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Briefly

Library schedules special programs

The Norton Public Library is inviting everyone to come to the Norton Recreation Center this Thursday at 2 p.m. for a special performance by Kevin Horner a ventriloquist, illusionist and comedian sponsored by the Pamida Foundation. He will be sharing the fun of reading while bringing laughs to all. There is no charge and the public is welcome. There will be no 10:30 a.m. program so join us at 2 p.m. for a great time.

Group sets next meeting at library

The American Heritage Thursday meeting at the Norton Public Library meeting room will be held at 7 p.m. The schedule includes a video presentation by Bridgitte Gabriel, founder of ACT! For America and the "Islamic Invasion of America: The 20 Point Plan," a document of the Muslim Brotherhood project. In counterterrorism circles, this document is known as "The Project."

Gabriel's presentation will also include The Project's plans and efforts to replace the U. S. Constitution with Shariah, or Islamic law. In addition, information will be presented as to how millions of Saudi monies have shaped curriculum and instruction in America's colleges and universities over the past 16-20 years, and, more recently, how Islam studies are being included in many of America's middle and high schools.

The video presentation will be followed with information concerning current legislation and other action impacting the American citizen.

Other items on Thursday's schedule include finalizing plans to establish an on-going study and action group based in Norton County.

Sidewalk replacement starts



City crews worked on pouring concrete at Jeff Wolf's residence last week. Crews frequently work on sidewalk replacement throughout

the city, even though there is a long waiting list.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Council discussed plant repairs

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The heat system for the engines at the Norton Power Plant went down the first night the plant was unattended, a problem that resulted in an emergency city council meeting Friday evening.

Mayor David Corns said the keep warm system went down when a gas valve failed at 10:30 p.m. Thursday night. He said he authorized a part be ordered, but as of the special council meeting the part had not arrived.

The mayor said he was confident the part would solve the problem, but asked what the council wanted to do if it did not fix the keep warm system.

He said the plant would have to be staffed 24/7 until the repairs were made or the engines could be drained and isolated.

At the last council meeting, the council approved moving people from the night crew onto the day crew because there were not enough employees to fully staff the plant. The council is gathering information to see if repairing the plant, closing it or scaling it back would be best.

The cost was a major concern of the council. They said the city is already \$12 million in debt for the water treatment and sewage plants.

"The main question we have to ask ourselves is how

much more can the citizens of Norton afford," said councilman Toby Kuhn.

Kim Snyder, council member, said the increased utility rates have already caused people to move out of town, and they don't want that to continue.

Maintenance at the power plant was questioned, with someone asking why the required work hadn't been done in recent years.

"I think they've always looked around the power plant. This kind of caught up with us," Corns said.

Brian Hickman asked if there was government money available for the plant.

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MARKETS

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WHEAT.....	\$3.29
MILO.....	\$2.59
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.73
CORN.....	\$2.95

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Tonight - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Wednesday - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high near 83. Wednesday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

Friday, June 4.....Low 64, High 98
Saturday, June 5.....Low 66, High 91
Sunday, June 6.....Low 61, High 84
Monday, June 7.....Low 58, High 84
40 Rain

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

Prayer

Thank you, God, for giving all of us ways to communicate your love and concern to persons in need. In the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen

Democratic candidate stops in Norton

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Alan Jilka, the only Democrat running for the "Big First" seat currently held by Jerry Moran, made a stop in Norton early Thursday morning to talk about some of the major issues affecting the country.

Jilka stopped at Town and Country Kitchen at 9 a.m. to speak with a small crowd.

He said the biggest issues are the budget deficit, the healthcare bill and immigration.

Jilka said he lived in Mexico and Brazil where he taught English after graduating from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in history.

He said his experience abroad has influenced his

perspective on immigration.

"I've seen firsthand the issues that lead people to immigrate. I'm a proponent of comprehensive immigration reform," he said.

He said securing the borders and finding a way to legalize immigrants who have been here for a long time are some solutions.

Legalizing immigrants, he said, would allow them to get in the system, meaning they would pay taxes and pay into social security.

"It would be a huge economic boost," he said.

Jilka said immigration has been a new hot-button issue on the campaign, replacing the healthcare bill.

He said the bill needs to be watched to ensure it does

what it is supposed to do: reign in healthcare costs and provide healthcare to the uninsured.

Jilka wasn't sure if he would have voted for the bill, but the advocacy of Sen. Bob Dole as well as the bill decreasing the deficit would have made him support it.

"Going forward, it's going to be important to monitor it and make sure it does what it's supposed to," he said.

Jilka said the biggest issue is the federal deficit.
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Alan Jilka



Leah Morel and Nicholas Mandel put collected school supplies into boxes for the Help Us Learn, Give Us Hope campaign. Norton Community School students collected supplies for children in Iraq and Afghanistan during the last two weeks of school.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Students collect school supplies for a good cause

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Norton Community Schools participated in a drive for school supplies for children in Iraq and Afghanistan during the last two weeks of the school year, and even with the short notice collected 32 boxes of supplies.

Jane Burton, librarian, said she received an e-mail for the Help Us Learn, Give Us Hope campaign.

"Helping the children made me really want to participate," she said.

Boxes of supplies, which ranged from pens and pencils to glue and notebooks, were collected at each school. The supplies were picked up by a representative from Help Us Learn, Give Us Hope organization last week and will be shipped to soldiers who will distribute the supplies to children in need.

"It was extremely successful on short notice. I think the boys and girls came through," she said.

According to their Web site, Help Us Learn, Give Us Hope started in 2008 with seven schools, or 2,500 children, supported. The organization currently supports over 600,000 children in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Burton said helping schools will contribute to the future of both countries.

"We know from Vietnam, helping the children will help make the future more peaceful," she said.

For more information about Help Us Learn, Give Us Hope, visit <http://www.helpuslearngiveushope.org/index.shtm>. Donations can be made through their Web site or by mailing supplies to Gary LaGrange, 4816 Lakewood Ridge, Manhattan, Kan, 66503.

