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Briefly

Plan benefit for local residents

A free will offering benefit will be held Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, 104 S. Wabash. Soup, veggies, cheese and dessert will be served.

The event will benefit Bill and Mindy Unterseher, who lost their home in a fire, and Terry and Stefanie Kinderknecht, who both have medical problems.

Regional football game time is set

Game time for the Regional Football game vs. Beloit has been set for tomorrow at 7 p.m. The game will be played in Norton at Travis Field. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students in grades K-12. No passes will be accepted.

Lions Club offers mobile screenings

A new Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit will be on Kansas roads this fall, thanks to a partnership between the Kansas Lions Clubs and Kansas Foundation. Because of this donation, the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit will continue to travel throughout the State of Kansas offering free health screenings to Kansans for years into the future. To learn about when the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit will be in your area, contact PDG Joyce DeVore at joyced4@cox.net.

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
November 6, 2009

CORN
\$3.24

SOYBEANS
\$9.00

WHEAT
\$4.17

MILO
\$3.03

Ag Valley
314 W. North Street
Norton, Kansas
785-877-5188

weather forecast

Tonight - Clear with a low around 40.
Saturday - Sunny with a high near 72.
Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 42. Sunday - Partly sunny with a high near 66. Saturday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, Nov. 3 Low 33, High 33
Wednesday, Nov. 4 Low 29, High 56
Thursday, Nov. 5 Low 35, High 68
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for the gift of each new day and for friends who remind us of your grace. Amen



Norton City employees continued the annual fall cleanup late last week. The cleanup started last Monday with people putting out their discarded items and continued through the week. Landscaping scraps were being picked up last Thursday. The cleanup is one of the many services Norton

provides to its residents. Services were discussed during Wednesday's council meeting.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Council still talking about budget

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Budget problems are still on the minds of the city council as they discuss the possibility of cutting services instead of raising utility rates.

At Wednesday's council meeting, Councilman Toby Kuhn reported on the last public works committee meeting saying several citizens have asked if the

city could cut some services instead of increasing utility rates.

Kuhn said Norton offers unique services to its residents such as fall and spring cleanup.

"I would hate to see us cut services like fall and spring cleanup. It's a tremendous service we provide to the community," he said.

This year's fall cleanup cost an esti-

mated \$3,300. The council commended the public works crew for their work during the week.

The council discussed electronic waste, saying all TVs, microwaves, radios and computers are considered electronic waste and need to be taken to the landfill by residents.

In other council business:

• Joe Leroux reported on the last parks

committee meeting, saying discussion was held regarding the horse council and Elmwood Park Speedway schedules for 2010. Tentative schedules have been decided. A motion was made to accept the schedules. Vote taken, motion passed.

A motion was made to accept MBM motor sports as the official promoters for the 2010 speedway. Vote taken, motion

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Norton Community High School Football Coach Lucas Melvin and his team volunteered to help with roof repair at The Haven. The Haven accommodates families of inmates incarcerated at Norton Correctional Facility. The football team is one of many local organizations who volunteer at the home, located at 813 N. Grant.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Haven provides valuable service to inmates' families

By ERICA BRADLEY
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When inmates are incarcerated they are often forgotten about by society and their families, but in Norton the Haven provides cheap accommodations to allow families to visit their loved ones.

The Haven was started four years ago by Carolyn and Jim Plotts and Jim Rowh. Their mission is to maintain family support and connections for the inmates.

Carolyn Plotts said an inmate's chances of success after reentry are greater if they are able to maintain their family connections while they are incarcerated.

"It's our conviction that if we can help them stay together we can benefit them and society in the long run," Plotts said. She said finances are usually the primary obstacle for families.

Many families have written Plotts to express their gratitude.

In one letter, the wife of an inmate wrote, "If not for the Haven, me and the children would not of been able to afford the trip to see him (her husband). I just want you to know I deeply appreciate everything."

"These people are just like you and me. They just happen to love someone who made a mistake," Plotts said.

Plotts said the community has been supportive of the home. The City of Norton donated furniture within two weeks of the Haven opening.

"The City of Norton has been very generous," she said.

Other organizations have donated items or services to the home. The Church of God in Lenora donated paint, members of the Catholic Church in New Almelo have come in to clean and recently Norton Community High School football players

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Parade set to honor veterans

A reminder to all of those participating in the 2009 Veterans Day Parade in Norton. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. Line-up for the parade will begin as early as noon at the East Campus Gymnasium Lobby in the 600 block on State Street, (US 281). The parade will line up on N. State Street and side streets adjoining State Street. Persons are asked to please do not park your car or cars on State St. as cars block the view of those on the side walks watching the parade, many who have to sit in chairs to observe the parade.

Prior to the parade, (1:45 p.m.), the Dance Teams of Northern Valley High

School and Norton Community High School will perform in downtown Norton at the intersection of State Street and Main Street. Bands in the parade will be the Norton Community High School Band under the direction of Mr. David Will, the Norton Jr. High School Band under the direction of Mr. Don Mordecai, the Logan High School Band under the direction of Mrs. Vesta Still and the Northern Valley Marching Band under the direction of Ms. Meg Baker.

All Veterans, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve are asked to join the March

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Molly Maddy and Wyatt Wentz received the Intermediate SACS awards from Twin Creeks Extension Director Keith VanSike during Sunday's 4-H Achievement Night. Molly is a member of the Busy Jayhawkers Club and Wyatt is a member of the Prairie Dog Club.

—Photo courtesy Joy Johnson

Achievement for 4-Hers

By Keith VanSike
Special to The Telegram

Norton County 4-H members and families showed off "4-H is Awesome" at the annual 4-H Achievement Night Banquet. The annual event is co-sponsored and hosted by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce which also sponsored the Friend of 4-H Award and the ham roast that was served this year.

Karla Reed, Norton Area Chamber director, Denzel and Ruth Lofgreen, Beverly Kindler and Mr. and Mrs. Warren White were Chamber ambassadors that hosted the event. Joel Duscher, Chamber vice president, was the co-host for the program and introduced the Friend of 4-H Award.

4-H members and families were treated to a covered dish supper with

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