One — Knights of the Round Table; Gena Myers with Hannah Mills accompanying,

Remember Me This Way; Dani Wuest with Kathy Aeillo accompanying, Into the West; and Let's Go to the Movies, Accidentally In Love and Goodnight, It's Time to Go performed by the Jay Singers — Kati Ryan, Dani Wuest, Morgan Bailey, Rachael Lentz, Hannah Mills, Gena

Myers, Cherean Kendall, Tabitha Vincent, Cydnie Milnes, Cindel Harrington, Jessica Sprigg, Aaron Van Der Wege, Lucas Bailey, Stephen Mizell, Perrell Stanley, Jared Cox, Mat Shepard, Andrew Ables and Josh Gallentine.



Workmen installed a store sign at the Nex-Tech Wireless I-70 and North Vine in Hays.

Local group raises towers for wireless

Residents of central and western Kansas have more choices now when choosing a wireless phone provider.

Nex-Tech Wireless, a subsidiary of Rural Telephone, which is headquartered in Lenora; Golden Belt Telephone; and Mutual Telephone, will have 18 retail outlets.

As part of the project, Nex-Tech Wireless will build or lease more than 100 tower sites in western Kansas and Eastern Colorado, which will provide wireless customers with coverage in western Kansas. In addition, Nex-Tech Wireless has
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It's time to prepare lawn for winter

Views with Van Keith VanSike, Norton County Extension Director

Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue are both cool-season grasses. That means they flourish in spring and fall weather.

They green up long before and remain green long after such warm season turfs as bermuda and buffalo grass.

Unless they get enough water, however, cool-season turfs will go dormant when temperatures are high or rain is scarce. Bluegrass varieties vary widely in color, texture, density, vigor and disease resistance. Most newer fescue varieties are dense, fairly fine-textured, a rich green and not as prone to clumping. Compared to them, the traditional favorite, K-31 tall fescue, looks just as low-budget as its relatively inexpensive seed.

K-31 is the tall fescue most likely to form clumps, especially if not mowed or watered often enough.

Bluegrass is better able to repair itself because it produces underground rhizomes. Plus, it typically requires less mowing. And, in ways, tall fescue actually does merit being called the cheaper turf to grow because it tends to require less water and fertilizer (a lot less, if a bluegrass owner wants a show lawn). It also beats out bluegrass on ability to grow in shade, survive in poor soils, tolerate drought and remain thatch-free.

Thatch is a water- and nutrient-blocking mass of dead roots and stem tissue that builds up on the soil surface. It's why the typical bluegrass owner must sometimes core aerate or power rake the lawn.

Various kinds of grubs will attack both types of turf. If the damage becomes severe enough to be noticeable, homeowners can apply a preventive treatment in mid-July of the following year.

The main culprit is the annual grub or larvae of the masked chaffer beetle (Junebug), which

reaches its peak about mid-July.

Feeding now is important for a cool season lawn. The best winter preparation for tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass is a nitrogen-rich fertilizer.

Nitrogen is the most important nutrient for turf color, density and growth.

It's pretty well leached out of the soil by the end of every growing season. So, it's the only lawn food K-State recommends you apply on a regular basis at a standard rate, every year.

The recommendation for fescue and bluegrass is 1 to 1.5 pounds nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, applied in September and again in November and perhaps again in March.

Potassium is the second most important fertilizer element. It's responsible for making the turf strong, so it can resist damage from stress, wear and winter weather. Our soils are usually not deficient.

Phosphorus helps lawns with energy-requiring tasks, such as putting out new roots. Established turf only uses a small amount each season.

Expressed as numbers, the three major nutrients always appear on fertilizer containers in the same order: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

Phosphorus may be listed second, but it's your lawn's third priority. For example, if you can't find an all-nitrogen formulation, a 25-3-8 or similar mix could be a good ratio for routine lawn feedings in fall or spring.



Barbecue, spaghetti bring people together

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church welcome the dioceses' new bishop Sunday with a special dinner at the Parish Hall. Bishop Paul Cokely (above) scooped up barbecue sauce to put on his pulled pork, which was prepared by Phat Boy Barbecue. Launa Hopkins and Deena Wente helped to get the pork ready for everyone to eat.

Representatives of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a spaghetti supper Saturday night in Norcat. Pam Wilson (left) and Jeff Carter helped serve over 50 people who attended the free-will fund raiser to benefit the Norcat. Museum, library, pre-school program and the highway fund.

— Photo by Veronica Monier

— Photo by Carolyn Plotts



Norton County Magistrate Judge Deb Anderson (standing) welcomed other judges from the 17th Judicial District to a conference on drug and alcohol addiction and intervention. Facing the judges were the guest speakers from Valley Hope, Annie Bryie and Ray Colligan.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Judges hear about addiction

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Quarterly, county judges from the 17th judicial district, take turns hosting meetings for judges from all over northwest Kansas.

Deb Anderson, Norton County's magistrate judge hosted September's meeting in the conference room at Prairieland Electric. The topic was drug and alcohol addiction, effective intervention and sentencing.

Guest speakers were Annie Bryie, alcohol drug and addiction counselor from Valley Hope Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center and Ray Colligan, acting program director at Valley Hope.

Ms. Bryie, herself, a recovering addict, talked about the human side of addiction. She said that addictions are a chronic, genetic, psychosocial, environmental and sometimes fatal disorder. Ms. Bryie said an addict has a preoccupation with the addiction despite adverse consequences.

She lead the judges through her experiences as a child, young woman and mother. She has been clean and sober for 12 years.

Mr. Colligan has been associated with the treatment center

since 1996. He told the judges he is a student of cultures having lived 20 years on an Indian Reservation. There he observed that 80 percent of the population had an alcohol problem.

He said drinking is culturally acceptable but only one out of 12,000 people with an alcohol problem ever gets treatment.

"An addict is not a bad person, but they do make irresponsible choices," he said.

"I have a sadness in me because we're doing such a poor job of treating these people."

Judge Anderson summarized the conference.

"I think it was enlightening for us to have Annie and Ray speak to us," she said. "Sometimes it's dif-

icult to see the personal side of someone who comes into our court. Although we have to always follow the law, there may be other avenues of sentencing. We can add additional conditions to their sentences."

Doug Sebelius, commissioner on the Wild Life and Parks Committee also spoke about recent changes in hunting and fishing regulations.

Judges attending the conference were Pat Carroll, Atwood; Jacqueline Thornton, Osborne; Mark Temaat, Oakley; John Bremer, Oberlin; John Cahoj, Sheridan County; Rick Ress, Thomas County; and Bonnie Leidig, Phillipsburg.

Nex-Tech joins wireless network.

(Continued from Page 1) a strategic roaming agreement with Sprint which will allow Nex-Tech customers to access to Sprint's network, which is one of the largest all-digital, wireless networks in the country.

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