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**Tuesday**  
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## Briefly

### Benefit dinner planned for victim

A benefit dinner for Troy Balderston will be held from 11-1 p.m. on May 23 at the Beaver City Elementary School, T Street, lunchroom. Contact Karen Houser at (308) 962-4275 for more information. Balderston suffered a serious injury in a traffic accident south of Hendley, Neb. Pork sandwiches, baked beans, salads and desserts will be served for a free will donation. There will also be a bake sale.

### Cancer survivors day set for June 6

The National Cancer Survivors Day celebration will be held from 2-4 p.m. on June 6 at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center in Hays. Cancer survivors, their families and caregivers are invited to attend the ice cream social and games. The event is sponsored by the Cancer Council of Ellis County. For more information, contact (785) 625-6653.

### Flower committee seeks volunteers

The Norton Flower committee started the spring planting of flowers that the residents and visitors to Norton enjoy all summer. The committee is made up of volunteers who donate their time and energy to plant, water and maintain the flowers. The Flower committee is dependent on volunteers and donations. In order to continue, help is needed with both volunteers and donations. If you would like to be a part of the committee or make a donation, contact Jean Williams at 871-1641, 401 N. West Ave., Norton, KS 67654.

## MARKETS

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WHEAT.....	\$3.65
MILK.....	\$2.78
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.68
CORN.....	\$3.15

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## weather forecast

Tonight - Rain and thunderstorms. Wednesday - Rain and isolated thunderstorms. Highs around 60. Wednesday Night - Mostly cloudy with light rain showers likely. Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light rain showers.

### Kingham report:

Friday, May 14.....	Low 37, High 67
Saturday, May 15.....	Low 41, High 68
Sunday, May 16.....	Low 51, High 65
Monday, May 17.....	Low 43, High 78

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

O Lord, be our refuge when the pressures and demands of life grow too great. Receive us, rescue us, and restore us that we may share your praise and good news. Amen.



Tom Breit, Norton County Emergency Medical technician, gave Jean Ann Wilson a tour of the new ambulance during yesterday's Norton County Emergency Medical Services' open house. Residents were able

to tour the new building as well as see the ambulance, which was paid for through a grant.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## EMS celebrates with open house

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Norton County Emergency Medical Services held an open house yesterday to celebrate National Emergency Medical Technician week with Norton County residents touring the new facility located at the western edge of town.

National Emergency Medical Technicians week is May 16-22.

Norton County Emergency Medical Services Director Jane Wyatt also had educational and training materials available for people to see.

The latest materials were purchased with money from Harold Wiltfong's memorial.

Wyatt said Wiltfong died in June, 2009. An estimated \$1,200 was used to buy a human torso, skeleton, a set of manikins, two books, a flag pole and a flag.

She said everything will be used for training purposes. Emergency Medical Services participates in training and demonstrations frequently, she said.

Wyatt said the torso has 32 dissectible parts, while the skeleton has numbered parts that can also be taken apart.

"Every single part is numbered. It is so beneficial for students," she said.

"I truly believe these manikins are going to save lives," she said.

Emergency Medical Services staff gave tours of the new building to visitors during the open house. It has been occupied since the beginning of March.

"There are great possibilities for this building," Wyatt said.

Norton County Commissioner Carolyn Applegate said the building and educational materials are impressive.

"We are so happy," she said.



Jean White had her vitals checked by Rhonda McDowell, emergency medical technician, during the open house at the new Norton County Emergency Medical Services building. Staff checked blood pressure, blood glucose and other vitals.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Participation in 'Travel Nation' discussed

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After raising \$8,000 through donations, Norton City/County Economic Development will go ahead with plans to participate in Travel Nation, a Travel Channel show featuring communities across the country.

During the monthly board meeting, Diane Stiles, Norton City/County Economic Development director, told her board she had been interviewed twice by Stephen Scott, associate producer of Travel Nation, to see if Norton would be a good fit for their "Ultimate Travel and Emerging Business Locations" series.

Stiles said it will cost \$10,000 to have the ability to

have input in the development of the segment and for licensing rights. The segment could be used as a promotional tool after it airs if the rights are purchased.

The board discussed the issue with several members opposed to spending \$10,000 out of economic development's general fund.

Curtis Eveleigh, county representative, said he wasn't sure about spending \$10,000.

"I'm concerned about spending \$10,000 on something I'm not sure about," he said.

Norton County Commissioner and board member Carolyn Applegate said she sees both sides.

"You would get national attention. You would also

get Site Selection magazine," she said.

Site Selection magazine is a national publication that focuses on trends in economic development.

Eveleigh said he is concerned about the infrastructure in Norton not being able to support a national recruiting effort.

Stiles said a corporation expanding into Norton would probably want to construct a new building, and there are also buildings available.

"We do have some empty buildings in better condition than they were," she said.

Eveleigh said the board has to be careful of what

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## Economic Development project gets another grant

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A historic district in downtown Norton is about to become a reality with the second grant application being approved by the Kansas State Historical Society, Historic Preservation Grant fund.

Norton City/County Economic Development Di-

rector Diane Stiles said the grant is for \$4,656.61 and economic development will match it with \$3,104.41

The director said she applied for the first grant in November, 2008. The grant covered 60 percent of the costs to hire a consultant to conduct a survey of downtown Norton. Norton City/County Economic Development met 40 percent of the cost through labor.

Sally Schwenk Associates was hired to do the survey and completed it in September, 2009.

Stiles said the actual cost of the project may be less than what was awarded.

"The actual cost of the nomination may be significantly less if we are able to hire the same consultant

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