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Briefly

Bridge tournament begins on Thursday

Norton National Bridge Tournament begins This Thursday. According to Tournament director Jake Durham the response has been lacking and there is a need for more teams. "You bridge players out there are encouraged to enter," he said. The tournament will begin at 7 p.m. at the Norton American Legion. To enter in advance, call Jake Durham at (785) 877-2400 or come early and enter at the tournament site. The tournament will run three consecutive Thursdays. Entry fee is \$5 per team member. If you can't make it for all three Thursdays, substitutes are allowed.

Booster club to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited. Speaking about early season results and upcoming competition will be Norton track coach Jason Jones and golf coach David Stover. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend the meetings.

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weather forecast

Tonight - Increasing clouds with a low around 45.
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy with a high near 68. Wednesday Night - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 50. Thursday - A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

RAIN

Kingham report:

Fri., April 10	Low 31, High 56
Sat., April 11	Low 28, High 61
Sun., April 12	Low 40, High 46
Mon., April 13	Low 37, High 61

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

In our weakness, God, we thank you for your unconditional love. Amen

'Eggactly what I wanted!'



Devon Bowen was one of about 400 children who took part in the annual Child Study Club's Easter Egg Hunt on the Norton County Courthouse lawn Saturday afternoon. According to the club's treasurer, Theola Otter, the egg hunt costs about \$1,000 to sponsor, although donations do help a little. There are about a dozen eggs surrounding Devon. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Moran: 'Not a Washington, D.C. guy'

By BRANDY LEROUX
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First District Congressman Jerry Moran was at the Norton Public Library's community room Tuesday afternoon for a town hall meeting. It was his 35th of 69 stops in the state as part of his "Washington to Home" tour.

He emphasized that he is a Kansan, not a Washington, D.C. guy.

"I don't come to Kansas and try to explain how Washington works," said Rep. Moran. "I go to Washington and explain how Kansas works."

He said the \$3.55 trillion budget was passed Thursday, bringing the national deficit to \$1.695 trillion. He said he voted against every stimulus package that came to a vote.

"This isn't right for our kids and grandkids," he said. "We have to think about them, too."

Rep. Moran gave an analogy to illustrate the difference between how Washington works and how Kansans work.

"When it comes to making decisions, a farmer in Kansas will think of what he's learned from his great-grandparents, his grandparents and his parents," he said. "And he'll think about how his decision will affect his kids, his grandkids and his great-grandkids. When Washington is making a decision, they think about how to get through today to the next election."

Representative Moran said the economy's problems right now are that the

nation has been living beyond its means. He likened the stimulus package to a consumer maxing out a credit card, and then getting another credit card to pay the bill for the first one. He said the Republicans didn't govern well when they were the majority, and now the problem has grown exponentially.

"This last election, Americans wanted change," said Moran. "I don't know if this is what they expected. I suspect there will be more change at the next election."

According to a press release, agriculture, energy, small business, transportation, defense, education and rural health care — including hospitals, clinics and pharmacies — have been Rep. Moran's priorities.

He said he was one who voted against the bill that would have given everyone a \$600 check, and said he didn't feel it would really help the economy to do that. He said several times he has heard from people who agree with his stance, but will still accept their \$600 check.

Rep. Moran spoke about energy, fuel prices, the Cuba embargo, healthcare, the carbon tax and the conservation reserve program, and also about a pilot program coming to Kansas.

"If a veteran lives more than 120 miles from a Veteran's Administration hospital, the government is supposed to pay for services the veteran's hometown hospital renders," he said. He did not say when it would be starting.

According to his press release, Moran



Kansas Congressman Jerry Moran spoke with Norton County resident Rebecca Wetter during his Listening Tour Monday afternoon at the Norton Public Library. Norton was number 35 on the list of 69 stops in Kansas Rep. Moran was making. - Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

is a leader in the Hunger Caucus, Rural Health Care Coalition and the Methamphetamine Caucus. Rep. Moran will be leaving the House of Representatives to move into the U.S. Senate chamber if he wins the 2010 election. He is seeking the seat held by Sen. Sam Brownback, who declined to seek re-election.

New face to take city council seat

Wednesday's city council meeting in Norton will be highlighted with the swearing-in of re-elected council members and one new member as the result of last Tuesday's election.

Taking the oath will be Mayor David Corns, Councilwoman Kim Snyder and newcomer Joe Leroux.

The mayor will also present plaques to council members Elaine Mann and Wally Burton for service rendered.

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Two inches since Jan. 1

Easter weekend brings inch of rain

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Two inches of rain sounds like a lot, if you are guessing that's what soaked the Norton vicinity over the weekend.

Well, you would be about half right. Karolyn Kingham's rain gauge northwest of town just about *drowned* over the weekend, when you consider it's been more dry than wet. With the .10 of an inch recorded Monday morning, the total

since Saturday came out to an inch: .50 on Saturday, .40 Sunday and .10 Monday morning.

Where did the other inch come from? It came from those months where not much of any moisture touched down. In other words, two inches is about all the Norton area can claim since Jan. 1.

Not all rain gauges get the same result. Weather people note that you can place three rain gauges within 4 feet of one

another in a rain storm and they will each tell a different story. Reports from around town seem to confirm that with rain totals varying from .30 of an inch to 1.10 inches from Saturday through Monday morning.

The weather outlook doesn't seem to hold much chance for moisture — maybe a little — as the temperatures this week show a move to a little warmer, more-normal conditions for this time in April.