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## Tuesday

### August 17, 2010

#### Briefly

### College classes to start on Monday

Northwest Tech at Norton will be starting its classes on Monday at the Norton High School. Classes offered are Accounting 1, Blueprint Reading, Developmental Psychology, Entrepreneurship, Intro to Business and Statistics. The Precision Measuring class will take place at Natoma Corporation.

### Bike safety rodeo set for Thursday

Norton County Farm Bureau Association along with the Norton County Sheriff's Department and the Norton County Health Department will be putting on a bicycle safety rodeo on Thursday at the Norton Pamida parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your child and receive a free helmet or bike accessory. Stay and eat a hamburger or hot dog; all proceeds go towards future safety programs.

### Time to get on map for big garage sale

The US 36 Highway border-to-border garage sale will be Sept. 17-19. Contact the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce by Friday, Aug. 27, to be included on the map.

### Extension plans field day in Hays

The K-State Research and Extension office will hold a field day at the Agricultural Research Center out of Hays on Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m.. The field tour begins at 9:10 a.m.. Several speakers will be there and lunch will be served.

Call 785-625-3425 with questions or go to [www.wkarc.org](http://www.wkarc.org).

### Markets

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| Wheat    | \$5.13 |
| Milo     | \$3.23 |
| Soybeans | \$9.53 |
| Corn     | \$3.54 |

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

**Tonight** - Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a low around 57.  
**Wednesday** - Sunny with a high near 93.  
**Wednesday Night** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Thursday - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. **Thursday Night** - A 50 percent chance of showers.

### Kingham Report

Friday, August 13.....Low 65, High 90  
Saturday, August 14.....Low 59, High 88  
Sunday, August 15.....Low 58, High 84  
.05 Rain  
Monday, August 16.....Low 60, High 89  
Tuesday, August 17.....Low 62, .30 Rain  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

O God, when we don't understand, help us to trust you anyway. Give us courage to right the wrongs we see close at hand. Amen.



Gavin Sproul of Lenora snuggled up to Santa in order to give him his early Christmas wish list. Gavin's family, Scott, Robin and sister Gentry, joined Marcia and Leon Shoemaker and Rick and Koren Triplett by

getting into the holiday spirit and taking part in the Prairie Dog Christmas contest at the Sebelius Lake this past weekend. The three families worked together for first place. — Telegram photos by Dana Paxton

## Prairie Dog celebrates Christmas in the summer

By DANA PAXTON  
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Five camp sites took part in the seventh annual Prairie Dog Christmas. An event to put the campers and visitors in the mood for the Christmas spirit. The idea is to decorate your camp site for the Christmas holiday.

Robert and Judy Groneweg of Oberlin took part for the first time this year. Their site had red lights outlining the area with a blow up Frosty and a blow up Santa in his sleigh pulled by Rudolph.

The second site was that of camp hosts, Vicki and Mike Bailey of Jennings. It was their fourth year decorating for the occasion. Their theme was hooked on Christmas. Santa was sitting in his boat fishing on the waves with friendly fish surrounding him and the floating buoys. Camp neighbors, Mick and Colette Miller, helped decorate their site; they decided to sit this year out themselves.

The third site was a joint effort by three families, Marcia and Leon Shoemaker of Norton, Rick and Koren Triplett of Logan and Scott and Robin Sproul of Lenora. This was the first year for all three of these camp sites. Decorated with lights and garland, Santa was found sitting in his lawn chair with Rudolph and a decorated Christmas tree at his side.

Mr. Groneweg said that they had been out at the lake for two weeks camping. When asked what prodded them to take part he said, "It sounded like fun and something to do." They had just found out about the contest and flew home the morning of the contest and gathered up their blow up lawn decorations and lights just to take part this year.

The camp of three families decided to take part when the Triplett family heard about it and recruited the Shoemaker and Sproul families. Mr. Sproul said, "Marcia called and told us about the contest and that we should join them in decorating along with the Triplett family."

Two judges were recruited, Deana Wente from KQNK and Kim Snyder, City Council woman and owner of Bella Sole. Park Ranger, Toby Kuhn, escorted the ladies around to the camp sites Saturday evening to pick their favorite. "We had to do things a bit differently this year due to one camp site being decorated by three families," said Mr. Kuhn. The winners ended up being the three families of Shoemaker, Sproul and Triplett, with a second place tie between the Bailey and Groneweg sites.

Every camp who participated won Chamber Bucks courtesy of Norton Travel and Tourism.



Robert Groneweg of Oberlin helped his friend Frosty stand up to the strong Kansas winds. The Gronewegs took part in the seventh annual Prairie Dog Christmas at the Prairie Dog State Park last weekend. Their spirited decorating won them a second place tie in the competition.

## School board to change voting districts

By HARRIETT GILL  
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Restructuring voting districts to comply with Kansas Law was a decision made by the Board of Education, Unified School District on Thursday.

Superintendent Greg Mann reported that all vehicles had been inspected and passed; the new route bus that Lenora had ordered was here and ready to use; the new computers are in and have been switched over; the scoreboards from Lenora were to be installed in the East Campus soon.

Scott Ellis volunteered to give the welcome to the staff on Tuesday. Ellis said he had received several comments on how nice the tennis courts were.

Mann said he had received a letter from Kansas State Department of Education congratulating the district for having all of the district's teachers meeting the highly qualified status.

The 2010-'11 budget was approved as published.

Superintendent Mann reported that the Appreciation Plaque committee had met and recommended John and Lisa

Millan to be added to the plaque. The Board voted and approved to accept the committee's recommendation.

The board considered the options available to equalize the number of voters in each of the representative districts. By Kansas law, school districts who have representative districts may have no more than a 5 percent difference in the number of registered voters between the Districts. Two possible solutions were considered and the Board approved possibility No. 1. District 1 will be Ward 1, Ward 2, and Lenora City with registered voters totaling 1523. District 2 will be Ward 3, Rural Norton, Highland, Edmond, Rural 213, and Graham County with registered voters totaling 1513 a difference of 0.65 percent.

The Board directed Superintendent Mann to re-advertise the Board of Education vacancy in District 1 with the updated eligibility information to include the affected additional territory.

Jim Jackson discussed transportation for Lenora area students. He said 1 bus and 1 suburban will be used for pickup

and delivery of the students.

Three bids were received for the 1963 Ford tractor. The high bid of \$1,226 from D & B Tractor was accepted. No bids were received for a piano.

The board was reminded of the special meeting for setting goals to be held on Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m. Diane Stiles will facilitate the meeting. Health insurance will be considered first and then the meeting will proceed to goal setting.

- Other items presented to the Board:
- Approved an out-of-district transportation request from USD 212.
  - Heard from April Karnopp on the July meeting of the NCKSEC Board of Directors.
  - Was invited to attend the presentation from Joe Coles on "The Trouble with Boys."
  - Accepted a resignation from Christine Corbin as a Norton Community High School and junior high cook.
  - Approved the work agreement with Jim Rowley as the south route suburban driver.
  - Set the next scheduled meeting for Aug. 23, at 5:30 p.m.

## Grant to help pay for truck

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Norton County will be getting a \$106,845 grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce for the purchase of a new fire truck.

The truck will be for the Solomon Valley Fire department and the county will need to provide an 18 percent match or \$18,855.

The grant will help pay \$97,145 for the fire truck and \$9,700 in administrative costs.

The grant contract between the state and the county began on Sunday and runs for two years. The county must purchase and prepare the truck for use in that time to keep the state money.

Heard from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that some updates need to be made on bridge weight limits. The (County - Continued on Page 5)