



Friday  
February 17, 2006

## Norton, Northern Valley to celebrate FFA

National FFA Week is Feb. 18-25. The theme this year is "Living to Serve" where FFA chapters, nationwide, will be showcasing more than 300 career opportunities available to students through agricultural science education.

As part of the week's activities at Norton Community High School for the local FFA chapter, students will drive "beaters" to school on Monday; they will have a teacher appreciation breakfast and dress up like cowboys on Tuesday; Thursday they will serve juice and muffins to the student body; and Friday will be Blue and Gold Day.

Members of the Norton FFA chapter are: Senior Officers — President Austin Brooks, Vice-President Rachelle

Donovan, Secretary Jessica Cook, Treasurer Wesley Georgeson, Reporter Brian Juemann, Sentinel Pat Burton, Historian Sara Campbell; Junior Officers — President Kayla Scheetz, Vice-President Tim Becker, Secretary Bri Cook, Treasurer Coady McMullen, Reporter Jessica Gilgenbach, Sentinel Galen Hildebrand, Historian Hannah Fulton; Other members — Jessica Arehart, Andrew Black, Kerby Brandyberry, Carson Braun, Chase Braun, Cody Bredemeier, Austin Brown, Danielle Cliff, Kayla Cook, Samantha Cook, Lori Ebner, Kyle Edgett, Bryce Engelbert, Mariah Gordine, Lucy Gosselin, Donnie Hildebrand, Dana Hillebrand, Chris Kaiser, Heather Loftus, Ashley

Martinez, Devin Marx, Scotty Marx, Clay McMullen, Levi Ninemire, Travis Ray, Lance Roe, Sadie Smith, Jacob VanSkiike, Josh VanSkiike, and Blake Wolf.

As a part of the week's activities, the Northern Valley FFA will be hosting the school dance on Saturday, Feb. 18, as well as holding junior high recruitment. They will co-host Anita Estes, the central region national vice president of FFA, at 9 a.m. on Thursday in Norton. She will be sharing her experiences as a part of FFA.

Members of the Northern Valley FFA chapter are: Officers — President Clarke Nelson, Vice-President Emily Zillinger, Secretary Jessica Zillinger, Treasurer

Tony Simants, Reporter Joni Hilburn, Sentinel Blake Johnson; Other members — Brittney Braun, Stanton Nelson, Amanda Lowther, Chase Miller, Chaim McMillin, Chance Miller, Cody Callaway, Nathaniel Graham, Kylene Hager, Bryce Marble, Cody Lowry, Casey Dole, Tanner Jessup, Ethan Hays, Zac Miller, Drew Britt, Cole Kinderknecht, Avery Thalheim, Justin Lee, Richie Kersch, Eric Woodside, Josey Shearer, and Taylor Hammond.

Norton County is in farm country. Dozens of area businesses support the efforts of FFA and agriculture. See the ads on pages 8 and 9 recognizing FFA at Northern Valley High School and Norton High School.

### Norton, Kansas Home of Robert Winteroth

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## Vision clinic to be held for kids

Dr. Karen Aldridge of Prairie Wind Eye Care, 114 N. Kansas, Norton, is one of 250 Kansas optometrists who will be providing a free vision assessment to three-year old area children. The program is open to all three-year old children, regardless of income or insurance coverage.

The program is called, "See To Learn" and Dr. Aldridge is offering this program on Tuesday. To learn more, call Prairie Wind Eye Care at 877-5115 to schedule an appointment for your three-year old.

## Grants open to business owners

Jean Warta of the Kansas Downtown Development Association and Main Street Kansas programs will be in Norton Wednesday to discuss ideas and grant possibilities for Norton County businesses. She will be at the Town and Country Kitchen at 5:45 p.m. For more details call Marlene Henderson director of Norton County Economic Development at 874-4816.

## Bunnies beware, archers on the loose

The Norton County Archery Club will be holding a bunny shoot Saturday, as a fund-raiser for 4-H Shooting Sports.

Recurve, compound and long bows will be allowed.

The shoot will start a half an hour before sunrise and will end at 5 p.m. Check in will be at the Norton Archery Club, 106 E. Washington.

Entrants must be registered by 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. The cost is \$10 per two-man team. There will be a 50 percent payback to the top teams, with the remainder of the money going to 4-H Shooting Sports.

For more information, call John Baker at 877-3253 or 871-1615.

### Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly cloudy with flurries. Lows around 5 below. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the east around 10 mph after midnight. Wind chill readings 15 below to 20 below zero. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy with flurries in the morning. Highs around 11 with east winds 10 to 15 mph. Lowest wind chill readings 10 below to 15 below zero in the morning. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy with scattered flurries. Lows around 4 with south winds around 10 mph.

### Prayer

God, forgive us for underestimating our influence. Help us to see our daily actions as important ways to witness for you and affect the world. **Amen**



### Cupcake love is in the air

People all over the United States celebrated Valentine's Day this week and Eisenhower Elementary was no exception. In Joyce Lofgreen's first grade class, cupcake decorating was on the menu. Savanna Murphy (left) added a little pink icing to her cake, while Maverick Engel and Shania Burns (above) added sprinkles and candy to their holiday treats. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## Norton will be hosting Young Americans next year

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District hopes to host the Young Americans again.

Joyce Morel, the vocal teacher at Eisenhower Elementary, told the Norton School Board the music department would like Norton to host the Young Americans vocal music program next year. The last time Norton hosted the group, she said, was in 2000 and participation was good.

The program is open to all students in fourth through twelfth grade.

Valerie Lee, the vocal teacher for the high school/junior high, said the group is made up of about 30 people from 16 to 21 years old. The program covers many musical techniques.

The program would run for a half a day, a full day, and then another half day with a concert on the evening of the third day, she said. The group members stay with families in the area.

Ms. Lee said the best days to do it would be March 4, 5 and 6, which are a Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The only other option available was March 7-9, which is the weekend before state basketball.

Mrs. Morel said the group charges \$42 per student, but they would like to make it so the students only have to pay \$15 or \$20, so that as many can participate as possible. There has to be a minimum of 200 students registered, but they prefer 300.

The total cost is estimated to be between \$4,400 and \$6,600.

"We raised a lot of money last time," she said. "And we would do the same again this year. We would also like to see the district contribute to this."

Superintendent Greg Mann said last time the board contributed \$20 per student with a maximum of \$6,000 and thought it should be the same this time.

He said he would also like to see the

sign-up fee less than \$15. Last time it was \$10 per student.

The board approved the dates of March 4, 5 and 6 and agreed to give \$20 per student up to \$6,000 for students in fourth through twelfth grade to participate in the program.

In other business, the board:

- Adopted a resolution authorizing the destruction of records that are no longer needed. Mr. Mann said a company in Concordia would come to Norton if there is enough that needs to be shredded and take care of it.

- Heard a presentation from teachers Nan Smith, JaLynn Urban and Julie Schrum on the math curriculum.

- Learned from John Mapes of Mapes and Miller that the district received a clean report on the audit of the 2004-05 budget. The board approved the report and instructed Mr. Mapes to send it to the appropriate agencies.

- Held two closed sessions for a total of 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Accepted with regret the resignation of Lary Stull as the high school principal for purposes of retirement.

- Accepted the resignation of Bruce Graber as the high school at-risk tutor and head football and track coach for the purpose of retirement.

- Accepted the resignation of Mary Graber as a first grade teacher at Eisenhower Elementary for the purpose of retirement.

- Accepted the resignation of Tami Antrim as the high school cheerleader sponsor.

- Accepted the resignation of Anne Stiles as the high school assistant track coach.

- Extended the contracts of Larry Mills as the junior high principal and Corey Roy as the grade school principal through the

2007-08 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later.

- Hired Lucas Melvin as the head high school football coach for the 2006-07 school year.

- Approved a work agreement with

Shawna Black as the State Street crossing guard.

- Approved a work agreement with Judy Arnold as a high school/junior high cook.

## Norton man on road to recovery

The Norton County farmer/rancher who was seriously injured in a farm accident on Jan. 14 is on the road to recovery.

Warren Harting, 56, was moved this week from Bryan LGH West to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital of Lincoln, Neb., said Mr. Harting's long-time companion Judy Sanders. He was

at Bryan LGH for 32 days, where he underwent several surgeries after losing his leg in a farm accident.

Ms. Sanders said he was evaluated and will start occupational and rehabilitation therapy this week. He will be working on physical therapy Monday through Friday.

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## Most places to be open Monday

Banks, the post office and some schools in seem to be the only ones recognizing President's Day on Monday.

The federal holiday will find First Security Bank and Trust, First State Bank, The Bank, Almena State Bank, United Northwest Federal Credit Union and Bank of the West all closed Monday.

Public offices closed Monday include the Norton County Courthouse and the Norton Health Department.

Norton City offices, the Norton Public Library, and Doctor's Health Clinic will all remain open.

Norton and Jennings students will be expected in class Monday, but Northern Valley, Lenora and Logan schools are dismissed for the day.

It will be business as usual for area service stations. Love's and Diamond Shamrock in Norton, both operate 24 hours a day/seven days a week while Time Saver

in Norton will keep their regular hours of 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Almena Lumber and Supply and Home Oil Co. will be open their regular hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The same goes for grocery stores. Jamboree Foods and Norton Shop and Save both operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Almena Market is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Country Corner in Lenora operates from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All area restaurants and bars will operate regular schedules. Attitudes Steak House and Bar and Hidden Dragon Chinese Restaurant are both normally closed on Monday so the holiday doesn't affect them.

Norton Theatre will show the films "Hoodwinked" and "Big Momma's House II", at 7 p.m. Monday evening.

Both Pamida and Dollar General will keep their regular hours. So will the pharmacy at Pamida and Moffet Drug.