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**Friday**  
August 20, 2010

*Briefly*

Extension plans  
field day next week

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 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).

**Tech college classes begin on Monday**

Northwest Tech at Norton will be starting its classes on Monday, Aug. 23, 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.

**Sign up now for U.S. 36 garage sale**

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

## Markets

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Wheat	\$5.30
Milo	\$3.30
Soybeans	\$9.34
Corn	\$3.57

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Tonight** - Mostly clear with a low around 63. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south. **Saturday** - Sunny with a high near 96. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast. **Saturday Night** - Mostly clear with a low around 64. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Sunday** - Sunny with a high near 96. South wind between 10 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Sunday Night** - Mostly clear with a low around 66. **Monday** - Sunny and hot with a high near 98. **Monday Night** - A chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 65. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. **Tuesday** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 83. **Tuesday Night** - Partly cloudy with a low around 60. **Wednesday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 84. **Wednesday Night** - Partly cloudy with a low around 61.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, August 17.....Low 62, High 84  
.30 Rain  
Wednesday, August 18..Low 63, High 96  
Thursday, August 19...Low 66, High 104  
Friday, August 20.....Low 67, .20 Rain  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm  
9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Thank you, God, for sending helpers to us at our points of need. Bless them as they dispense your mercy and show your compassion. Amen

## Oregonian donates flag pole to Valley Hope

by Dana Paxton  
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Louie Tholen of Baker City, Oregon, drove back to Norton just as he has for the past several years in order to attend the Valley Hope Alkathon but this time he brought a little something with him. A 400 pound, 32 foot flagpole.

The 80 year-old gentleman identified himself as a former patient of Valley Hope. He went through the program almost 42 years ago and before he left he was asked to build a flagpole for the treatment facility. A year later he returned and brought with him the flagpole that still stands at the facility today.

Now, nearing his 42nd sobriety birthday Louie has returned with another work of art and this new flagpole was put up at the corporate office Wednesday. He worked on and off all winter long to build this gift of gratitude, a donation to the facility.

Mr. Tholen said, "Mr. Leipold is one of the reasons I did this, I have all the appreciation in the world for the man. If it weren't for him I may have been dead 40 years ago."

After treatment, Louis enjoyed the life of sobriety, a happy marriage, children and a successful business in welding. He started welding 70 years ago and after selling the business to his son he fills his spare time rebuilding and restoring engines, making flagpoles and time with family.

Louie got to Norton on Monday and plans to stay for his fourth Alkathon in a row, missing his 53rd wedding anniversary to be here then heading back home on Saturday night.

The flagpole and its base, consisting of 20 feet of one inch tubing were driven down here in pieces. After arriving Mr. Tholen welded the three main pieces of the pole together, adding the ball at the top and the other parts to hang the flag. The base was planted four feet deep in a hole with a top cap of concrete and large bolts to secure the pole to the base.

After the pole was painted, Prairie Land Electric provided a boom truck to come and lift the pole into position. Megan O'Connor, Valley Hope Director of Development, said, "Two flags have been donated to fly on this pole, Jerry Moran's office donated a US flag that has flown over the capitol in Washington and the Chairman of the Valley Hope Association Board, Pat George out of Dodge City, donated the Kansas State Flag that



Above, left to right: Garrett Wilour, Prairie Land employee, Louie Tholen, maker of the flagpole, Don Jackson and Dave Keller put the new flagpole in place in front of the Valley Hope Corporate office Wednesday afternoon. The raising of the flag took place today at noon in order to be ready for this weekend's Alkathon. Right: Flagpole builder, Louie Tholen and Valley Hope CEO/President, Dr. Ken Gregoire look over the finished product. The new flagpole was a donation and put up Wednesday. Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

has flown over the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka."

Let the flag forever wave on this pole to salute the Valley Hope Treatment Facility, its employees and all the people they have helped to regain their lives.

This year's Alkathon starts with the Freedom Ride and parade from the treatment center to the Catholic Parish Hall at 12:30 Saturday, August 21. At 1:00 several events will start: the meal, speakers, an auction, awards and a sobriety celebration.



## Board wants more bids for used school buses

By HARRIETT GILL  
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The regular meeting of Northern Valley School Board was held Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Almena School. There were seven members present.

Dr. Griffith presented a bid he had received from American Bus Sales for a 2006 seventy-one passenger bus with 41,000 miles. The board asked Dr. Griffin to obtain more bids including bids on new buses.

The 2010-2011 budget was approved as published.

Policies BDA, GARID, JRC, ICAA and ID with changes as recommended and discussed to replace policy IDA with IC were approved for the KASB Policy Manual.

The Faculty Handbook was approved with proposed changes.

The board went into a ten minute executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non elected personnel.

There was no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Cindy Wright's resignation as cook was accepted.

Dr. Griffith reported briefly on ongoing projects and new employees.

Mrs. Robertson, Pre-K-8 principal, showed an afghan that Pat Ambroiser had made for kindergarten students to use during rest period. Mrs. Robertson said Mrs. Ambroiser will make enough for each student to have one to use.

Mrs. Robertson reported on students moving from the district and some moving in. She also thanked the secretaries for their preparation for the beginning of school. A special thank you was given to Ann Griffin in helping Starr Garza, the new elementary secretary.

She also thanked Dr. Griffith and the school board, custodians and summer help for preparation of the buildings.

Mrs. Robertson reported that a new laminator was purchased and it is in the elementary school.

## New director excited to lead county group

Aaron Herman, Chair of Norton City and County Economic Development, proudly announces Scott Sproul as the new Director of the organization. Sproul will start working for Norton City/County Economic Development on August 30. "We are excited to have Scott Sproul leading our organization. His experience and network of colleagues will assist us in completing the projects underway and take our organization to the next level," said Herman.



Scott Sproul

Norton City/County Economic Development is a publicly funded organization to promote economic development in Norton County, particularly in the areas of job creation, downtown development, housing and community development.

"I am excited to lead the charge for Norton City/County Economic Development. The organization has developed into a very progressive group of community leaders that have identified goals and objectives for our county. Today's

world is one that can present opportunity or challenges with little advanced notice and with my background we can continually work to sustain and improve the county. I bring the experiences from working with seventeen counties, forty city councils and many state officials. It is my goal to position our county as a local, regional and state leader for this great State of Kansas," stated Scott Sproul.

As Community Development Representative for Rural Telephone over the past ten years, Sproul led many projects with substantial impact on the regional economy. Examples include his instrumental role in planning the Lenora Jubilee, establishing the Norton Horse Council and renovating the arena, as well as expanding the availability of broadband internet in the area through assisting with the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act grant application and administration. Sproul is known for (Director - Continued on Page 5)

