



Friday

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Norton, Kansas

Home of Geraldine Packer

Briefly

Future freshmen have orientation

An orientation session for parents of next year's freshmen will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday in the music room of the Junior/Senior high school. Principal Lary Stull and counselor Jennifer Hauser will host the meeting which will cover admission requirements, graduation requirements, the enrollment process, school policies and expectations.

Welcome flags mystery revealed

No, it wasn't a holiday, or anything like that. But a number of people inquired of *The Norton Telegram* as to the reason for the Welcome Flags being put out in the city of Norton earlier in the week. A check with the city office revealed that the flags were put up by request to welcome to town officials of Valley Hope Treatment Center who were holding a corporate meeting here.

Big bunny to be in town Saturday

The Easter Bunny and his helpers will be on hand for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Norton County Courthouse. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available throughout the event, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Children will be divided into 0-3 year olds, 2 p.m.; preschool 4-5 year olds, 2:05 p.m.; kindergarten and first graders, 2:10 p.m.; and second and third graders, 2:15 p.m. Each age group will meet on a different corner of the lawn. A scavenger hunt planned for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will begin at 1:30 p.m. To enter, a team must have no more than four members and meet on the east side of the courthouse steps.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy and windy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 80. South winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the west 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Gusts up to 45 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 40s. West winds 15 to 25 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 70s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 47, High 73
Wednesday Low 41, High 74
Thursday Low 42, High 88
(Readings taken at the Fred and Carolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to understand how you work through all circumstances, both good and bad. thank you for giving your son to die for us. Amen



Abraham Lincoln and Wild Bill Hickok (above) appeared recently at the Northern Valley schools. The sixth grade students chose a person from American history and portrayed them in a "living" wax museum and presented them to the public. Appearing as Abraham Lincoln was Austin Herman and Wild Bill Hickok was Tyler Montgomery. To the right is Melissa Hawks as Amelia Earhart. — Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Sitting Bull visits Almena

History is one of those topics that can be kind of boring until you suddenly realize....I am a part of it! Northern Valley sixth grade teacher Ken Tharman wanted his class to have that understanding, sooner. So he had his students participate in a "living" wax museum. The sixth graders chose a person from American history that they wanted to learn more about. They were then directed to find information on this person and put it into the form of a biography report no longer than two pages. From this biography students extracted information that was pertinent to their portrayal. They then changed the format to first per-

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Development is back in business

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Economic Development office has temporary help and is open for business. Chairman John Miller said at Tuesday's meeting that they needed to decide what to do about getting temporary office help. Vice Chairman Curtis Eveleigh said he had a call on it earlier that day and had met with the woman who was interested. He said she knew they would be needing temporary help and offered her services. Mr. Miller said they needed to decide what kind of temporary position they should create. He asked if 20 hours a week would work and took suggestions for the pay scale. Board member Sonya Montgomery

said most secretarial positions in the area were starting at \$7 an hour. Mr. Miller said the person would need to answer the phones, do follow-up work, answer correspondence and pass on information to callers. "If we can find a semi-professional retired person, it would be a plus for us," Mr. Eveleigh said. Mr. Miller asked if they needed to advertise for the position. Attorney Karen Griffiths said the board was an equal opportunity employer, but because its a temporary position, advertising wasn't an absolute necessity. Board member Donna Foley said if they advertised, then they would have to do interviews and it would be a long, drawn-out process. They needed someone immediately, she said. Mr. Eveleigh said they could call Verla Grysch, who had just moved back to Norton. She was the person he has spoken with earlier that day. While waiting for Mrs. Grysch to arrive, they created the temporary position for a person to work an average of 20 hours a week doing needed office work with no benefits at \$7 an hour. The position can be terminated at any time. When Mrs. Grysch arrived, she said she would like the job because it was part-time and would allow her to get to know people in the community. She said she's retired and had worked for Southwestern Bell, so was familiar with customer service.

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Library roof is a concern for the city council

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council is doing what it can to help fix the public library's roof. Ruth Hartman, a member of the Norton Library Board, told the council at its last meeting that the library roof is leaking and its getting worse. She asked if the council could do anything about it. City Administrator Rob Lawson said the bonds used to pay for the library will be paid off this year. Their plan, he said, was to put a new roof on the library in 2007 after the bonds were paid off. He said they had someone look at the roof to see what all needs to be done to it. He agreed with the plans and bid specifications are in the process of being drawn

up. "I'll present the specs when the bids are drawn up," he said. "Then it's up to the council to decide if they can afford to do it this year, or if they want to wait and budget it next year." Roofmasters, he said, had been contacted to repair the leak and was going to be there sometime that week. It will cost around \$1,300, he said. Librarian Kay LeBeau said she was worried about the damage that was being done to the inside of the library because of the continued leaks. "If it was simple to fix," Mr. Lawson said, "we'd be in the middle of getting it done. But its not a simple fix."

City Clerk Darla Ellis said the bonds will be paid off in September. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee to see what could be done with the budget. In other business, the council: • Heard from Thaniel Monaco, Miller and Associates Engineering, that he and Mr. Lawson met with BRB Contractors about their bid for the sewer plant project and went over some changes to reduce the cost of the project. He said the process and materials won't be changed, but they are looking at removing the lab administration building, which included a lab, office, bathrooms and a large maintenance bay.

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Church goes offered choice Easter Sunday

There are many different services to choose from this Sunday for Easter. Sunrise Services, 6:30 a.m. at Lyle Community Building. Nine miles north of U.S. 36 on Lyle Road (1 mile west of Norcurat). Breakfast to follow. Free will donation. Sunrise Services, 6:30 a.m., southwest corner of Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena. Breakfast to follow at Congregational Church. Sunrise Services, 6:53 a.m., Norton United Methodist Church. Sunrise Services, 7 a.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church. Breakfast to follow at 8 a.m. Sunrise Services, 7 a.m., Lenora Church of God and United Parish of Lenora to share service at Church of God. Breakfast to follow. Resurrection of the Lord Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Almelo. Easter Drama, "Living Last Supper", 8 a.m., Norton Christian Church. Continental breakfast to follow. Resurrection of the Lord Mass, 10:30 a.m., St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Easter Brunch, 10:45 a.m., Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran (Continued on Page 5)