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Norton, Kansas
Home of Troy Meyers

Briefly

Rock holds junior high night

Tonight begins Junior High Night at The Rock Christian Youth Center in Norton. The doors will be open from 7 to 10 p.m. every Friday night for junior high age youth. Admission is \$1.

Track, golf have been postponed

The Norton Invitational Golf Tournament and Norton Invitational Track Meet which were scheduled for today have been postponed due to inclement weather. They will be re-scheduled at a later date.

Prom decorations to be on display

Norton Community High School will be having their Junior-Senior Prom Saturday. The promenade starts at 6 p.m. Bruce Poage will be the honored speaker.

The Junior High gymnasium, decorated in this year's theme, "Romance on the Rooftop", will be available for public viewing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The public is also invited to attend the Prom King and Queen crowning ceremony at 11 p.m.

Cantata will be in Prairie View

An Easter cantata, "The Lord of Light", will be presented by the Luctor-Prairie View Community Choir at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Prairie View Christian Reformed Church. The performance will be repeated at 7 p.m., April 16 at the Luctor Christian Reformed Church.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear and colder with lows in the upper 20s. North winds 15 to 20 mph decreasing to around 10 mph after midnight. **Saturday** — Sunny with highs in the upper 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Clear and not as cool. **Sunday** — Sunny and warmer with highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 40s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 35, High 68
Wednesday Low 39, High 78
Thursday Low 47, High 75
.....15 Precipitation

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

Prayer

Dear God, into your hands we place our concerns. Guide us, renew our strength, and help us to put you first in all that we do. **Amen**



These three little guys (above) are all ears as they listen to one of the literacy packets provided by a grant from Dollar General. Students in Norton's Head Start program are Alex Auker, left, Greyson Tanner, center, and Nicholas Meyer. Intent on their "sewing", (below)

Kylie Vogelgesang, left, and Silence Auker, play with another packet that helps eye/hand coordination.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



New program helps children with literacy

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Dollar General stores have made literacy and local children a top priority.

Dollar General and the Head Start program in northwest Kansas have formed a partnership through the store's literacy foundation. Through a grant from Dollar General for the 2005-06 school year, Norton County Head Start has been able to add more books to their lending library. The teachers have also been able to create more literacy packets for the students to take home and share with their families.

A literacy packet contains all the materials needed to complete a project or study

subject. It will help parents interact with their child and improve the child's social skills and cognitive skills, as well as help them learn to follow directions and how to share.

Angie Hager, director of Norton Head Start said, "The grant from Dollar General was a great help. And, most of the materials for the packets were provided by Dollar General." Assistants to Ms. Hager are Deb Helm and Donna Nelson. Elizabeth Sheldon is a nursing student from Colby Community College completing her studies of early childhood development.

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Norton forensics first, second

It was a busy week for the Norton Forensics team, coached by Erin Hill.

The team participated in a tournament in Smith Center on March 30.

Mrs. Hill said, "For the most part, we took entries and individuals who had not yet qualified for state. With respect to this, our kids did such a great job. Our team finished in second place, which was a great accomplishment."

Besides breaking nine entries into the final round, the Norton team had two more entries qualify for the state championships: Bethany Wicker in Humorous Solo and the duet acting team of Steph Shepard and Ben Wuest.

Individual results were: Ashley Maybon, sixth in Oration; Aaron VanDerWege, sixth in Extemporane-

ous Speaking and first in Humorous Solo; Stephen Mizell, fifth in Extemporaneous Speaking; Amie Richard, third in Informative Speaking; David Counter and Nolan Evans, fifth in Duet Acting; Jared Cox, first in Poetry.

A second tournament was held Tuesday in Phillipsburg.

Mrs. Hill said, "We had a record-breaking 16 entries make it into the final round. The kids did a fantastic job; they really performed at their best. The Norton Forensics team was able to bring home the first place plaque from the Phillipsburg tournament. Again, we qualified two more entries for the State Champs tournament in Wichita: Shine Fischer/Kylie Morel in Impro-

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Few turn out to vote Tuesday

By VERONICA MONIER

Voter turnout was, it seems, at an all-time low Tuesday, but it was still enough to elect the six people who ran for city office.

In the Norton City Council election, a grand total of 70 people, out of 2,080 registered, turned up at the polls. In the Lenora City Council election, 33 out of 219 showed up to vote.

In Norton Ward I, there was a 4 percent

turnout, while in Ward II the turnout was 5 percent and in Ward III, 3 percent. Seven percent of the registered voters put pencil to the ballot in Lenora.

All total, with the five advanced ballots, 108 out of 2,299 registered voters, or 5 percent, made their opinions known.

In Norton, Jerry Jones received 23 votes, plus one advanced ballot, for 24 votes out of 697 in Ward I; Donna Foley

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Easter Bunny is hopping into Norton

The Easter Bunny and his helpers will be on hand for the annual Easter Egg Hunt which will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse in downtown Norton.

In addition to hunting free of charge for Easter Eggs, children will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with the Easter Bunny. Each photo will be \$3 with proceeds going to support the annual event. The photos with the Easter Bunny will be available throughout the event, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be sponsored again this year by the Norton American Association of University Women Child Study Club, whose members will be assisting.

Parents with more than one child can

enjoy seeing all their children participate, as the starting times for the four age groups will be staggered at five minute intervals. Children will be divided into the following age groups: 3-year olds and under, beginning at 2 p.m.; preschool 4-5 year olds 2:05 p.m.; kindergarten and first graders at 2:10 p.m.; and second and third graders 2:15 p.m.

Each group will hunt in separate areas so parents are asked to arrive early to locate the signs for the respective children's age group. Areas will be roped off and parents are asked to respect the barriers.

A scavenger hunt, planned for fourth, fifth and sixth graders, will begin at 1:30 p.m. Teams will have one hour to locate items on the list. To enter the contest, a

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More than a bit of wind...



The high winds that blew in with Thursday's storm caused quite a bit of damage around town, including blowing off part of the roof at Dairy Queen, breaking the sign at the Norton Animal Health Center and knocking a tree onto a power line, causing parts of Norton to be without power for several hours.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier