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Briefly

City fall clean-up to start Monday

The City of Norton's fall clean up is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 25, 26 and 27.

City crews will pick up extra items along with regular trash on residents' regular trash day. However no yard waste, tires or hazardous materials will be picked up.

Items with Freon such as old refrigerators may be gotten rid of during the fall clean up, but there will be a \$10 charge for each item.

Recyclables are picked up on Fridays. Items don't have to be separated or bagged. They may be placed in a garbage can together. A number of items, plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and empty aerosol, and paper or cardboard may be recycled.

Lions Club plans pancake feed

Norton Lions Club will have their pancake feed Saturday, Oct. 30 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norton Senior Center. Cost is \$4 for adults and 12 and under free.

Veterans groups to host parade

The Norton American Legion and VFW will again host the annual Veterans Day parade on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Parade will begin at 2 p.m. All area high schools and junior high schools are requested to enter their bands and other groups. Local men's, women's, churches, fraternal and other organizations are asked to participate.

There will be a Marching Veterans Group which will meet in the Christian Church parking lot prior to 2 p.m. All area and visiting veterans are asked to participate.

For more information, call: Jake Durham, (785) 877-2400 or Richard Wiltfong (785) 877-2459.

Markets

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Wheat	\$5.64
Milo	\$4.61
Soybeans	\$10.94
Corn	\$4.84

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy with a low around 46. **Saturday** - A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with high near 67. **Saturday Night** - Mostly cloudy with a low around 46. **Sunday** - Mostly cloudy with a high near 67.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, October 19.....Low 38, High 72
.15 Rain
Wed., October 20.....Low 36, High 77
Thursday, October 21...Low 38, High 72
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O Lord, give us eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to serve those in need. Amen



The Sleep Inn to be built in Norton is expected to look like the one above.

Groundbreaking held for new hotel

By JUDY SHERARD
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The first shovelful of dirt was turned in preparation for construction of the new Sleep Inn to be built at 201 East Holmes Street, or East Highway 36 Thursday afternoon.

The new hotel will be owned and operated by Norton Motel, LLC. Norman Nelson and his wife Gloria have a majority interest in the company.

Mark Griffin will be the hotel organizer.

"I'm very proud to be involved in this and think it's one of the best projects for Norton so far," said Norman Nelson, who, along with his wife Gloria, is a majority stock owner.

The planned hotel will have 50 guest rooms and a meeting room that can accommodate as many as 35 people.

Guests can have a complimentary morning medley breakfast, free high-speed internet access, complimentary newspaper and an exercise room.

Rooms will feature an oversized work area, large showers, in-room coffee, microwave, refrigerator, iPod compatible radio, iPhone/USB charging station, flat screen television and a personal safe.

"The services and amenities of the hotel are designed to exceed the expectations of both business and leisure travelers," Mark Griffin said in a news release.

Construction of the new building is

slated to begin early next month with a completion date in May.

The hotel will have rooms with king and queen sized beds and a two bedroom suite, said Dave Peterson, who will be the project manager.

Peterson just served in the same capacity for the construction of the recently completed Sleep Inn in Colby.

"I'm excited to be a part of it and part of the community," Peterson said.

Sleep Inn is a chain of mid-priced, limited service properties, and a franchised by Choice Hotels International, Inc.

A study completed by the Norton Development Corporation found a need for the new hotel, according to Nelson.

It was that study that prompted the group to initiate the new hotel project.

"It's a very exciting day. This is the first of many projects," said Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul.

The new hotel is expected to open in May.

Three buildings will be demolished in the next couple of weeks to make room for the new hotel. Two of them, Kansasland Tire building and J & R Repair were vacant. The third housed the Beacon Cafe, which closed a few weeks ago.

Cafe owner Jerry Clason is tearing down that building, and the other two will be demolished in the next few weeks.

Norman Nelson wielded the "golden shovel" for the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Sleep Inn to be built at 201 East Holme Street. To the right is his wife Gloria Nelson. Pictured behind them from the left are Ed Witt, Mark Griffin, Dave Peterson, Lyman Rowh, City Manager Rob Lawson, Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul and Ted Sanko.

—Telegram photo by Judy Sherard



Two new workers hired

By JUDY SHERARD
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Two Norton men have been hired for positions in the Norton County road and bridge department. Commissioners voted to offer the jobs to Stacey Area and James Coats, and the two accepted.

Three employees, Bernard McCormack, Michael Coffey and L. Elvin Edgett, are retiring or have retired from the department, but only two positions will be filled.

Commissioner Carolyn Applegate later stated that the two new employees will begin work in November.

Monday afternoon commissioners also met with Rob Lawson, Norton City Administrator, and John Webster, Murphy Tractor representative, to discuss a

roller in need of repair. The county had borrowed the roller from the city some time ago. While the county had the roller, the motor quit working.

Mr. Lawson said that the city and county have a good working relationship and often share equipment. So he didn't think having the roller quit working would change that cooperative sharing of equipment.

The whole group agreed that the roller is old and probably isn't going to be worth repairing.

Mr. Webster said that a roller can be leased for \$950 per week, and generally this would be sufficient for county and city needs.

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Time for "S" tag renewals ending

The last day for businesses or persons whose name begins with "S" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bikes tags at the Norton County Treasurer's office will be Oct. 31. When renewing your vehicles remember to include your current proof of insurance. We need to verify the vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date. In addition to insurance we need your driver's license number or federal identification number for the business.

Driver's license renewals can be pro-

cessed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructional permits and driver education restricted licenses can be done in the office by appointment only. You will need to bring an original state issued certified birth certificate, social security card for the applicant and a utility bill with current address plus the driver license of the parent that brings the child.

If you have questions, please call the office at 785-877-5795. All CDL renewals need to be renewed at a full service station in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

Congressional hopeful makes local campaign stop

By JUDY SHERARD
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With the Nov. 2 election just weeks away, campaigning is in full swing.

Alan Jilka, Salina Democrat running to represent the first district in Congress, was in Norton Tuesday.

Jilka, a Notre Dame graduate, has worked as a staff member for former Senator Nancy Kassebaum and former Representative Dan Glickman. He also served as a Salina city commissioner and three term mayor.

Doug Sebelius accompanied Jilka. Sebelius said he's reaching across party lines to support the Democrat because he's interested in politics not partisanship. "Too many are interested in personalities not public interest," Sebelius said.

Jilka said he appreciates Sebelius lending his support and his name. Jilka didn't know Sebelius' father, the former Congressman from this district, but knows he was a good man whose name implies integrity, a willingness

to build relationships and good public service, Jilka said.

"I aspire to earn the kind of reputation Doug's dad had by virtue of his service to the district," he said.



Alan Jilka

Jilka mentioned four issues at the top of his to-do list if elected. First he would address agriculture economy looking at some of the new Environmental Protection Agency regulations and anti-agriculture special interest groups. A second issue of importance to Jilka is finding a realistic solution for the federal budget.

Working toward energy independence is another concern because the United States is now dependent on others for 65 percent of our energy.

Immigration is the final point Jilka mentioned. To see the problems firsthand, he spent a week at the Mexican border. Enhanced security is one answer. However, he also sees a need to deal with the 12 million undocumented immigrants already in the country while looking out for the country's own economic best interest.