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## Tuesday

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### Briefly

#### New county group starts with event

The Norton County Young Professionals will kick-off June 26 from 7-11 p.m. at 216 E. Washington St. The event is open to anyone between the ages of 21 to 40 who is interested in being involved and directing the future of the community. There will be a drawing for a 10 inch Dell notebook, food and a beverage garden. The Country Highway Band will perform an outdoor concert.

#### Candidate plans to visit Norton

Rob Wasinger, a Republican running for Congress for Congressman Jerry Moran's open seat in the First District of Kansas, will be visiting with Norton area voters on June 17 from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen.

#### Carp shoot set for Saturday at the lake

The 19th Annual Norton Carp Shoot, sponsored by the Norton Archery Club, will take place Saturday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per two person team and include a meal. Pre-registration is required by 8 p.m. on Friday. Weigh-in will be at the Leoti Cove Boat ramp from 6 to 7 p.m. on Saturday with the meal and awards to follow. For more information, call John Baker at 877-3253.

### A good old-fashioned workout



Colton Griffith, Ryan Grammon and Levi Pumphrey sawed wood with a two-man handsaw at the 30th Annual Sunflower Pioneer Power Association, Antique Machinery, Threshing, Power and Car Show in

Almena. The show began Saturday morning and concluded Sunday in Almena.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## County starts talking budget

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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The Norton County Commissioners began work on the 2011 budget Friday by reviewing budget considerations from each county department.

The commissioners had distributed a budget worksheet to each department asking about the top five services offered, the five things that don't get done, five things that do not need to be done, three service fees that could be raised and what equipment and technology would need

replacement in the next three years.

The commissioners agreed service fees may have to be raised in 2011.

"Because of the funding issues at the state, we're going to have to look at our fee structure," said commissioner John Miller.

The appraiser's office said the fees for inventory content sheets, certification value notice and copies were raised last year.

Map fees could be raised by \$1, they said, but selectabilities for GIS maps

could be raised. GIS is a custom-made map with different layers that can be added.

"I think we've entered a new era with GIS," said commissioner Carolyn Applegate.

The appraiser's office recommended a \$3 to \$5 fee for GIS selectabilities. The commissioners asked them to come up with a formula for GIS layers.

The county clerk's office differs from other county departments in that it does not get a fee for services. County Clerk

Robert Wyatt said the office provides administrative support to all county offices and to outside offices.

Genealogy fees could be raised in the register of deeds office, where there is currently no charge for having county employees help with searches.

Copy fees could be increased, but recording and mortgage registration fees are set by statute.

Diane Stiles, Norton City/County Economic Development director, said **(Budget - Continued on Page 5)**

MARKETS	
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	
WHEAT	\$3.38
MILO	\$2.82
SOYBEANS	\$8.89
CORN	\$3.16

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Local Weather

**Wed 6/16** 91/68 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

**Thu 6/17** 90/58 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.

**Fri 6/18** 86/62 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.

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### Kingham report:

Friday, June 11.....Low 64, High 89  
Saturday, June 12.....Low 59, High 77  
1.60 Rain  
Sunday, June 13.....Low 61, High 79  
.40 Rain  
Monday, June 14.....Low 55, High 82  
2.30 Rain  
Total Precipitation for Weekend ..... 4.30  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm  
9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, teach us to walk with you today. Make us willing to go wherever you lead us. Amen



## Better state representation promised

By ERICA BRADLEY  
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Ward Cassidy spent two days campaigning in Norton this week, discussing the need for better representation for Western Kansas.

Cassidy, a St. Francis native who is running against John Faber for the 120th district seat, said Western Kansas needs a voice in Topeka.

"We need to have a stronger voice. We have to," he said.

Cassidy said he hopes the five counties in the 120th district—Cheyenne, Decatur,

Norton, Phillips and Rawlins Counties—can form a coalition of leaders to work on issues Western Kansas faces.

There isn't a need, he said, to have big groups or lobbyists in Topeka to fight for issues.

"That's the kind of leadership we need. It really is time for Western Kansas to get as political as we can," he said.

Cassidy said we need tax dollars in this part of the state for various projects and services. He said the biggest concern he's heard on the campaign trail is the loss of services many people are faced with.

"We need tax dollars. I'm opposed to raising taxes," he said, "but we need to make sure we get our share of tax dollars."

The biggest industry in the district, according to Cassidy, is agriculture.

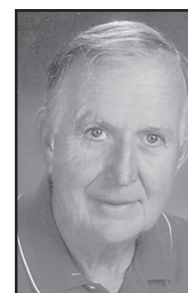
"Agriculture certainly drives the ship in Western Kansas. They need their support services," he said.

Cassidy said he is opposed to raising taxes, is against gay marriage, is pro-life and an avid hunter. He has lived in St. Francis for 40 years and has worked as a teacher, coach, counselor and as

a principal. He and his wife Gloria have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Cassidy said he will make more stops in Norton in the coming weeks. Any organization interested in meeting him can contact him at [wardcassidy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wardcassidy@sbcglobal.net).

"I will be accessible," he said.



Ward Cassidy



Jesse Bebb and Andrew Shepard competed to grab the most candy during the parade at the Lenora Jubilee last year. Many jubilee attendees came from out-of-town, including Jesse's family who came from Arizona.

—Telegram photo Erica Bradley

## Concerts, family activities planned for Lenora Jubilee

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The annual Lenora Jubilee will kick off Friday in Lenora with a Rib Fest, a new event added this year to the growing Jubilee.

Scott Sproul, Lenora Jubilee president, said the Jubilee has grown and will continue to expand.

"We've grown from a \$1,500 budget when I started to a \$50,000 budget this year," Sproul said.

The entertainment has continued to grow, Sproul said, and this year will feature Chris Young Friday night. Young is currently number 2 on the billboard charts, falling from the number 1 spot last week.

"He's really current. He's one of the biggest acts coming to Western Kansas this summer," Sproul said.

Sproul said the Jubilee has continued to grow and add new events. This year

the public can attend the Rib Fest Friday evening.

He said it will begin at 5 p.m., although judging will take place before the event opens to the public. CCGR Barbeque from Norton will judge the entries.

"It's a great partnership with them because they're experienced with the Smokin' in the Barn Contest in Norton," Sproul said.

Sproul said the Jubilee also serves as a fundraiser for non-profits in Norton County, including Lenora PRIDE, Norton Child Study, Lenora Rural Fire Department and the Lenora Chamber of Commerce.

This year's Friday events include:  
• Ribfest at 5 p.m.  
• 7 p.m. until midnight: Riverbilly, Chris Young and the Colfax Cowboys  
• 7-11 a.m. Saturday morning: Community wide garage sales a.m.  
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