

# \$1 THE NORTON TELEGRAM

WEBSITE: [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com)

10 PAGES



**Tuesday**  
March 9, 2010

## Briefly

### Tornado drill to be held on Thursday

This is Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week. The tornado drill originally scheduled for today has been postponed to the backup date of Thursday, March 11. The times will remain the same, 12:30 pm MST, 1:30 pm CST.

There is a small potential for tornadoes tomorrow in eastern Kansas and we do not want any public confusion between a drill and the real thing.

The drill will air on all radio and television broadcast stations as well as NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards. Everyone is encouraged to treat the test warning as if it were an actual emergency and review preparedness procedures. Municipalities throughout the state are encouraged to sound their tornado sirens at that time.

For more information, contact David Floyd at [david.l.floyd@noaa.gov](mailto:david.l.floyd@noaa.gov), or via phone: 785-899-6412.

### Museum to hold Tall Tales program

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum will present a Bureau of Lectures program at 10 a.m. on April 12 in the Logan Grade School Auditorium, Logan. This year's event will feature the talents of a three-person children's theatre presentation entitled "American Tall Tales."

This is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continued Education Program and offered to the public at no charge. all 785-689-4846 for more information.

**MARKETS**  
Cash Prices-Norton  
March 2, 2010

**CORN** \$3.37  
**SOYBEANS** \$8.80  
**WHEAT** \$3.97  
**MILO** \$2.98

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

## weather forecast

Tonight - Cloudy with a chance of light rain in the evening then a slight chance of light snow after midnight.  
Wednesday - Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light rain and snow.

### Kingham report:

Friday, March 5 ..... Low 32, High 60  
Saturday, March 6 ..... Low 31, High 53  
.30 Rain  
Sunday, March 7 ..... Low 24, High 49  
Monday, March 8 ..... Low 39, High 49  
.50 Rain  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

O God, help us to be grateful for opportunities to forgive — and give us the strength to do so. Amen



Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Stiles demonstrated the problems with the foundation at the Dr. E.A. Lyons House. Stiles received a \$90,000 grant from the Kansas Historical Society, which will go towards fixing the foundation, roof, porch and brick.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Lyons house receives grant for its structural repairs

By ERICA BRADLEY  
[ebradley@nwkansas.com](mailto:ebradley@nwkansas.com)

A grant from the Kansas State Historical Society, Heritage Trust Fund has ensured a historic landmark remains in Norton. The Dr. E.A. Lyons House is one of two buildings in Norton County that is on the historic register and was the recipient of a \$90,000 Heritage Trust Fund grant.

Norton City/County Economic De-

velopment Director Diane Stiles said the house would have been torn down if the grant application had not been approved.

The \$90,000 will be used to secure the structure including the porch, roof, foundation and brick.

Stiles said the house was one of the first homes built in Norton. It was owned by the Moffet family until it was donated to the city.

"As far as preserving our history, it is important that we keep this house," she said.

Vicki Enfield has participated in volunteer landscape work at the house. She said the house needs to be spruced up.

"It's about the only historic building we have. It would be nice to try and preserve it," she said.

Stiles hopes the property will be leased

(Grant - on Page 5)

## Commissioners request a higher debt limit for county

By ERICA BRADLEY  
[ebradley@nwkansas.com](mailto:ebradley@nwkansas.com)

Norton County could become one of three counties to increase the debt limit from 3 percent to 30 percent, a move that would allow for consideration of bigger projects.

Norton County Commissioners requested a bill be introduced in the Legislature. The bill, SB 463, was passed in the house and senate and is currently awaiting the signature of Gov. Parkinson.

Carolyn Applegate, Norton County commissioner, testified for the Senate local government committee on Feb. 2.

"With the demand for new models of government to reduce costs at all levels and the trend toward regionalization and

consolidation to meet this demand, it is important to have adequate options to finance more capital-intensive projects in small communities," she told the committee.

Applegate said the current valuation of Norton County is \$38,980,437 making the 3 percent bond indebtedness limit \$1,169,413.10. If the indebtedness limit was increased to 30 percent, the limit would be \$11,694,131.

The new limit would give the county more flexibility on the projects they can do.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Stiles said the increase in debt limits is only an option-residents will have to approve projects.

"It essentially increases our credit limit. It might open the door for future projects," she said.

In her testimony, Applegate said the current limit does not allow them to consider projects like a joint law enforcement center, public health and infrastructure to accommodate business growth.

"Looking toward the future, a higher limit is even more important as we consider innovative solutions to consolidating and regionalizing services," she said.

"We can do a lot of things with this," Commissioner John Miller said.

Wyandotte and Franklin counties already have a 30 percent indebtedness limit.

## Former Norton resident turns 103

By ERICA BRADLEY  
[ebradley@nwkansas.com](mailto:ebradley@nwkansas.com)

A former Norton man who patented the technology used to create the Internet will turn 103 on Thursday.

Ralph Miller grew up on a farm on the edge of Norton-what is now KQNK Road. His parents were tenant farmers who moved to Norton after Miller finished high school. He graduated from Norton County High School after serving as president of his class his freshmen and senior years.

He attended K-State where he majored in electrical engineering. After graduation in 1929, he moved to New York

where he spent the rest of his career at Bell Telephone laboratories.

According to his Web site, Miller obtained patents for the Quartz Oscillating Frequency Divider and aspects of the Vocoder in the first 10 years he was at Bell Telephone.

Miller said quartz crystal pieces controlled New York City's time.

"They had a system of quartz crystal



Ralph Miller

type pieces that controlled New York City's time. Us young fellows had to sit up at night and monitor the system," he said.

Miller developed the Quartz Oscillating Frequency Divider while monitoring the quartz crystal system.

From 1940-50 Miller worked on the X system, also known as SigSaly or the Green Hornet. The system created an unbreakable communications system during World War II between the White House and Churchill's bunker, MacArthur's signal operations ship and Eisenhower in North Africa.

(Resident - on Page 5)

## Ward III seat up for grabs

### Toby Kuhn

1) Tell us about yourself.

Marla and I moved to Norton in 1995. We have been married for 16 years and have two great kids, Tyler (seventh grade) and Taryn (third grade). I am currently employed as the Park Manager for Prairie Dog State Park.



Toby Kuhn

2) What has been your involvement in the city?

I was an employee for approximately 11 years with the Norton Police Department. While employed by the City, I served on the Personnel committee.

3) Have you served on the council, or any other board?

I am seeking re-election for a second term to the City Council. Since moving to Norton, I have served on the following boards: Norton Manor Board, Norton County Economic Development, Norton Travel and Tourism, AYSO Soccer, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Eisenhower Elementary Site Council, USD 211 Space Needs Committee and United Methodist

(Kuhn - on Page 5)

### Ron Briery

1) Tell us about yourself.

I've lived in Norton since 1962. I'm semi-retired after working for KDOT for 43 years. I teach part time at K-State Salina and have a business, Ron's Gun Sales.



Rob Briery

2) What has been your involvement in the city?

I was on the city council from August, 1999 to December, 2008.

3) Have you served on the council, or any other board?

I served on the airport board, as the city representative for the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce board and solid

(Briery - on Page 5)

### Justina Smith

1) Tell us about yourself.

Born in Norton and raised predominantly in Kansas, my family and I moved back to the area in 2004. In addition to working as an independent contractor for a national health and beauty organization, I am completing my Master of Arts in Education, Distance Learning Specialization. Upon MAED completion, I will begin teaching entry-level college students in an online classroom environment. My free time is spent with family and in volunteer work with the Girl Scouts of America.



Justina Smith

2) What has been your involvement in the city?

Involvement in the community has been via volunteer work/affiliation with various social organizations; giving back to our community is an important aspect.

3) Have you served on the council, or any other board?

(Smith - on Page 5)