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## Friday October 19, 2012

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### Reservoir News

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Promoting hunting activities in the area, Andy Einfeld of Norton was among the participants of the 2012 Youth Pheasant Hunt at Prairie Dog State Park. The hunt gives young hunters the opportunity to shoot pheasants and learn important hunting safety skills.

Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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## Briefly

### Comedy hypnotist in Norton Saturday

Comedy hypnotist Rick Bultez will be performing at the East Campus Auditorium, 600 N. State St., on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for students and \$6 for reciprocity. Arts Council members are admitted free with paid membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, contact Ruth at (785) 877-2627.

### Expo to be held at Norton Armory

The home based business and craft expo will be held this Saturday at the Norton National Guard Armory from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be served.

### Conferences will be held on Monday

There will be no school on Monday because Norton, USD 211 will hold this year's first parent/teachers conferences.

## Markets

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Wheat	\$8.43
Milo	\$7.26
Soybeans	\$14.63
Corn	\$7.51

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Saturday - Sunny and warmer with a high of 78. Saturday Night - Clear and mild with a low of 55. Sunday - Sunny to partly cloudy, breezy and warm with a high of 82.

## Kingham Report

Friday, Oct. 12	Low 32, High 55
Saturday, Oct. 13	Low 44, High 73
Sunday, Oct. 14	Low 46, High 74
Monday, Oct. 15	Low 41, High 81
Tuesday, Oct. 16	Low 49, High 76
Wednesday, Oct. 17	Low 48, High 62
Thursday, Oct. 18	Low 41, High 59

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God of compassion, when sorrows threaten to overwhelm us, remind us of your presence and help us to remember that you are always near. Amen



Under the direction of the new vocal teacher, Jennifer Ruder, the third and fourth grade Eisenhower Elementary school classes held their first concert Tuesday night. The third grade class is seen here singing one of many songs about the multiple uses of a cardboard

box. The fourth grade class sang songs about America, all dressed in red, white and blue. Several of the students had speaking parts to help educate the audience on the Spirit of America.

Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Students score well on math tests

By Carleen Bell  
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After students took the Kansas State Assessments last spring, Norton Community Schools Curriculum Coordinator Jeremy Hawks reported last week that the district met Adequate Yearly Progress in math, but not in reading.

Hawks reported to the Norton School Board last Monday evening that students at Eisenhower Elementary made Adequate Yearly Progress, as defined by No Child Left Behind, in both reading and math. Of third graders taking the test, 100 percent were passing and fourth graders were 91.5 percent passing in reading.

In math, third grade was 95.7 percent passing, fourth grade was 96.6 percent passing and 6th grade was 100 percent passing. In science, fourth graders were 100 percent passing.

At the elementary level, the goal for

reading was 87.8 percent passing and for math, the goal was 86.7 percent reading.

At the junior high level, students reached adequate yearly progress in reading, but not in math. Seventh graders were at an 86.1 percent passing rate and 8th grade was at an 81.8 percent passing rate.

Seventh graders were at a 77.7 percent passing rate for the reading portion and eighth graders were at 80.3 percent passing rate.

Seventh graders were also scored in science with a 91.7 percent passing rate and eighth graders were scored in history with a 77.6 percent passing rate.

The junior high goal for reading was 87.8 percent and the goal for math was 86.7 percent.

High school students who took the test reached Adequate Yearly Progress in both reading and math. Students

in 11th grade scored at 96.9 percent passing in reading, 88 percent passing in math and 90.8 percent passing in science. Goals for reading were 86 percent and 82.3 percent in math.

Overall, the district's goals were 86 percent in reading and 82.3 percent in math. Overall, students scored 90 percent passing in reading and 89.2 percent passing in math.

For No Child Left Behind, schools across the nation are expected to reach increasing proficiency in standardized test scores and, while many factors play into the outcome, schools that do not reach Adequate Yearly Progress may be penalized for sub-standard test results.

As the No Child Left Behind legislation nears an end, however, Hawks said the possible ramifications are unclear as the district begins to focus more on transitioning to Common Core curriculum standards.

## College conference for parents and students Tuesday

Norton Community High School will be the host site for the 2012 College Planning Conference on Oct. 24.

Juniors, seniors and their parents from Norton, Decatur, and Graham counties are invited to attend. The conference will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. in the Norton Junior High gym.

Many colleges and university in the state will be represented, along with vocational and technical schools and military services. Parents and students will receive different kinds of information, including admission requirements, housing, programs offered and financial aid.

## BB gun informational meeting set for Monday

By Dick Boyd  
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Interested girls and boys between the ages of 8 and 15 years are invited to attend the first meeting of the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22 in the BB Gun Museum on east U.S. Highway 36 in Norton.

It will be an informational meeting. During the meeting, youths will have a chance to shoot some BBs in addition to learning about the program.

"The most important thing is that we teach gun safety," said new head coach Jeff Elliott. "All of the youngsters will have to pass a written test on gun safety before they will be allowed to start shooting on the range."

The BB Gun Museum will also be open on October 22 so potential shooters and parents can learn more about the history of the BB gun program in Norton.

On Monday, Oct. 29, the team members will begin the first of three consecutive Monday evenings spent only in classroom education. After that, each Monday evening will involve equal amounts of classroom review and shooting practice. Practice will start at 6:30 p.m. and will last about one and one-half to two hours, depending on the number of shooters and coaches.

"Family members of shooters can be involved as coaches, scorers and also any other help that is needed," said coach Elliott. "Families are important to our team."

"Sometimes, past team members who have aged out come back as coaches. Sometimes they have younger siblings on the team."

"This year I am in need of coaches and scorers."

The young marksmen will have the opportunity to shoot in a number of regional and state shoots with the goal of qualifying for the national competition in Rogers, Ark.

Norton shooters have qualified many times for this shoot, which was an international shoot at one time. Norton teams have won this shoot eight different years, more than any other team in the nation.

In fact, the format of the shooting education program is based on the ideas of the late Duane Winder, a Norton Jaycee.

Shannon Goss will be the classroom instructor this year.

Those with questions can call Jeff at (785) 202-1170 or (785) 874-4382.

## Surgeon retires after 40 years

By Carleen Bell  
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After 40 years in his profession, Dr. Ruben D. Silan, surgeon and family practitioner at Norton County Hospital, is retiring from his position on Oct. 26.

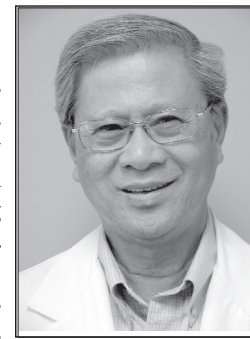
To celebrate his retirement, the hospital is hosting a public reception on Oct. 24 from 5-7 p.m. at the hospital's lower level conference room. There is no set program for the reception and refreshments will be served.

In 1963, Dr. Silan finished medical school at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines, which is where he grew up.

In 1964, Dr. Silan came to the United States to continue his medical training. He took his internship in Jersey City, N.Y. and did his general surgery residency in London, Canada and Staten Island, N.Y. for five years.

After taking his board certification tests, the doctor began practicing medicine in Florida, then moved to Hinesville, Ga. where he practiced medicine for 13 years.

Dr. Silan then moved to Walsh Colo. where he practiced for 10 months and in 1989, he moved to the Norton County Hospital, where he has been since then.



Dr. Ruben Silan

"When I came to Norton, I decided this was it until I retire," he said. "I decided I wasn't moving again and I would be in Norton until I'm finished."

Dr. Silan is a general surgeon and is certified in abdominal surgery. He is a fellow of the International College of Surgery and Abdominal College of Surgery.

He and his wife, Tina, have five children and four grandchildren. Tina is also retiring from her position at the hospital and their plans include spending a lot more time with their family. They also intend to do more gardening, golfing and traveling.

After his last day at the hospital, they plan to move to Olathe to be nearer their daughter.

"We will no longer be Nortonites, but we will still be Kansans," he said. "We will always be Kansans."

Norton County Hospital Administrator Rich Miller commended Dr. Silan for his many years of service to the hospital.

"Dr. Silan has been a great addition to our hospital and he has served our community well," Miller said. "We will miss him and wish he and Tina the best in their retirement."

