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Briefly

New refuse pick up schedule announced

Wednesday, Aug. 6 will mark the first day of the new refuse pick up schedule for yard waste and recyclables. Household refuse collection days will not change. Yard waste will be picked up on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recyclables will be picked up only on Fridays now, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The city asks that items for pick up be placed at the curb by 8 a.m. on the appropriate day for collection, as crews will not have time to make special return stops to pick up items that were not out at the curb at the time of collection.

These changes are being made to help make the refuse department more cost-efficient by reducing both vehicle fuel usage and the amount of time spent by employees collecting the items.

Help needed to deliver meals here

Community volunteers are needed the week of July 14 through July 20 to deliver Meals on Wheels to local shut-ins. If you can help in any way next week, call Alice Hawks in the Dietary Department at Norton County Hospital, 877-3351

Ice cream social to benefit CARES

The Norton Senior Center is hosting an ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the center. Proceeds from the social will help benefit Norton CARES, the agency that provides transportation for Norton patients who need treatments out-of-town. The center will be open all day as a rest area for people attending the car show

Weather

Forecast:



Tonight — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 61. Breezy with a east wind 15 to 25 mph becoming north. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 84. Breezy with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 55. **Sunday** — Sunny with a high near 88. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 61. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 93.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 64, High 95
Wednesday Low 59, High 93
Thursday Low 61, High 94
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Creator God, help us to recognize you in those around us, and teach us to serve one another through your grace. **Amen**

It's show time!



Singing their hearts out are these youngsters who have worked all week during Show Choir Camp in preparation for a grand finale performance at 7 p.m. today at East Campus Auditorium. The theme of the show is "In The Spotlight." The camp was directed by Cindy Mordecai, Jennifer Ruder, Cheri Renner and Vicki Dinkel.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

By BRANDY LEROUX
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It wasn't just a mess, it was a stinky mess!

And wouldn't you know it happened on a Monday?

And at the busiest intersection in town?

Here's the deal. A truck filled with rendering products spilled over at the intersection of State and Holme streets. The Norton Police Department, the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Norton Fire Department and the Kansas Department of Transportation were all called to help clean up the mess.

The truck was on its way to Lexington,

Neb., when it stopped at the stop light, causing the spill. Police Chief Pat Morel said all involved were on-scene for about three hours.

Dave Cuthbertson, State Animal Inspector, arrived to direct the clean up effort. About 3,000 gallons of bleach water were used and then sand was dumped on top of that.

After the mess was cleaned up, the driver resumed his trip to Lexington, when — low and behold — another, but smaller spill occurred, which necessitated still another clean up.

Chief Morel said Sheriff's Deputy Jody Enfield cited the driver for having an unsecured load.

What better day than Monday for this to happen?

Digital cameras now copying records

By BRANDY LEROUX
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A new way of obtaining information seems to be creeping into the picture: digital cameras.

That became apparent at Monday's Norton County Commission meeting when Wanda Vincent, Register of Deeds, told commissioners she had a request to use a digital camera for photographing records and wanted their thinking on the matter.

County Counselor R. Doug Sebelius said the county gives access to those records and also questions the time of staff involvement with a client. He also read the current county policy to the commis-

sion which is specific on time, records copied and other fees involved.

After reviewing the policy, Counselor Sebelius said he felt the current policy is sufficient and no other action is needed. Mrs. Vincent agreed, adding that the users of the books must still complete a form saying they will not sell or use the county records for any other purpose.

The commission felt there wasn't really anything that could be done about people taking pictures of records. Although Mrs. Vincent agreed, she said that as long as they don't need assistance from her, and sign the form stating they will not sell or use the county records for any other use, they wouldn't be charged a fee.

Wheat harvest reportedly at half-way mark; looking good

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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County-wide wheat harvest is about half-way complete. Grain elevator operators from Norcatur to Logan all said they are at least 50 percent done.

Rod Johnson at Almena Agri-Service said about three hard days of cutting would get the bulk of what remains to be cut. He estimated that farmers in his area were about 65 to 70 percent complete. He said, "We're having some nice wheat come in. Good test weights, too." One of the office clerks said no one is talking about yields. She said, "We don't usually get that information until they settle up."

High Plains Co-op in Lenora may hold the record for the highest test weight. Peggy Ninemire at the elevator said a sample came in that weighed 67.8 pounds per bushel. "We've had some awesome wheat," said Ms. Ninemire. She said weights are averaging 58 to 65 pounds.

Chyanne Hilburn at Rangeland Co-op in Logan said she thinks harvest is over half done in that area. See said test weights

have been averaging between 59 and 62 pounds.

Vernie Morris, manager at Logan Grain Company, said, "By the weekend, things ought to be pretty well wound up. We're on the downhill side, now." Mr. Morris said moisture content is averaging 9 to 12 percent and weights have been running between 58 and 63 pounds. As far as yields go, he said nobody has said anything about bushels per acre.

Ag Valley Co-op's office manager, Megan Tegtmeyer, said she thinks harvest is about 50 percent complete. She said she has heard yield reports from 35 to 65 bushels per acre. She said test weights have been running between 58 to 60 pounds and it's so dry now that they don't have to worry about moisture.

Lacey Roe at Norcatur Grain said test weights there have been good — 59 to 63 pounds.

Miss Roe said, "Harvest is over half done and wheat has been dry." Office manager Lori Roe said, "Nobody's talking about yields. I haven't heard a thing."

In other meeting news:

• Sheriff Troy Thomson delivered his 2009 proposed budget. Sheriff Thomson said the main increase in his budget will be salary, insurance and some of the unknowns such as medical for inmates. He also submitted a budget for Emergency Preparedness.

• Reggie Beckman, Noxious Weed Supervisor, spoke briefly about scheduling a meeting with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for noxious weed control. The commission and Mr. Beckman have been working with the department trying to come to an agreement for spraying the noxious weeds. A tentative schedule has been set for July 29.

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Gunners in another fine show

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team proved once again that the local shooting education and gun safety program is one of the best by placing seventh in the 43rd annual U.S. Jaycees/Daisy International BB Gun Match Championships held over the weekend on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky. Thirty-three teams were involved.

The young Norton County girl and boy marksmen have qualified at the state level and competed 40 years in the international shoot, the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world. Norton has won the international championship eight times, more than any other team in the world. Despite the fact that every year's team consists of different shooters due to the rule that no shooter can compete in consecutive years, Norton is almost always in the hunt for the international title and a top ten finisher.

This year's squad was equally proficient in recording a total score in the shooting positions of prone, standing, sitting and kneeling and written test of 2,336. Last year's Norton team finished fifth overall with a score of 2,319, which was 17 points less and is indicative of the toughness of this year's competition.

Pierre, South Dakota, won the championship with 1,886 shooting, 496 written test, total of 2,382, followed by Washington, Missouri, 1,885 shooting, 486 written test, total of 2,371; Spink County, South Dakota, 1,868 shooting, 490 written test, total of 2,358; Back Woods Bunch from Georgia, 1,861 shooting, 492 written test, total of 2,353; Gallatin, Montana, 1,869 shooting, 482 written test, total of 2,351; Palmyra, Pennsylvania, 1,856 shooting, 486 written test, total of 2,342; Norton County, 1,852 shooting, 484 written test, total of 2,336; Timber Beasts, Forest Grove, Oregon, 1,843 shooting, 492 written test, total of 2,335; Wyandotte County Kansas, 1,844 shooting, 490 written test, total of 2,334 and Ft. Bend, Texas, 1,851 shooting, 474 written test, total of 2,325 to round out the top ten.

The quality of the marksmanship in Kansas and South Dakota is evidenced by the fact both states had two teams in the top ten.

Four other Kansas teams competed. Derby was 16th with a total score of 2,303; Lyon County placed 26th with a score of 2,197; Jefferson County was 29th with a score of 2,175 and Phillips/Rooks County was 31st with a 2,147.

The young marksmen must be between 8 and 15 years of age. Each of the four shooting positions counts as 20 percent of a shooter's score and the written test on marksmanship and gun safety counts for the other 20 percent. The written test

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Norton's Brady Tien fired from the sitting position in the International BB Gun Championships with head coach Cameron Archer at his side. Brady, Norton's top shooter and one of the best of all the shooters competing, was nearly perfect from the sitting position, recording a 99 x 100 with 7 bull's eyes.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd