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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Friday

May 19, 2006

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Kenney Leiker

### Briefly

## Captains need to turn in logs

The Norton County Extension Office is asking Walk Kansas team captains to turn in their log records. The results must be received by May 26 or the team members will not be awarded any prizes.

## Party will be held for 'Kenney'

Norton's No. 1 Blue Jay Booster, Kenney Leiker, is moving to Hays. The Norton Eagles are hosting a going away party for him at 7 p.m. Saturday. All his friends are invited to come say good-bye. Refreshments will be served and Larry Henderson and LeAnn Shearer will play for a dance to follow.

## Wheat plot tour to be May 26

K-State Research and Extension and Norton County Extension will be hosting the Wheat Plot Tour at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 26.

The plot is located six miles west of Norton on U.S. 36, then four miles north at the U.S. 383 junction and a half mile west on Road 1.

Brian Olson, northwest research and extension agronomist, will help review the varieties that are included on the tour this year. Steve Rice, Kansas Highway Patrol motor carrier inspector, will be on hand to visit about current farm vehicle safety for harvest season.

The plots will include both conventional and no-till comparisons as well as population studies and comparisons of certified versus farm saved wheat.

The public is invited to attend this program.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 50s. East winds around 10 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs around 90. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

#### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 45, High 78  
Wednesday ..... Low 44, High 85  
Thursday ..... Low 47, High 90  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Lord, help us to set aside time each day to learn more about you and your will for us. Help us in our daily walk to battle temptation and win. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

### At Norton high school concert

# Principle performer is principal

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It was the last song of the last band concert of the season and the last time principal Lary Stull would be attending a school concert in an official capacity.

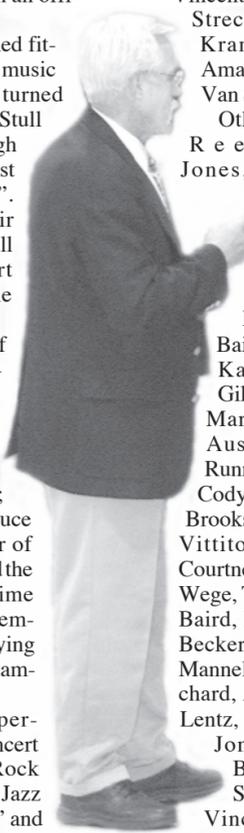
That's why, it seemed fitting when high school music director David Will, turned the baton over to Mr. Stull to lead the band through their last number, "West Highlands Sojourn". With appropriate flair and panache, Mr. Stull directed the concert band to the end of the performance.

Other highlights of the final concert included the announcement of Rachael Lentz as the winner of the John Philip Sousa Award; the performance of Bruce Poage as the narrator of Peter and the Wolf; and the rendition of "Tool Time Tango" by several members of the faculty, playing electric drills, saws, hammers and tire irons.

Other selections performed during the concert included "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me" by the Jazz Ensemble; "Sunburst" and "At Morning's First Light" by the concert band; "Gossec Gavotte" by the Clarinet Ensemble; "Novelette" by the Trombone Septet; and "Triumphal March from Aida", by the Brass Choir.

Members of the band who are graduating seniors are: Connie Gassmann, Shelby Annon, Klaire Mann, Rachael Lentz, Heath Vincent, Darci Darling, Naomi Streck, Chelsea Cox, Jake Kramer, Stephen Mizell, Amanda Antrim and Joshua Van Skike.

Other band members are: Reese Volgamore, Lisa Jones, Rachael Engelman, Lynnette Lee, Kylie Morel, Ashley Smith Maybon, Hannah Fulton, Emily Scott, Lacey Roe, Lucas Bailey, Cindel Harrington, Karlynn Kent, Jessica Gilgenbach, Michael Ward, Mark Scheetz, Pat Burton, Austin Brown, Logan Runnion, Amanda Delimont, Cody Bredemeier, Kayleigh Brooks, Brianne Nelson, Gaia Vittitow, Laura Delimont, Courtney Cox, Aaron Van Der Wege, Taylor Rossi, Laura Lee Baird, Katharine Roy, Phillip Becker, Perrell Stanley, Zach Mannel, Zac Dreher, Amie Richard, Aaron Gallentine, Sara Lentz, Charli Lawson, Kara Jones, Bradley Nuzum, Brock Lauer, Mathew Shepard, Tabitha Vincent, Luke VanSkike, Zach Bainter, Nathan Pollock, Tim Becker, Annette Becker, Ben Wuest, Brittany Otter, Maggie Nielsen, Wesley Georgeson, Justin Bainter, Jacob VanSkike and Stephanie Shepard.



Time to tune up. Connie Gassmann, (right) clarinet section leader, helped Shelby Annon tune up before Tuesday evening's band concert. Principal Lary Stull, (above) directed the last song of the concert. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## County roads closing because of U.S. 36 road work

Three Norton County roads have been or will be closed because of road work on U.S. 36.

Northbound road W-8 was closed Tuesday, while northbound road W-9 will be closed Monday. Also, northbound W-7 will be closed in about two or three weeks, said Jim Riener, Kansas Department of Transportation project engineer.

The upcoming road closings are in addition to the closure of southbound W-14, along the west end of the project, which was closed earlier.

"These closures have to occur so that the sub-contractors can proceed with the earthwork associated in building the new alignment north of the existing roadway," Mr. Riener said.

The county roads will be closed until further notice, he said.

Local residents who use those county roads have been told of the closings and will need to use alternate routes to get to and from their properties.

Sub-contractors for the project are (Continued on Page 5)

## Local police join statewide safety program

To increase the rate of seat belt use and lower the number of injury accidents, the Norton Police Department, along with more than 130 law enforcement agencies statewide, will be cracking down on seat belt violators from May 22 to June 4 as a part of the Click It or Ticket campaign.

During those two weeks, law enforcement agencies will be focusing on violations such as speeding, driving under the influence and seat belt and child safety restraint, said Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn.

Last year, he said, the national Click It or Ticket push increased seat belt use to 79 percent, the highest rate ever recorded.

"The only proven way to get significant increases in seat belt use among people, and ultimately save lives, is through high visibility enforcement, including targeted and intense advertising to alert people to



Kenney Leiker, left, proudly accepted a diploma from Superintendent Greg Mann, making Kenney an honorary graduate of Norton Community High School. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Norton high school musicians, singers perform at state festival

Norton Community High School musicians took 27 entries to the 3A State Solo and Ensemble Music Festival held April 29 at Southeast of Saline Schools. The entries were made up of five ensembles and 22 solos. To qualify for state, the entries had to earn a I rating at regional.

Earning II ratings were: the **Freshmen/Sophomore Girls' Ensemble** (Lori Ebner, Alyssa Farber, Cindel Harrington, Cherean Kendell, Cyndie Milnes, Brittany Otter, Emily Scott,

Tabitha Vincent, Valerie Wagoner and Bethany Wicker); **Clarinet Choir** (Connie Gassmann, Shelby Annon, Lucas Bailey, Cindel Harrington, Karlynn Kent, Jessica Gilgenbach and Klaire Mann); **Brass Choir** (Trumpets-Rachael Lentz, Michael Ward, Mark Scheetz, Pat Burton, Austin Brown, Logan Runnion, Amanda Delimont and Cody Bredemeier; French Horns-Darci Darling, Amie Richard, Sara Lentz, Charli Lawson, (Continued on Page 5)

## School gives honorary diploma to No. 1 fan

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

In a fitting tribute before he moves from Norton, Kenney Leiker was made an honorary graduate of Norton Community High School.

The honor was bestowed upon Kenney during Tuesday evening's band concert by Superintendent Greg Mann.

Long-known as the Blue Jays' No. 1 booster, Kenney doesn't miss very many high school events. His favorite sport is whichever one is in season.

Kenney has lived in Norton since the closure of the state hospital, and until his retirement almost three years ago, worked mostly as a carry-out at Jamboree Foods.

In an unanimous decision, the Norton School Board approved the request to make Kenney an honorary graduate.

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