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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Doug Sebelius

## Briefly

### 'Time game' this weekend

If you want to do it correctly, you will go to bed Saturday night, but before you do you will set your clock to wake you up at 2 a.m. Sunday. When the clock goes off at 2, you will then get up and change it to 3. Then you can climb back into bed knowing you will wake up on Daylight Saving Time. Or, you can do it the easy way. You can set your clock up one hour before going to bed Saturday night. Bingo, you're right on schedule!

The time change is earlier this year, the second Sunday in March. Last year it was the first Sunday in April. -td

### Childhood screen just weeks away

Eisenhower Elementary School in Norton will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screen on Friday, March 23. If you have a concern in any of the following developmental areas — vision, hearing, speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning — call to schedule your child.

Children eligible for the screening are ages 3 through 5, but not enrolling in kindergarten next fall. A kindergarten screen will be held later this spring. The appointments for this screen are approximately 45 minutes, beginning at 8 a.m. To schedule, please call the school at 877-5113 by March 22, and ask for Joan Hale.

### Red Cross blood drive Wednesday

It's time to again "give so others live." The American Red Cross has scheduled its latest blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the National Guard Armory in Norton. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543). Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. **Sunday** — Highs in the lower 60s.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 21, High 58  
Wednesday ..... Low 29, High 52  
Thursday ..... Low 27, High 70  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, help us to recognize your divine and loving guidance. Give us the confidence and strength to go where you lead. Amen

## They went that'away...



Students from fourth through twelfth grades practiced long and hard for the grand finale of The Young Americans concert Tuesday night at Norton's Stull Gymnasium. A large, appreciative crowd was on hand for the performance. And accorded the participants with a standing ovation.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Commissioners reject request

By TOM DREILING

It didn't take the Norton County Commission long to give a thumbs down to an area resident's request for possible county participation in a business venture.

Carlos Valencia of Hill City approached the commissioners at their Monday meeting to pass along information about a new company and the plans it has for the future of the Golden Duck facility. He said he is now in the process of purchasing the facility (south of Norton) and re-establishing the operation. That was the site of the deaths of numerous geese a year or so ago.

Mr. Valencia said he would like the county to assist him in building the facility. The commissioners, however, told him they had a lot of concern with his corporation, and with past experience, and are consequently hesitant to offer any help.

The county governing body told Mr. Valencia that until he is completely legal and licensed with the State of Kansas, they are not interested in giving any funding or help with the facility.

The commission further informed Mr. Valencia that as far as they are concerned, Golden Duck still owes the county for feed purchased by the county to feed the geese that were in the facility.

Mr. Valencia was further told that he violated many laws and was not permitted, therefore the county was not interested in visiting with him nor giving him any funding for the facility.

Cynthia Schemper, the only EMT at Almena at this time, told the commissioners she would like to have the Norton ambulance paged, along with the Almena service, since her availability is limited to the service. Purpose of the discussion was to notify the dispatch center — the Norton County Sheriff's office — that any call for Almena the Norton ambulance should be sent. First Responders at Almena will still be able to respond; however, an EMT must be present on every call, according to Almena's EMT.

Ruth Schillig, of Norton County Ambulance, presented the commissioners with her financial statements for January and February. The commissioners re-

viewed the statements, along with the budget report from the county clerk's office, and asked that the budget be followed and they be informed about the finances.

Ms. Schillig also reported on the status of the paramedic applications with the ambulance service. She said she had called all the applicants who expressed interest; however, only one is interested in an interview at this time.

She also asked the commissioners if the county would be interested in paying for individuals to attend paramedic schooling — a 15-month course — to be instructed by a college facility. The commissioners asked that before they make a decision they would like to see the financial side of the educational cost.

The commissioners learned that all of the ambulance units have been inspected, and all units passed and are back into service.

In other business:  
• Tom Brannan, road and bridge supervisor, told the commissioners that the

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## Water treatment plant step closer after 3-2 vote

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Faced with two options on how to proceed with construction of the water treatment plant, the Norton City Council debated long and hard before making a decision.

On one hand they could have gone with a 4.50 percent interest rate on money from Rural Development for a 40 year loan. It would have kept user costs down a little, but, the council decided to accept the State Revolving Fund option for a 20 year term. In a 3 to 2 decision, the council chose the Revolving Fund path, at 3.62 percent, in order to meet mandatory deadlines and get the project underway.

With the council's decision, Chris Miller of Miller and Associates set forth a schedule to advertise for bids starting Monday. He said bids would be opened at the April 12 council meeting and the council would make their recommendation.

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Miles Harrington flashes his best smile while showing off the big check he won for watching cartoons on television.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Watching cartoons pays off handsomely for Norton child

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It pays to watch cartoons on television. Just ask 6-year old Miles Harrington, a kindergarten student at Norton's Eisenhower Elementary, who is \$500 richer for doing so.

Miles was watching cartoons one afternoon when he saw a promotional spot encouraging viewers to watch the telecast of the movie *Re-Animated* on Jan. 12.

It said there would be a chance to win cash prizes by calling a toll-free number when pop-up clues appeared on the screen.

With the help of his father, Marty Harrington, Miles diligently followed all the directions and dialed all the numbers. He had to be persistent, though. The key to winning was to get through to a "live" operator and correctly answer questions about the animated movie.

After making it through Phase I, Miles needed to complete the next step required to win the money.

He had to return the Winner Affidavit of Eligibility, complete with a notary's signature, in five days.

Two weeks ago Miles received an en-

velope in the mail from the Cartoon Network. Inside was a letter saying, "Congratulations! We are excited to award your \$500 won in the Re-Animated Big Cash Giveaway Call-In! Don't spend it all in one place!"

Fame and fortune won't go to Miles' head. He said he is going to put his winnings in the bank so he can go to college. He has big plans: he wants to become a policeman when he grows up.

But, for now, he'll keep watching his favorite movie, *Re-Animated*, on TV. Miles also has a brother, Donovan, 17.