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## Friday

### June 4, 2010

### Briefly

#### Youth Day Camp is set for June 15

“S.O.S.,” “Summer of Safety,” is the 2010 theme for Youth Day Camp. All children ages kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to attend on June 15 at the Norton County 4-H Building and Elmwood Park area.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the 4-H Building, with the activities concluding at 4 p.m. The day has been planned and will be full of fun and exciting activities. Some of those activities include games, crafts and other classes with lunch and snacks included.

Many of the volunteer workers are 4-H Junior Leaders, FFA members and adults who will be in charge of the fun-filled activities for the day.

Pre-registration, with a fee of \$5 and completed enrollment form is required by June 8 to the Twin Creeks District Extension Office, 100 S. Norton, Courthouse, or the Norton County Farm Bureau Office, 205 N. Kansas Avenue, Norton. Registration forms may be picked up at the Twin Creeks District K-State Research and Extension Office on the ground floor of the Courthouse or the Norton County Farm Bureau Office.

All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

#### State Park to hold permit-free days

All residents and visitors of the State of Kansas may fish the waters of the State, by legal means, without a fishing license tomorrow and Sunday. There is no vehicle permit required this weekend, but camping permits will be required. Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day will be held Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with various activities scheduled for children.

MARKETS	
Friday, June 4, 2010	
WHEAT.....	\$3.41
MILK.....	\$2.73
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.93
CORN.....	\$3.09

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 67. Saturday - Mostly sunny with a high near 89. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 60. Sunday - Partly sunny with a high near 82. Sunday Night - A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Monday - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

#### Kingham report:

Wednesday, June 2.....Low 55, High 76  
.15 Rain  
Thursday, June 3.....Low 54, High 92  
.20 Rain  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

O Lord, thank you for making our burdens light and leading us gently. Amen



### Diving season begins



Keegan Smith takes a running start before his leap off the diving board at the Norton swimming pool on Thursday. The pool opened Monday for the summer. With school out and summer beginning, the pool can look forward to lots of divers.

- Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

## Council position is still vacant

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Mayor David Corns made an appointment to fill the Norton City Council position vacated by Joe Leroux’s resignation two weeks ago, but the appointment failed when it went to a vote.

Corns said Ron Briery, who served on the council for nine and a half years, was the only one to apply for the position.

“The individual was the second place finisher in the

election,” Corns said.

He asked for a motion to approve Briery to the council. Jeff Otter made the motion, which failed for lack of a second.

“I served on the council for nine and a half years. I guess I feel disappointed. Next January, I’ll file again,” Briery said.

Briery said he was disappointed in the council. City Administrator Rob Lawson asked what the next step would be.



Ron Briery

The seat will remain open until more applications are received and the mayor makes another appointment.

In other council business:

• Lawson thanked the city crews for their work in the cemetery before Memorial Day. He discussed the maintenance I position in the parks and cemetery crew. The position will be a temporary position.

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## Commission ends four day work week

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After barely a month, the Norton County Commissioners voted to repeal the Road and Bridge Department’s new four day work week during their meeting on March 28.

Two employees came to the commission to voice their concerns about the new schedule. Jim Railsback and Charlie Kincaid told the commissioners they didn’t

understand how cutting back to ten hour days, four days a week helped save money when the department was still staffed five days a week. The crew works five days a week with half of the people working Monday through Thursday and the other half working Tuesday through Friday.

“You can’t all be off on the same day,” said Commissioner Carolyn Applegate.

Commissioner John Miller said the department

has to be staffed five days a week so services can be provided. He said the department tried to do a four day week several years ago, but the schedule was impacted by weather.

Railsback said he didn’t understand how the four day work week would save money.

“We weren’t thrilled we had to cut road and bridge’s budget. Unfortunately, road and bridge is the one place (County - Continued on Page 5)



Norton Correctional Facility finished a cabin this week that was headed for Prairie Dog State Park. The park will now have four modern cabins from the correctional facility.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## State park welcomes two modern cabins

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Prairie Dog State Park has added two modern cabins to its facilities, bringing the total number of cabins to four.

The two modern cabins were produced by Norton Correctional Facility. The facility began the construction program in 2007 and have produced four cabins since starting the program.

“The first cabin came out a year a half after the program started in December, 2007,” said Philip Jansonius, Norton Correctional Facility cabin coordinator. He said the program employees four

aides, two clerks and has 12 students enrolled. After completing the program, the inmates receive a National Center for Construction Education and Research card, which can be used at in the construction industry after release.

Jansonius said the National Center for Construction Education and Research program is nationally accredited.

“It shows they have the experience,” he said.

Each cabin has a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom and is equipped with standard appliances, a couch, two beds and a futon.

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