

# \$1 THE NORTON TELEGRAM

WEBSITE: [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com) 10 PAGES

Friday

October 15, 2010

Briefly

## Trivia Night helps Pet Society

Second Chance Homeless Pet Society will have a Trivia Night for fund raising, Oct. 23 at the Eagles Lodge. There is a 6 p.m. registration; cost to play is \$50 per table with six to eight team members. There will be free popcorn. Prizes are 50/50 drawing, giveaways and drawings for other prizes.

Contact Betty Terrell 877-2157 or Linda Terrell 877-5219 to reserve a table. Must be 18 years old to play.

## Overseas mail deadlines coming

The Norton Post Office has released mailing dates to ensure holiday mail reaches its destination.

The recommended mailing date for the most economical postage to overseas military destinations, including Iraq and Afghanistan, is Nov. 12.

To ensure holiday mail reaches its destination in time, all mail sent space available should be sent by Nov. 26. Parcel airlift mail should be sent by Dec. 3, priority mail and first class mail letters and cards by Dec. 10, and express mail military service by Dec. 18.

However, mail to APO/FPO AE ZIP 093 has different deadlines. Parcel airlift mail should be sent by Dec. 1, priority mail by Dec. 4 and first class mail letters and cards by Dec. 4.

## BB Gun Team meeting Monday

Persons interested in learning more about the Norton BB Gun Team or boys and girls ages 8 to 14 by Dec. 31, interested in trying out for the team are invited to attend the first meeting of the new year on Monday, Oct. 18 in the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum on East Highway 36 across from Kowpoke Supply in Norton. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. by explaining what the program is all about. Try outs for this year's team will begin at 7:30 p.m. Future regular meeting nights will be Monday of each week at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cameron Archer, phone 871-0710.

## Markets

Friday, October 8, 2010

Wheat	\$5.80
Milo	\$4.67
Soybeans	\$10.81
Corn	\$4.90

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Today** - Sunny, breezy and warmer with a high of 84.

**Saturday** - Sunny, windy and pleasant with a low of 41 and a high of 78. Wind out of the NE at 20-35 mph.

**Sunday** - Chance of showers with a low of 41 and a high of 76.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, October 12.....Low 49, High 70  
 Wednesday, October 13 Low 34, High 65  
 Thursday, October 14 ...Low 41, High 78  
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to turn our cares over to you and then to trust you to give us the strength to conquer fear. Amen



# Investment group will build hotel

By JUDY SHERARD  
jsherard@nwkansas.com

Demolition on three structures in the 200 block of East Holme Street, or East Highway 36, could start as soon as next week.

Two of the three buildings, the former Kansasland Tire building and J & R Repair, already are vacant.

The third housed The Beacon Cafe, which closed last week, said Jerry Clayton, who operates the Cafe. Clayton said he has no plans to reopen at another location in Norton.

The property on which the three businesses were located has been purchased, and will be the site of a new hotel, a Sleep Inn, said Norman Nelson, who along with his wife Gloria, has been instrumental in the project.

Sleep Inn is a member of Choice Hotel International.

Nelson and his wife have a majority interest in Norton Motel Limited, a newly formed investment company that



The former filling station and Beacon Cafe buildings will be demolished to build a new hotel.

—Telegram Photo by Judy Sherard

(Hotel - Continued on Page 5)

# School district improves, but not enough

By HARRIETT GILL  
hgill@nwkansas.com

Norton Community High School, Junior High and Eisenhower Elementary School, all made the adequate yearly progress, but the district did not, according to Superintendent Greg Mann's report to the board of education Monday evening.

Mann gave a detailed explanation in a phone interview Wednesday, of how all the buildings could pass, and not the District.

"The Norton Schools did not make adequate yearly progress as a result of the 2009-2010 State Assessments," said Mann. "Each of our three buildings did make adequate yearly progress, but as

a district we did not. This is due to each building not having enough students in special education for each building to have its own special education sub-group. Therefore, the special education students from each building were combined to form a district-wide subgroup. This subgroup total did not achieve adequate yearly progress in the area of reading.

"The official reason we did not make adequate yearly progress in the Special Education reading sub-group is too many special education students were allowed to be tested using the Kansas Assessment of Modified Measure reading assessment, which is a modified assessment. As a district we are to allow no more than two percent of our total

number of special education students to take the Kansas Assessment of Modified Measure, and we allowed more than two percent to take the Kansas Assessment of Modified Measure because this was what the students Individual Education Plans called for.

"We are caught in a bureaucratic definition. Most legislation considers urban and not rural situations," he said.

Since the district is now "on watch" there will be new programs generated and a lot of necessary paperwork, Jeremy Hawks, curriculum director, told the board.

Roberta Ryan and Vicki Enfield presented a check to the board for \$644.74 from the junior golf program, which no

longer exists. They asked that it be used for the golf program at the high school.

"This is money from the Harold Wray Memorial that's been sitting on the books of the Women's Golf Association for some time," Ryan said Tuesday when contacted by phone.

"The Junior Golf program that was the recipient of the funds is no longer in existence. The current Junior Golf program is different," she said.

Frank Otter, representative to the Northwest Kansas Technical College board of control, discussed programs available at the college, mentioning wrestling, golf and rodeo. The sports programs are funded through the Endowment Association.

# Landfill passes standards

By JUDY SHERARD  
jsherard@nwkansas.com

Norton County Commissioners gave the go ahead on the extension to the landfill pit during their Monday morning meeting.

Test results received last week from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for permeability showed that the soil passed the standards, but by a slim margin. A representative from BG Consultants, Inc. in Manhattan, had given commissioners the option of continuing with the work expecting the project to pass the final tests, or adding bentonite to the soil. "Bentonite is a clay substance used so water doesn't seep out," said Curt Archibald, solid waste department supervisor.

"It's important to stop water from touching trash and then getting into the local water source," Archibald said.

However, bentonite would add a cost of \$40,000 to the project.

Before making a decision, commissioners asked Archibald to discuss the issue with the contractor, Doug Whitney of Whitney Construction and Farms Inc.

Whitney recommended continuing to work with the existing soil, and not using the bentonite.

"The dirt hasn't changed that much from when phase one was done," Whitney said.

In other business following an executive session that included County Clerk Robert Wyatt and Sandy Smith, administrative assistant at the road and bridge department, commissioners approved raises for Smith for \$1.50 an hour and \$1 for Gerald Wetter, a road and bridge employee.

Miller said Smith was being given a raise to compensate for additional duties and Wetter, who has worked for the department for three years, was still being paid his starting wage plus cost of living raises.

Smith also reported that her department has completed 517 miles of mowing and 280 miles of blading since October 1.

The road and bridge department previously had purchased a sign machine with a grant to make the new federally mandated 911 signs. Smith reported that she was working to set up a training session so she and two volunteers could learn to use the machine.

Commissioners also agreed to exempt landfill fees for the demolition of three buildings on Highway 36.

# Tiebreaker decides Pick-em

By DICK BOYD  
nortontelegram@nwkansas.com

Twelve fans could do no better than two misses in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and Magnum Shea was the first prize winner of \$15 in scrip money by virtue of coming closest to the tiebreaker score.

Rutgers won the tiebreaker game over Connecticut by a 27-24 score. Magnum chose Rutgers by a score of 28-21 or just four total points off. Magnum also missed the Utah win over Iowa State and Stanford defeat of Southern Cal.

Only four of the 12 entries with two losses selected Rutgers to win the tiebreaker game.

Placing second and winning \$10 in

scrip money is Rick Green, Norton, who missed two games and chose Rutgers by 42-28 or 19 points off on the tiebreaker. Rick missed the Atwood win over Oberlin and LSU victory over Florida.

Abby Rice, Norton, was just behind Rick on the tiebreaker score and will receive \$5 in scrip money for third place. She missed the Michigan State win over Michigan and Texas Tech victory over Baylor. Abby chose Rutgers over Connecticut in the tiebreaker by 21-10 or 20 points off.

The fourth fan with two misses and the right winner of the tiebreaker game was Scott Ellis, Norton, who was 24 points

(Pick-em - Continued on Page 5)



Northern Valley Grade School kindergartners Shaylee Vsetecka, left, and Tanea Speer place pieces on a puzzle board while Nex-Tech mascot Lightning Jack looks on during a phone safety presentation.

—Telegram photo by Judy Sherard

# Kids learn phone manners

By JUDY SHERARD  
jsherard@nwkansas.com

Northern Valley Grade School kindergartners learned about telephone etiquette and safety from Jacque Beckman, Rural Telephone and Nex Tech training coordinator and Lightning Jack, the Nex Tech internet mascot, Wednesday.

There are 20 students enrolled in kindergarten at the school, but only 18 were there for the presentation. Michael Thompson is the kindergarten teacher

and Maggie Burger, the assistant.

Beckman said the communications company representatives have been visiting schools for 20 years. Presentations are given to kindergartners and third and fifth graders. However, sometimes high school students and adults are given information about internet safety.

Northern Valley kindergartners learned to use their home telephones

(Manners - Continued on Page 5)