

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Friday

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Justin Carter

### Briefly

## Concert to honor Norton veterans

Tammy Cochran, Norton Junior and Senior High vocal teacher, is inviting all veterans to attend the vocal music concert next Tuesday to recognize, honor and thank all veterans for their service to our country.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the East Campus, and there is no admittance charge.

## Norton to host burn workshop

Fire safety is a priority in 14 prescribed burning workshops being held in western Kansas by the United States Department of Agriculture.

They are each in a different location so producers can attend the one that is most convenient to them, and the content of all the workshops is similar. Producers who are thinking of burning grass-land are encouraged to attend one of these workshops.

There is a \$10 registration charge which covers hand-outs and a notebook. Lunch will be served. Deadline to register is a week prior to the workshop date.

The workshop will be in Norton on Nov. 17. Call 877-5156 or 877-5755 for more information.

### Talk about change...

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### Weather

## Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 32. Northwest wind around 5 mph. **Saturday** — Sunny with a high near 71. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 38. Northwest wind around 5 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 63. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 28. **Monday** — Sunny with a high near 55. **Monday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 29. **Tuesday** — Sunny with a high near 66. **Tuesday Night** — Mostly clear.

## Kingham report:

Oct. 21 ..... Low 46, High 61, .12 Prec.  
Oct. 22 ..... Low 38, High 39, 3" Prec.  
Oct. 23 ..... Low 31, High 36  
1" Rain, 2" Snow  
Total Precipitation for 3 Days ..... 4.12"  
Total Precipitation for the Month .. 7.84"  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Almighty God, I give you my life, my all. Do with it what you will, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

# Where there's a will, there's a way; just ask Will

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Will he succeed?  
Will he make a name for himself?  
Will he move ahead of the class?  
Will his future be as promising as his present?

A lot of 'wills' there. But this story is all about 'will' — as in Will Burns, a 2001 graduate of Norton Community High School.

Will's name bubbled up to the top from among 150 written nominations submitted for the coveted honor of "Hays Area Super Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for 2008." In addition to the congratulations, all the other good words, praises,



Will Burns

high-fives and pats on the back when such a winner is finally chosen, Will received a plaque, a gift card from the sponsoring corporation and his school — Roosevelt Elementary, where he teaches 4th grade — received \$1,000 to be used for school supplies.

He is in his second year at Roosevelt Elementary.

The son of Jim and Beverly Burns of Norton, Will's wife, Rene, is also a teacher, — 5th grade — at O'Loughlin Elementary in Hays.

Will graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2006 and has been working toward his Master's in School Counseling, and will be a candidate to complete his degree at the end of the spring semester 2009.

The committee making the selection of top teacher was said to be especially impressed with the contents of two letters written by his students which said:

- "Mr. Burns likes everyone in fourth grade, not just his class"; and
- "Mr. Burns makes learning fun."

Janci Kugler, his principal, said, "Will finds creative ways to be effective and uses many hands-on activities while teaching science to all fourth grade students."

The principal's observation is that Will is very careful to make sure all students are learning.

Dawn Marlott, Wal-Mart representative, said she couldn't remember in the 14-year history of the teacher of the year program, that the award went to such a young teacher.

"We are very proud of Will's award, and, as his father, I am especially proud as I was a 3rd grade teacher in USD211 for 34 years," Mr. Burns said.

Many people will remember Will as being very involved from the time he was in elementary school through high

school. He was a two-time international champion in the kneeling position in BB gun competition, and during junior high and high school he was president of his class every year except one.

Sports fans will remember Will as a four-year letterman in football, and he was the varsity kicker all four years.

Additionally, he was selected Class 3A state kicker his senior year and was chosen All-League defensive back for two years.

Will also played basketball and golf.

After his graduation from Norton Community High School, he was the kicker for Garden City Community College two years.

Dick Boyd, who carries the title of Norton's #1 sports booster, said, when hearing about Will's honor, "Yes, I remember him very well. He was an awfully nice young man, a good athlete. I'm glad to know of this achievement."

## Fourth grade threesome



Treianne Park (left), Mitchell Hickman (center) and Nate Hartwell, all 4th graders, played their recorders at the 3rd and 4th grade concert

Tuesday night at the East Campus Auditorium.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

# All's ready for hospital's open house

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Rich Miller, Norton County Hospital Administrator, reminds the public of the hospital's open house on Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

Mr. Miller said the new renovations will be opened for viewing, and staff will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the new areas.

"We wanted to be able to let people see the improvements in the medical services areas," said Mr. Miller.

The decontamination unit, purchased about a year ago with an Emergency Preparedness grant, will be on display in the ambulance bay. Director of Nursing Julie Campbell will be on hand to answer any questions about the decontamination unit.

"We're here to protect the community, and we believe in being prepared by training and knowledge," said Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. Campbell said most nurses will immediately want to jump in and take care of anyone needing care, but that in a case where a person is contaminated with chemicals, biochemicals or even radiation, the first step is decontamination.

"It's about protecting the hospital's patients and staff so we can take care of

the patient needing decontamination," she said.

A mannequin dressed up in a decontamination haz-mat suit will be on display, as will the shower used for decontamination for people to see and walk through.

Renovations for the hospital's basement, which was built in 1970, had been in the plans for several years. When bids for the renovations were too high, the project was delayed. Murray Company, a general contractor, had a reasonable bid and the project was able to move forward, Mr. Miller said.

Phase 1 of the renovations started in April 2008, and was finished in July. The old conference and board rooms were turned into physical therapy and cardiac rehabilitation. Physical therapy now has individual private treatment rooms, a larger and more cohesive gym which is used after-hours by hospital staff, a comfortable waiting area that doesn't interfere with direct patient care, a new office in a centralized location, and handicap accessible rest rooms. A Nu-Step, which resembles a recumbent bike, a treadmill, a tread climber, an incline bench and a re-bouncer were added to the gym. More sunlight also comes in to the physical therapy area, which is beneficial to the

patients.

"I brag about it to everyone," said Jan Volgamore, Director of Physical Therapy Services. "It's very pleasing to look at and more functional now. It has worked out very well."

In cardiac rehabilitation, there is a new patient monitoring system, which lets the nurses monitor more than one patient at a time, and that department also received a new treadmill and Nu-Step.

Both departments have seen an increase in area size, and can now schedule more patients for treatment.

Both departments have also seen an increase in patients as well. The last three months, the physical therapy department has had more than 1,000 treatment units each month and is on track to keep those numbers up. Cardiac rehabilitation used to average about 70 sessions per month, and those numbers are moving up as well.

"We've really put the new rooms to the test," said Mrs. Volgamore.

The new conference room and board rooms are where physical therapy and cardiac rehabilitation used to be. The previous conference room was a large open area and it wasn't needed very often.

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# Write-in has eye on county commission

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Norton resident Brock R. Ellis is challenging Norton County Commissioner John Miller, as a write-in candidate for the 3rd District seat on Nov. 4.

"The biggest reason is it's time for a change," said Mr. Ellis. "I think it's time to give the county a new direction."

Mr. Ellis said he has thought about running for the past few years, and this year he just decided to do it. His decision came too late to get on the ballot.

"One of the changes I would make is to have the county do more business with the businesses in Norton County. We can get almost everything we need in Norton County," he said.

There are a lot of little things that should change, he said, "like cutting costs, making things more streamlined."

Mr. Ellis said he would also like to make sure all the schools in Norton County keep going strong. "The schools hold our future, they are what draw people to

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