

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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Norton, Kansas  
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### Briefly

#### Location change for school activities

Homecoming events for today include the Homecoming parade, pep rally at 3 p.m., football game at 7 p.m. and dance at 10 p.m. Students at the high school and junior high will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. so they can watch the parade, which starts at 2:45 p.m. in front of the junior high. The parade will end at the Norton County Courthouse, where the pep rally will be held, beginning at 3 p.m.

Activities at Travis Field will begin at 6:20 p.m. with the performance of the Dance Team and will be followed by the coronation of the king and queen at 6:40 p.m.

The Norton Community High School Marching Band will perform a pre-game show at 6:50 p.m. and will perform again at halftime. If inclement weather occurs, the pep rally will take place in the Stull gymnasium at 3 p.m., and the crowning of the king and queen will take place before the dance in the junior high school gym.

#### Chamber hosts Winners Circle

The Fourth Annual Norton Area Chamber of Commerce winner's Circle will be held on Saturday, October 3 at the Norton Eagles Lodge. Events will start at 6 p.m. It will be a festive evening of dining, and quality entertainment by nationally acclaimed Comedian David Gram. Prizes will total over \$10,000 with \$5,000 in cash, and \$5,000 plus in merchandise. The cost is \$100 per ticket. Only 200 tickets will be sold and a total of 50 prizes will be awarded. So the odds of winning big are 1 in 4. Ticket holders can purchase one additional meal/entertainment ticket for \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets call 785-877-2501.



Tonight - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly **SUNNY** cloudy with a low around 45. Saturday - Sunny with a high near 78. Saturday Night - Clear with a low around 50. Sunday - Sunny with a high near 80. Sunday Night - clear with a low around 47. Monday - Sunny with a high near 71. Monday Night - clear with a low around 46.

#### Kingham report:

Tues., Sept. 22 ..... Low 46, High 56  
1.12" Precipitation  
Wed., Sept. 23 ..... Low 48, High 58  
.20 Precipitation  
Thurs., Sept. 24 ..... Low 47, High 62  
.34 Precipitation  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

#### Prayer

Thank you, God, for placing in our lives people who need our love - and for reminding us that our purpose is to serve you by serving others. Amen



Landon Keiswetter, Katie Gall, Taylor Gordon and Vicki Robinson hung homecoming posters yesterday in downtown Norton. Students worked on an estimated 20 posters which would be judged Thursday night.

The winners will be announced at the pep rally today.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Telegram unveils new leadership

### Paxton named paper's general manager

With the retirement this week of Tom Dreiling, *The Norton Telegram* has named Advertising Director Dana Paxton as general manager, taking over leadership of the paper when the veteran newsman steps down on Friday.

"Ms. Paxton has been with the newspaper for 14 months and has exhibited traits of leadership from the outset," said Mr. Dreiling. "When we were contemplating a leader, her name kept surfacing."

In her role as advertising director, Ms. Paxton has moved the newspaper forward and has won the confidence of the business community in her mission, he said.

"Much of our success is directly attributed to Dana," the publisher said.

Ms. Paxton will continue as advertising director while assuming the role of general manager. The newspaper hopes

to hire a full-time advertising representative to focus primarily on its out-of-town clients, of which there are many. Anyone who is interested should call Ms. Paxton at (785) 877-3361 or stop by the newspaper at 215 S. Kansas Ave. to pick up an application.

"We hope to have that new slot filled shortly," Mr. Dreiling said.

With the loss of Mr. Dreiling as editor, News Editor Erica Bradley will step up to be managing editor, in charge of news functions. She will report to the general manager.

Ms. Paxton was born at the Norton County Hospital on Sept. 7, 1967. She grew up on a farm southwest of Hendley, Neb., and graduated from Arapahoe High School in 1986.

She attended McCook Community College, where she earned an Associ-

ate of Arts degree. She later attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney, graduating in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in criminal justice and a minor in sociology.

She said she composed poems and songs in her earlier years, and today loves riding horses, hunting, making Native American crafts and spending time with her brother, Mark, who lives in Beaver City.

Her father, Lyle Hutchens, still lives on the farm near Hendley and her mother Sue (Sharp) Dunkle lives in southern Texas.

Dana has three daughters, Wiyanna Kirstie Paxton, 18, a student at University of Nebraska, Kearney, Shylo Nicole Paxton, 15, a sophomore at Norton Community High School; and Althea (Paxton - Continued on Page 5)

### Bradley to head news department

News Editor Erica Bradley, who joined *The Norton Telegram* staff in early May, moved up to managing editor in charge of news functions with the retirement of Editor and Publisher Tom Dreiling this week.

Ms. Bradley attended Colorado State University-Pueblo, graduating in 2007 with majors in English and mass communications, and an emphasis in journalism. Ms. Bradley served as a writer, then manager editor-online, at the college newspaper.

She did internships in Denver and Philadelphia before graduating.

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### Flu vaccine not available

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Almost 200 flu shots were given out during the flu clinic on Sept. 9, an increase from previous years due to people being more cautious about the H1N1 virus.

At the Sept. 14 Norton County Commission meeting, Gina Frack, Norton County Health Department nurse, said 187 shots were given out.

In an interview after the meeting, she said interest in the seasonal vaccine has grown due to the fear of H1N1.

The health department is no longer giving out seasonal influenza vaccines. More vaccines are expected to arrive in Norton in November.

"This is not an issue that is specific to Norton. This is a manufacturing problem," she said.

Mrs. Frack said the manufacturers are focusing on producing the H1N1 vaccine.

In other commission business: • Norton Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald reported on the truck loader which had repairs done recently in Colby.

He said it is still leaking fluid and the loader is still overheating. The commission discussed replacing the machine and bids will be obtained.

Mr. Archibald also reported \$10,000 is owed to the county from Kyle Railroad regarding the train derailment. He said they may be waiting for insurance money.

• Reggie Beckman, Norton County Noxious Weed supervisor, gave price (Commission - Continued on Page

### Pencil puzzles Norton resident

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There it was. As though it was supposed to be. But how did it get there?

That's the puzzle a Norton resident is wrestling with.

Mary Beth Boyd and husband Dick were browsing around Pamida on Monday and in the process they came upon the blood pressure machine. Mrs. Boyd suggested Dick take his blood pressure. So he did, and when finished he suggested Mary Beth do the same. So she did.

And that's when it got interesting. After finishing, she reached into her handbag for something to write the result of the blood pressure test on. She found the little card that serves

that purpose; however, she didn't have anything to write with.

It was then her eyes picked up on a pencil on the platform near the arm rest next to the seat. Mrs. Boyd bent over, picked up the pencil and it was then she couldn't believe her eyes.

This wooden, silver colored pencil had the name Mary Beth Boyd engraved on it.

"Gosh, it's been 20 or more years since I had those pencils made," Mrs. Boyd commented. "I wonder who it belongs to?"

The pencil, which she had with her when visiting the Telegram office on Tuesday, looked like it had a lot of use. But the name Mary Beth Boyd is still (Pencil - Continued on Page 5)