

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Tuesday

### January 20, 2009

Norton, Kansas

Home of Bruce Chambers

### Briefly



#### President Barack Obama

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We need your help to find our county's 2009 'Sweetheart Couple'

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### Booster Club to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to attend and hear reports from head boys basketball coach Doug Reusink, head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and head wrestling coach Bill Johnson. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend.

### Weather Forecast:

Tonight - Clear with a low around 25. Wednesday - Sunny with a high near 63. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 25. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high near 62. Thursday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 22.

### Kingham report:

Fri., Jan. 16..... Low 10, High 56  
Sat., Jan. 17..... Low 33, High 54  
Sun., Jan. 18 ..... Low 31, High 62  
Mon., Jan. 19 ..... Low 28, High 56  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for those whose love for you makes the world a better place for many. May we all strive to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Amen



Alta May Van Gundy admired a picture of herself and her third husband, Sam Van Gundy. Mrs. Van Gundy will celebrate her 104th birthday Jan. 31 at the Andbe Home in Norton.

- Photo by Carolyn Plotts

## She's just days away from 104th birthday

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Still able to read and enjoy visitors, Alta May (Huff) Van Gundy will celebrate her 104th birthday with family and friends at the Andbe Home.

Mrs. Van Gundy was born Jan. 31, 1905 in Devizes, the daughter of Noah and Martha "Mattie" Huff. She had one

sister and five brothers.

She has outlived three husbands. She and her first husband farmed near Lyle; her second husband was a farmer and a veterinarian who taught her his secret recipe for "leaf oil", a liniment good for horses and people alike; and she married her third husband during their retirement years.

Alta May was a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked in the Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings for many years. She was also a reflexologist with a far-ranging clientele.

Unable to have children of her own, Alta May showered her many nieces and nephews with love and attention.

A devout Christian, Mrs. Van Gundy

credits her strong belief in the Lord for her longevity. Now a resident of the Andbe Home, she enjoys having visitors and reminiscing about long ago. Her mind and memory are sharp.

Birthday greetings will reach her in care of the Andbe Home, 201 West Crane, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Commissioners question bill for two gift certificates

The Norton County Commission reviewed a billing from Destination Kitchen for gift certificates. A Norton City/Council Economic Development

board member had bought the gift certificates for two economic development staff members and charged it to the county. County policy said these types of gifts

are not allowed, though after discussion, the commission agreed to pay the bill this time. The commission said they would not allow it again.

They also asked County Clerk Robert Wyatt to write a letter to the Economic

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### Tense moment



Diane Becker, far left, stands next to Ruth Schillig while watching Natoma quality assurance inspector Jeff Otter work on his computer during Leadership Norton's tour of Natoma Corporation last week. Todd Boller, Vice-President of Natoma Corp., (in the background) gave the tour.

- Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Third resident interested in Ward 3 seat

By BRANDY LEROUX  
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Wally Burton has given a letter to the city stating his interest in filling the vacant Ward 3 city council seat. Mr. Burton said he does not plan to run for the position in April.

In an interview, Mr. Burton answered the following questions, which are submitted to each of the persons so far wanting to fill the vacancy:

**Q. Tell us about yourself.**

**A.** I grew up in Silver Lake and graduated high school there. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from K-State in 2001 with a minor in Industrial Management. I moved to Norton for this job [as an engineer at New Age Industrial]; I worked on projects in college that New Age sponsored through the university. I've never been married, and do not have kids.

**Q.** Have you ever been on a public committee, council, board or commission?

**A.** I have served on the Travel and

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Wally Burton