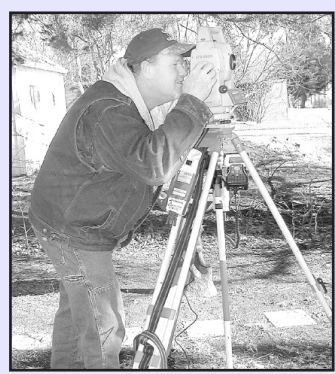


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Norton, Kansas Home of Barbara Booth

Briefly

Benefit roast set for Feb. 2

A community benefit hog roast will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2 for Mike (Possum) Tacha at the Jennings Sunflower Senior Center. Donations of baked goods for the food sale are welcome. Mr. Tacha was injured in a farm accident several months ago and the benefit is to help with expenses.

Rotary holding soup supper

The Norton Rotary Club will be holding a soup supper from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 as a fund raiser for its scholarship fund. The supper will be held in the Norton Community High School cafeteria during the Norton vs. Oberlin basketball game. Chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, chili, home-made cake, coffee and tea will be served. The cost for adults is \$4.50 and for children under 12 is \$2.50.

Weather



Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 22. West wind around 10 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 46. West wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 24. West wind around 5 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 52. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 31. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 48. **Monday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 19. **Tuesday** — Partly sunny with a high near 37.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low -3, High 25
Wednesday Low 14, High 30
Thursday Low 4, High 32
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, when I am consumed by daily concerns, help me to look beyond myself to bless others with positive words and actions. **Amen**

Almena works to improve itself

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Almena community is making an effort to improve its town.

Almena Chamber President Glenn Brands said the Chamber has been and is still holding community fund raisers, trying to generate enough cash to use as "match money" for grants. Once they have enough money raised, they will be working with the City of Almena to ap-

ply for community development block grants.

Their goal, he said, is \$250,000. But, they will probably start the grant applications when they have reached \$150,000. At the moment, he said they have upwards of \$70,000 pledged.

The reason for all of the fund raising is a much-hoped-for community building, which will have a new library and offices in it and will replace the old community

building in downtown Almena. They would also like to make general beautification and infrastructure improvements to the buildings in Almena and help the fire department.

But, he said, the community building is their main focus.

To start the fund raising process, they have been selling calendars, which are still on sale at both the Almena and Norton branches of Almena State Bank.

Later this year, they are hoping to have a community auction, where people can donate items to be auctioned off. They have also been told an area resident plans on donating a colt, which will be raffled at some point, along with other items.

But, they are not only staying local in their fund raising ideas. He said they are holding a letter writing campaign — getting alumni of the Northern Valley (Continued on Page 5)

Animals need extra care in cold weather

By VERONICA MONIER
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With the cold days and even colder nights of winter, pets need a little extra care.

Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman said people need to be more careful with their pets in winter.

If a dog is outside, it needs to have a shelter with something inside it, like hay or straw, to keep the animal warm. Straw or hay work better than a blanket because it maintains the animal's heat, whereas a blanket doesn't. Blankets also get wet and then freeze.

Also, she said, just like people, animals get dehydrated. People need to make sure their pets have fresh water and that the ice is broken. Larger containers of water are less likely to freeze, she said. Metal bowls should be avoided as well.

Outside animals need to be fed more in winter, she said. They use more energy to stay warm and so need more food. They also need more protein to keep their coats thick enough for warmth.

A big thing people need to remember, whether in winter or summer, is to keep antifreeze away from where animals can get to it. Animals like the taste because it's sweet like syrup, but, she said, even just a teaspoon can kill a pet.

As for cats, she said they tend to automatically go where it is warm and so a lot crawl inside engines. People should tap on their hoods before starting their vehicles to make sure no animals are inside.

Mrs. Hickman said people should contact her or the police if they notice an



This female, black lab puppy was found in the parking lot at Pizza Hut Wednesday night. Norton Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman said the puppy is approximately 10 to 12 weeks old and was very cold and terrified when they found her. The puppy was untagged and so they have not been able to contact its owners. Tags can be purchased at the Norton City Office or at an upcoming rabies clinic on Feb. 22-23 at the Norton Animal Health Center.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

animal outside for long periods of time without food, water or shelter. She can be reached at (785) 874-4294.

Voters to see a little competition

By VERONICA MONIER
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Norton voters will have options during the April election for city council this year.

Each of the three open ward seats have two people who filed for office.

In Ward I, incumbent Jerry Jones will be racing against Jeffery G. Otter.

Incumbent Donna Foley will face Charlotte Stephenson for the open Ward II seat.

In Ward III, where incumbent Jim Williams chose not to file, new comers Toby Kuhn and Wallace Burton will see who is the best man for the job.

No primary election will be needed.

In the Lenora City Council election,

incumbents Larry Shepard, Phil Rule and Deborah Anderson all filed for reelection for the open seats. No one else from Lenora filed for office to run against the incumbents.

A general election for both council elections will be held on Tuesday, April 1.

Voters need to be registered for the general election by Monday, March 17.

County health fair planned for Feb. 27

By TRANDA WATTS

It's back with a new name and a new look, and it's just what you've been waiting for.

The Norton County Health and Preparedness Resource Fair will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Army National Guard Armory in Norton.

Just over 40 exhibitors will provide educational information as well as, but not limited to, osteoporosis screening (for a small fee), nutritional information, physical fitness information, and information regarding your blood test results.

Contact the Norton County Health Department for a schedule of when blood draws will be done so you can get your blood tested and get your personal

information explained at the fair.

Preparedness issues will also be addressed this year to help participants deal with many different kinds of emergencies whether it relates to health, weather, or any one of the many types of natural disasters that Kansas residents face.

The Health and Preparedness Resource Fair is sponsored and organized by K-State Research and Extension, Norton County, the Norton County Health Department, the Norton Manor, the Norton County Hospital, Emergency Medical Services, and High Plains Mental Health.

Admission to the Fair is free, and if transportation is needed, you may contact the Norton Public Transportation Office at 785-877-5352. Public Transportation will provide transportation to and

from the Fair if you call and request the service.

The Norton Senior Center will also provide a lunch which may be purchased by those in attendance. For those who have other commitments that evening but have no time to go home for an evening meal, this should make life more simple.

Please continue to watch this newspaper for further information about exhibitors who plan to be a part of this Health and Preparedness Resource Fair. Other details will follow as well. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Norton County Health Department (ask for Gina), the Norton Manor (ask for Lacy) or e-mail Tranda Watts at: tw-watts@oznet.ksu.edu. You may also call 785-443-3663.

4-H'ers show cooking talents this Saturday

Norton County 4-H members will be preparing their favorite recipe and showing off their best hostess style as they present the Favorite Food Show on Saturday at the 4-H Building in Norton.

This program has been a tradition to allow 4-H members an opportunity to try out a favorite recipe and set a place setting with their own touch.

The dish the 4-H members may do can range from a simple snack to an entree or a dish as a part of a main course meal.

The 4-H members will begin entering their projects at 12:45 p.m., the consultation judging will be done from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and the exhibits will be open to the public from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

4-H members will visit with the judges about the preparation and serving suggestions with their recipe.

They will also share nutritional and food safety topics with the judge.