

Tuesday
May 25, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Leroy Lang

Briefly

Parents can pick up cards

Parents can pick up Norton Junior High student report cards in the junior high office and Norton High School student report cards at the high school office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from now through Wednesday, June 2.

Boosters to meet on Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton Golf Coach David Stover will report on his team's third place finish in the regional tournament as well as results of two Norton players' competition in Monday's state tournament.

Norton Track Coach Bruce Graber will give details of Norton's tie for second in the regional track meet and preview the state track meet this weekend in Wichita.

Refreshments will be served.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s with southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Warmer with highs around 80. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 80s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 50s.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday Night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 50s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Breezy with highs in the lower 80s.

Howell report:

Friday	High 90, Low 65
Saturday	High 85, Low 50
Sunday	High 88, Low 61
Monday	High 87, Low 51
Week ago	High 69, Low 62
Month ago	High 70, Low 40
Year ago	High 71, Low 49
May precipitation	2.11 inches
Year-to-date precipitation	7.34 inches

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for special places where we can go to feel the strength of your steadfast love. As Jesus taught us, we pray, "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." Amen

11 seniors receive diplomas

By KRISTEN BRANDS

Eleven Northern Valley seniors participated in graduation ceremonies Saturday as family and friends filled the high school gymnasium.

The processional was performed by Northern Valley vocal music instructor Pat David, who played the piano, and violinist Stanton Nelson, a seventh grader.

The seniors were escorted by juniors Mercedes Hays and Jesse Hilburn. The seniors filed into the gym, and were welcomed by the Rev. Kirk Kasson, who performed the welcome and recited a prayer.

Almena resident and assistant football coach Abner Williams gave a personal message to each senior as he had them stand to be recognized. He also had the family and friends of the graduates and the school staff stand. He thanked them for all their support and encouragement throughout the years.

The seniors took flowers to their parents during an emotion-filled parent recognition ceremony.

Administrator Bill Lowry introduced the afternoon's speaker, George Griffith.

Mr. Griffith, the junior high and high school science teacher, gave advice and humor. He began by reminding them that commencement is the ending of one chapter and a beginning of a new one.

"This is the time where you really ask yourself what you want to be when you grow up," he said. "My choices were becoming a minister, an astronaut or a food flipper at Burger King. As I decided to continue my education, by becoming a

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Class Salutatorian Alasia Eagleburger walked into the Northern Valley High School Gymnasium during commencement exercises on Saturday. More pictures on Page 7 — Telegram photo by Kristen Brands

Signs to get water so flowers will grow

By VERONICA MONIER

It takes water to grow flowers to the City of Norton will put in taps near the four city entrance signs.

Councilman George Jones said at Wednesday's meeting that he met with the Tourism Committee, which requested the taps at the welcome signs so that flowers could be planted.

Mr. Jones said the committee offered to pay for the materials if the city would just get them water.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said the crews have just started on the water line extension on KQNK Road to the Enfield's house and would be working on that project for a while. But after that, he said he didn't see a reason why water taps couldn't be added.

Mr. Jones said water to the signs should have been put in at the same time electricity was and should have been

done closer to when the signs were build. He said for similar future projects, the city should think about doing these things sooner.

In other business, the council:

- Met with Julie Tschanz, the outreach services coordinator for Northwest Kansas Family Shelter. Ms. Tschanz asked for a donation as there have been a lot of cuts to grant money, which the organization uses to operate. She said cities usually give between \$250 and \$1,000. The organization helps shelter victims of domestic violence and assault in an 18 county area. The request was sent to the Finance Committee.

- Were told by Mr. Lawson that the tennis courts were done, but would need to be closed for five days so the company would honor the warranty. He said

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Chamber of Commerce moving across the street

Although the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce is moving, it will still be doing all of the things it always has.

The new address is 104 S. State Street, in between Moffet Drug and Hall's Clothing just across the street from the old location. Aside from being the location of the Chamber, the new, smaller building will also hold Norton Travel and Tourism.

Chamber Director Karla Reed said the Chamber board bought the new building because the opportunity presented itself. Now, she said, the old building will be available for another business to come downtown.

In the long run, she said the new building will be cheaper than renting and in seven years, after the loan from The Bank is paid off, the Chamber will own the building outright.

Ms. Reed said the board chose to go through a financial institution, rather than the Norton County commissioners, for an

economic development loan because the board wanted the county to use its money to help a new business come to town or an already established business expand.

After being in the old building for around six years, it will be a little bit of an adjustment looking for the Chamber office in a different place. But other than the new location, things will stay the same, she said.

The Chamber will still direct people to the commissioners for economic development purposes, do ribbon cutting, and be a part of community promotions such as Moonlight Madness, Crazy Days, the Fourth of July fireworks display and the Halloween Parade.

The new office is almost ready for the public, Ms. Reed said. The walls have been painted and Don's Floor Covering has laid new carpet. Right now, she said, she is in the process of moving everything

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Norton art teacher retires after 26 years

After 26 years teaching art in Norton, Peggy Stull retired this week saying she plans to fill a sketch book of her own now.

Superintendent Greg Mann led a standing ovation for Mrs. Stull on Thursday in the East Campus Auditorium as a hundred or so of her friends and colleagues showed up to wish her well.

Mrs. Stull received her degree in elementary and secondary art from Fort Hays State University in 1971.

After several years of working at various jobs, including a stint as educational coordinator at the Norton County Hospital, she took a job as art teacher in Beaver City, Neb.

In the fall of 1978 she started work at the Norton Junior High School as part of an expansion program for the art department. The high school art teacher retired the next spring and Mrs. Stull took over the job and

a full-time junior high/elementary art teacher was hired to replace her.

She's been working at the Norton Community High ever since, teaching about 60 to 80 students per year.

Besides art, Mrs. Stull has been the Kansas Association of Youth (KAYS) sponsor for 17 years.

Mrs. Stull said that her retirement will be filled with cleaning closets, drawing and helping her children and grandchildren.

She and husband Lary have two children, Angela (Stull) Taliaferro and Mitchell Stull, and three grandchildren. She says she will remember her years at Norton High with fondness and pride.

"There are no colors that speak of high standards, excellent achievement and powerful pride like the blue and yellow of the Norton Blue Jays," she said.



Peggy Stull admired a statue of four students holding stars over their heads she received as a retirement gift last week. —Photo by Cynthia Haynes

Fort Hays gives out awards

Several area students have accepted Fort Hays State University scholarships at a student recognition program in Phillipsburg.

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Ian Conkey received an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award and a \$500 Award of Excellence in geosciences. He was in Kansas Music Educators Association District Band, University of Nebraska-Kearney Honor Band, Model United Nations, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Scholars Bowl, marching band, pep band, jazz band, concert band, music ensemble and theater. He was the National Honor Society vice president, Drama Club president and band section squad leader.

He is the son of Carl and Jnell Conkey, Edmond, and plans to major in geography and foreign languages.

Sheila Harvey received a \$500 Award of Excellence in business and a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award.

She is the daughter of Terry and Susie Harvey, Long Island, and plans a career in business.

Amy Myers received a \$500 Award of Excellence in business. She is in Kansas Association for Youth, Students Against Destructive Decisions, cross country and track.

She is the daughter of Jim and Jana Myers, Norton, and plans a career in business.

Northern Valley

Reagan Fessenden received a \$500 Award of Excellence in communication and a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award. She is in Student Council, cheerleading, Kansas Association for Youth, forensics, cross country, basketball, track, golf and volleyball. She is on the honor roll and is the Kansas Association for Youth president.

She is the daughter of Charles and Jennifer Fessenden, Almena, and is planning a career in communications.



Packing up and moving everything from the Chambers old home to the new is keeping manager Karla Reed busy this week.

— Telegram photo by Cynthia Haynes

Chamber moves to new home

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across the street and will probably be doing so until midweek. She expects the new office will be open to the public on Friday.

For the past few years, the new

location has been vacant, with the exception of a faded Dr. Pepper can. Before that, it housed Computer Remedies. It's also been used as a travel agency, glassery, cable TV location and a barber-

shop.

Ms. Reed said they are planning on having an open house in June to celebrate the move, giving everyone a chance to see the new office.

Wheat plot tour set for next two weeks

All producers are invited to the upcoming county wheat plot tours and Colby Experiment Station Field Day. These tours and field days are a chance for producers to see firsthand what are the newest wheat variety releases from both public and private breeding programs. Other topics such as a comparison between no-till to conventional-till wheat, possible wheat freeze damage, the effect of delayed emergence, and wheat vernalization will be discussed. Some of the speakers at the various tours will include Jim Shroyer, State Wheat Specialist, and Joe Martin, Wheat Breeder, and I. The following is a list of wheat tours along with what will be offered.

Trego County — Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - HB ranch, 4 miles south of Cedar Bluffs Dam - 35 wheat varieties will be discussed by Joe Martin; May 27, 7:15 p.m. - 3 miles north and 6 miles west of WaKeeney, no-till to conventional-till comparison - 15 varieties planted in both tillage systems including Jagalene, Overly, Cutter, Harry, Jagger and 2137

Sheridan County — Thursday, June 3, 5:30 p.m. - 7 miles south of Hoxie, no-till to conventional-till comparison - 15 varieties planted in both tillage systems including Jagalene, Overly, Cutter, Harry, Jagger and 2137. This particular plot is by far the best comparison of no-till to conventional-till wheat.

Decatur County - Friday, June 4, 7 a.m. - starting at 4-H building for breakfast - then travel 4 miles west of Oberlin - no-till to conventional-till comparison - 15 varieties planted in both tillage systems including Jagalene, Overly, Cutter, Harry, Jagger and 2137.

Gove County — Friday, June 4, 4 p.m. - 1.5 miles east of Quinter - Paramount Seed has planted 36 wheat varieties and 17 barley and 8 spring oat varieties. Meal to be served following tour. Speakers will include several K-State and Agri-Pro reps. At a separate location, there was a comparison of no-till to conventional-till wheat, but

About ag
Brian Olson,
K-State
agronomist



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Colby Experiment Station Field Day - Thursday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - west side of Colby along Highway 24 - Subjects of discussion will include wheat performance in dryland rotations, spring forage crops, stripe rust, canola performance, weed species shift, and many other relevant topics. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Merle Vigil who will discuss "No-till Cropping System Research" from Akron, Colorado.

Although the wheat is definitely not what it was last year, these tours and the field day are a good chance for producers to evaluate varieties and other cropping practices.

For information on spring wheat injury, look at the publication "Spring Freeze Injury to Kansas Wheat" at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ by clicking on the Production and Pest icon, or a copy can be acquired at your local extension office. Next weeks article will be on management options for the wheat and to what extent damage has been seen. Please e-mail me at bolson@oznet.ksu.edu or call 784-443-1264 if you have any questions.

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City to provide water for plants

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the courts looks great. Councilman Jerry Hawks said the city needs a maintenance manual so the courts could be maintained properly.

Mr. Lawson also said the new animal control facility was finished and an open house will be scheduled in the future.

Learned from Mr. Lawson that the swimming pool is filled and everything is ready to go. He said the city still needs to hire an assistant manager, but five of the lifeguards are certified and the other seven will be getting certified in Kensington this week.

- Appointed City Attorney Karen Griffiths, Mr. Lawson and City Clerk Darla Ellis to make the final changes to the personnel policy and finish a draft for final review.

- Were told that a used 2001 XLT Ford Ranger pickup had been purchased for the power plant for \$15,000 from Walter Motor Company.

- Heard from Mr. Hawks that the Finance Committee suggested a 2 percent cost of living and a 10 percent increase for health insurance should be included in the 2005 budget, and that the mill levy should be kept the same.

- Were told by Councilwoman Elaine Mann that the Norton Manor Board is running the facility well and had hired Chris Frack as a new maintenance worker. She said Mr. Frack has been doing the maintenance at the Manor for the past five months as contract labor. He will work 30 hours per week.

- Paid bills in the amount of \$234,886.67. The vote carried 5-1 with Councilman Jerry Jones voting no. When Mayor David Corns asked Mr. Jones why he voted no, he said council members should vote no every once in a while. Not while paying bills, the mayor replied.

Spring beef, lamb show held

By KEITH P. VANSKIKE
County Extension director

The Norton FFA and 4-H Spring Beef and Lamb prospect show was held on May 8 at the Livestock Barn at Elmwood Park.

Jared Petersilie, Smith Center vo-ag instructor, was the judge. Keri Vanover assisted with the show records.

The senior sheep showmanship champion was Aubrey Broweleit, Phillipsburg.

The junior showmanship champion was Hannah Fulton, Norton.

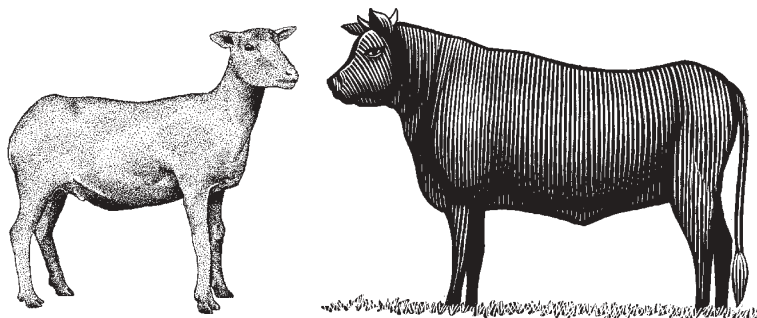
Jessica Gilgenbach, Norton, was the reserve champion and Kyra Fulton, Norton, received a blue ribbon.

The sheep were divided into two weight classes. In the 70 to 76-pound class Aubrey Broweleit, received a blue. Kyra Fulton also received a blue.

Jessica Gilgenbach and Aubrey Broweleit both received a red.

In the 87-pound class Hannah Fulton received a first blue and Jessica Gilgenbach received a second blue.

Hannah Fulton had the grand champion lamb. Aubrey Broweleit had the reserve champion lamb



from the lighter weight class.

The Beef Show started with the senior showmanship class.

Casey Zerr, Oakley, was the senior champion showman. Josh Johnson, McDonald, was reserve champion showman. Grady Brunk, St. Francis, was the junior showmanship champion.

Laura Brunk, St. Francis, was the reserve champion showman. Gavin Cooper, St. Francis, received a blue. J.D. Draper, Oakley, also received a blue.

There were two classes of heifers. In the class of fall heifers J.D. Draper received a blue. In the class of spring heifers J.D. Draper was first blue; Grady Brunk, second

blue; Gavin Cooper, third blue; Casey Zerr, fourth blue and Laura Brunk, fifth blue.

J.D. Draper had the champion heifer. Grady Brunk had the reserve champion heifer.

In the prospect steer class, Grady Brunk received grand champion. Casey Zerr received reserve champion.

Josh Johnson received a blue and Casey Zerr received a red.

The champion sheep, steer and breeding heifer received \$50 from the Norton FFA.

Director's chairs were given by the Norton County 4-H Council to the champion showman in each species.

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