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## Friday

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### Briefly

#### Vehicle tag renewal deadline upcoming

The last day for businesses or persons whose name begins with "E," "F" or "G" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and/or motorized bikes tags at the Norton County Treasurer's office in Norton will be May 31. When renewing your vehicles remember to include your current proof of insurance. We need to verify the VIN number, policy number and expiration date. In addition to insurance, we need your driver license number or Federal ID number for the business. The Treasurer's office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on May 31.

Driver license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructional permits (IP) and Driver Education restricted licenses can be done in the office by appointment only. You will need to bring an original state issued certified birth certificate, social security card for the applicant and a utility bill with current address plus the driver license of the parent that brings the child.

If you have questions, please call the office at (785) 877-5795. All CDL renewals need to be renewed at a full service station in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

#### Gun raffle held for Vietnam moving wall

The Norton County Arts Council is sponsoring a gun raffle with proceeds to be used to bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to Norton in September. Tickets are \$10, and the drawing will be held July 4 at the fireworks display. The winner will have their choice of a Browning BPS 12 gauge pump shotgun or a .45 colt and/or .410 shotshells. Tickets can be purchased at First State Bank, The Norton Telegram or from any moving wall committee member. Cash donations for the Moving Wall can be made at First State Bank.

MARKETS	
Friday, May 21, 2010	
WHEAT.....	\$3.57
MILK.....	\$2.84
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.71
CORN.....	\$3.21

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### weather forecast

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 45. Wednesday - Mostly clear with a low around 49. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high near 81. Thursday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Friday - A slight chance of rain.

#### Kingham report:

Tuesday, May 18.....Low 44, High 75  
 Wednesday, May 19.....Low 51, High 61  
 .60 Rain  
 Thursday, May 20.....Low 49, High 61  
 .50 Rain  
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, giver of all good things, fill our hearts with love for you and for others. Forgive the arrogance that creeps into us. Help us to be pliable and to seek your guidance and direction. Amen.

#### Destination Kitchen taking a lunch break



Georgia Mann and Cindy Boller prepared a batch of cookies at Destination Kitchen yesterday. Destination Kitchen announced they would stop serving lunch effective from May 29 through September 7. The

store will be open regular business hours, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Council discusses employee pay

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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City employee pay was up for debate at Wednesday's Norton City Council meeting, after the council initiated a hiring freeze, 5 percent budget reduction for all city departments and voting not to give cost of living increases to city employees last year.

Jeff Otter, finance committee chairman, said that because the city is paying to hire a Department of Cor-

rections officer to supervise the inmate work crew, the 3 percent cost of living increase should also be given to city employees. He made a motion to initialize the raise on July 1.

Mayor David Corns asked for comments from the council.

Councilman Toby Kuhn said he didn't think it is a good idea because of budget concerns.

"I'm concerned that the national cost of living in-

crease is zero. It's just my concern," he said.

"I think we need to take care of our employees because they take care of us," Otter said.

The motion failed with Otter and Roberta Ryan voting in favor of it, and Kuhn, Donna Foley and Kim Snyder voting against it.

In other commission business:

• Mayor Corns announced that Joe Leroux has moved

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## Residents arrested following investigation

Three Norton residents were arrested last week following a police investigation into an alleged incident involving a 15-year-old girl. J.D. Gall, Matt Stanley and Aaron Husted were arrested after police finished their investigation.

Norton County Prosecutor Doug Sebelius said the alleged incident occurred on April 17.

Gall, 18, was charged with 1 count aggravated indecent liberties with a child, two counts criminal sodomy, one count furnishing alcohol to a minor and two counts conspiracy.

Stanley, 19, was charged with two counts aggravated indecent liberties with a child, 1 count of criminal sodomy, one count of furnishing alcohol to a minor and one

count of conspiracy.

Husted, 20, was charged with two counts aiding and abetting aggravated indecent liberties, one count of aggravated indecent liberties, one count of furnishing alcohol to a minor and one count conspiracy.

Preliminary hearings are scheduled.



The first frame school at Norcatur, built in 1905 was destroyed by fire. After a bond election in 1925, a modern brick building was erected to house the first four-year high school in Norcatur.

—Courtesy photo

## Norcatur alumni planning reunion for Memorial Day

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Alumni of Norcatur Rural High School – the last of them graduated 40 years ago – will flock to their old home town on Memorial Day weekend for the alumni banquet, held every five years in the former school building.

The banquet will begin at 6 p.m., Saturday in the Norcatur High School gym, catered by the Norcatur Bar and Grill. Association officers are Beverley Ritter Miller, Norton, president; Joe Dawson, Norcatur, vice president; and Dennis Leichliter, Clayton, secretary-treasurer.

The Norcatur Alumni Association was organized in 1922 to help members keep in touch with "the progress of the school," according to information in the Norcatur Centennial History, edited in 1986 by Ron Temple and Sharon Schulze. Originally, the banquet was held every year to honor the graduating class with

appropriate initiation ceremonies. Since the school closed in 1970, five-year banquets have been held.

Fay Betts was toastmaster for the 1931 banquet and Ruth Cleland gave the welcome. Others participating included Ruth Davis, Celia Mavity, Joyce Tolle, Dale Dixon, Oral Brunk, Glenn Deeter, Helen Cleland and Superintendent Forrest Dennen.

Officers elected that year were Marion Ward, president; Helen Cleland, vice president; Delia Mavity, secretary; and Howard Benton, treasurer.

The association became inactive during the depression years of the "Dirty 30s," but in the 1950s, pushed by Patty Eicher Butler, the reunions resumed. In the years before the school closed, average attendance exceeded 400.

The banquet drew a record crowd of 488 in 1970, the last year the high school

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