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Briefly

Crazy Days sales set for Saturday

The Norton merchants will hold their annual Crazy Day sidewalk sale on Saturday, Aug. 7. Come as early as 7:00 a.m. to beat the heat. Take advantage of the sidewalk bargains as well as the in store specials. All non-profit organizations are encouraged to participate in this promotion.

Street is closed for road repairs

Beginning today, 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.

Hunter safety class pushed back a little

Hunter Education classes will be held Aug. 11, not Aug. 1 as initially printed, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the basement of the Norton City office and Aug. 12, from 6p.m. 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 years of age by the date of the class. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

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, please contact the Hunter Safety Department at Pratt for scheduling in the area at (620)672-0773.

Ride 'em cowgirl!



Hannah Bailey gives it her all during the Mutton Bustin' competition held last Friday at the Norton Equine facility during the Norton County Fair. Forty-one participated, some who left with a face full of dirt.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Bridges, budget on table

By Cynthia Haynes
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Bridges and budgets took up most of the Norton County commissioners' time last Monday as county leaders struggled with the annual problems of roads and revenues.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan told the commissioners that Brian Engelke with the Kansas Department of Transportation's Local Projects division helped him come up with a plan for bridges in the county that might need to be repaired or replaced. However, he said, the document shows several bridges on roads that Mr. Engelke said should be closed.

The commissioners said that they would review the documents before taking any action.

Mr. Brannan also told the commissioners that he has been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for help to repair several damaged roads.

On the subject of road repairs, Mr. Brannan said, work on West Washington will begin this week and the road will be closed for about one month. The milling was to begin Monday and the project will include a cut down and relaying of the surface.

The only other item on Mr. Brannan's list was a blade for the county's Bobcat. He had a bid for \$4,365 with a government discount. The commissioners asked him to visit with Otter Dozer for a quote to build a blade for the machine to see if that would be cheaper.

This is budget time for the county and the commissioners met with John Mapes of Mapes and Miller Accounting as they started work on this project.

The commissioners reviewed proposed budgets in order to get the one with the lowest mill levy in order to keep taxes as low as possible. The final budget will depend on the quote that the county expects to get this week from Blue Cross and Blue Shield for employee insurance benefits, a large expense.

In other business, the commissioners:
• Met with John Trembly and Ray Dreher with the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections to review a grant, which is used to help pay for offender (COUNTY - Continued on Page 5)

weather forecast

Tonight - Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy with a low around 68. Northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. **Wednesday** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 90. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Wednesday Night** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 67. **Thursday** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. **Thursday Night** - A 20 percent chance of showers.

Kingham Report

Friday, July 30Low 68, High 96
Saturday, July 31Low 63, High 96
Sunday, August 1Low 66, High 100
Monday, August 2Low 68, High 99
Tuesday, August 3Low 67, .15 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Help us, O Lord, to live for this day, this hour, this moment. Amen



Immanuel Lutheran church dedicates new building

Crowd attends opening service

By Dana Paxton
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This past Sunday, the newly built Immanuel Lutheran Church opened its doors for the new building dedication.

A large crowd attended to show their support for the long awaited completion and opening of the church. The service was led by Pastor Rick Rostek. During the service several things were blessed, the baptismal font, piano, lectern, pulpit, altar, vessels and linens. Lee Hardy and the crew of Lee Hardy Construction were honored with a standing ovation for the great job they had done in building the new structure, the new house of God. Songs of worship, thanks and praise were sung throughout the service. After the services, an open house was held in the fellowship hall where refreshments were served.

The Immanuel Lutheran Church has quite a history. Seven Deshler, Nebraska families moved to northwest Kansas and organized the church and school in 1908. The first location was located ten miles northwest of Norton and included a sanctuary, parsonage and cemetery. Services were held here until the late 40's when it (Church - Continued on Page 5)



The Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir, under the direction of Sue Ann Stutheit, performed during the dedication services held Sunday. This was their first time to sing in their new place of worship.

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