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Briefly

H1N1 vaccine arrives in Norton

The H1N1 vaccine has arrived in Norton. Due to a very limited supply only healthcare workers will receive the vaccine at this time. As more vaccine becomes available more people will be served. Information will be available in The Norton Telegram, the Extra, KWNK and on discovernorton.com.

BB gun team to hold first meeting

Persons interested in learning more about the Norton BB Gun Team or boys or girls between the ages of 8-14 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2009 who are interested in trying out for the team are invited to attend the first meeting of the team's new year on Oct. 21 in the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum on East Highway 36 across from Kowpoke Supply in Norton. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short informational meeting explaining what the program is all about. Beginning at 7 p.m., try outs for this year's team will begin. Once the team is established, regular meeting nights will be Wednesday of each week. For more information, contact Cameron Archer, phone 877-5567.

School conferences are scheduled

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Oct. 21 There is no school for students on that day. Conferences for the parents of Eisenhower Elementary School students will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Conferences at the Norton Junior and Senior High Schools will be held in two time periods on this day: from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Junior high games have been cancelled

Due to widespread illness in the Smith Center schools, the junior high football games scheduled for tonight will not be played. Due to the lateness of the season, they will not be rescheduled.

WEATHER FORECAST: Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 34. Saturday - Sunny with a high near 59. Saturday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 36. Sunday - Sunny with a high near 71.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, Oct. 13 ..... Low 33, High 38
.60 Precipitation
Wednesday, Oct. 14 ..... Low 33, High 43
.10 Precipitation
Thursday, Oct. 15..... Low 35, High 61
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, source of life and strength, help us to rely on you to heal our wounds. Amen

More than 20 street signs have been vandalized by gunfire in recent weeks. The pictured signs were blown off the posts with shots while other signs have been unbolted and used for target practice. Norton County Sheriff's Office is continuing their investigation.

–Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Expensive target practice a liability

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The Norton County Sheriff's Office is investigating vandalism of street signs after gunfire damaged more than 20.

Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge supervisor, said 15 signs were unbolted from the posts and used for target practice and in Norton 12 signs were shot off the posts.

"They were literally shooting signs off the posts," he said.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said it is happening throughout the county and usually happens around this time of year due to the start of the hunting season.

"This happens once a year," said Brannan.

Brannan estimated costs at $620 for the signs in Lenora and $1,500 for the replacement of signs and posts in Norton.

He said the cost is a big issue when it happens every year. He also said it is a liability because someone could be killed due to a missing street sign.

Thomson said the investigation is continuing. A reward is being offered.

H1N1 vaccine will be free to public

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Discussion is continuing on how the H1N1 vaccine will be distributed, and if there will be a charge, once it arrives in Norton. Norton County Health Department Nurse Gina Frack discussed issues of the vaccine with the Norton County Commission during their Tuesday meeting.

Frack said the health department will not charge for the vaccine because a family of five may choose to not to get the

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Campaigning begins

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The race for the 2010 First Congressional seat is underway with politicians already making stops in Norton.

Yesterday Sue Boldra was in town to meet with citizens at Town and Country Kitchen. She spoke with people from 12:30 – 3 about issues important to rural Kansas residents including agriculture, education, healthcare reform, protecting small businesses, energy and the second

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Sue Boldra

Annual volunteers

Janet Herrell and Terry Sharon discussed patients during the Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday. Several Norton residents volunteered to staff the drive, held at the American Legion. The blood drive is held several times during the year.

–Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Pick-em winners announced

By DICK BOYD
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Three football fans missed just one game in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and Jim Ninemire, Lenora, was closest to the tiebreaker score so will receive the $15 in scrip first prize.

Jim's only miss was the Ellis win over Norton.

Second prize of $10 in scrip money goes to Kerri Ray, Norton, who missed just the Washington win over Arizona.

In the tiebreaker game, Florida outscored LSU 13-3. Jim chose Florida over LSU by 24-16 or a total of 24 points off the actual scores of the two teams and Kerri chose Florida by 28-17, or 29 points off.

Third place of $5 in scrip money goes to Travis Ray of Norton who missed just the Ellis win over Norton. Travis chose Florida over LSU by 28-24 or 36 points

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