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Briefly

Sweetheart couple voting almost over

Don't forget to cast your vote for Norton County's Sweetheart couple. Only official ballots from the Telegram will be accepted and must be deposited in one of the participating businesses. Voting ends Feb. 10.

Town Hall meeting set for Saturday

Sen. Ralph Ostmyer and Rep. John Faber will host a town hall meeting Feb. 13 at 1:45 p.m. at Town and Country Kitchen. Residents are invited to attend the meeting where they can hear information about activities in the Legislature.

Meals on Wheels schedule finalized

The schedule for Meals on Wheels is as follows:

Feb. 8 - 14 Redeemer Lutheran Church, contact Cynthia Washburn 877-3004

Feb. 15 - 21 American Legion Auxiliary, contact Marcia Wiltfong 877-2459

Feb. 22 - 28 Community Volunteers, contact Alice Hawks 877-3351

Volunteers should report at 11:30 a.m. for the noon delivery.

MARKETS

Cash Prices-Norton
February 9, 2010

CORN	\$3.13
SOYBEANS	\$8.56
WHEAT	\$3.92
MILO	\$2.78

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

Weather forecast

Tonight - Fog. Low of 8. Winds southeast at 7 mph. Wednesday - Mostly Cloudy with a high of 26. Winds south at 10 mph. Wednesday night - Mostly cloudy with a low of 19. Winds south at 8 mph. Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a high of 36. Winds south at 7 mph. Friday - Partly cloudy with a high of 37 and a low of 22.

Kingham report:

Friday, February 5..... Low 30, High 36
2" Snow

Saturday, February 6 Low 28, High 39

Sunday, February 7 Low 29, High 37
1" Snow

Monday, February 8..... Low 16, High 19
1" Snow

Prayer

O Lord, thank you for being with us on any road we must travel. When we come to a wilderness, guide us. We trust you to keep us strong until the journey is through. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Drainage project set to begin in 2011

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Property owners on east Highway 36 were notified by the Kansas Department of Transportation that there would be property acquisition for a project they will begin in 2011.

During the Feb. 1 Norton County Commission meeting, Harold Schleicher and Jeff Stewart, Kansas Department of Transportation representatives, spoke to the commission about the project. Several residents had questions after they received a letter detailing the project.

Schleicher said most of the property acquisition is for temporary easement.

In an interview after the meeting, Norton County Clerk Robert Wyatt said the project will include grading, bridge work and a resurfacing project.

"It will be for the construction of the Prairie Dog Creek drainage bridge," he said.

He said the work will be done east of Norton, on four miles of Highway 36.

Wyatt said there have been a lot of rumors about the project, such as the highway being expanded to four lanes. The highway footage will not change.

In other commission business: Westley Kendall, Northwest Kansas Planning and Development representative, was present for the bid opening for the Emergency Medical Services signage project.

A sign is required for the grant award. Bids included Rupp Arts of Victoria, \$314.73, Here's Your Sign of Norton, \$370.85, Sign Solutions of Phillipsburg, \$377.07 and Commercial Sign of Hays, \$686.

The bid from Rupp Arts was accepted.

Norton County Noxious Weed Supervisor Reggie Beckman delivered the 2009 annual report. The report submitted to the state includes estimated acreage of noxious weeds at 54,945 acres which includes bindweed, musk thistle, Johnson grass, Bur Ragweed and Canada thistle. Treatment for each included: bindweed at 1,966 acres, musk thistle at 15,029 acres, Canada thistle at 86.6 acres and Johnson grass at 216 acres sprayed.

The commission discussed the need to develop a plan for spraying county roads

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(From left) Henry Boutwell, Den Leader April Bashford, Seth Kenrickson and Nick Davis. The annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby is held every year, giving the scouts the chance to race home-made cars.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Local cub scouts participate in annual Pinewood Derby

By DANA PAXTON
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The Pack 181 Cub Scout pack held their annual Pinewood Derby at the American Legion this past Sunday.

Only Cub Scouts can race and the cars must weigh between 3-5 ounces and be built from a kit that is provided. The kit contains four tires, four nails and a block of wood that they must design their car from.

They are then raced two by two down a track built by Ed Witt to see who the winner is. Several heats were run to determine first, second and slow poke winners. They have been racing on this track since 1997.

There were three entries this year, down from 12 last year. Seth Henrickson took first place with his red and yellow car, Nick Davis placed second with his green racer and Henry Boutwell took the slow poke award with his black and silver car.

The American Legion members were there to be the official judges and to vote on the Best in Show which also went to Henry Boutwell.

After the competition race then it was opened up for the open class racers, young and old, to have a shot at it. Dale Carlson brought in ten of his own to race.

The event was organized by Cub

Master Tim Bashford, Den Leader April Bashford and Den Leader George Boutwell.

"We are really looking to recruit more cub scouts, our numbers are currently down compared to other troops," Bashford said.

She wanted everyone to know that if any boys are interested in joining they were more than welcome to call either Tim or April Bashford at 785-877-2774 for more information.

Another way to get involved in this great program would be to attend a meeting which are held every Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Norton United Methodist Church.



Grant McClymont was crowned Mr. NCHS on Sunday following a hard-won competition at East Campus. Grant competed against five other Norton Community High School seniors for the title.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Student crowned Mr. NCHS

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Six Norton Community High School seniors competed in the third annual Mr. NCHS competition at East Campus on Sunday.

Christopher Maddy, Casey Robison, Matt Pollock, Cody Cook, DJ Ebner

and Grant McClymont participated in interview, talent and did a makeover portions.

At the end of the event, Grant McClymont was crowned Mr. NCHS.

During the interview portion, Grant was asked what kind of tree he wanted

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Unclaimed property is worth millions

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Every year Kansas residents move, or relocate, leaving behind bank accounts, stocks, bonds, safe deposit boxes and other property which goes to the Treasurer's office where it can be claimed.

There is an estimated \$200 million in unclaimed property in the state of Kansas with Norton County having 1,093 unclaimed properties valued at \$105,757.

Neighboring Phillips County has 929 properties valued at \$130,000.

Kansas State Treasurer Dennis McKinney said unclaimed property can be claimed through the Treasurer's Web site, www.kansascash.com, or by calling the Treasurer's office at 1-800-432-0386. There is no charge for claiming property.

"It's worthwhile to check and see if you have any unclaimed property," McKinney said.

Unclaimed property includes safe deposit box contents, bank deposits, shares of stock, dividends, mineral royalties, certified checks, drafts or money orders, unclaimed funds held by insurance

companies under life and property and casualty policies, utility deposits, property distributable during the voluntary closure of business associations, property held by courts and public officers and agencies, and miscellaneous property held by one party for another. It does not include land.

The treasurer said unclaimed property is typically from someone losing or forgetting to cash a check or not notifying their bank when they move.

Examples include: Payroll checks, refunds and overpayments, money orders, bank accounts, stocks and bonds, safe deposit box contents and insurance proceeds.

He said the Treasurer's office receives 600 safe deposit box contents each year. The contents are held for two years and are then sold.

The money remains in the holder's name so they, or a relative, can claim the property.

This year the Treasurer's office is also trying to track down Kansas veterans with unclaimed property.

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(Continued from Page 1) this spring. They asked Beckman to prepare a map to show which roads had been sprayed so the Noxious Weed and Road and Bridge departments could work together.

• Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor, reported on recent demolitions.

He said Whitney Construction has estimated a total of 150 tons of demolition for a property in Almena. He said they have also hauled several loads from R&M Motel.

• Norton County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan reported crews have been working on maintenance for the motor

graders.

They have also been moving millings from the Applegate stock pile to the county site.

The next Norton County Commission meeting will be held Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the courthouse.

All meetings are open to the public.

Property

(Continued from Page 1) "We're trying something new this year," he said.

The Treasurer's office partnered with the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs to match

names of retirees to people with unclaimed property.

Veterans can also be searched for on the Treasurer's Web site, www.kansasstatetreasurer.com/prodweb/up/patriots_property.php.

McKinney said the unclaimed property division is self-supporting and does not use taxpayer dollars.

Student

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"An apple tree so I could feed the hungry," he said.

The judges were impressed with that answer, although Tamara Cochran expressed concern

about feeding the world with apples.

David Will gave Grant an 8.5. "We do want to feed the world after all," he said.

For the talent portion, Grant danced to BLANK.

Christopher Maddy came in third place and Matt Pollock came in second.

Grant has been a runner for the cross country team for four years. He lettered this year. His hobbies include paintball, collecting state

coins and Facebook. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University where he will major in graphic design.

Judges were Rudy Perez, Tamara Cochran and David Will.

LYLE NEWS

By VEDA WOODS

Jan. 20-Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the funeral service for her brother in law, Sam Williams at Hill City. Sam was from a large family and the funeral home was filled to capacity.

Fort Riley Active Army had a very impressive graveside service. Several of the Hillburn family were there and all had lunch at the Catholic Civic Center for the family.

Margaret "Toots" Magers, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Eleanor Jensen, Claudia Bridges and Joyce Sumner met at the Cardinal Cafe for lunch to celebrate Joyce's birthday.

Then they went to the Educational Building for Senior Citizens. People there were glad to have Gary Anthony come over and play cards.

I visited Aunt Alta Van Gundy at the Andbe Home. She has been suffering bronchial trouble, but is some better. She was 105 on Jan. 31, such a strong lady.

Dwight and Teresa Wood and Andre Lefebvre of McCook dropped by my place in Norcatur. They were on their way to furnish music in Norton.

John and Shannon Nitzel, daughter of Margaret "Toots" Magers' brother, Sam, visited Toots. They had been on a month long trip to their daughter's in Oregon

and to see their twin grandson in California.

Deanna Sumner had her nephew and nieces over the weekend. She and Von picked up Andrew and Gracie Archer and Sumner Honolka and took them to the opening of the movie theater in Oberlin.


Keith Anthony is scheduled for a by-pass in his leg at Kearney on Thursday. His daughter is coming up from Texas.

Christina Houghtelling, of Cambridge, who played vol-

leyball in school, and since then plays professionally, is going to Finland to play pro volleyball for the season. She is a granddaughter of Lloyd Frandsen.

The "Chatty Hatters" ate lunch at the Pizza Hut on Monday, followed by a business meeting.

As we pray for the people in Haiti, let's not forget to be thankful for our living conditions here in the United States of America. Our service men are not only fighting overseas, but are also working to calm the chaos in Haiti.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

AgValley Co-op
314 West North Street, Norton, KS 67654
785-877-5131

Is now accepting bids to replace the front office deck and steps at this location.

Bids will be accepted until March 1, 2010.

The target date for completion of the project is June 1, 2010

Call 785-877-5131 for a complete description of the details of the project.

SWEET

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIALS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- ♥12 Oz. Prime Rib
Dinner for Two-\$34.95
(Includes a Potato and Salad Bar)
- ♥Surf and Turf-
12 Oz. Prime Rib and Crab Legs
Dinner for Two -
\$54.95
(Includes a Potato and Salad Bar)
- ♥\$5.95 Appetizer Special — Includes 4-Piece Shrimp Cocktail or Bacon Wrapped Scallops

Dance to H and S Enterprizes - 9 p.m.-close

Coming Soon — Starting February 15

Every Monday Night the Special will be
Homemade Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
Including Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Country Gravy, Roll/Butter and Choice of Vegetable or Salad **\$9.95**

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PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR NIGHTLY SPECIALS



Help us find Norton County's
"Sweetheart Couple"

We need your help! Simply fill out the ballot, fill in the information and then cut it out of the paper and take it to any of the businesses listed below. Couples must be at least 21 years old, married and live in Norton County. On February 12, the winning couple will be announced in The Telegram, and will be recipients of gifts from the advertisers listed on this page. There is no essay to write, just fill in the ballot and that's it. The luck of the draw will determine the winner. All entries will be placed in a large box from which one ballot will be selected. READY? SET? VOTE? Employees of the Norton Telegram are not eligible.

I VOTE FOR:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Deposit at any of the businesses listed below

Drop your ballot off at any of the following merchants
(Must be the actual ballot in this ad; no copies, no mail-in ballots):

- ♥Destination Kitchen
- ♥Norton Theatre
- ♥Garden Gate Florals, Etc.
- ♥Jamboree Foods
- ♥Attitudes
- ♥Fit To Go
- ♥Town and Country Kitchen
- ♥Here's Your Sign
- ♥Russ' Jewelry and Repair
- ♥Elleven
- ♥Kowpoke Supply
- ♥Hot Shots
- ♥Pizza Hut, Wingstreet, Taco Bell
- ♥Downtown Car Wash LLC
- ♥Decor and More
- ♥Mainstreet IGA
- ♥Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse
- ♥The Norton Telegram