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Norton, Kansas
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Briefly

City council in session Wednesday

Norton's City Council will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the City Building. Visitors include Twila Dizmang, Conservation District, request for informational booth at the Norton Car Show. Under old business, the second reading of Ordinance #1574, accepting dedication of Timbercreek Drive as a public street, and second reading of Ordinance #1575, relating to licensing and insurance for taxicab service in the city, will both be read. New business includes City Administrator Rob Lawson's report; Kim Snyder/ Parks Committee meeting report; Donna Foley/Public Works Committee meeting report; and Toby Kuhn, Public Safety Committee meeting report. Several building permits will be advanced. The meeting is open to the public.

Hospital agenda for Wednesday noted

The Norton County Hospital Board will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the hospital dining room. On the agenda are: Renovation area tour; capital purchase consideration; approval of bills; statistical/financial reports; Fiscal Year 2009 preliminary budget review; audit and cost report engagement proposal; Emergency Medical Services; Kansas Department of Health and Environment Resurvey visit; personnel report; Department Quality Summary report; board member reports; CEO report; and other business. The meeting is open to the public.

Lady Blue Jays
Regional champs
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Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a high near 86. Windy with a south wind 15 to 20 mph.
Wednesday Night — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m.
Thursday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 42, High 84
Saturday Low 50, High 83
Sunday Low 48, High 97
Monday Low 56, High 87
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, may a sense of your presence guide our decisions this day, and may our actions bring love, joy, and peace into this needy world. Amen

'Hello world, here we come!'



(Above)

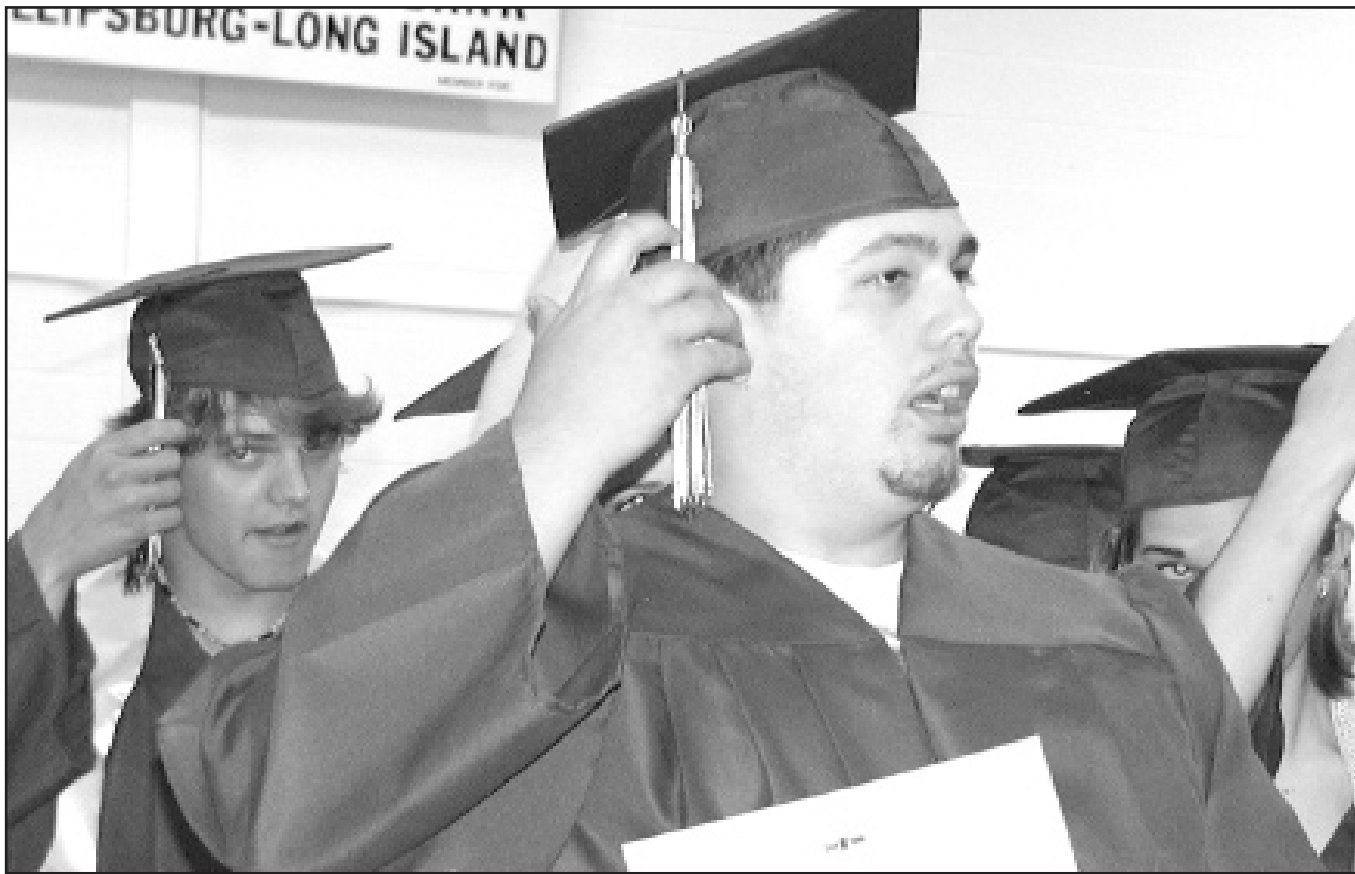
Keeping the tradition alive. Just as soon as they were pronounced "graduates", members of the Class of 2008 from Norton Community High School whipped out cans of Silly String they had stashed and filled the air with the stringy stuff. Fifty-seven students picked up their diplomas during Sunday afternoon's commencement exercises.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

(Right)

Ben Rojas, foreground, and Justin Lee, joined their classmates in moving the tassels on their mortar boards from the left to the right side to signify their graduation. They were among the 15 seniors to graduate from Northern Valley High School on Sunday afternoon.

— Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson



Television surprise for area woman

By TOM DREILING
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Television stations often air comments from military personnel stationed overseas wishing family and friends "back home" greetings of whatever the season at hand.

It came as a surprise to many viewers when, on Mother's Day, television station KSN, Wichita, carried a greeting for someone right in our midst.

This reporter happened to be watching KSN's (which is carried on channels 2 and 8 here in Norton), 10 o'clock news on Mother's Day evening when one of the greetings surfaced. Not paying all that much attention, I remember the soldier giving his name, which I didn't catch, but what caught my attention was the greeting for "Pat Ambrosier of Almena, Kansas."

Because I wasn't prepared to hear something like that, my pencil and pad were not at my disposal at that time to jot down what I heard.

So, I sent an e-mail to KSN's sports director, Jim Kobbe, who played the tape a few times and passed along the following:

"Hi, I'm Master Sergeant Michael Baker from Kabul, Afghanistan, and (Continued on Page 5)



M/Sgt. Baker

Soldier thanks grade schoolers

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While he was stationed in Iraq, Sgt. Jason Brannan asked his parents, Tom and Cathy Brannan, to send him school supplies to give to the local children.

Sgt. Brannan asked his parents to help when he saw the desperate need of a school in the territory he patrolled.

Mr. and Mrs. Brannan "put out the word" and at the end of February, 22 boxes of school supplies, weighing 550 pounds, were shipped.

The entire Norton community got behind the effort to send help to the war-torn country.

Sgt. Brannan left Iraq in April. He is now stationed at Fort Riley and recently visited Norton. While in town he stopped by Eisenhower Elementary to thank the children for their efforts in gathering school supplies.

He also told them how much he appreciated the letters and packages they sent to him.

He told the children that food in America is much better than Army food; that spiders in Iraq are very big; and that he liked to jump out of airplanes.

In turn, they told him that they played Army video games and asked him what kind of guns he carried.



Sgt. Jason Brannan talked to Amy Burge's first grade class at Eisenhower Elementary.

— Telegram photo by Christie Anderson

Another sunrise and another scam surfaces

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They're still at it! Still another one of those unexpected checks arrived in the area, this time for a Logan resident in the amount of \$4,950. Hank Austerman of Norton brought the

latest check to our attention this week. No, he didn't receive it, but a relative did.

After touching base with a bank, it was determined the check was worthless.

The check in question was from the British Columbia lottery corporation

(lower case spelling) Grand Casino Sweepstakes.

The check's recipient was told the winning number was security coded and must be kept absolutely confidential to avoid double claiming and fraudulent activity. (Continued on Page 5)