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Briefly

City offers Paint the Town program

The City of Norton is again offering its Paint the Town program, which will run from April 1 through Sept. 15. The program allows eligible homeowners to apply for \$250 of paint for exterior residential structures. Eligible homeowners are people whose income does not exceed 80 percent of the median income for their family size. Proof of income, proof of residency and verification of ownership must be provided.

Tractor/farm safety class scheduled

The K-State Research and Extension offices in Graham, Decatur, Gove, Ellis, Norton, Trego and Sheridan counties will be offering the Hazardous Occupation Training (HOT) or Tractor and Farm safety Course. This is for youth 14-15 years of age, especially for those who will be doing farm work, for pay, by someone other than their parents.

This is a very basic course that is designed by child labor laws to allow youngsters under 16 the opportunity to work on farms. The course will cover basic farm and machinery safety and machine maintenance. It will be held on May 8 in the Hill City 4-H Building on the Graham County Fairgrounds in Hill City. Class will start at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. A pre-registration fee of \$15 is due by May 3 to your local extension office. This includes refreshments, lunch and a student manual.

Employers who plan to hire youth must realize that they cannot hire youth under 16 years of age without those youth taking this safety course.

If you have any questions or would like to pre-register, please call the Twin Creeks Extension Office—Norton County at 785-877-5755.

MARKETS

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WHEAT.....	\$3.80
MILO.....	\$2.73
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.92
CORN.....	\$3.12

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Tonight - Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 a.m. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Wednesday - A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Wednesday Night - A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Thursday - A 30 percent chance of showers. Friday - A 20 percent chance of showers.

Kingham report:

Friday, April 9.....Low 32, High 67
Saturday, April 10.....Low 37, High 65
Sunday, April 11.....Low 34, High 73
Monday, April 12.....Low 53, High 82
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Gracious Lord, thank you for the way you supply whatever we need. Help us to trust you more fully. Amen.

Royalty crowned at prom



The annual Norton Community High School prom was held Saturday with Christopher Maddy, left, being crowned king and Bethany Roy next being crowned queen. The prince was Marcus Herman, third from left, and Emily Juenemann was the princess. The event started at 6:30

p.m. in the Stull Gymnasium with the promenade and finished with the dance and crowning in the junior high school gym.

—Photo courtesy Vicki Robison

Commission discusses e-waste

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Norton County Solid Waste will have to start charging for e-waste at the end of the month after starting the program with a grant through the Bureau of Waste Management two years ago.

Yesterday, the Norton County Commission discussed the issue during their weekly meeting.

Norton County Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said the county has been trying to figure out where they can send

e-waste, specifically glass products such as TVs and computer monitors.

"It's not an easy situation. The biggest problem is the glass," he said.

Archibald said there are only three places in the state that take glass. The county is still trying to become a Unicorp vendor, meaning they will pay Unicorp to take their glass. The two other organizations vary with prices.

The commission discussed options for e-waste, including putting computer monitors and TVs in the landfill.

"Right now they're not illegal," said Norton County Commissioner John Miller.

Archibald said he is concerned about the Environmental Protection Agency changing regulations for lead. He said there isn't much lead in e-waste.

Archibald discussed other counties and their e-waste programs. He said Osborne doesn't have a dumping fee. Their fee is built into their local taxes, but that could change if they have to start charging for e-waste. He said Ellis County is the big-

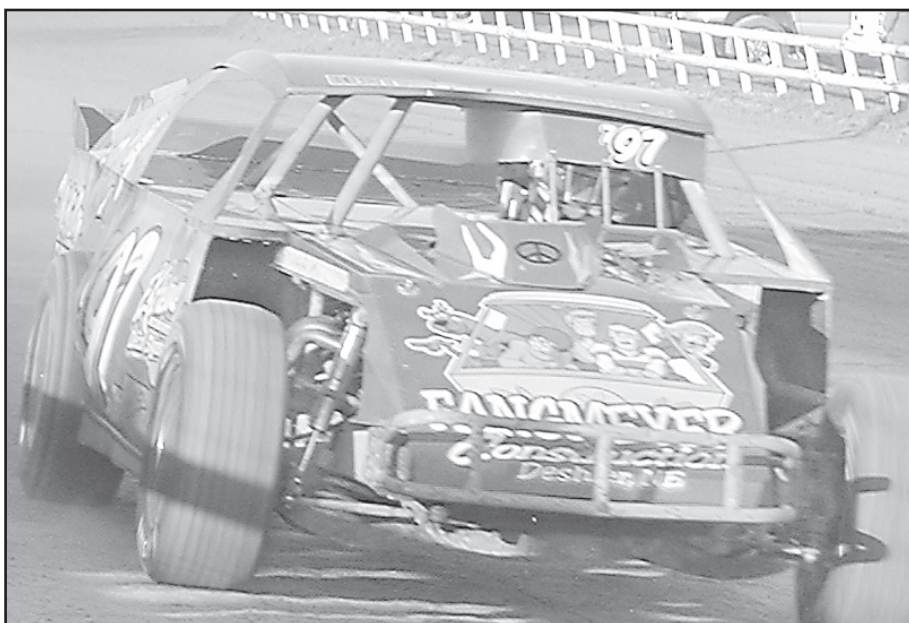
gest county for e-waste in the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition.

Norton County Solid Waste will decide in the coming weeks if they will charge one fee for e-waste or if they will charge per pound. The department will continue to take e-waste through April 29.

"We're between a rock and a hard place. We're going to be charging," Archibald said.

In other commission business:

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The 2010 racing season kicked off Saturday at the Elmwood Park Speedway with races starting at 6 p.m. Races will be held throughout the summer with the next race scheduled for April 24 at 6 p.m. at the speedway.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Racing season starts at Norton speedway

By MIKE HUGHES
Special to The Telegram

Elmwood Park Speedway kicked off the 2010 season Saturday night with five classes of cars in competition.

In the IMCA Modified feature, Oberlin's David Murray took advantage of Brandon Blochlinger's miscue to pick up the win. Blochlinger took the lead at the drop of the green and pulled out to a big lead over 'Smokin' Joe Cleveland and Murray. The first caution waved on lap seven when Rick Schwab had problems. Blochlinger again pulled away on

the restart, but two laps later, got high in turn one and hit the guardrail in turn two, knocking down a tire and bringing out the caution. Murray had passed Cleveland on the previous lap to take the top spot and led the field back to green and held on for the victory. Cleveland was second, followed by Ronnie Wallace, Corey Lagroon and Blochlinger, who worked his way back up to fifth. Schwab and Blochlinger won the two heat races.

The IMCA Stock Car feature was its usual slobberknocker. Dustin McClurg

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Arts council takes step back in time

By HARRIETT GILL

Teresa Bachman in her role of Gladys the Riveter gave the new hires an orientation and pep talk on Sunday.

Gladys is the story of Teresa's aunt and her experience at the Boeing Aircraft plant during World War II. Gladys was a riveter at the plant building B-29's.

"Ladies, you are an important part of the war effort," said Gladys. "You are patriots, don't you forget that."

Gladys went on to explain safety at the plant, "You want to wear your wedding ring? Make sure it is on a chain and tucked

inside your overalls." She gave examples of the terrors that had happened to other female employees, such as getting hair entangled in the machinery and fingers that had been cut off, to stress the safety.

She referred to baby sitting that was available by the young ladies in 4-H and the high school. Gladys pointed out that information was available in the personnel office concerning rooms and houses that were for rent. As gas was rationed, buses were sent around Wichita to pick up Boeing employees. This schedule was also posted in the personnel office.

Business and recreational areas around the city were open 24 hours a day to allow the workers to buy groceries, clothing, see movies, go bowling and take care of other needed items.

Starting salary was 95 cents an hour, lunch break was a half hour, two breaks, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

She brought out the fact that without the silent army of women workers at ammunition factories, aircraft plants, artillery and tank plants, the outcome of the

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Teresa Bachman presented Gladys the Riveter at Prairie Land Electric on Sunday.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

