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## Tuesday March 21, 2006

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Ruby Pflieger

### Briefly Paper late due to weather

Mother Nature took charge of things Monday in the form of a snow storm, so consequently *The Norton Extra* and *The Norton Telegram* reached readers a day late.

"Just one of those things," said Tom Dreiling, publisher. "Mother Nature set the pace and we marched accordingly."

He said everything is now back on track and absence of any more weather changes, that'll be the rule.

"We needed the moisture badly...so we didn't complain," he said. "In fact, she can bring more."

### Congressman will talk to viewers

Congressman Jerry Moran will take calls from viewers to discuss current issues facing Congress during a live television appearance tonight on Smoky Hills Public Television. The program, entitled "A Conversation with Jerry Moran," will air from 7 to 8 p.m. Viewers will be able to call in toll-free at 800-337-4788 with questions.

Dr. Richard Heil with the Political Science and Justice Studies Department and Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University will host the program for Smoky Hills Public Television. Joining him will be John Montgomery, editor and publisher of the Hays Daily News.

Consult your local cable company or local program guide to determine the public television channel in your area.

For more information, contact Congressman Moran at (202) 225-2715 or visit his web page at: [www.house.gov/moranks01/](http://www.house.gov/moranks01/).

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Today** — A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high around 28. East wind around 5 mph. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. **Tonight** — A 30 percent chance of snow before midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 15. North wind around 5 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy, with a high near 32. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Thursday night** — Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday** — Partly cloudy, with a high near 41. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy, with a low near 25. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy, with a high near 48. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy, with a high near 55. **Sunday night** — Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. **Monday** — Partly cloudy, with a high near 52.

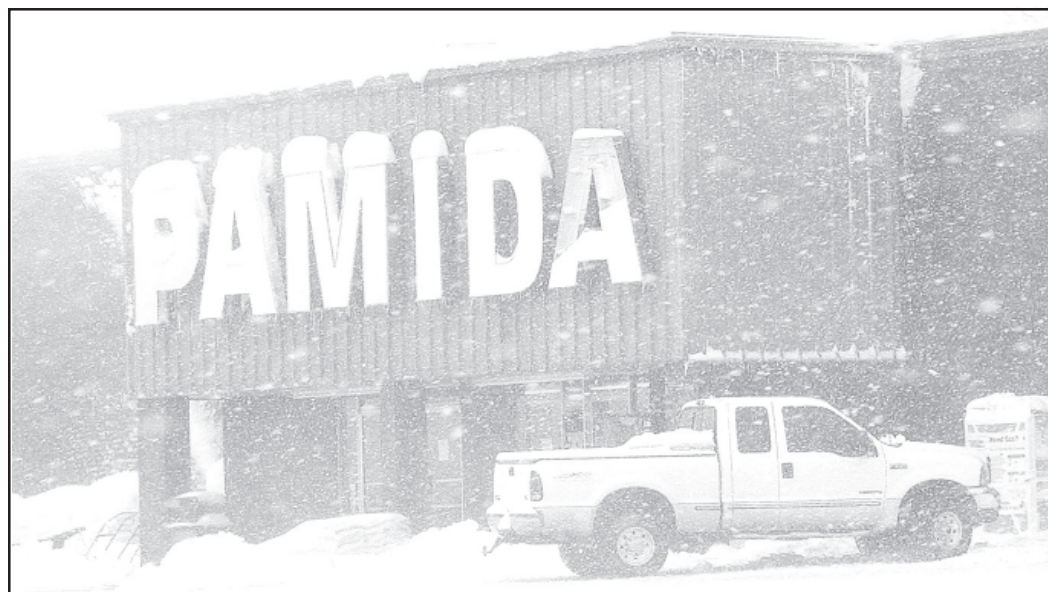
### Prayer

Lord Jesus, we realize that life not only has its ups but also its downs. Walk with us through the good times as well as the bad. **Amen**



Around 6:30 p.m. Monday, the snow on Vicki Henderson's back deck measured nearly 14 inches.

— Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson



Norton's recent snow storm started out with sleet Sunday night, which coated everything in town, including this stop sign, (bottom left) covered with about an inch of icy sleet. Monday brought fierce flurries (above) which cut visibility down and only the brave dared to go out. Finally, people started cleaning up (below) Tuesday, once the snow stopped falling. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



## Spring brings 'winter' snow

By TOM DREILING

Whatever happened to winter snows?

That's the question many folks in the Norton area and throughout northwest Kansas are asking themselves.

Norton is digging out of a snowfall of anywhere from 8 to 10.5 inches that came barreling in on Monday — the first day of spring.

Not too many months past, Norton was digging out of a fall snow storm that brought 6 inches of blowing snow and created drifts several feet high. Winds were clocked at 50 to 80 miles per hour. That storm entered the picture on Thanksgiving weekend.

So, two major snow storms and neither of them coming in the winter.

The latest snow, with winds generally in the 20-30 mph range, was a wet one and a welcomed one.

Norton's snow depths ranged from 8 to 10.5

inches, unofficially, with precipitation at between a half-inch and 0.60 inches.

However, in the northwest part of the city, 13 3/4 inches was measured on the deck at the home of Larry and Vicki Henderson, 906 Westridge. "It just kept piling up," Mrs. Henderson said. "It went from 9 1/2 inches to 11 1/2 inches and then to 13 3/4 inches. It just stayed where it fell."

Matt Mehle, intern meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Goodland, said the general snowfall in northwest Kansas averaged around 10.7 inches.

He said that Goodland, with 13.1 inches, received the most snow and that the liquid content was 1.71 inches.

He figured the moisture content was in the one-half inch range.

Here are other snow depths reported to the

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## Economic development checks survey's worthiness

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Economic Development Board is looking at the possibility of doing a survey.

Director Marlene Henderson said at the last meeting that she had contacted the Docking Institute to see what studies were available to the county and how much they would cost.

Depending on the study, she said, the cost would be anywhere from \$4,000 to \$7,000.

Janis Monier, Ph.D. candidate with Kansas State University, said she would be doing a survey of the county as part of the work to finish her dissertation. If the board wanted to get involved, she said all they would have to pay would be postage, both to send the surveys out and for return envelopes.

Chairman John Miller asked if it was developed around what the Docking Institute would be doing.

Ms. Monier said the survey she is doing is somewhat similar to the institute's, but would focus more on Norton County.

Board member Donna Henderson asked what the board would get out of doing a survey.

"What you get back is what your resi-

dents think about your county," she said.

Board member Sonya Montgomery said someone did a survey a couple of years ago and didn't see the need to do another one, since basically the same information would be obtained.

Mr. Miller said surveys have been done in the past, but there had never been a group, like the board, to do something with it to improve the county.

Ms. Henderson asked if it was worth the money, which would be around \$1,400 for postage, to send out a survey.

Mr. Miller said at every seminar he has went to, they say there is some value to them. Once the survey is finished, he said he thinks everyone should look at it before making a decision on whether to pay to send it out.

"This could be a fairly cheap way to get input from the county residents," he said.

Ms. Monier said she planned on doing the survey, even if the board didn't want to take part. If they did, she said, she would be doing all of the work the Docking Institute would. The board would get the results back, as well as a summary of what the study said. The results would be published nationally, she said, which is some-

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## Children will be focus of first week in April

By VERONICA MONIER

The daycare providers of Norton are planning something special for the Week of the Young Child.

Holly Puga, a daycare provider, told the Norton City Council at its last meeting that they are planning a fun week for youth and their parents the first week of April.

She said Monday, April 3, they will be working on motor skills and brain development with the children and their parents.

Tuesday, she said, they are inviting the community to join them. They will be decorating paper bags at the grocery stores from 5 to 6 p.m. The bags will then be used to put shoppers groceries in and hopefully, she said, will give them a smile.

Wednesday will be parent night, she said. Parents will be doing something special with their children that night at home.

At Thursday morning story hour at the library, she said a clown will entertain the children. Later that night, they will be drawing on the courthouse sidewalks with chalk.

Friday night, she said, they are going to make special badges for the children. The badges will allow the child to get a small soda or ice cream from local businesses.

And finally, she said, they will be having a Jack and Jill fun day at Elmwood Park from 1 to 4 p.m. and will play games and do other fun things.

Mrs. Puga said she hopes the council and mayor, and the rest of the community, will take part in the week's events.

In honor of the week, Mayor David Corns signed a proclamation saying April 2-8 would be The Week of the Young Child.

In other business, the council:  
• Heard from City Administrator Rob Lawson that he has been getting a lot of requests for a three-way stop at the intersection of KQNK Road and the east entrance to Elmwood Park. He said part of the reason that road is so rough is to slow traffic down. The matter will be taken up in Public Safety Committee.

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