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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Friday

March 23, 2007

Norton, Kansas

Home of Alta Fahrenbruch

### Briefly

## Rabies clinic good idea for pets

The City of Norton will be holding a rabies clinic Friday night and Saturday morning at the Norton Animal Health Center, 801. W. Holme.

The clinic will run from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Rabies vaccinations will cost \$13; Parvo Distemper will also cost \$13. There will be no exam fees.

All dogs in the city limits over the age of six months must have the rabies vaccination and be registered with the City of Norton. City tags can be bought for \$5 at the clinic.

## Church choir to perform Sunday

The Norton Church of God choir will perform the Easter musical, "Lamb of God" at the Andbe Home and Norton Manor Sunday. The Andbe Home performance will be at 2 p.m. and the Norton Manor performance at 3 p.m.

The musical will feature soloist, Terry Hillman, and narrators Phil Loughry and Jane Burton. The choir is under the direction of Mary Luehrs.

The musical will be performed again at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 1. The public is invited to attend either performance.

## Learn to help children in need

Are you interested in helping children in the Norton area? A TFI Family Services informational session will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 26 at the Norton Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

You will learn about the family services agency and exploring becoming a foster family. To learn more go to the agency's website: [www.the-farm.org](http://www.the-farm.org) or call 888-775-6111.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly cloudy and cool with a chance of showers and storms.

**Saturday** — Mostly cloudy, breezy and mild with scattered showers and storms.

**Sunday** — Partly cloudy, breezy and mild with a chance of showers and storms.

**Monday** — Partly cloudy and mild.

**Tuesday** — Windy and warm.

## Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 39, High 62

Wednesday ..... Low 51, High 73

Thursday ..... Low 35, High 61

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

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for forgiving our sins. Teach us to extend grace and ready forgiveness to those who sin against us. **Amen**



Michael Callaway and Christopher Maddy (above) worked on judging at the Norton County 4-H Club Day last Saturday. Abbie Smith (below) played Ode to Joy on the piano as her instrumental solo. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## 4-H'ers display talents at county club day

By KEITH VANSKIKE

Norton County 4-H members showed off their talents at the county's 4-H Club Day last Saturday at the junior high school. The 4-H'ers chose events that helped them to "Make the Best Better," as the 4-H motto goes.

Presentations given and placings were as follows:

• Project Talks — Megan Wentz, Regional Blue; Wyatt Wentz, Regional Blue; Jade Cressler, Red; Eli Lowry, Red

• Show Me's — Wyatt Cressler, Blue

• Junior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks — Rebecca Wentz, Blue; Wyatt Wentz, Regional Blue; Quentin Wentz, Blue; Abbie Smith, Regional Blue; Lane Vanover, Blue; Dalton Vanover, Blue; Clay Vanover, Blue

• Senior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks — David Cressler, Red; Carissa Wentz, Regional Blue; Caleb Vanover, Regional Blue; Kegan Vanover, Blue

• Public Speaking — Katrina Wentz,

Regional Blue

• Vocal Solos — Cassie Field, Red; Olivia Lowry, Blue; Megan Wentz, Blue; Katrina Wentz, Regional Blue; Diedre Kramer, Blue; Kelsey Mordecai, Blue; Lauren Mordecai, Blue

• Instrumental Solo — Diedre Kramer, Flute, Red; Rebecca Wentz, Recorder, Blue; Megan Wentz, Sax, Blue; Katrina Wentz, Flute, Regional Blue; Carson Montgomery, Baritone, Blue; Lauren Mordecai, Piano, Blue; Kelsey Mordecai, Piano, Blue; Kelsey Mordecai, Tuba, Blue; Marisa Maddy, Sax, Blue; Abbie Smith, Clarinet, Red; Dustyna Sprigg, Clarinet, Red

• Vocal Ensemble — Megan Wentz and Carissa Wentz, Red; Busy Beavers 4-H Club, Blue; Kelsey and Lauren Mordecai, Regional Blue

• Instrumental Ensemble — Melinda Becker and Dustyna Sprigg, Clarinet, Red; Zach Esslinger and Austin Hager,

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## Kindergarteners encouraged to stay all day

By VERONICA MONIER

Kindergartners at Eisenhower Elementary will be able to go to school all day, every day in the upcoming school year.

Eisenhower Principal Corey Roy told the school board they had 42 students sign up for kindergarten at the kindergarten round-up recently. He said that number is very similar to the number from last year's round-up and, by the time school started, they had 50 enrolled with another three coming on later in the school year.

He said the board had asked last year about the feasibility of having an all day, every day kindergarten. Looking into it, he said he thought it would be a good idea.

There are many benefits to the students who would be in all day kindergarten.

Right now, he said the school has two rooms, one full-time teacher and two part-time teachers for kindergarten. They would need to bump that number up to three rooms and three full-time teachers. To do this, some of the other classes' rooms would have to be moved.

Part of the problem, he said, is they would still have to offer a half-day kindergarten option and the half-day students would miss the afternoon studies.

Superintendent Greg Mann said this is necessary if they want to use At-Risk money to pay for the all-day kindergarten classes.

Mr. Roy said it would be the parents' choice whether their children went to all-day or half-day kindergarten. But, he said,

they will need to declare which option they want before school starts. If parents at first choose the half-day, they would still be allowed to change to all-day early in the school year. But, they wouldn't be allowed to go from all-day down to half-day.

As for the cost, he said they will try to use as much as they can of things they already have. But, the new third room will have to be partially carpeted, which will cost \$6,500. Another \$3,000 to \$5,000 will be needed to equip and furnish the room and having three full-time teachers will cost an extra \$35,000.

The board liked the proposal and adopted it as presented.

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## Summer school coming for another round

By VERONICA MONIER

Summer school will once again be an option at Eisenhower Elementary and Norton Junior High School.

Eisenhower Principal Corey Roy told the Norton School Board that summer school is open to students in first through sixth grade and involves small group settings. At the junior high, summer school is by invitation only and also involves small group settings.

At Eisenhower, there are two daily sessions that last two hours each; the junior high has one two-hour session daily.

Mr. Roy said it will be similar to past

years and will run from May 28 to June 26.

Staff, he said, will look at the students' assessment scores and decide who could benefit from extra tutoring. Those students will be invited to participate in summer school. Other students who want to go will be added as space is available.

Mr. Roy said last year's attendance numbers were down from the previous year. It may be, he said, that they need to put more emphasis on the importance of going to summer school. In the future, they may require it from some students.

"It's important to keep doing it," he



## Development focuses on better housing

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Economic Development Board is turning its focus towards housing, one of its three goals.

Economic Development Director Wade Carter said after further research, he thinks the biodiesel market is too unstable right now for the county to get involved with building a plant. Wait and see, he said, is his recommendation.

However, he said, if farmers would like to do something with it, he would be more than happy to help them out, possibly finding them grants to do so on a small scale.

The board agreed and told him he should focus on housing, since that was one of its three major improvement goals. It said more housing was needed to get more employees to fill jobs.

Board Chairman Curtis Eveleigh said they need to take the houses that are falling down, clean up the property and maybe give it to someone who would be willing to build a new house or business on it.

Board member Donna Foley said

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said. "It really helps students with reading and math."

The board approved the summer school plan.

In other business, the board:

• Discussed the board goals. After much research, Mr. Roy said, with Eisenhower's current time schedule, adding a foreign language to the curriculum wasn't feasible at this time. If, perhaps, another 30 minutes could be added to the school day and a suitable teacher found, then it might be an option. At the moment though, he said, the concept is good but

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