

Homecoming:

Meet the royalty, see the pep rally and parade.

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Tuesday

October 11, 2005

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Jerry Moritz

Briefly

Knights to sell

candy for charity

The Norton Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend. Knights of Columbus will be stationed from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday at Norton Shop and Save, Jamboree Foods and Pamida. They will be at the Catholic Parish Bazaar from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Funds raised assist individuals with disabilities with the cost of medical items and care not covered by Medicaid. If you miss them and would like to mail in your contribution, send it to: Tootsie Roll Program Fund, c/o Fred Wetter, Rural Route 2, Box 1, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Commodity

distribution set

Government surplus food will be distributed Friday and Saturday in Norton County with the help of Norton County Senior Citizens. Food on the list this month includes instant potatoes, cranberry juice, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, walnuts, peanut butter, ultra-high temperature milk and fruit and nut trail mix. Friday distribution will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Almena Senior Center; from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lenora Senior Center; and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Norton Senior Center. Saturday, distribution will be from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Clayton Public Library. For more information call Ramona Pabian at the Norton Senior Center, 877-5352.

Weather

Forecast:

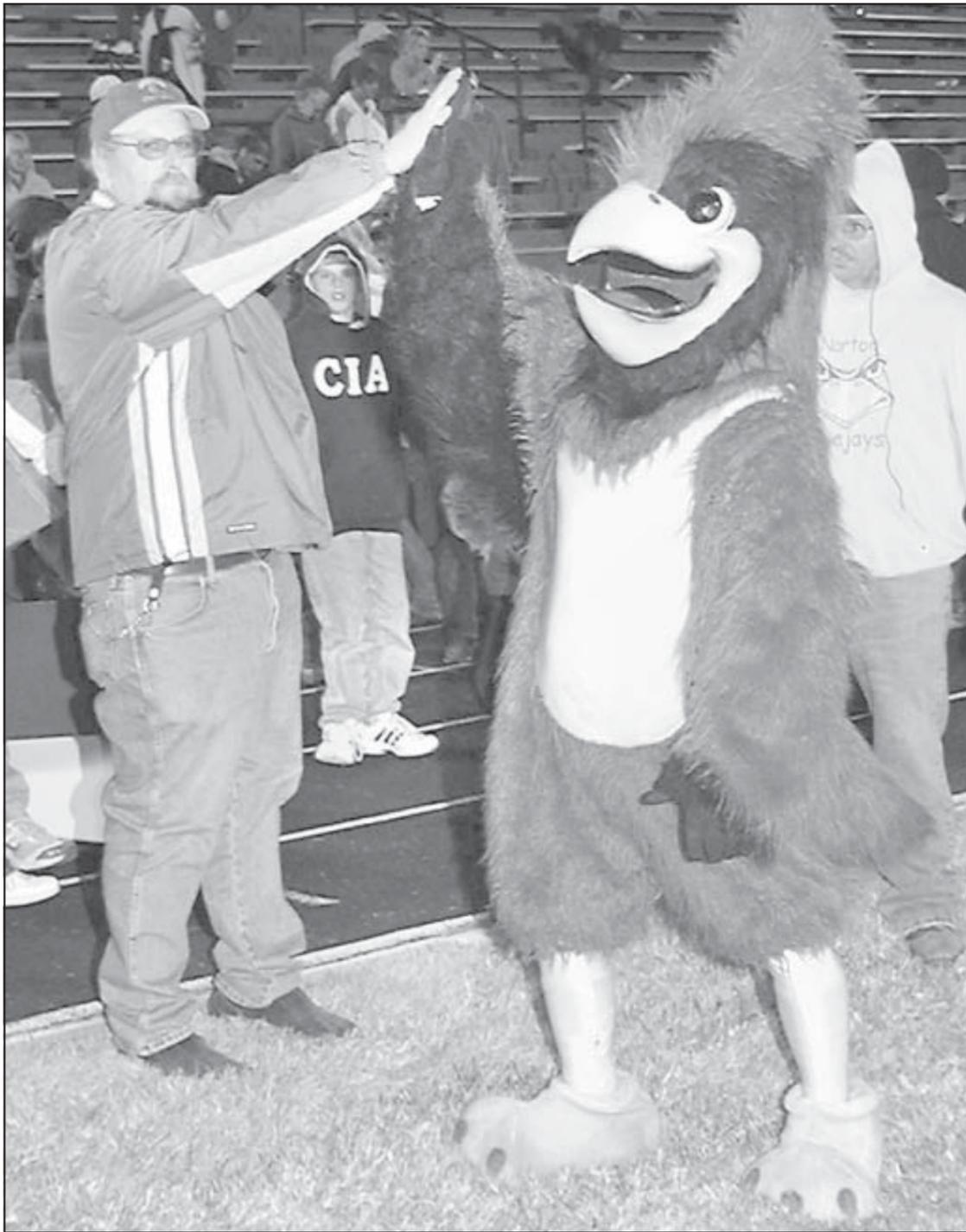
Tonight — Cloudy with chance of rain in the evening..then slight chance of rain after midnight. Lows in the lower 40s. North winds around 5 mph shifting to the west after midnight. Chance of rain 30 percent. **Wednesday** — Mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 60s. West winds 5 to 15 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Decreasing clouds with lows in the lower 40s.

Howell report:

Friday ..... High 64, Low 38  
Saturday ..... High 71, Low 44  
Sunday ..... High 70, Low 49  
.10 of an inch of precipitation  
Monday ..... High 53, Low 48  
.75 of an inch of precipitation  
Week ago ..... High 91, Low 72  
Month ago ..... High 92, Low 68  
Year ago ..... High 73, Low 56  
October precipitation ..... .98 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 21.51 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to trust in your ability to guide us through every crisis and challenge in our lives. Remind us daily of your endless power and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



Former Blue Jay Booster of the Year winner Jerry Darling and the Norton Blue Jay "high five" after Norton's Homecoming football victory over Ellis on Friday night. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Blue Jays enjoy Homecoming

Week of activities culminates in football victory

By DICK BOYD and VERONICA MONIER

Andrew Ables and Rachael Lentz were crowned king and queen of the 33rd annual Norton Community High School Homecoming on Friday night at Travis Field during ceremonies prior to the Norton-Ellis football game.

Andrew is the son of Rebecca and Charles Ables and Rachael is the daughter of Katie and Michael Lentz.

Attendants were Chelle Donovan, daughter of Lisa and Dave Donovan; Karlie Jones, daughter of Lynette and Jeff Jones; Clay Madden, son of Dana and Barry Madden; Luke Pfannenstiel, son of

Connie Pfannenstiel and Dan Pfannenstiel; Naomi Streck, daughter of Joan and Steve Streck; and Lance Roe, son of Lori and Jeff Roe.

Crown bearers were Anna Burge and Jace Ruder, kindergarten students from Eisenhower Elementary School. (Continued on Page 8)

Wireless system ready to go

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Nex-Tech Wireless will launch its new wireless telephone service Saturday.

"Wireless telephone service is a very competitive business, said Nex-Tech General Manager Johnnie Johnson. "We intend to fill this niche market with quality customer service and a quality network."

Mr. Johnson said Nex-Tech Wireless has targeted towns with a population of 300 or more to erect cellular sites. He said these are the areas normally ignored by their competitors.

He said Nex-Tech is part of the Sprint Roaming Alliance, and this allows their customers to take advantage of the nationwide service while using a local system.

Nex-Tech Wireless is owned by Rural Telephone of Lenora, Nex-Tech, Mutual Telephone and Golden Belt Telephone.

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Man describes hurricane horror

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Just call him Lester "Bad Timing" Mizell.

What else could you call a man who moved to Biloxi, Miss., one week before the worst natural disaster in 100 years hit the southern coast.

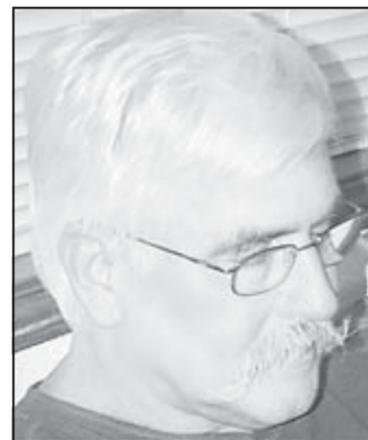
Mr. Mizell had been living in Arizona when his job "fizzled" out. A friend in Kiln, Miss., lined up a job for him and offered to share space in a mobile home. So, he loaded his car with his belongings and arrived in Mississippi Aug. 20.

That week, he said, reports of an approaching hurricane hardly raised an eyebrow among his friends. They said they had been through plenty of storms.

On Sunday, when forecasts indicated this storm was expected to be more serious, Mr. Mizell and his friend decided to weather it in Biloxi at the home of a friend's mother. The mother is a nurse and was stranded at the hospital where she worked but her husband was at the house.

"That was a brilliant idea," said Mr. Mizell. "It was only eight miles inland, but everyone kept assuring me it never flooded in Biloxi. Even though the river was rising out of its banks."

He said at 6 a.m. Monday the water started rising inside the house — and it didn't stop. He said he discovered it was a common practice for people to go to



Lester Mizell

their attics where they kept axes and saws — just in case they had to cut a hole in the roof to escape.

By 7 a.m. the three men, along with two hunting dogs, knew they had to get out of the house. They broke out a glass door. Their first thought was to find a boat.

Instead, they swam to a truck that had been parked on higher ground and climbed into the back. When rising waters began to move the truck, they knew it was too dangerous to stay there.

"This was my first hurricane and it was kind of exciting," he said. "But the water

More students in classes

Norton schools show increase in enrollment

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton's enrollment is up this year. Superintendent Greg Mann said the Norton School District has a head count of 735 and a full-time equivalency of 673.6. The full-time equivalency doesn't count the 35 Lenora contract students, while the head count does.

He said the full-time equivalency is up 24.2 students from last year's 648.6 students.

That number is also 18.2 more full-time students than the district published for and 31.6 more than it expected to have.

Mr. Mann said this rise in enrollment should affect the budget positively.

"The bottom line is we're looking at having about \$151,000 more than we anticipated," he said.

He said another positive thing was that the district would be able to use this year's enrollment in figuring next year's budget, which will keep the district from having to use a three-year average.

"The longer we can avoid that, the better we'll be," he said about using the three-year average.

Mr. Mann said it has been figured that the district will be getting \$4,257 base student aid per pupil, making the general fund budget \$4,692,065.

As for the extra money, he said the district will probably be using it to pay for the increased cost of utilities. He said electricity was up 48 percent from last year, while diesel fuel costs are up 69 percent and water is up 253 percent. But, he said, the district planned on the increase in water costs.

"A lot of the extra money will go to paying for increases in electricity, natural gas, diesel fuel and water," he said.

Mr. Mann said he didn't really know where the extra enrollment came from, but if he were guessing, he would say that it might have a lot to do with fuel costs.

Norton has had a lot of people move into town who used to just drive, he said. With the cost of gas, it's no longer feasible to drive.

Also, he said, the district had some students come in from Jennings, where the school is closing next year.

was shoulder deep and it kept coming." "I'm a Christian, so I knew, win or lose, I was OK. This was a situation where you didn't know if you were going to live or die.

"I went into survival mode," he said, "and thought, what can we do?"

The men were in rushing water and it was sweeping away everything in its path. They knew their only chance was to get to a two-story house on higher ground about 100 yards away.

They eventually made it to the house after being in the water for about 2 1/2 hours. Other survivors had made it there, too. The house's owners had evacuated and boarded up the house, but the refugees ripped the plywood off to get inside.

When they arrived, water was up to the front porch and still rising.

Mr. Mizell said sheets of water were coming in gusts. Flashlights were beginning to fade so they found some candles, but no matches. The little group rode out the storm in the house, the rising water driving them to the second floor.

The house was creaking and groaning and stuff was banging on the sides as it floated by, he said. Before the water began to recede that afternoon, it had reached to just below the top floor.

By 4:30 p.m. they left to assess the damage. (Continued on Page 5)

# Survivor describes ordeal

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age. Water was still knee-deep. About 6 p.m., people started emerging from wherever they had found safe haven.

"I didn't realize how many people had stayed," he said. "Most of them were kind of in shock. One guy pulled a gun on us."

That night Mr. Mizell and his friend stayed at his friend's mother's house, even though it had been totally flooded. They slept on the wet floor.

The next morning people who had evacuated, began to come back. Roads had been bulldozed open. However, the stench was horrible, he said.

"How do I get out of this place?" he began to think.

His answer came in the form of a Red Cross worker named, Will.

"I had lost everything I had and thought maybe I could be of some help to others," Mr. Mizell said.

He offered his services to the Red Cross and they put him to work loading emergency response vehicles at a temporary headquarters.

He worked from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. for three days. He said it took that long for things to get sorted out. Then he went on shifts from 6 a.m. until dark. The Red Cross provided an air conditioned trailer where the volunteers could sleep.

But, he said, it was too cold inside and there weren't any blankets, so he slept on a cot outside, under the trailer.



Lester Mizell and several others rode out Hurricane Katrina in this two-story home. Notice the water line just below the upstairs window and the remains of what had been the house next door. — Photo by Lester Mizell

By Wednesday volunteers from the Southern Baptist Church and the Red Cross had a kitchen up and running. That made it possible to feed hundreds of people every day.

The heat became oppressive reaching 110 degrees on the hottest day, and the humidity was terrible.

Ham radio operators arrived providing the only communication to the outside.

Mr. Mizell knew his family in Norton would be worried about him. He called his sister, Roberta McAllister in Clayton, to tell her he was fine.

Mr. Mizell's organizational and

leadership skills helped the Red Cross when they switched from disaster to recovery mode. He helped set up and run a supply warehouse. His job was to load trucks with bulk supplies to be distributed.

He said he had three to four forklifts running all the time.

"I had it pretty good," he said. "Lots of other people didn't."

The magnitude of the situation was unreal.

"This was worse than Vietnam," he said.

He said the Red Cross had never dealt with a disaster this large. The drivers delivering supplies would come back shell-shocked.

There were 90,000 square miles without electricity and 45,000 square miles suffered moderate to total destruction, he said.

"It was a mess," he said. "FEMA had no experience dealing with something like this. There was no chain of command, no infrastructure. The Red Cross had no experience, either. The whole thing was by trial and error."

By mid-September the operation was winding down to mainly a support effort.

He left by bus Sept. 22. He was routed to Hattiesburg, Miss., to Jackson, Miss., to Memphis, Tenn., to Ephron, Ill., to St. Louis, Mo., and finally to Hays, where he

was met by his aunt, Iva Lee Munsinger. The next day his mother Doris Mizell, Norton, and his sister, Patty Foster, Jennings, drove to Hays to pick him up. He also has a brother, Ray Mizell, Norton.

Norton might seem a little tame after his wild month in Mississippi, but Mr. Mizell is glad to call it home again. He started work at New Age on Monday.

The 1966 Norton Community High School graduate has two children, David, who is stationed with the Air Force in Iraq, and Cori Woolf, who with her family, lives in Boise, Idaho. He has six grandchildren.

# 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 Deyton Hager will report on recent competition by their teams.

Refreshments will be served.

All fans of Norton Community High School athletics are invited.

# Wireless firm ready to go

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The service will include call waiting, call forwarding, mobile-to-mobile calling, three-way calling, caller identification, voice mail, detailed billing, unlimited incoming text messaging and rollover minutes.

A key feature for users switching wireless service providers, Mr. Johnson said, is the ability to keep their wireless number. This will provide service without having to inform others of a new cellular number.

All products will be Internet capable. Customers can check stock reports, sporting events, weather forecasts directly from their cellular phone.

An "air card" will enable users to operate their laptop from any location, even in a car.

Mr. Johnson, who works at the company's headquarters in Hays, said Nex-Tech is committed to building a wireless network to serve the rural areas of northwest Kansas.

Nex-Tech Wireless agents are in Norton, Lenora, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Stockton, WaKeeney, Smith Center, Osborne, Hill City, Ellis, Ness City, Rush Center, Little River, Great Bend and Hays.

For information call (877) 621-2600.

# City asks cemetery committee to finish projects

By VERONICA MONIER  
The Norton City Council would like the cemetery committee to finish its current projects before starting any more.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said the cemetery committee asked to plant 24 shrubs, two at each pillar. She said the shrubs weren't in the original plan that had been agreed upon.

"Our superintendent, Steve, (Cole) is not in favor of doing this," she said.

Mrs. Mann went ahead and made the motion to allow the cemetery committee to put in the shrubs, but it failed due to lack of a second.

Mayor Corns said he would like City Attorney Chuck Worden and Mrs. Mann, as head of the Parks Committee, to meet with the cemetery committee about future requests.

Councilman Jerry Jones asked

that the cemetery committee finish all of the plans that have been started before the council approves any new projects.

Mrs. Mann said the Parks Committee also talked to the Norton County Horse Council. She said the horse council is applying for a \$300,000 grant from Kan-Step to build restrooms and a grandstand at the equine facility. She said it is the same grant it has applied for before.

She said the horse council also wanted to know if the city was still willing to help with the sewer line to the restrooms.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said the grant covers materials, but the horse council has to have volunteer labor to do the work.

"I think they have a good chance of getting it (the grant)," he said.

Mrs. Mann said both the restrooms and the grandstands

will be inside the facility perimeters.

Councilman Ron Briery said he didn't think the city agreed to pay for a sewer line.

City Clerk Darla Ellis said the council passed a motion in May saying the city would lay the sewer line, not pay for the materials.

The council approved the horse council's application for the grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing.

In other business, the council:

- Heard that signs had been ordered and will be put up in the grass median in the 300 block of West Main asking people to clean up after their pets.

- Asked Mr. Worden to draft an ordinance to allow six lots at the cemetery to be sold instead of four and will allow lots adjacent to each other in different rows to be sold at the same time, rather than just one row.

- Heard that Ken Schultz asked that a separate water meter be installed at his home to meter the amount of water he uses outside for his horses, livestock and trees. Mr. Schultz proposed that the meter would be read once a year and the usage would be deducted off of the main meter to know what the winter water usage is for his sewer rate. Mr. Lawson said the rates were based on all of the cur-

rent usage and that it wouldn't really be cheaper for him to have a second meter. He said if the city agreed to the second meter, and then didn't get enough to pay for renovations, it would have to raise its rates again.

"It's equally unfair to everyone," he said.

The motion to allow Mr. Schultz to put in another meter failed with Mr. Briery voting yes.

ment.

Nothing was reported stolen, but damage, estimated to be less than \$1,000, was done to the back door.

The attempted break in is being investigated.

# Police report break in attempt

An attempted burglary ended in nothing more than a damaged door.

Early Monday morning, someone attempted to get into J&R Liquor Store in downtown Norton, said the Norton Police Depart-

ment.

Nothing was reported stolen, but damage, estimated to be less than \$1,000, was done to the back door.

The attempted break in is being investigated.

**Nobody covers the Blue Jays like we do!**  
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# SHARE orders due by Thursday

The deadline for ordering the October Heartland SHARE is noon, Thursday. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Norton Senior Center.

The October Heartland SHARE contains 12 ounces Canadian bacon, 1 pound boneless pork ribs in BBQ sauce, two 14-ounce bowls Beef-a-Roni, 8 ounces chicken nuggets, 1 pound grilled chicken breast fillets, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, apples, pears, plums, peaches and a 6-ounce creamy tomato pasta dinner.

For \$18.50 plus two volunteer hours, you can receive all of the food or "SHARE" listed. You can order as many shares as you want.

You can also order a meat only package (the first five items) for \$10.50 plus one additional volunteer hour. There is no limit to the meat only specials you can order.

After you purchase a SHARE, you can order as many October Specials as you want for an additional \$13 plus one additional volunteer hour.

There are two specials for October. The first is six 8-ounce bacon-wrapped fillet of beef steaks or eight 6-ounce broccoli and cheese stuffed chicken breasts.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## U.S. Bank vs. Rudolph

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, OF AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-1, UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2002, WITHOUT RECOURSE, PLAINTIFF,

VS. JEFFREY K. RUDOLPH, CHARLENE F. RUDOLPH, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, JOHN DOE (Real name unknown; Tenant/Occupant), JANE DOE (Real name unknown; Tenant/Occupant) and all other persons and/or legal entities who are or may be concerned, including the unknown spouses of any defendants, together with the unknown heirs, devisees, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, conservators, assigns, successors and creditors of such defendants. DEFENDANT(S).

CASE NO. 05 CV 11 COURT NO. K.S.A. CHAPTER 60 TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

UNDER and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for said County of Norton, in a certain cause and said Court numbered 05 CV 11 wherein the parties above-named were respectively Plaintiff and Defendant(s), and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in-hand at the

Norton County Courthouse in the City of Norton in said County of Norton, on October 20, 2005, at 10:00 AM of said day, the following described real estate located in the County of Norton, State of Kansas, to-wit:

A tract of land commencing at a point 884 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/c NE/4 NW/4) of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the Sixth p.m., running thence North 125 feet, thence West 314.53 feet, thence South 125 feet, thence East 314.53 feet to the place of beginning. MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS:

A tract of land commencing at a point 884 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/c NE/4 NW/4) of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the Sixth p.m., running thence North 125 feet, thence West 314.53 feet, thence South 125 feet, thence East 314.53 feet to the place of beginning all of which is located in the City of Norton, County of Norton, Kansas. SHERIFF OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Submitted and Approved by: DOERING & ASSOCIATES, P.C. By: Michael D. Doering KS#13832 300 W. Linwood Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64111-1329 Telephone (816) 531-4949 Telecopies (816) 531-4449 Attorney for Plaintiff

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