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## Friday

### February 12, 2010

#### Briefly

### Town Hall meeting set for Saturday

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer 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.

### Storm Spotter class offered in Norton

The National Weather Service in Goodland and Norton County Emergency Management invite you to attend the Storm Spotter and Safety Class in Norton.

This year's training will be held March 2 at the Prairie Land Electric Cooperative—downstairs, 1101 W Highway 36, at 6:30 p.m. The class is free of charge and intended for all age groups interested in High Plains severe weather. No weather background is required.

Classes will discuss thunderstorm formation, organization and evolution, associated clouds and their meaning, thunderstorm hazards, safety and what and how to report.

For more information, contact the Goodland National Weather Service at (785) 899-7119.

A complete listing of the 2010 Spotter Training Schedule across the Tri-State Area is available on the Goodland NWS web page: [weather.gov/goodland](http://weather.gov/goodland)

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

<b>CORN</b>	\$3.26
<b>SOYBEANS</b>	\$8.75
<b>WHEAT</b>	\$4.01
<b>MILO</b>	\$2.89

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## weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 20. Saturday - Mostly cloudy with a high near 47. Saturday Night - A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 18. Sunday - Mostly sunny with a high near 25. Sunday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 9. Presidents' Day - Sunny with a high near 33.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday, February 9..... Low 6, High 25  
Wed., February 10..... Low 10, High 31  
Thursday, February 11... Low 24, High 39  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, be with us in times of crisis and every day. Use us to inspire others to trust you. Amen.



## Board discusses a cheer program

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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Last year the Board of Education voted to suspend cheerleading at Norton Community High School for the 2009/10 school year, and at Monday's school board meeting discussion was held about reinstating the program.

Superintendent Greg Mann presented the board with the results of the cheer survey which was conducted with students during the week of Jan. 11.

In the survey, students said their frustrations included interference from parents, no support from students, staff and spectators and cheerleading not being treated as a sport.

Students said the biggest problem with the squad was rules were not clear or not enforced, and parents had too much influence on how the squad was being run.

The students said having a good sponsor is the number one thing needed to have a successful squad.

Mann recommended reinstating cheerleading if a suitable sponsor can be found by the March 8 board meeting.

"Ideally it should be someone who works in the schools, preferably at the junior or senior high so they can have daily contact with the members of the squad; someone who is firm and consistent, and someone who has had experience with cheerleading," he said.

A motion was made to reinstate cheerleading for the 2010/11 school year if a suitable sponsor can be found. Vote taken, motion passed.

In other school board business:  
• Mann said they have found a ninth game for next year's football schedule, but it is with Perryton, Texas.

He said he will see if a closer game can be found before agreeing to play them.

Regional wrestling will be held here on Feb. 19.

Mann said school will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Friday for juniors and seniors.

Mann said fuel costs are still lower than they were last year.

He said a report came out about school consolidation. He will share the findings with the board after he studies the report's findings.

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Burt and Betty Schrum were The Telegram's Sweetheart Couple this year. The Schrums have been married for 70 years and have spent most of their lives in Norton.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Sweetheart Contest win unexpected for couple

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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This year's Sweetheart Couple Contest was won by a couple who was not expecting to be nominated.

Burt and Betty Schrum have been married for almost 71 years.

Betty said the win was a complete surprise.

"I've never dreamt of it," she said.

The couple was married on Sept. 21, 1939.

"We've been married almost 71 years," Burt said.

They moved to Norton in 1955 when Burt was the manager of McDonalds/LuJon's followed with Betty becoming manager in 1980.

They raised five children in Norton. Burton Gene, Steve, Bill, Barbara and Deborah all graduated from Norton Community High School.

In 1989, the couple retired.

The Schrums have stayed busy. Betty volunteers for several community organizations.

Burt is a member of the American Legion, VFW, Masons and Lions Club. They are also members of the First United Methodist Church.

Betty reflected on how much Norton has changed since she and Burt were working in retail.

"The town was full of stores," she said.

The couple received a gift from Desti-

nation Kitchen, a \$20 gift certificate from Hidden Dragon Chinese Restaurant, two premier movie passes from the Norton Theatre, a gift basket from Garden Gate Floral, a gift box from Jamboree Foods, dinner for two at Attitudes, a one month membership at Fit to Go, a \$20 meal for two from Town and Country Kitchen, a \$20 gift certificate from Here's Your Sign, a \$50 gift certificate from Russ' Jewelry, a gift from Elleven, a gift from Kowpoke Supply, a photo from Hot Shots, dinner for two from Pizza Hut, a gift card from Downtown Car Wash, a gift from Decor and More, dinner from Mainstreet IGA and a dozen roses from Norton Flowers Gifts and Greenhouse.

## Vietnam vets will be honored at ceremony

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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This year the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs is introducing a new medal, medallions and certificate to honor Vietnam Veterans. The Norton American Legion is trying to organize a ceremony when the medal will be presented.

American Legion members are asking veterans to fill out an application for the new medal. If they receive enough applications, a ceremony will be held to present the veterans with their medals, medallions and certificates.

The ceremony will take place in September when the Norton County Arts Council brings the Moving Wall to Norton.

"A ceremony honoring them is well overdue," said Darren McMullen, American Legion representative.

McMullen said they want to have the applications in by June 6.

Any veteran who meets the eligibility

requirements is entitled to a medallion. The requirements include:

- The veteran must have served on active duty in the military at any time from Feb. 26, 1961 – May 7, 1975.

- The veteran must have been a legal resident of Kansas at the time they entered the military, was discharged or at the time of death.

- The veteran must have received an honorable discharge, still be in active service in an honorable status or have an active service in an honorable status at the time of death.

- The Vietnam War medallion, medal and certificate will be awarded regardless of whether or not the veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country.

A spouse or oldest living relative can also apply on behalf of a veteran.

For more information, or to get an application, contact Curt Archibald, 877-2876, or Darren McMullen, 871-7054.

## Eighth grade student winner of spelling bee

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The word is, "larynx". Christie Johnson, eighth grader at Norton Junior High, had no difficulty in spelling the word that won her first place in the Norton County Spelling Bee.

Second place was won by Ethan Ross, eighth grader at Norton Junior High and placing third was Hailey Branek, sixth grader at Eisenhower Elementary.

Plaques were presented to the winners by the Norton Telegram.

Christie will go on to compete in the State Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 13, in Great Bend.

Fifteen Norton County students were present at the East Campus Auditorium in Norton to participate in the competition:

Lenora Elementary: Tevin Brown, Jesse Bebb, and Jazzmin Wahlmeier; Northern Valley Elementary, Trey Hall,



Christie Johnson

Camden Cox, and Carson Wallace; Eisenhower Elementary, Hailey Branek,

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