



Friday
April 21, 2006

**Norton, Kansas
Home of Brian Hickman**

Briefly
**Building fund
needs some help**

A potluck supper to benefit the Lyle Community Building will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the community building located nine miles north of US 36 on the Lyle Road, one mile west of Norcatour. The community building is the center of activities in the Lyle community providing a place for: the congregation of the Lyle United Methodist Church to meet; the women of the church to make quilts for Mexican/American Missions; local clubs to meet; and any sort of community gathering. Built in the late 1950s by the Star Valley 4-H Club, the building had been supported by families of the community. The dwindling population has caused a financial strain on the fund to support the operation of the building. Everyone from the Lyle community is invited to bring food and a friend to the benefit supper. Entertainment will include home-grown music, games and cards.

**Old cell phones
go to good cause**

That old cell phone in the drawer at your home may still have a use. The Norton Community High School's Students Against Destructive Decisions chapter is collecting cell phones that are no longer in use and accessories. These items will be donated to the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter. The agency will distribute the phones which will only be used to call 911. The phones do not need to be activated. If you would like to donate an old phone, a charger, or other accessory, place it in a box at Jamboree Foods, Shop 'n Save, Kellie's Alltel, Norton Homestore, Felton's Ace Hardware or at the high school. Phones may be dropped off until May 23. If you have any questions call the high school at 877-3338.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 40s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 41, High 58
Wednesday Low 33, High 66
Thursday Low 34, High 68
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to understand how you work through all circumstances, both good and bad. thank you for giving your son to die for us. **Amen**



Splitting hairs for a good cause
'Locks of Love' locks in Norton man

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Harold Shinn, the maintenance supervisor at Norton's Andbe Home and Kayleigh Norwood, a fifth grader at Eisenhower Elementary, will always have April 17 in common. That was the day they both received haircuts. Mr. Shinn and Kayleigh had agreed to donate their hair to Locks of Love an agency that makes wigs for children who have lost their hair. Before Mr. Shinn's employment at the home, he had worked at Time Saver

and had 22 years with the U.S. Army National Guard, spending most of 1992 in Saudi Arabia. He was always clean-cut with short hair. When he retired from the military he told his wife, Janelle, he was going to grow his hair until he could sit on it. Mrs. Shinn called his bluff and said, "There's no way you could do that. You've been in the military too long." Like waving a red flag in front of a bull, he had to take the challenge.

The decision was not quite so dramatic for Kayleigh. She said, "My hair was starting to get really long. One of my friends suggested I should cut it for Locks of Love. Then, I heard about Harold growing his hair and we decided to do it together." Kayleigh's mother is Coni Park, administrator of the home. The date was set and Amanda Burns, the central supply clerk at the Andbe Home, was quick to volunteer her barbering services. Staff at the home invited all the resi-

**The
end
result**

Harold Shinn (left) lost his hair Monday. But it was donated to Locks of Love, an agency that provides human-hair wigs to children who have lost their hair. Amanda Burns cut Mr. Shinn's hair and Kayleigh Norwood's. Mr. Shinn (below) holds his severed locks.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



dents to watch the proceedings and it wasn't long before the activity room was filled with curious onlookers. Mrs. Burns secured locks of Mr. Shinn's hair with rubber bands, then began to cut. One by one, the locks fell into her
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Development looks at potential survey

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Economic Development Board is reviewing a survey that may be sent to county residents. Janis Monier, a doctoral candidate with Kansas State University, has been working on a survey she needs to send to county residents and thought it would be helpful to the board as well. She said the survey is different than one the Docking Institute would do and is based on four different theories. "I'm testing four different theories instead of just one because you want to get everything you can possibly get in the shortest survey possible," she said. Norton County, she said, has not had anything published about it nationally since 1943. "This (survey) will help you (the board) because it brings attention to what you are trying to do," she said. "It's important to get on the map so people can see that Norton County really exists and that you care about eco-

nomie growth." Chairman John Miller said the survey looked a lot different than the ones they usually see. It's more pointed toward Norton County and asks a broader range of questions, he said. Ms. Monier said as long as people know the survey is coming and what it's about, they are more likely to fill it out and give their opinion. She said there were several ways to get it out. The board could send it by mail, bulk mail or as an insert in the newspaper. With the mail, there will be three pages plus the return envelope. With an estimated 2,266 households in the county, it would cost approximately \$1,767 for postage. By mail, surveys are usually sent using water bill addresses. Board member Elaine Mann asked about the rural residents who didn't receive a water bill. Ms. Monier said that was the problem. Bulk mailing, she said, would cost \$160 for a mailing permit and \$160 for an an-

nual fee plus .261 cents per envelope for a total of \$1,502.85. Mrs. Mann said bulk mailing could get complicated because there are specific rules attached. Vice-chairman Curtis Eveleigh said it might be good, though, because then if the board ever needed to send anything else to county residents it could and would still have the permit. The third option, she said, is sending it as an insert in the Monday Telegram Extra. The going rate is 7 cents an insert, but she said Tom Dreiling, the editor/publisher, would be willing to work out a price. The newspaper, she said, reaches every household in the county. Attorney Karen Griffiths asked if everyone even opened their paper on Monday. Ms. Monier said that would be where the board would need to advertise.
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*Appreciation
is high on
board's list*

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School Board is consulting what it can do to let the district's teachers and staff know they are appreciated. Superintendent Greg Mann said May 7-13 is teacher appreciation week and asked if the board had any ideas on what to do to show that appreciation. Usually, he said, they take goodies to each school and the maintenance building for the staff. The board's first suggestion was instead of teacher appreciation, call it staff appreciation, so no one felt left out. They're all appreciated, the board said. The attempt to have a movie night last year was also brought up. But, Mr. Mann said, that never came about because there were too many complications. Board member Craig Renner said they should feature a teacher every week in a "get to know your teachers" spot in the paper and on the radio. Mr. Mann asked the teachers and staff at the meeting what they would like. They said whatever the board decided to do would be appreciated. The board talked about a couple more ideas, such as grilling hamburgers and having a band. Mr. Mann said he would send goodies for now and would look into Mr. Renner's "teacher of the week" idea and also would look into grilling hamburgers for the
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Forensics team does well in Phillipsburg

The Northern Valley forensics team attended a meet in Phillipsburg on April 4. Coach Ken Thurman said, "This was not a large meet, but the competition was there for the same purpose as we were....to take home some medals and get people qualified for state." Susan Lowry helped judge and sponsored the students. Attending were Cody Callaway, Amanda Hopkins, Andrea

Lowry, Jessie Redeker, Jena Jessup, Ashley Kingham, Amy Shearer, Kylene Hager, Alysia Shearer, Patrick Hammond, Jessica Largent, Travis Redeker, Kelli Cole, Melody Miller and Avery Thalheim. Students who reached it to the final round and their placings were: Amy Shearer, fifth in Poetry; Melody Miller, sixth in Poetry; Amy Shearer and Patrick Hammond, second in Improvised Duet

Acting; Andrea Lowry and Jena Jessup, third in Improvised Duet Acting; Jessie Redeker and Travis Redeker, fifth in Improvised Duet Acting; Alysia Shearer, fifth in Informative; Avery Thalheim, second in Prose; Cody Callaway, sixth in Humorous Solo and fifth in Extemporaneous; and Amanda Hopkins, fourth in Serious Solo. As a team, Northern Valley finished third out of seven teams.