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Briefly

Fund raisers for Honor Flights near

A reminder was issued today of the Wednesday, June 17 Honor Flights fund raisers in Norton. The first will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot at Pamida. The second will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Norton American Legion. The menu consists of hamburgers, porkburgers and Polish sausage. All proceeds go towards the Honor Flights program. The program sends World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the WWII Memorial. This fund raiser is sponsored by Norton American Legion Post 63.

Meals on Wheels reminder given

The Norton Lions Club will wrap up their Meals on Wheels deliveries on Sunday. Starting Monday, the Women's Council Christian Church will deliver through June 21. Contact person is Carmen Lesh, 877-2310.

weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Areas of fog after midnight. Lows in the upper 50s. Saturday - Areas of fog in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Saturday Night - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Areas of fog after midnight. Sunday - Mostly cloudy with areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, June 9 Low 54, High 68
.08 Rain
Wednesday, June 10 Low 55, High 74
.50 Rain
Thursday, June 11 Low 54, High 68
.30 Rain
Friday, June 12 Low 55, .50 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Almighty God, help us to trust your love and power so that we may find peace in every storm. Amen.

Shhh...library celebration underway



Josh Gallentine, left, decorated a cake for the Norton Public Library's 100th birthday celebration on Thursday. The library staff made several cakes to treat the people who attended the day long activities.

- Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Cindy Shirley, of Norcatour, above, listened to Joe Ballinger's presentation about the Norton County Museum at the exhibit he had set up at the Norton Public Library's 100th Birthday celebration on Thursday. There were several other displays related to the library's century of service to the community.

- Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Moffet building not structurally sound

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A structural engineer reported that the Moffet station building is not structurally sound, but plans are underway to restore the building to its previous condition.

Norton Economic City/County Director Diane Becker said the north and east walls slipped off the foundation on impact by the pickup that slammed into the building two weeks ago. There is a large crack in the east wall, which continues into part of the north wall, she said.

Ms. Becker is working on getting construction bids, but said it may take some time.

"We're fortunate that our contractors are busy."

The restoration plans are tentative; however, Ms. Becker said preserving the history of an important business in

Norton is more important than tearing it down and re-building.

"You really have to see the value of historic preservation," she said.

Ms. Becker said she has done research on communities that have done similar projects in buildings that were in worse condition.

The economic development office has two plans for the building. The first would be having the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce move into the building. The Moffet station would serve as the Norton County Business and Visitor Center.

The chamber of commerce has not agreed to move into the building, Ms. Becker said.

The second plan is to move the economic development office into the station.

"I love that building and would love to be in there, but I think the chamber

would make better use out of it," Ms. Becker said.

She cited the increased space and location as reasons why the chamber would be a better fit.

Construction will begin on the station as soon as Ms. Becker can get construction bids. She said she is hoping it will be at the end of the month, but it could take longer.

Also at the board meeting:

- Ms. Becker discussed old business; including the historic district consultant, the new economic development web site and the advertisements for the Ultimate Guide to Northwest Kansas. The board discussed the new web site — \$2,994 over three years versus \$1,380 for one year. Ms. Becker recommended the three year plan. The board also agreed to advertise in the Ultimate Guide to Northwest Kan-

sas. The ad will highlight everything the economic development office does and will cost an estimated \$1,000. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Other business discussed included the 2010 budget, director's certification and contract renewal, semi-annual update and long term strategic plan and changes in county policy. The board debated the 2010 budget, making several suggestions for cuts. The budget for 2010 will be an estimated \$111,000. Ms. Becker said she would like to participate in an online school, offered through the University of Oklahoma. After the two year program, she would be a certified economic director. The board debated the program before asking her to sign a longer contract. She agreed and a contract committee was set

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'Bread machines'



Kailey Gill and Abbie Smith kneaded their dough during 4-H Day Camp at Elmwood Park this week. The girls made bread and were able to participate in other activities during the day.

- Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Thirty seniors win scholarships

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Norton Community High School Counselor Shane Miller presented the Norton School District's Board of Education with scholarship information for the class of 2009 — 30 of the 40 graduates won scholarships.

Mr. Miller gathered data from how many scholarships the class of 2009 won versus how much the class of 2008 earned.

He broke his data into four different areas including local, state, national and institution. In 2009, \$39,270 was earned in local scholarships, \$35,900 for state scholarships, \$83,250 in institutional scholarships and nothing was earned for national scholarships.

The class of 2008 earned more in institutional scholarships, \$193,980, but Mr. Miller pointed out that there were 57 graduates as compared to the 40 in 2009.

The graduating seniors of Norton Community High School won 19 scholarships this year.

"They were a great class to work with," Mr. Miller said.

Also at the school board meeting:

- A motion was made to approve the student members of the Stull Gymnasium Appreciation Committee. The members will be Amanda Ray, Kendra Engelbert, Austine Dole and Emily Juenemann. Vote taken, motion passed. Superintendent Greg Mann will contact three adults to serve on the committee. Those who may

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New police officer no stranger

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At 6-foot-8, Wesley DuBois is a looming figure at the Norton Police Department.

He started work in May and said he works both shifts. Calls so far, he said, are mostly in response to complaints.

"It's definitely calmer here. It's a nice change of pace."

Officer DuBois moved to Norton from Salina, where he served in the Saline County sheriff's office. He is from the area, having attended high school in Jennings

and Almena.

He then went to Highland Community College where he earned an associates degree, and then earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, where he also played football.

He moved to Norton because of the job opportunity and also because he feels Norton would be a good place to raise a family. He and his wife Ann, have two daughters, Abigail and Madison, and he said they will remain in Salina until their house is sold.



Wesley DuBois