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Briefly

Alumni invited to Long Island event

Long Island Alumni's annual meeting will be held May 23 with a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Long Island Gym. All Long Island and Northern Valley graduates, former students, and their spouses/guests are invited to attend. Coffee and tea will be provided. The school will be open in the afternoon for socializing and touring the building. Those attending are asked to bring two covered dishes and their own table service. The honored classes will be 1939, '49' and 1959. Grace Grau is secretary of the Long Island Alumni.

Booster club to huddle Wednesday

Norton Community High School sports fans will receive the latest information on the progress of the track season from coach Jason Jones and the golf season from coach David Stover during the Blue Jay Booster meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend and be updated on the teams.

Meals on Wheels reminder issued

May 11-17 Meals on Wheels will be delivered by community volunteers. May 18-24 Immanuel Lutheran Church will deliver. Contact Fonda Lawrence at 877-3145. The Telegram will continue issuing these reminders in each issue.

weather forecast

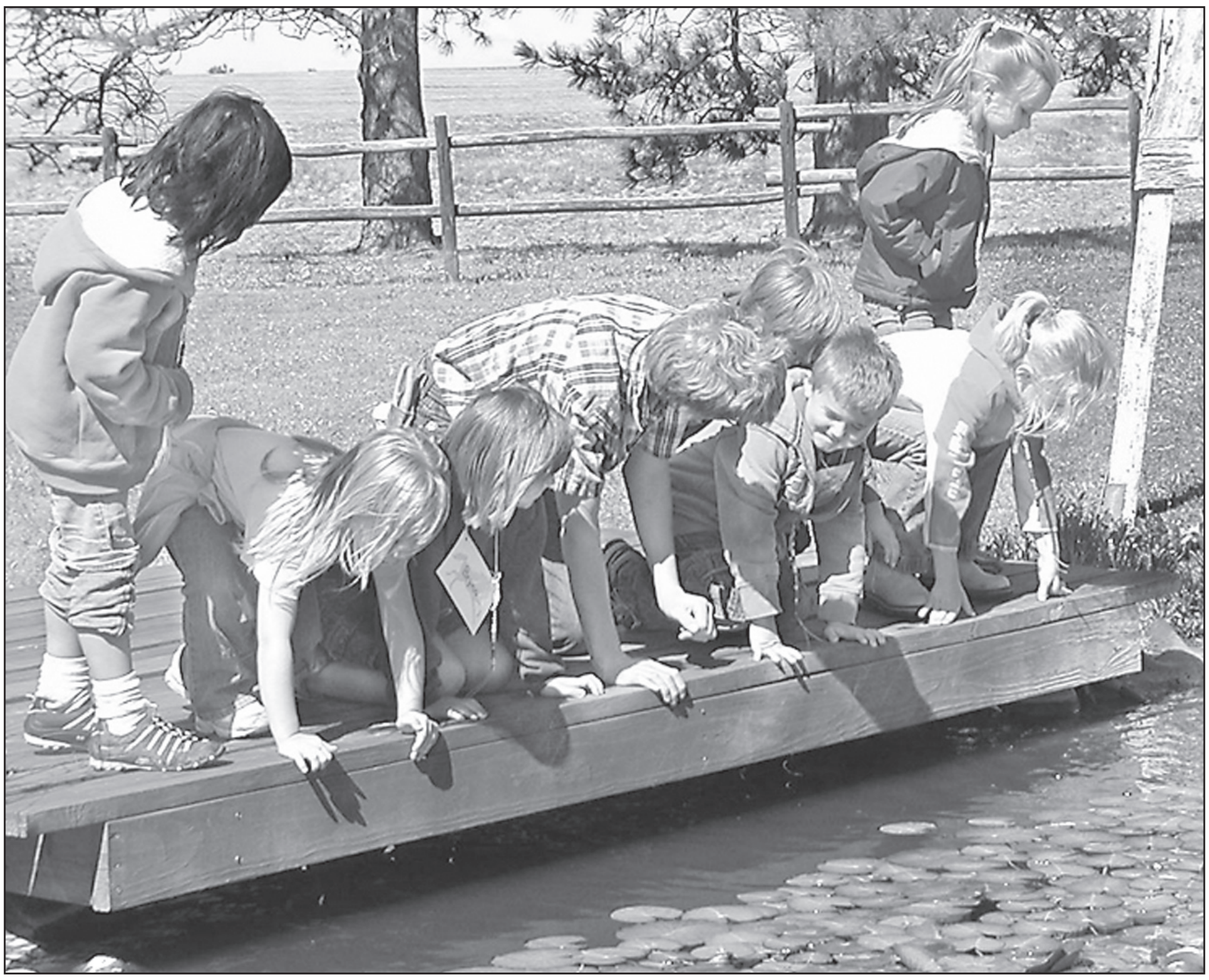
Tonight - Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 72. Breezy with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 39. Thursday - Sunny with a high near 73. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 52. Friday - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m.

Kingham report:

Friday, May 8 ..... Low 53, High 71
.30 Rain
Saturday, May 9 ..... Low 43, High 76
Sunday, May 10 ..... Low 48, High 55
.35 Rain
Monday, May 11 ..... Low 38, High 70

Prayer

Loving God, remind us daily what is most important. Teach us to love others as you love us. Amen



The kindergarden class checks out the Robison Pond. They are Amari Martinez, Ashley Herring, Brynn Glennemeier, FFA volunteer Kegan Vanover, Aiden Wicker, Alex Olliff, Tessa Hauser and Emily Bohl.
- Telegram Photo by Dana Paxton

Fun on the farm

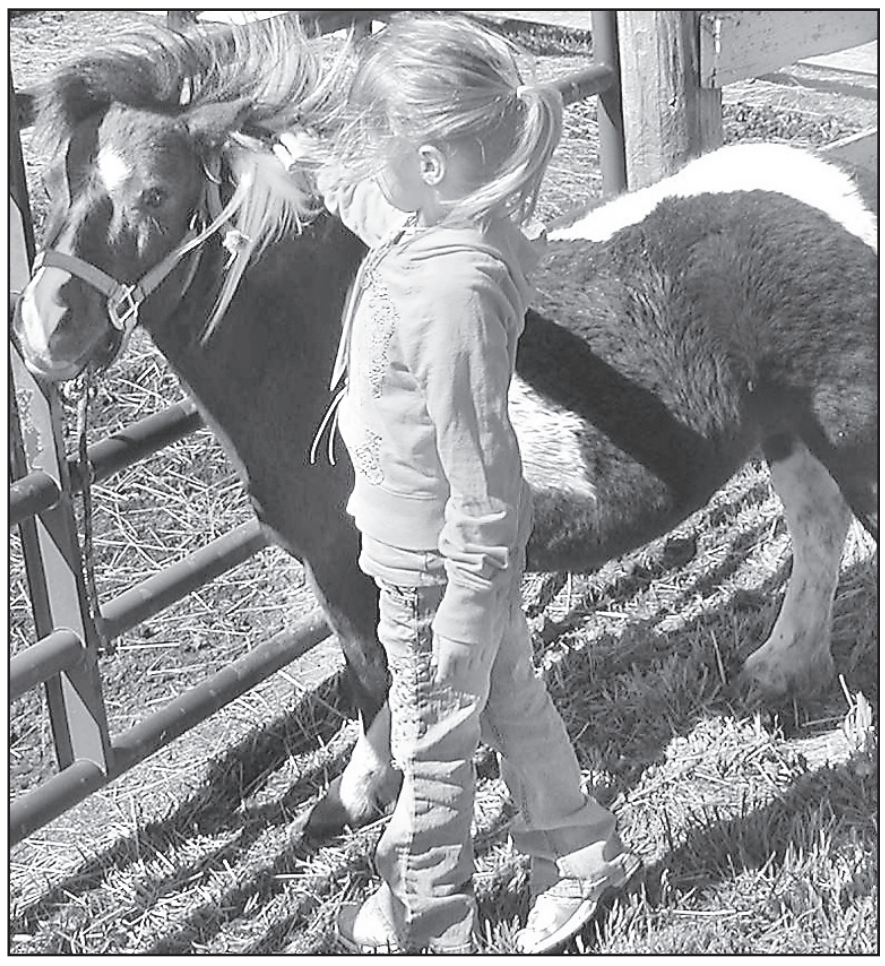
May 8 was a big day for kindergarten students in Norton, who had the opportunity to visit the Lone Pine Ranch, owned by Rick and Vicki Robison. The field trip was hosted by the Farm Bureau with funding assistance from the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

Patsy Maddy of Farm Bureau, and John E. Ankenman, Farm Bureau board member, were joined by Rick Robison as location hosts.

FFA fourth hour class members at Norton Community High School served as volunteers. They were Ryan Belcha, Kayla Scheetz, Tyler Esslinger, Kegan Vanover, Scott Arehart, Caleb Vanover, and Luke Borst, next year's student teacher in Mr. Beydler's Ag Ed Program; he is from Manhattan.

Nine stations were established for benefit of the kindergarten students:

1. Sunflower seed planting.
2. "The Incredible Journey," a study of the water cycle.
3. The pond - to look at the fish.
4. Birds - George the Goose, baby chicks, full grown chickens and peacocks.
5. Eight baby puppies.
6. Goats and sheep.
7. Silvia swine.
8. Calf,
9. Spark Plug and Tucker the Paint.



Courtland Porter loves up Tucker, one of the resident ponies on the Robison Farm.
- Telegram Photo by Dana Paxton

Norton lands project

Million plus for Natoma Corp.

By ERICA BRADLEY
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USDA Rural Development Acting State Director Darla Buckman told The Norton Telegram that Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. of Lenora was selected to receive a loan from the USDA Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program. Upon receipt of the loan proceeds, following execution of loan documentation and meeting the conditions of the program, the cooperative will then pass the loan proceeds on to the local applicant to finance job creation efforts.

She said such funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including community facilities and infrastructure, improving access to local medical care and other projects that encourage a favorable climate for job creation and economic growth.

The Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. project will receive a loan of $740,000 to assist in the construction of an addition to an existing business in Norton. Agency funds will be leveraged with an owner contribution of $775,427. Total project cost will be $1,515,427 and create six new jobs.

The loan to be distributed locally will go to the Natoma Corporation, said Rural Telephone's CEO Larry Sevier. "We are happy to be the conduit for Natoma"s USDA loan," he said.

The loan carries zero percent interest rate because it is for economic development.

Brandon Prough, a specialist in the

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News editor joins Telegram

Erica Bradley joined The Norton Telegram as the new news editor yesterday. She originates from Southern Colorado, where she attended Colorado State University-Pueblo. She graduated in 2007, and she double majored in English and mass communications, with an emphasis in news-editorial journalism.

Erica Bradley

Bradley has lived in Denver, Philadelphia and Boston since graduating.

"I am excited about being in Norton and beginning my role at the Telegram," Bradley said.

"I feel fortunate to have Erica on staff," said the newspaper's publisher Tom Dreiling.

"She and the other members of the staff hit it off at the outset, and I think they will mesh well."

In her role as news editor, Erica will handle most reporting chores and she will also pack a camera to record the sights of the Norton County area, he said.

Erica will also handle some of the pagination of pages. "She's done this before so that'll be a big help when we have larger papers to put out," he said.

"Erica is an easy meet; you'll like her. And as the guy in the television commercial says, 'I guarantee it.'"