

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Bob Virgil

### Briefly

#### Thrift Shop to hold \$1 sack sale

The Norton Thrift Shop will hold a \$1 sack sale on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The sack sale is for clothing items only. The Thrift Shop's hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

#### Strong winds return to area

Winter winds returned to northwest Kansas Monday and reports from around the area had gusts ranging from 58-61 miles per-hour with sustained winds in the low to mid-40 mile per-hour range. Forecasts were for wind warnings in much of Nebraska and a good portion of Kansas. In Norton there wasn't any immediate damage reported from winds that were of sufficient force to inflict damage. Some streets were littered with trash cans and other kinds of debris, easily moved by the force of the winds. The winds were expected to taper off last night.

**Here's your chance to serve the Norton community**  
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### Weather

#### Forecast:

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 28. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
Wednesday - A 20 percent chance of snow in the afternoon.  
Mostly cloudy with a high near 32. Breezy with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Wednesday Night - A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 3. Thursday - A 20 percent chance of snow.

#### Kingham report:

Fri., Jan. 9..... Low 36, High 50, 1" Snow  
Sat., Jan. 10..... Low -4, High 43  
Sun., Jan. 11 ..... Low 26, High 48  
Mon., Jan. 12 ..... Low 32, High 42  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear God, we have so much more than we need! Help us to share with others. **Amen**



Ty Burns, 13 (right photo) sat in the stylist's chair as Elicia Wicker prepared to cut his long, blonde hair for Locks of Love. The end result — 10 inches — is displayed in the photo above.

- Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



## Boy had good reason for letting hair grow

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Ty Burns, 13, isn't afraid to be different. And, if his "difference" helps someone else — so much the better.

About two years ago, Ty's mother, Amanda Burns, was diagnosed with cancer. After treatment, she no longer has any symptoms of the disease, but Ty was moved to do something.

He decided to grow out his blonde hair and donate it to Locks of Love, an agency that makes wigs for children who have lost their hair during cancer

treatment.

Ty said when he first started growing out his hair some of the kids at school gave him a bad time. He didn't tell anyone why he was doing it, but he didn't let their teasing bother him either.

His mother said she wanted Ty's donation to be publicized in hopes other youngsters might be inspired to do the same.

Saturday, Ty had an appointment with Elicia Wicker, a hair stylist at E11even. After pulling Ty's hair back, she carefully measured to make sure he had the required

10 inches of hair needed for a donation. Ms. Wicker said, "I've cut lots of girl's hair for Locks of Love, but Ty is the first boy's I've cut."

As Ty climbed into the stylist's chair, his mother said, "I think I'm more nervous than he is."

Ty's dad, Trevor Burns, was also present for moral support. Mr. Burns had nothing but praise for his son. He said, "I'm really proud of him — he's a good kid. (By donating his hair) he's giving back a little bit."

A few snips of the scissors and it was

done. Ms. Wicker held Ty's hair out for him to see. After feeling the hair left on his head, all he could say was, "Boy, it's really short."

The oldest of the Burns' four children, Ty is a seventh grader at Norton Junior High School where he plays basketball for the Blue Jays.

His outside interests include playing drums and anything rock 'n roll.

When asked what he thought about donating his hair, Ty said, "I just might do it again."

Good boy!



Norton County's new commissioner Carolyn Applegate and retiring county commissioner Leroy Lang enjoyed a laugh before Mr. Lang's retirement party on Monday morning at the courthouse. Mrs. Applegate was sworn in on Monday.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

## Retiring commissioner tells why he served

By BRANDY LEROUX  
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Monday Morning was Norton County Commissioner Leroy Lang's last day as a commissioner. At 8:45 a.m., commissioner-elect Carolyn Applegate was sworn into office, and Mr. Lang's retirement party started at 9 a.m.

Mr. Lang first became a county commissioner in 2000, and when he started, he said he'd only do it for two terms.

Several citizens of Norton County came to the retirement party to wish Mr. Lang well and to thank him for his support and service, including Don McMullen, Dr. Robert Peterson, Ed Witt, Gail

Boller, Rich Miller, Ryan Stover, Ray Mizell and Diane Becker.

Mr. Lang said he became a county commissioner to help repay the community that helped him go to college.

"The community purchased things I

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## Space needs seen as reason for new facility

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Norton County is hoping to get a new Emergency Medical Services building sometime in the next year.

According to Norton County Clerk Robert Wyatt, the current building, located at 809 North Norton, is made of corrugated metal and was built in 1977 with two garage bays, when station wagons and vans were used, which were much smaller than the box-style units used today. It is 2,000 square feet and used a completely volunteer staff.

There are now five full-time Emergency Medical Services employees and 12 part-time on-call employees.

"The main issue with the current building is the lack of space," said Mr. Wyatt. "They need space for training, record keeping, offices, sleeping quarters for the on-call staff and a decontamination unit. The new building will also be handicapped-accessible and have a basement for storage and to use as a storm shelter."

According to Amy Griffey, of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, the new building will be more than double the size of the current building, with 4,420 square feet, four bays for ambulance units, decontamination facilities, a meeting/classroom, efficient office space and storage to meet Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act compliance, overnight space for staff and volunteers, a kitchenette and easily accessible restrooms.

Northwest Kansas Development and Planning will administer the grant funds

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