

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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## Church:

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the church listings  
to find out when  
and where to go.

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## Friday

February 22, 2008

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Lee Adams

## Briefly

### Rabies clinic is Friday, Saturday

The City of Norton and the Norton Animal Health Center are sponsoring a rabies clinic tonight (Friday, Feb. 22) and tomorrow (Saturday, Feb. 23). The clinic will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the health center, 801 W. Holme, Norton. The first 10 pets to come will receive their shots for free; there will be no office visit charge. Rabies/parvo distemper shots will be \$14 and feline leukemia shots will be \$17. All dogs in the city limits over the age of six months must have a rabies vaccination and be registered with the city.

### Truck, trailer, 'A' tags due Feb. 29

The deadline for the renewal for heavy truck and trailer tags and all persons whose last name begins with "A" is Friday, Feb. 29. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles (insurance on trailers belongs to the vehicle that will pull the trailer). The vehicle identification number (VIN), policy number and current expiration date need to be verified.

As a reminder, the Norton County Treasurer's office can only renew regular drivers' licenses and issue identification cards. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. All commercial drivers' licenses (CDLs) have to be renewed at a full service office such as those Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

For more information, please call the county treasurer's office at (785) 877-5795.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 21. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday** — A slight chance of snow, mixing with rain after noon. Mostly cloudy with a high near 41. South wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear with a low around 22. South wind around 10 mph becoming west. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 58. West wind around 10 mph becoming south. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 30. **Monday** — Partly sunny with a high near 46. **Monday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 20.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 17, High 60  
Wednesday ..... Low 8, High 28  
Thursday ..... Low 13, High 32  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm  
9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

O God, sharpen our eyes and soften our hearts so that we may see those in need and help them. **Amen**



Mandy Schumaker (left) stood ready to offer assistance to her daughter, Lauryn, as she played Plinko at the first Kids' Carnival, sponsored by the Child Study Club of Norton. These children were digging for "Coins in the Corn", one of the games at the carnival.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## First Kids' Carnival draws a large crowd

The first annual Kids' Carnival, sponsored by the Child Study Club of Norton, was held Feb. 16 at the National Guard Armory and attended by 87 children.

Organizers kept the children busy with a money dig, getting temporary tattoos, tossing bean bags, throwing a football, making baskets with a basketball, winning cakes in a cake walk, dropping a coin into a cup, tossing a ring, playing Plinko and pinning a bee on the flower or pinning the worm on the hook.

Every five minutes a child's name was drawn and they could claim small door prizes.

Club members donated cupcakes, cookies and rice krispie treats to the concession stand.

Club treasurer Mary Schulze said the event raised almost \$500 which will be used to sponsor the county-wide Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, March 22 on the Norton County Courthouse lawn.

New Age, Inc., donated the bean-bag toss game and McDonald's donated toys for the drawings.

Mrs. Schulze said, "Next year we plan to make it bigger and better."

## Wellness Fair set for this Wednesday

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If you have not done so already, put the Norton County Wellness Fair on your list of things to do Wednesday, Feb. 27. The "new look" Norton County Health and Preparedness Resource Fair will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Norton National Guard Armory. Admission to the Fair is free, and the public is encouraged to attend.

If you stop by the Fair on your way to another activity in the evening, you will not have to worry about providing a meal for your family. The Norton Senior Citizen Center will have sandwiches, soup and pie available for purchase.

If you stop at all the exhibitors tables at the Fair you should be able to: be screened for bone density (an indication of osteoporosis) for a small fee, learn more about services for those who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence, learn more about wellness and fitness for men and women, learn more about drug and alcohol abuse and treatment, have your blood pressure taken, blood sugar evaluated, check the oxygen saturation of your blood and participate in cardiac monitoring, learn more about public housing available, learn what services are provided by Hospice and more about advanced directives, take a free drug and alcohol addiction screening. (Continued on Page 5)

## Congressman shares goals with Norton

By VERONICA MONIER  
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A new farm bill, foreign oil dependence, health care and No Child Left Behind are all issues that U.S. Congressman Jerry Moran will be working on in 2008.

At Monday's townhall meeting, Rep. Moran told the Norton Rotary Club and others who came to hear him that townhall meetings are an important part of what he does.

"They let me know what I need to do," he said. "Talking to you folks helps me make certain I know what's common sense and what's just silliness back in Washington."

He said the goal of everyone in Washington should be getting things done, although that is often not the case, especially in an election year.

He has several goals, he said.

The first is a new farm bill. "I'm anxious to get the farm bill done and have it be such that it is good for Kansas farmers," he said. "We're way behind on getting a new one finished."

He said there is one in the works and hopefully, when he gets back to Wash-

ington, the committees for the House and Senate will meet and get their differences on the bill worked out. He said he wants to make it as agriculture friendly as possible because what's good for other states isn't necessarily good for this part of Kansas.

Rep. Moran said his second goal was reducing America's reliance on foreign oil. He said the country needs to have an aggressive plan to reduce that dependence. Every year, he said he votes for drilling in Alaska. But, it never passes. One day, he hopes they can find a balance that everyone will like so that they can move forward with it. Other than drilling in Alaska, he said there are a lot of things that can be done, including bio-energy and wind energy.

"There are a lot of options with bio-energy and wind energy for Kansas," he said.

And, he said, although conservation isn't really something congress deals with a lot, he's a big believer in it.

As for health care, he said this part of Kansas needs to know its hospitals, home health care facilities and pharmacies are going to be there in the future. He said

health care costs keep rising; his goal is to help reduce health care costs, if possible, and if not, then at least make it so that health care costs don't go up anymore.

No Child Left Behind is a big goal of his this year. Rep. Moran said it either needs to be repealed or significantly modified. If all teaching becomes is giving tests, he said schools are going to lose their experienced teachers and the teachers who teach because they love it.

Before No Child Left Behind, he said his kids, who go to school in Hays, were out of school nine to eleven days taking state tests. Now, the number of test days is significantly higher.

"The three major things being tested for are very important," he said. "But what about art, physical education, vocational education. People seem to think they're less important because they are not on the tests when they are just as important."

"So, in 2008 I'll be working on a farm bill that works for Kansas farmers, finding alternatives to foreign oil, reducing health care costs or stopping the growing costs, and getting rid of or significantly modifying No Child Left Behind," said (Continued on Page 5)

## State senator files for re-election

State Senator Ralph Ostmeier, R-Grinnell, notified *The Norton Telegram* Thursday that he officially filed papers with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office for re-election to the 40th District Senate Seat.

Ostmeier said, "Today I've taken the first steps toward reelection. It's an honor to serve in the State Senate, and I'm humbled by the support I receive from the people in my district. I hope they will see fit to send me back to represent them on

issues important to them, to our district and to the state as a whole."

"One of my main interests is Kansas energy potential," he said. "I support the responsible use of Kansas' natural resources while working to develop alternative fuels and a comprehensive energy plan for the state."

Sen. Ostmeier is in his first four-year term in the Kansas Senate. He is Vice Chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and is on the Senate Com-

mittees on Agriculture, Education and Federal and State Affairs.

Additionally, he is also a member of the Senate-House Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

The 40th Senate District includes the counties of Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, Norton, Rawlins, Rooks, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego, Wallace and Wichita.

Sen. Ostmeier is a farmer/rancher. He and his wife, Kay, live in Grinnell.