THE NORTON IELEGRAM



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Briefly

Enrollment packets going out this week

The Norton Schools' enrollment packets for the 2010-'11 school year should be mailed this week.

If you have moved since school was out last May or you are new to Norton, contact the Norton district office with your new address.

We want to make sure enrollment packets are received by as many of our families as is possible.

Classes available for young hunters

Hunter Education classes will be held Monday, Aug.1, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the basement of the Norton City office and Thursday, Aug. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Prairie Powder Packers gun range.

Prior to class, students must take the online Hunter Education course available at www.ihea.com and print off the score pages for the 14 final quizzes and bring with them. Students must be 11 by the date of the

class. Parents are welcome to attend. To register, call the Prairie Dog State

Park Office at (785)877-2953 or End Zone at (785)877-2626.

For questions concerning this class, call Richard Kelly, at (785)877-3284 or if you are interested in another class this year and cannot attend this Norton class, contact the hunter safety department at Pratt for scheduling in the area at (620) 672-0773.

West Washington to be closed starting Aug. 2

Beginning Aug. 2, West Washington Street will be closed to area traffic due to road construction. There will be no east bound access to West Washington from Highway 36. Closure of the road will be for approximately one month. Any questions or concerns regarding this road can be addressed by calling 785-877-5740.



Local Weath

Wed 7/28

96/68



Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper

Thu 7/29

97/69



Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Kingham report:

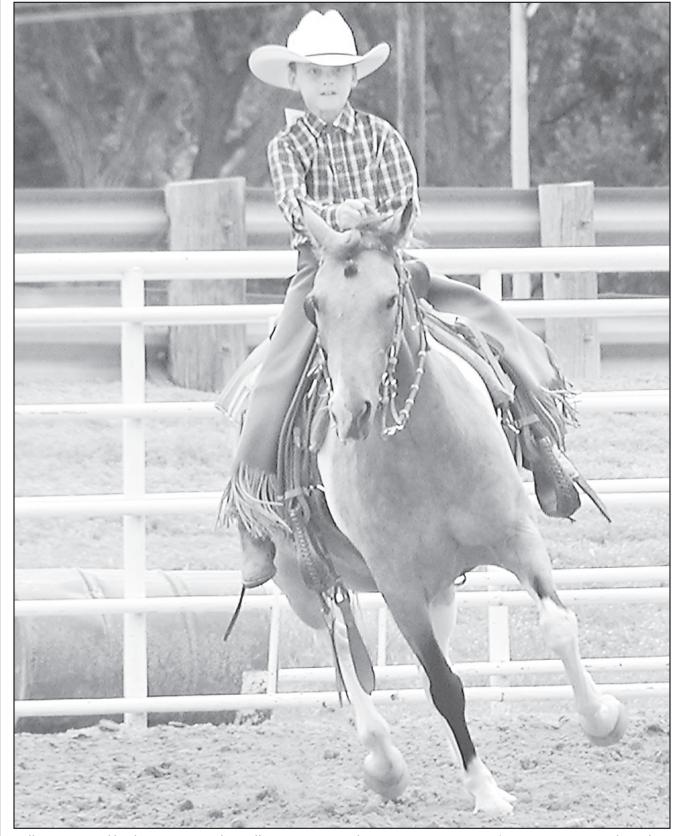
Friday, July 23	Low 67, High 97
	Low 68, High 88
Sunday, July 25	Low 60, High 87
Monday, July 26	Low 56, High 98
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm	
9 miles northwest of Norton)	



Dear Lord, help us to see your light in the darkness of negative circumstances. Amen



Horsemanship counts



Dillan Goss and his horse gave it their all competing at the Norton County Fair's Horse Fun Day. The riders displayed may types of riding and control of their animals all while having a great time.

Photo By: Dana Paxton

College doing well in Norton

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

c.haynes@nwkansas.com The Northwest Kansas Technical College has almost outgrown its space in Norton and the college head was in to talk to the Norton County commissioners, at their meeting last Monday, about plans for the future.

Dr. Ed Mills, president of Northwest Tech, and Diane Stiles, Norton City/ County Economic Development told the commissioners that the college has pretty much outgrown its facilities here and is looking at how to best work with the citizens of Norton. There has been a lot of interest in courses offered, Dr. Mills said, and he is thankful for the support the college has received from the county.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Received proposed budget requests from each of the county's department heads. John Mapes of Mapes and Miller Accounting, the county's certified public accountants was on hand for the discus-
- Heard from Peggy Pratt with Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services. Mrs. Pratt asked the commissioners for their continued support for the Thinking for a Change program, which has several children in the county participating. Each participating county contributes \$1,000 to the program, Mrs. Pratt said.
- Worked on the 2011 county budget. This will be on the agenda for the next several meetings as the commissioners try to do as much as possible with a shrinking pool of money from the state.
- Held a 15 minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

Candidate visits Norton, tours hospital

By HARRIETT GILL hqill@nwkansas.com

Jim Barnett is a Republican Candidate for Congress. He has been a State Senator for the 17th district for 10 years, school board member, doctor and lifelong resident of Kansas.

He is running for the First District U.S. House of Representative seat that is currently held by Jerry Moran.

He was in Norton on Tuesday for a tour of the hospital, but constraints on his time did not allow for a public meeting.

Barnett said that the most important issues are jobs, health care, taxes, current debt and in our area a successful farm program. "We need to lower taxes, have smart regulations and concentrate on lowering the debt which is now at 13 trillion dollars." he said.

His stand on immigration is to first secure the borders and then to work on a comprehensive plan to solve the issue of illegal immigrants in the country. "I feel the issue has been politicized, common sense needs to prevail." he said. "I do support the Arizona law.'

"There are better ways to solve the problems of health care. I think the law will lead to rationing and will result in the degrading of our health care. We need to repeal this law and depend on free market solutions. The rural towns of Kansas need to be able to keep their hospitals, and I think we may see some of them close as a result of this law." Barnett said.

He is against the Cap and Trade bill that is currently under consideration, and

is opposed to the oil moratorium that has been implemented in the Gulf of Mexico. (**Candidate** - Continued on Page 5)



Carol Erlenbusch and Sabrina Richards placed the last square on the flag last Thursday. Total money raised through this was nearly \$1000.00 to put toward bring of the Veitnam Memorial Moving Wall to Norton. Photo By: Sherry Hickman

Last square added to fund-raising flag

By SHERRY HICKMAN shickman@nwkansas.com

Last Thursday, Carol Erlenbusch and Sabrina Richards, placed the last square on the flag, that stands at the corner of State St. and W. Lincoln. The Arts Council built the flag as a fund raiser to bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to Norton.

The last squares were bought by the Tom Brannon family. Sabrina Richards, Treasurer of the finance committee said, completion brought in \$958.

"We have had wonderful response from

our community. Watching the flag grow has brought community awareness, to the cause." said Richards.

One ticket for \$1 or six for \$5.

The drawing for the quilt will be held

"We are very close to our goal." The flag's Sept. 16, on party line on KQNK.

Volunteers are still needed to man the wall Sept. 23 through the 27. If you can help, contact the Sons of the American Legion.

Volunteers are also needed to pro-Tickets for the quilt raffle can still be vide sandwiches, snacks and drinks to purchased at The First State Bank of those who man the wall. Contact Carol Norton and the Almena Bank in Almena. Erlenbusch or Sabrina Richards if you can help.

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