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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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**Tuesday**  
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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Ivan VanLoenen

*Briefly*

## Norton library having fun night

Seventh through twelfth graders are invited to Thursday Fun Nights at the Norton Public Library. This Thursday will be Pizza and Game night. Students can play Conjectures, Cranium and other fun games. Refreshments will be served.

## Clinic to be held on babysitting

Anyone who is responsible for children, their safety and development might be interested in a Babysitting Training Clinic. The Clinic, sponsored by Norton County Farm Bureau Association and Norton County Extension, is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 2 in the Community Room of the Norton Public Library.

There is a \$3 registration fee and anyone interested should pre-register today. Call Patsy Maddy at 877-7262 or the Extension office at 877-5755 for more information.

Participants are asked to bring some type of Mexican food item (chips and dip, salsa, tacos, taco meat, refried beans) to share for a Mexican lunch.

Certificates will be awarded to those who successfully complete the clinic.

## Magician to be at Rec Center

Brian Wendling, a juggler and magician from Kansas City will perform at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Rec Center gymnasium. The public is invited.

For more information call the Norton Public Library at 877-2481.

*Weather*

## Forecast:

**Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s. North winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon. **Thursday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 50s. **Friday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 80s.

## Kingham report:

Friday ..... Low 56, High 99 .30 Prec.  
Saturday ..... Low 61, High 95  
Sunday ..... Low 64, High 101  
Monday ..... Low 63, High 82  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Thank you, God, for carrying all our burdens. Thank you for the community of believers who share our burdens here on earth. **Amen**

# A matter of remembering...



Flags all across the area blew proudly in the wind for Memorial Day. Veteran Jake Durham (top) saluted the flag while Taps was played by Jeremy Wetter. See more Memorial Day photos of Pages 8 and 9.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier and Susie Marble

## Many gather across the area to remember and honor the dead

No matter which Memorial Day service you chose to go to, all had a basic theme — honoring those who died in service to this country.

All across the area, people gathered in

cemeteries to listen and watch as our fallen veterans and other loved ones were given their due.

Speakers talked of World War I and II, of Korea and Vietnam, of Desert Storm

and Operation Enduring Freedom, and all the men and women who lost their lives to preserve the freedom of this country and the world.

Prayers were said, wreaths were hung

and flags were raised from the isolated country cemetery in Lyle to the manicured gravesites in Norton.

Hundreds gathered to remember the dead.

## Hospital on the prowl for new doctor

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Hospital is looking for a new doctor.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller said at the last hospital board meeting that Dr. Roy Hartley's last day was set for June 30. He won't be working in the emergency room any more, but will still be seeing his patients at the clinic until then, he said.

The hospital, he said, has signed an agreement with Doctors Who Care to provide medical coverage for six months, so that there is a fourth doctor to help out until a permanent one can be found.

"It gives us a little more time," he said. Mr. Miller said Doctors Who Care will

also be helping with recruitment. They will be using the University of Kansas Medical School Recruitment program as well.

He said they are looking for a family practice specialist and it would be helpful if the doctor was also trained in obstetrics.

In other business, the board:

- Heard that in April, the hospital had 337 patient days, 60 admissions, 4 births, 22 surgeries, 3,085 outpatient procedures, and 1,218 Doctor's Clinic visits.

- Reviewed a preliminary budget and will be taking action at the June meeting.

- Heard about the Medicare Advantage plan. Mr. Miller said traditional Medicare

users can sign up with Humana Insurance, which would switch them over to private insurance. He said the hospital doesn't have an agreement with Humana yet, but one was being worked on. At the moment, for those who have signed up with Humana, the hospital is billing the private insurance company through Medicare, he said.

- Approved a salary increase to start with the pay period beginning May 21. The last salary adjustment was in 2005.

- Approved the tobacco free policy by a 3-2 vote, with board members William White, Jennie Goldsby and Von Fahrenbruch voting yes and board mem-

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## Reading program now underway

Registration for the Summer Reading Program began Tuesday. Children, preschool through twelfth grades, are encouraged to sign up to read books in their reading level. They will receive a gift when they sign up and a prize for reading the required number of books. They will also be eligible for a drawing to win a new bicycle.

Special entertainment and programs have been planned. A schedule of events is available at the li-

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## Day camp is coming up

Norton Farm Bureau Association invites all area youngsters to sign up for Day Camp to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday at the 4-H Building in Norton. Some activities will take place in the park and the livestock arena.

Campers will have lots of hands-on activities plus receive a T-shirt, lunch and snacks.

To sign-up, volunteer or learn more about Day Camp, call Patsy Maddy at 877-7262.

Julia Kent (left) and her sister Macayla Kent explored the idea of attending Youth Day Camp as explained to them by Patsy Maddy of the Farm Bureau Association. Mrs. Maddy had an information booth at Pamida to promote the day camp planned for June 6 and a babysitting clinic to be held June 2.

— Telegram photo by Carlyn Plotts

