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## Tuesday

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### Briefly

#### Youth hunt to be held at state park

Prairie Dog State Park is accepting applications for the Annual Youth Pheasant Hunt which will be held on Jan. 16 at 8 a.m. The Prairie Dog State Park Youth Hunt is designed to encourage young hunters and should offer a quality experience with a better than average chance of success.

To apply, contact the Prairie Dog State Park Office at (785) 877-2953 no later than January 13 with your name, birth date and phone number.

#### Soup supper to be held this Friday

Norton Rotary Club will have a soup supper on Friday, Jan. 15 at the Norton Community High School cafeteria, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The cost will be \$4.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 12. Soups will be chicken noodle, chili, and vegetable beef. All proceeds go towards the Norton Rotary Scholarship Fund.

#### Telegram offers new changes

Starting today, puzzles will be run Tuesdays with the answers running Fridays on the classified page. "This has been something our readers have expressed an interest in for a long time, and we are excited to be able to offer this to them," said Telegram General Manager Dana Paxton.

**MARKETS**  
Cash Prices-Norton  
January 12, 2010

- CORN \$3.65
- SOYBEANS \$9.21
- WHEAT \$4.57
- MILO \$3.39

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

**weather forecast**

Tonight - Clear with a low around 22.  
Wednesday - Sunny with a high near 56.  
Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 24.  
Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a high near 46.

#### Kingham report:

Fri., January 8.....Low -8, High 14  
Sat., January 9.....Low -8, High 19  
Sun., January 10.....Low 10, High 46  
Mon., January 11.....Low 12, High 42  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

#### Prayer

Dear God, help me to see where pride is holding me back and to open my heart to your wise counsel and to instruction from others. Amen



Hal Murray, Windgate Sales Solutions, Wichita; Steve Streck and Beverly Wilken displayed a going out of business sign at Hall's Clothing yesterday. Streck is closing after 16 years of business in Norton. Hall's is closed until

Thursday when the liquidation sale will begin. —Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Changes taking place in downtown Norton

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Downtown Norton is looking at a lot of changes as Hall's Clothing goes out of business and Moffet Drug Store changes ownership.

Hall's Clothing Owner Steve Streck said the economy is the major factor behind his decision to close.

"It's just the result of the current economic conditions," he said.

Streck said the going out of business sale will begin Thursday. He wasn't sure when the store will close for good.

He will continue to rent wedding and prom tuxedos through the end of April. Hall's has been in business for 60 years,

dating back to when Carrol Hall owned it. In 1975, George Jones purchased the store from Hall, and in 1993, Streck bought it.

"The store has been here 60 years," Streck said.

Beverly Wilken has worked at Hall's since 1990. She said she is sad to see it go.

"It's the end of an era," she said.

Streck is from Great Bend, although he lived in Wichita before moving to Norton. He spent eight years as a counselor at Valley Hope before buying the clothing store.

Another downtown change is at Mof-



Moffet Drug Pharmacists Steve Vollertsen and Chase Rice worked to fill prescriptions at the drug store. Rice became the manager and chief pharmacist on Jan. 1 with Vollertsen taking a mentoring role at the pharmacy. —Telegram photo by Harriet Gill

## Disaster declaration declared after storms

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December's snow storms brought record amounts of snow to Kansas, leading the governor to sign a disaster declaration for the holiday storm.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson told the county commission during their Jan. 4 meeting that the county would have to meet the criteria in the declaration before it would qualify for protective measures.

Eligibility requirements include record or near record snowfall over three days. If the county is determined eligible by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, applicants can pick a two day period that was most costly for snow removal.

In an interview after the meeting, Thomson said he is currently working on getting damage estimates.

Damage can include emergency debris removal, emergency protective measures (pre-treating roads, snow removal, sheltering, operations, life and health safety checks, etc), damages to public infrastructure (roads, bridges, critical infrastructure, essential facilities, etc), damage to publicly-owned buildings, damages to eligible utilities and private non-profits, overtime and volunteer hours and equipment usage time for repairs.

"At this point, we're gathering the needed information to see if we qualify for disaster assistance," Thomson said.

Counties included in the declaration include Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Bourbon, Brown, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clay, Coffey, Crawford, Decatur, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Elk, Franklin,

Geary, Gove, Greenwood, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, Miami, Montgomery, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Norton, Osage, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Riley, Shawnee, Sheridan, Sherman, Wabauasee, Washington, Wilson, Woodson and Wyandotte.

In other commission business:

- Norton County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan reported on road maintenance and snow removal. He said there are several roads in the county that will not have snow removed due to the amount and depth of the snow. If another major storm hit, some roads would be difficult to get to.

Brannan said he has called BG Consultants to get a date for the two-year bridge inspection. The county has

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## New rules for teen drivers Norton resident wins raffle

Kansas' new Graduated Driver's License legislation (House Bill 2143) went into effect Jan. 1. This new legislation was developed to help young drivers obtain more experience, and become safer drivers, prior to becoming a fully licensed driver. The new restrictions address key issues that can create problems for a novice driver, such as late night driving, use of electronic devices and multiple passengers.

Teens already holding valid instructional permits, as well as restricted and full driver's licenses, including farm permits prior to Jan. 1, are included in the Grandfather Clause, and will not be under the GDL provisions. Any teen driver receiving a license or permit on Jan. 1, and thereafter, will be under the GDL requirements.

For those drivers covered by the GDL, no wireless communication devices are to be used while driving except to report illegal activity or to summon emergency help. At the minimum age of 16 and a half, a driver can be eligible for a full,

unrestricted license, however they must have met all of the prior requirements and have no infractions in the previous six months. Once a driver has a full, unrestricted license, use of wireless devices is permitted.

The minimum age for an Instructional Permit is 14, and the permit expires in one year, however, it may be renewed. If an individual is under the age of 16, they must have a written application of parent/guardian. To receive an instructional permit, a teen must pass vision and written examinations. An adult (at least 21 years of age) with a valid driver's license and at least one year of driving experience must be present in the front seat with the driver.

A Restricted License is offered to teens who are a minimum of 15 years of age, and the Restricted License is issued only with the written application of a parent/guardian. The teen must have held an Instructional Permit for at least one year, and must have completed at least 25 hours of supervised driving. Someone 15 or

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The Kansas Lottery held the Holiday Millionaire Raffle at the end of last year with prizes ranging from \$1 million to \$500. One Norton resident was the lucky winner of \$500.

The raffle offered lottery players the chance of winning \$1 million at 1 in 150,000. Five \$50,000 prizes and five hundred \$500 prizes were also awarded.

Allie Whitt bought five tickets, at \$20 per ticket, at First Stop in Norton. She wasn't notified of the winning numbers until she was in the gas station on Dec. 31 and was asked to check her tickets.

She won one of the \$500 prizes.

"She was the first person to win it here," said First Stop Manager Ruth Winters.

"I spent \$100 and won \$500," Whitt said.

Winters said most of the winners were from eastern Kansas.

Whitt already has plans for her winnings. She is a homeowner who is work-



Allie Whitt  
ing on remodeling.  
"It's an old house, but it has a lot of history," Whitt said.  
She said wood floors have been put in, and her next venture is to do energy-efficient windows. Her Millionaire winnings will be put towards the windows.  
"It will help. Every little bit helps," she said.  
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