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Briefly

Good result from recent blood drive

The Norton Red Cross held a blood drive Aug. 13 at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. There were 138 donors, and 122 pints of blood were donated. Twenty-two volunteers worked about 100 hours, and various clubs furnished the cookies. There was one 8-gallon pin given out, with several others for one, two, three, and four gallons.

Blood draw on Wednesday menu

Norton County Health Department and the Norton County Hospital are sponsoring a blood draw at the health department on Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

Profile #1 tests for electrolytes, kidney and liver function, alkaline phosphate, glucose, cholesterol, and will have a complete blood count. It costs \$40, and requires fasting (no food or drink) after midnight before the test.

Profile #2 is \$20 and detects an enlarged or infected prostate and/or prostatic cancer. It does not require fasting.

Profile #3 is \$15.00 and tests thyroid function.

No appointment is necessary, cash or check only and no insurance billing will be provided. Call 877-5754 for additional information.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 59. Breezy with a northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 84. East wind around 10 mph. **Saturday Night** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 62. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Sunday** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 87. **Sunday Night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 62.



Kingham report:

August 19 Low 57, High 82
August 20 Low 56, High 81
August 21 Low 64, High 80
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, grant your peace to those facing tragic loss. Refresh and strengthen them and us daily. **Amen**



SPC Joe Zimmerman, of Prairie View, spent a few minutes with Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential candidate, in Baghdad on July 21. Sen. Obama's visit to the Green Zone, where SPC Zimmerman is stationed, came as a complete surprise.

— Courtesy Photo

Sen. Obama, Norton area soldier have something in common

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What does presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama have in common with Army Specialist Joe Zimmerman of Prairie View, Kansas?

A handshake!

That clasp of the hands occurred July 21 when the Democratic presidential hopeful was in Baghdad on a swing through that part of the world.

According to SPC Zimmerman's wife, Terrie, he was totally surprised to find himself face-to-face with the man who hopes to be the next commander-in-chief.

When asked if there was any kind of exchange between her husband and Sen. Obama, she said it was primarily a handshake and a thank-you from the senator for his service to the country.

Sen. Obama's stop in Baghdad wasn't common knowledge for security reasons, thus his appearance caught everyone by surprise.

Mrs. Zimmerman said her husband serves in what is commonly called the Green Zone in Baghdad.

SPC Zimmerman is in his second year of military service and is scheduled to return home in March 2009, Mrs. Zimmerman said.

Prior to joining the Army, Mrs. Zimmerman said her husband, 27, worked at several different jobs and eventually received his high school diploma through the Alternative School at Smith Center.

The couple have two children, Tanis and Aslam.

SPC Zimmerman is the son of William and Donna Zimmerman, who live in Topeka.



The crossing guards on west U.S. 36 in Norton helped a student safely cross the busy highway heading to the Norton Community High School and Junior High School. Parents and teachers also use the crosswalks,

and depend on crossing guards to stop traffic while they get to the other side.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Fines, restrictions explained by lawmen

By BRANDY LEROUX
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With school back in session, Norton's police chief reminds everyone to drive carefully and watch out for children — especially in school zones.

It's a \$100 fine for 1 to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit, plus a \$75 court fee. "Students, parents and teachers all use the crosswalks. We want our citizens to be able to safely cross the streets," Chief Pat Morel said.

Assistant Chief Jeremy Hartwell would also like to remind parents about the rules for instructional permits and restricted licenses.

If a student has an instructional permit — or learner's permit, as it is sometimes called — no passengers, other than an adult with at least one year of driving experience, are allowed in the vehicle while the student is driving at all times.

If a student has a restricted license, the student may only drive without a licensed

adult when they are going directly to or from school, or directly to or from work. Restricted drivers cannot drive non-family member passengers under the age of 18 anywhere, even with a licensed adult seated beside them.

Only under a full, unrestricted license, can a student have non-family members under the age of 18 in the vehicle with them — that is considered a moving violation. Parents can be cited for letting their children drive to non-school or work

related activities, and a student under the age of 16 with a restricted license, that is convicted of two or more moving violations, will remain restricted until age 17.

"Parents can go over these facts with their children at www.ksrevenue.org/dmvdrlc.htm," said Assistant Chief Hartwell.

"If parents still have questions, they can call us at the police department," said Chief Morel.

Norton's BB Gun Museum now houses special plaque

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The late Duane Winder of Norton was the father of the U.S. Jaycees/Daisy Gun Safety and Marksmanship Program 45 years ago but former Jaycees Marlin "Bozie" Bozarth and Dr. Richard Wiltfong thought he needed more than word of mouth recognition.

So, they purchased a handsome engraved plaque complete with his picture and placed it in the Norton BB Gun Team Museum created by the Norton Rotary Club, the program sponsor since the disbanding of the local Jaycees chapter.

In 1963, the Norton Jaycees chapter

was chartered with 107 members, one of the largest chapters in the state. The club immediately took the town by storm, conducting surveys, updating the race track at Elmwood Park for car races, redoing the softball field, conducting a beauty pageant, etc.

Also that year, the U.S. Jaycees decided they wanted to sponsor, in conjunction with Daisy products, a gun safety and marksmanship program. They announced a nationwide contest to see which chapter could propose the best program.

Winder liked gun safety idea

Duane Winder took the ball and ran with it. "Duane answered an advertise-

ment from Daisy and they sent us two guns, 1,000 BBs, a bunch of targets and a bill for \$27 to start our gun safety program," said Bozie. "He filled out a comprehensive paper detailing a program for our chapter and the club approved it, although a few of the members thought the \$27 bill was a little high.

"Our program started out pretty simple with a bunch of dads promoting gun safety and it mushroomed with the help from Daisy and the National Rifle Association. We had a lot of different groups shooting whenever and wherever they could, then picked teams for the first state shoot in Newton with a local tournament."

The Norton Jaycees held registration for their gun safety program and the turnout was tremendous with over 200 girls and boys between the ages of 7 and 14 signing up. The Daily Telegram noted that girls outnumbered boys in signing up for the 13-week course which began on January 18, 1964.

On February 23, the young marksmen were given written and shooting tests with the understanding that 60 of the 200 youths would be chosen for 12 five-year teams to represent Norton in the first state shooting event.

An awards night was held during which

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