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## Friday

May 4, 2007

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Joe C. Berry

### Briefly

## 3-D shoot set for Sunday

The Norton Archery Club will host a 3-D shoot starting at 10 a.m. Sunday at the northwest corner of Prairie Dog State Park. Cost is \$5 per round. The next shoot will be May 20. To learn more, call 877-3253 or 877-5269.

## Quilters meeting at Prairie Land

The Heritage Quilt Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 7 in the Prairie Land Electric basement. Members are asked to bring a salad. Election of officers will be held and information given for the "Summer Challenge". Dues for the next year will be collected.

Julie Geiger, Prairie Point Junction, Cozad, Neb., will present a trunk show.

## Rummage, bake sale this weekend

Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of State and Waverly, Norton, will hold their annual rummage and bake sale from 5 to 7 p.m. today and again from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The sale will be in the church basement with lots of clothing, treasures and baked goods.

## Shooting safety class Sunday

4-H Shotgun Shooting Sports program will be getting underway at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Lenora Firefighters Trap House.

Youth that are 12 years of age and older are invited and need not be in 4-H to attend. Participants must supply their own eye and ear protection. No reloaded shells can be used and the shooter's gun must pass a safety inspection. Shooters also will need an adult on site as a helper, unless prior approval is given from the instructor.

The firefighters trap house is located east of Lenora just north of the bridge. For questions call Tom Edgett at 785-622-4251.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could be severe with large hail. **Saturday** — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. **Saturday Night** — Showers and thunderstorms likely. **Sunday** — a 40 percent chance of showers.

#### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 53, High 71, .05 Rain  
Wednesday ..... Low 42, High 70  
Thursday ..... Low 48, High 71

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Give us courage, dear God, to face each new challenge and to move into unknown territory with trust in you.

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## A wall of hope



## Loved ones honored on wall

By CAROLYN PLOTTS  
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Recovering alcoholics and addicts live life "one day at a time". Bricklayer W. Jerome Rudolph, Calvert, builds a wall one brick at a time.

Tuesday, Mr. Rudolph, with the help of his grandson, Andrew Sheley, built a brick wall on the campus of Norton's Valley Hope. The wall is the culmination of a year-long project begun in the spring of 2006.

Director of Development at Valley Hope, Megan O'Connor, sent letters to businesses and individuals in the Norton community and elsewhere, inviting them to share in the building of a "Wall of Honor". For a donation of at least \$100, donors would have a personalized, laser-inscribed brick placed in the wall to offer hope to patients in treatment. The wall would honor the memory of a loved one or recognize someone who was still alive and a lasting influence.

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Bricklayer W. Jerome Rudolph tapped in another laser-inscribed brick that is now part of the Wall of Honor at Valley Hope Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center on U.S. Highway 36, Norton. Mr. Rudolph donated his time and talent to build the brick wall that helped raise over \$26,000.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## State, Irrigation District come to agreement

By VERONICA MONIER  
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After seven years, the Almena Irrigation District and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks have come to a long-term agreement about water levels at Sebelius Reservoir.

Mike Hayden, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, said the first discussion between the two agencies was held seven years ago. For the past five years, the two agencies have been negotiating a long-term agreement.

He said it took two years of discussion to get to an annual agreement, which was in place for three years.

Finally, he said, they reached a 10-year agreement.

But, coming to terms both Wildlife and

Parks and the Irrigation District could live with wasn't the end of it. It also had to be approved by the governor's Sub-cabinet on Natural Resources, the Kansas Water Authority, the Kansas Legislature, Governor Kathleen Sebelius and the members of the Almena Irrigation District.

Mr. Hayden said they have agreed to it in principal until the members vote on whether or not they like the terms. If they vote for it, then a formal agreement will be drawn up and signed by Mr. Hayden and the Irrigation District's board.

At the state level, the agreement has been approved by the sub-cabinet and the water authority. Earlier this week, the Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas Senate passed it.

It is now waiting for Gov. Sebelius' sig-

nature. But, Mr. Hayden said, she is fully supportive of the agreement and has indicated she will sign it.

"The members (of the Irrigation District) voting and the governor's signature are the last pieces," he said. "Once that is done, it will go into effect July 1."

Norman Nelson, president of the Almena Irrigation District's board, said he didn't want to release the fine details of the agreement until the members have had a chance to see it first and vote on it.

Mr. Hayden said, basically like the annual agreements, there will be a minimum pool in the lake below which there will be no releases of water. That minimum level, he said, is 2,288.5 feet. There is also a two-foot buffer on top of that.

This means, he said, that water will not

be released to the Irrigation District until the water pool is at 2,290.5. Above that, the water belongs to them. And, he said, once it reaches the buffer level, the district can continue to take water until it goes back to the minimum level of 2,288.5 feet.

As of April 30, the water pool measured 2,290.1 feet, which falls just short of the required pool level for the district to take water.

"We're happy with the plan," he said. "We think it will protect the state park and the fish and wildlife of the lake. We're very pleased after all these years of negotiating that an agreement has been made."

Mr. Nelson agreed.

"I really believe this will be good for both," he said. "The lake level will be

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## Speaker raises a little dough for God's Pantry

By VERONICA MONIER  
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The Norton community got a little more than it expected when it invited two Jayhawkers to dinner Monday night.

University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemmingway and Athletics Director Lew Perkins were the guest speakers at the annual Norton Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. Both received loud applause, but the crowd also applauded itself when \$255 was raised for God's Pantry in Norton.

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## People digging deeper for stamp money

By TOM DREILING  
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It's just about time to ante up. This time not at the table, but at the post office.

Monday, May 14 officially heralds the arrival of the 41-cent stamp needed to mail a letter to Aunt Bea, that found its way to her mailbox for 39 cents the day before. The hike in mailing rates isn't a surprise, however; it's been on the table for quite a spell and ample time given for everyone to get ready to shell out a few cents more.

Norton Postmaster Brenda Darnell said post offices nationwide are now selling the new 41-cent and also one- and two-cent stamps for customers who still have a supply of 39-cent stamps on hand.

The postmaster also said customers can order stamps on-line at www.usps.com, or by telephone at 1-800-STAMP-24. She said the new stamps are also available at

Automated Postal Centers and ATM's nationwide, beginning May 14.

Postmaster Darnell provided a chart of examples of some of the new rates and fees. Readers may want to hang onto this for future reference.

#### Selected rates effective May 14:

First-Class Letter (1 oz.), 41 cents; First-Class Letter (2 oz.), 58 cents; Postcard, 26 cents; Priority Mail (1 lb.), \$4.60; Priority Mail Flat-Rate Box, \$8.95; Express Mail (1/2 lb.) \$16.25; New Express Mail (1 lb.), \$19.50; Express Mail (2 lb.), \$21.40.

#### Fees and services, effective May 14:

Certified Mail, \$2.65; Delivery Confirmation (Priority), 65 cents; Delivery Confirmation (First-Class Parcels), 75 cents; Return Receipt (Original Signature), \$2.15; Return Receipt (Electronic), 85 cents; Money Orders (up to \$500), \$1.05. The postmaster said on May 14 the

Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamp will go on sale at the new 55-cent price. Since 1998, she said, the Postal Service has raised more than \$53 million for breast cancer research through the sale of the semipostal stamp.

In addition to the new domestic rates, changes will take effect May 14 for customers sending international mail. The United States Postal Service has simplified its eight main international products into four: Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, Priority Mail International, and First-Class Mail International.

New packaging will allow mailers to use the same Priority Mail and Express Mail packaging for shipping both within the United States and to other countries.

Details of the international mail changes are available at www.usps.com/ (Continued on Page 5)