



Friday

June 8, 2012

Briefly

Cub Scouts to hold car wash Saturday

The Norton Cub Scouts will hold a fund-raiser car wash on Saturday at the downtown car wash. For a free will donation, scouts will be washing cars from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Norcatur students to register for buses

For parents of children living in Norcatur and attending Norton school next year, the district is issuing a reminder that out of district transportation bus applications need to be sent to the Oberlin school district office. Current statutes allow the Norton buses to enter Norcatur to pick up students if the students' applications have been filed with the Oberlin school district. All students are required to renew applications on an annual basis. Applications may be picked up at the unit offices of either district, but must be filed with the Oberlin district.

Church hosting a Flag Day program

First United Methodist Church in Norton will host a Stars and Stripes program on Thursday to celebrate Flag Day. The program will be on the flag with facts about our country and the flag. A memorial service will be held for church members who have passed away in the past year. The program will be at 7 p.m. with refreshments served afterward.

Treasurer's Office closing for training

The Norton County Treasurer's Office will be closed Wednesday through Friday for staff training.

Markets

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Wheat.....\$5.87
Milo.....\$5.39
Soybeans.....\$13.31
Corn.....\$6.12
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Sunny and breezy with highs in the upper 90s. Sunday - Mostly sunny and not as warm with highs in the upper 80s. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening then mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers. Monday - Sunny with highs in the upper 80s. Tuesday - Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 80s. Tuesday Night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Wednesday - Mostly sunny.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, June 5.....Low 59, High 96
Wednesday, June 6.....Low 59, High 95
Thursday, June 7.....Low 55, High 94
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Gracious God, we want to be faithful in using the gifts you have given us. Strengthen us by the power of the indwelling Christ to live for you every day. Amen.

Motorcycle crash sends one to hospital

By Carleen Bell
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A Wisconsin man was taken by ambulance to the Norton County Hospital Monday afternoon after a motorcycle crash east of Almena.

According to information from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Kevin B. Kelly, 21, of Milwaukee, Wis. was riding his motorcycle on Highway 383 about three miles northeast of Almena at 4:05 p.m. Monday. When the motorcycle struck a deer in the roadway, Kelly was thrown from the vehicle and came to rest along the guardrail. The motorcycle came to a rest in the roadway.

Kelly was transported to the Norton County Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

(Right) Emergency crews prepare to take motorcycle crash victim Kevin B. Kelly to the Norton County Hospital after his motorcycle struck a deer east of Almena Monday afternoon.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell



Norton Theatre seeks funding for equipment upgrades

This year marks the 20th year since the Norton Theatre was remodeled and re-opened in May of 1993. While not a lot of things have changed at the Norton Theatre over the last 20 years, movies are currently undergoing a drastic change and the Norton Theatre Association is currently working on a fund-raiser to make several improvements that will keep the theatre playing movies well into the next 20 years and beyond.

Norton Theatre Manager Jeremy Wetter reports that over the last five

years, the format of movies is undergoing a change from 35 mm or 70 mm film to 100 percent digital projection.

For well over 100 years, movies have been projected onto the big screen with film via the use of carbon arc projectors (popular up to the 1980s) or a platter system where the entire movie is taped together on a giant turntable and played seamlessly (popular today). Currently, the Norton Theatre has this type of system.

Recently, theatres have been converting to an all digital system of mov-

ie projection. Movies are now being carried on a computerized hard drive (approximately the size of a book) and downloaded onto a computerized projector. Within two more years, they will be delivered to the computerized projector through a satellite receiver.

At this time, Norton is the only theatre in the area without any digital projection capabilities. Current estimates are for all film prints to become extinct by the end of 2013. Some industry experts believe it could occur as early as next summer.

“Without digital cinema capabilities, we will lose our status as one of the premiere theatres in Northwest Kansas,” Wetter explained. “The bottom line is that we are in need of financial assistance from the public to keep the Norton Theatre a vital landmark and entertainment facility in all of Northwest Kansas. Over the last couple of years, we have been unsuccessful in gaining funds through various grants and therefore, we are reaching out for

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Department of Transportation is hosting public meeting

On Wednesday, June 13, the Kansas Department of Transportation will host a kickoff meeting to discuss the future reconstruction of Highway 383 in Norton and Phillips Counties. The meeting is planned for 5-7 p.m. at the Almena Community Building.

Department surveyors, engineers and public involvement personnel will outline the proposed phasing, timeline, and budget for the K-383 modernization project.

The 26-mile project will be funded by T-WORKS,

the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010. The projected timeline to re-construct the corridor may begin as early as 2018.

The meeting will have an informal format with time for questions. The public may come and go as they please. A meeting for public officials has been scheduled prior to the public open house.

Those unable to attend the open house can contact the department's District Three office in Norton

for copies of take-home materials, which will be available after the meeting. Comments are welcome any time and are not limited to the public information open house.

Those needing special assistance or requests prior to the meeting should contact department's Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org

FFA members honored for achievements at state convention

Norton FFA member R.J. Ellis competed against five other district stars for the state's top honor of State Star in Ag Placement May 30-June 1 at the 84th Kansas FFA Convention on the Kansas State University campus.

Each year, the Kansas FFA Association recognizes the three FFA members who have the top Supervised Agricultural Experience programs, with the Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness and

Star in Ag Placement awards. The Star in Ag Placement award is sponsored by the Kansas Farm Bureau.

Ellis' experience is in Diversified Agricultural Production. He works on his family's operation, Double E Ranch and Farms. Their enterprise consists of 3,000 acres of farmland and 1,000 acres of Conservation Reserve Program wasteland. Ellis operates the tillage disk, ripper and undercutter in

preparation for planting season. During harvest, he combines wheat, corn and soybeans. Additionally, Ellis drives the grain cart when transporting grain to the elevator. Furthermore, he helps to maintain their herd of cattle by caring for the grass and pasture land and overall herd health.

Ellis plans to attend Fort Scott Community College, majoring in animal science, and hopes to be on the Live-

stock Judging Team. Then, he plans to transfer to Kansas State University to complete his bachelor's degree in animal science and industry. Upon graduation, Ellis hope to continue to work in the cattle industry.

Ellis is the son of Brock and Kim Ellis.

Two Norton FFA students are also among 22 Northwest District FFA students awarded the State FFA Degree at the state convention. Earning the degree were R.J. Ellis and Wyatt Wentz.

The State Degree is the highest honor the Kansas FFA Association can bestow upon its members. In order to achieve this award members must meet the following requirements: have received their Chapter FFA Degree, been an FFA member and agricultural education student for at least two years, earned at least \$2,000 or worked 600 hours in their Supervised Agricultural Experience program, given a six minute speech about agriculture or FFA, participated in eight different leadership activities and received a "C" average or better in high school and shown a record of outstanding leadership and community involvement.

Norton and Northern Valley students are among a group of FFA members who helped entertain members and guests at convention.

In order to participate in select ensembles, members were required to submit audition tapes and recommendations from their local music instructors.

From Northern Valley, Carson Montgomery performed with the chorus and Johnnye Ruder from Norton also performed.

Dairy Queen expected to re-open this year



Crews were busy demolishing the former Dairy Queen building on Highway 36 Wednesday morning. A new Dairy Queen will be built in its place and is expected to open late this year.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

After the restaurant unexpectedly closed in January, Enfield Restaurants LLC announces that a new Dairy Queen/Orange Julius will be opening in Norton in late 2012.

Larry Enfield, Sr., along with Jody and Jessica Enfield, reported this week that they are opening a new franchise model that includes drive-through service and inside seating area in a contemporary style. The new building will replace the former Dairy Queen, which was torn down this week.

The restaurant will also include an Orange Julius franchise, which offers a selection of smoothies and frothy cold drinks.

“We are going to focus on quality and a new level of customer service,” said Jody Enfield, the new Dairy Queen's Owner/Manager. “The Dairy Queen will be a partner in the Norton community. I feel fortunate to own and manage a business in my hometown where I am raising my family.”

