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*Briefly*

## Re-opening set for local coffee shop

White Field's Grand Re-Opening, under the new ownership of Trevor and Amanda Burns, will take place July 5 from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The coffee shop is located at 128 S. State Street.

## Library to host river flood program

The National Weather Service office in Goodland will present a program about the Republican River Flood of 1935. The flood affected towns throughout the river valley. The program will be presented on July 13 at 7 p.m. in the Norton Public Library Community Room. At the end of the program, discussion will be open to those attending who have their own stories and memories to tell. Participants are encouraged to bring photos to share also. The public is invited to attend an informative and memorable evening.

## Library to host river flood program

A Young Professionals Social will be held July 8 at Destination Kitchen, 115 W Main Street, Norton. The social will begin at 5 p.m. with drinks and desserts available. The planning meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. This new organization is aimed at young professionals 21 to 40ish, but everyone is welcome. There are no career requirements.

## Harvest in full-swing



Wheat harvest began last week after heavy rain delayed farmers from getting into the field. Yields have averaged 60 bushels per acre, although moisture levels in most areas have been high. —Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# County sales tax collections up

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The Norton County Commissioners received some good news during Wednesday's meeting with the county treasurer reporting sales tax collections are up \$3,000 from this time last year.

"It's up, which is a good thing," Cindy Linner, treasurer, told the commission.

Commissioner John Miller said the county is still down \$40,000.

"The economy is possibly starting to turn around out here," Linner said.

In May, Linner reported \$25,070.44 collected and in June \$28,894.53 was reported.

Linner later told The Telegram the county is down \$38,000. Year to date tax collections are at \$226,321.08.

Linner also discussed bids for county envelopes. She said the bid from Consolidated Printing, Salina, would be the best

because it includes 10,000 envelopes for \$795. She estimated it to be a two year supply.

She also updated the commission on the DMVS software upgrade. The upgrade is required for treasurer's offices across the state. She said the state is requiring a two day training for staff. Linner expects training for offices in northwest Kansas to be between March and April 2011.

The commission discussed whether they would send the three employees to training at different times or close the office for two days and send them at the same time. The commission will decide the issue at a later date.

In other commission business:  
• A public hearing was held to determine whether Road I between Highway 283 and W1 would be closed. Kevin Es-  
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## MARKETS

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WHEAT	\$3.53
MILO	\$2.94
SOYBEANS	\$8.92
CORN	\$3.29

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Local Weather

**Sat 7/3** 91/67  
Windy with a possible thunderstorm.

**Sun 7/4** 79/62  
Scattered thunderstorms possible.

**Mon 7/5** 88/63  
Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

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## Kingham report:

Tuesday, June 29.....Low 62, High 93  
Wednesday, June 30.....Low 62, High 93  
Thursday, July 1.....Low 60, High 92  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

God of all the world, we praise you for your boundless, generous love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



# Fourth of July celebration planned

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Planning for the Fourth of July fireworks display at Prairie Dog State Park has been underway for a month and will continue until the holiday, Karla Reed, executive director of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce said.

Reed said planning is an ongoing process; she is still looking for donors for the

big event. The display is funded entirely through donors and by other projects.

"Everything goes for the fireworks display. We're always in need of donations," Reed said.

Donation buckets are located at both grocery stores, Reed said, and Pamida will have a pin-up drive starting later this week.

The display will take place at Prairie

Dog State Park.

It will cost \$4.20 or \$2.85 for seniors to get in, which is the rate for a one-day park visit, she said.

Reed said the entrance fee goes to the park, not to the display.

She expects attendance to be high this year—last year an estimated 5,000 people from Norton, Alma and Lenora attended.

"With the economy being the way it is, I think this year's display will have more participation than last year's," she said.

The event will start at 8 p.m., when free watermelon will be served.

"Jamboree is going to provide watermelon free to the public," she said.

The fireworks display will start after dark, or around 10 p.m.

# Businesses change hours for Fourth of July

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Independence Day falls on Sunday and a few businesses will be closed to celebrate the holiday on Monday the 5th.

Norton City Offices will be closed. The Norton Swimming Pool will close at 5 p.m. on Sunday and will have regular hours on Monday.

The Norton County Courthouse will

be open on Monday. The Norton County Commissioners will have their regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m.

The U.S. Post Office will be closed on Monday and there will be no mail delivery.

The Norton Telegram office will be closed on Monday. There will be no newspaper on Monday. Monday's paper will be published on Tuesday, July 6 and

Tuesday's paper will be published on Wednesday, July 7.

First Security Bank will be closed on Saturday and Monday. The Bank, First State Bank, Alma Bank and Northwest Federal Credit Union will be closed on Monday.

Moffet Drug and Pamida pharmacies will be closed.

The Doctor's Clinic will not be open.

Norton Senior Center will not be open and there will be no meal served on Monday.

The Unified Office will not be open on Friday or Monday.

Norton Theater will have Sunday, Independence Day, showings at 2:30 p.m. and 5:05 p.m. Playing at the theater until July 8 is "The Karate Kid" and "The

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Troy Meyers, co-owner of Attitudes in Norton, who cooked the sirloin steak eaten by Bill Bunyan on his quest to eat a steak in every county in Kansas, enjoyed watching as Bunyan popped the last morsel of the delicious steak into his mouth.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Retired teacher travels across Kansas eating steak

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Why would anyone want to spend the time and money to eat a steak in all 105 Kansas counties?

Bill Bunyan, a retired elementary teacher and coach from Dodge City, plans to do just that and, while in Norton on Friday, June 25 to eat his 87th steak during his quest, he had a very logical answer to the question.

"I love the state of Kansas and love traveling around it," he said as he enjoyed a sirloin steak with all the trimmings at Attitudes in Norton. "I taught a lot of Kansas history and thought it would be

fun to see places I taught about."

After teaching history and science for 29 years in the Dodge City fifth grade, Bill retired ten years ago and thought it would be interesting to travel around the state and see what the state had to offer.

He and wife, Susan, a retired kindergarten teacher, had their interest in Kansas and the Sunflower State's history enhanced when they heard a speech by Marci Penner of Inman, whose non-profit Kansas Sampler Foundation is devoted to sustaining rural culture.

Marci is the only paid employee of the foundation, which encourages people to **(Steak - Continued on Page 5)**