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## Tuesday

August 10, 2010

### Briefly

#### Pool will close on Sunday, Aug. 15

The Norton Municipal Swimming Pool will close for the season at 8 p.m. on Sun., Aug. 15th.

#### Badges to do battle during blood drive

The Norton Community Battle of the Badges Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, August 24th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Norton American Legion (1120 North Norton Avenue).

Come in to donate and receive a free t-shirt and a chance to vote for your favorite civil servant (Norton Police Department vs. Norton Fire Department).

The Department with the most votes will be presented with a plaque. Also, during the month of August all donors can register to win a \$100.00 gas card!

The supply of type O negative blood at the Red Cross has dropped to critically low levels.

Type O negative blood is always in high demand because it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations when the patient's blood type is not known. To prevent the type O negative blood supply from reaching a crisis level, the Red Cross is urging type O negative donors to make appointments to give blood as soon as possible.

Please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-773-2767) to schedule your appointment.

#### West Washington closed for month

West Washington Street is closed to area traffic due to road construction. There is no east bound access to West Washington from U.S. 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.

### Markets

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Wheat .....	\$5.45
Milo .....	\$3.19
Soybeans .....	\$9.57
Corn .....	\$3.50

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

**Tonight** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 97. **Tonight** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 67. **Wednesday** - Sunny and hot with a high near 100. **Wednesday Night** - Mostly clear with a low around 71. **Thursday** - Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 103.

### Kingham Report

Friday, August 6.....Low 65, High 91  
40 Rain  
Saturday, August 7.....Low 66, High 96  
Sunday, August 8.....Low 68, High 100  
Monday, August 9.....Low 70, High 92  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Generous God, open our eyes to the treasures each day brings. Amen



### Crazy Days offer shoppers lots of bargains

Deciding to add a little zest to their Crazy Day celebration, Janette Oswald, owner of Twice Sold Treasures (above middle) and Reva Benien, who works at the store, donned fancy head wear on Saturday during the annual bargain day. Valerie Wagoner (above left) of Norton took the opportunity to check out the price of a hat herself. Meanwhile over at Destination Kitchen, Cindy Boller (left) was returning sidewalk sale merchandise to an inside shelf as the afternoon temperatures rose to near the triple digits. The items, Caldrea, a line of home cleaners, was still on sale for 50 percent off, she said, just inside in the air conditioning.

— Telegram photos by Cynthia Haynes

## Council refinances loan for water plant

By HARRIETT GILL  
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The refinancing of the Norton water plant loan and a scheduled Public Budget Hearing were before the Norton City Council at its regular meeting on Wednesday.

Sarah Steele of Gilmore and Bell, P.C. was present for the documents regarding the issuance of \$3.234 million principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010.

The City has a commitment from the U.S.D.A. for loan funds of \$3,234,000 and grant funds for \$628,500 for the water plant renovation project. The bonds will be used to refinance a portion of the loan with K.D.H.E., and to pay for Phase II expenses

for the water treatment plant project. The bonds will be paid annually over 40 years through the State Treasurer's Office with a fixed interest rate of 3.25%.

David Barber of U.S.D.A. Rural Development was present to proceed with the U.S.D.A. paperwork.

"There are no changes in the loan resolution that was signed in September of 2009," he said. "A certification has been signed that states nothing has changed. There is only one change, the interest rate has decreased to 3.25 percent instead of 3.5 percent that is good news for the city."

The Mayor, David Corns, and City Clerk, Darla Ellis, were approved to sign the "Water or Waste System Grant Agree-

ment" with U.S.D.A.

The Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney, Karen Griffiths, were approved to sign the "Certification as to Litigation, Indebtedness and Closing".

David Barber said the closing date will be on Tuesday, Aug. 17, and at that time, the loan funds will be advanced to the city. The grant funds will not be advanced until the end of the project.

At 5:45 p.m. a public hearing was called to order to hear and answer objections of taxpayers on the proposed use of money and the amount of tax to be levied for 2011. The proposed total budget expenditures were published as \$8,912,590, with an estimated tax rate of 55.016 mills. There were no comments

or questions and the budget hearing was closed at 5:51 p.m. and the council approved the budget as published and presented.

Jeff Otter said, "I want to thank the entire council for working together on the budget with their input and ideas."

Other items for the council's consideration were:

- Karen Griffiths reported on a letter received from Ryan, Walter and McClymont, inquiring about the status of the Elaine Milnes claim, dated July 14, 2010. Griffiths stated recreational activities are immune to liability and she recommends to deny the claim. Vote taken and approved.

- Rob Lawson, city administrator, reported the grant for the fire truck in amount of \$281,945

was approved. The city has not heard anything about the Recreation Center Grant.

- An invoice was received from Miller and Associates for additional engineering fees for Downey Drilling totaling \$8,072.79. Downey Drilling wants to pay the city for these fees.

- Lawson reported the city crews are working on sidewalk replacement projects and that is progressing well. The city streets have been sprayed for weeds and grasses in the downtown area. The city crew was ready to start taking down the fair rides but Curtis Eveleigh said the inmate crews were not available this week to take down the tent and (City - Continued on Page 5)

