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Briefly

Norton residents biking across state

Three Norton residents, Jeff Porter, Rev. "Buzz" Herman Lambrecht and his wife, Diane, will ride their bicycles this summer on the 35th annual Biking Across Kansas tour across the state from June 6-13.

The riders will leave from the Colorado-Kansas border west of Syracuse and arrive at Louisburg on the Kansas-Missouri border seven days later, a distance this year of 545 miles.

Overnight stays will be in Garden City, Jetmore, St. John, Halstead, Eureka, Humboldt and Paola. Nortonites will remember that last year's Biking Across Kansas tour went through Norton and the riders stayed overnight here. More information is on their website www.bak.org.

Meals on Wheels reminder issued

The Child Study Club concludes it's week of Meals on Wheels delivery on Sunday. Starting Monday, June 1 through June 7, delivering will be the Knights of Columbus, The contact person is Tom Melroy 877-2754.

And then moving into the picture on June 8-14 is the Norton Lions Club, Jon Boxler, contact person 877-5128.

Short memories

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weather forecast

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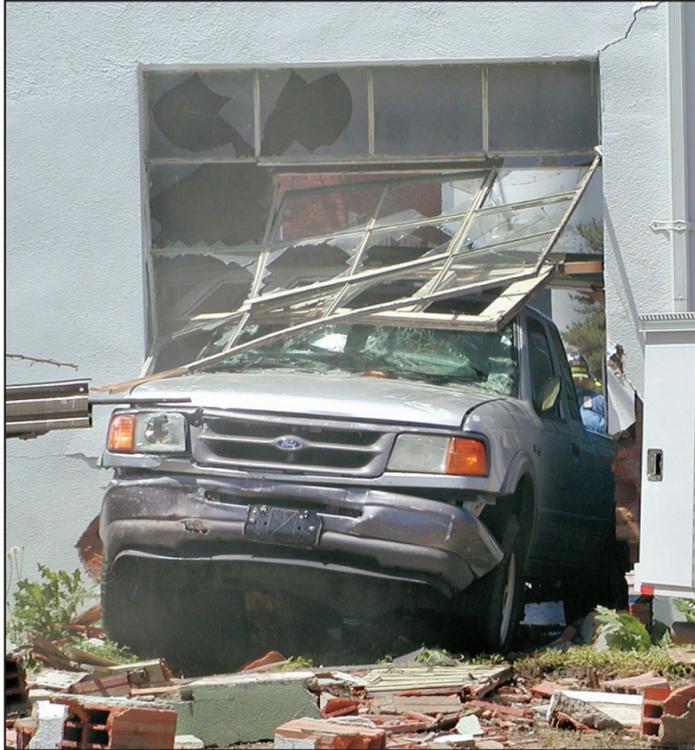
Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 57. Southwest wind around 10 mph. Saturday - Mostly sunny with a high near 88. West wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 58. Sunday - A slight chance of thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 92. Sunday Night - A chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 60. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Kingham report:

Wed., May 27 Low 48, High 76
Thursday, May 28..... Low 44, High 91
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, help us to listen to others and, most importantly, to you. Help us to act when you speak. Amen



Mr. Peterson's truck went straight through the garage at the old Moffet station on South State. The building and vehicle sustained extensive damage.

- Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson



EMS personnel attend to Donald Peterson after he was taken out of his vehicle. Mr. Peterson sustained minor cuts and abrasions and was later released from the hospital.

- Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson



Smoke engulfed the scene after the crash. The pickup went through the stop sign at South State and Washington Streets shortly after noon and into the front of the building and partially out the backside. Further

information was not available to The Telegram as the police department continued its investigation.

- Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

Accident stuns downtown area

The relatively peace and quite of the downtown area of Norton during the noon hour Thursday was shattered when an explosive-like sound caught widespread attention as a 1996 Ford Ranger bolted into the old Moffet Station on South Main.

Donald Peterson of Norton ran the stop sign at Washington and State Streets and crashed into the building

at 12:38 p.m., the Norton Police Department reported.

It is not known what caused the situation.

Extensive damage was caused to Mr. Peterson's vehicle and to the facility.

Mr. Peterson was treated for minor scratches and abrasions at Norton County Hospital and released a short time later, Mrs. Peterson said. "I am watching him

for smoke inhalation."

Moffet's was one of the downtown development projects currently being worked on by Norton City/County Economic Development.

Roger and Michael Moffet generously donated the property, which is going to be turned into the Norton County Business and Visitor Center, said Diane Becker, development director.

Onlookers, for the most part, watched in silence, hoping for the best for Mr. Peterson.

Information was sketchy as the police department continued its investigation.

But The Telegram's publisher Tom Dreiling assured readers the paper would have a follow up in Tuesday's edition.

Tech center in business downtown

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Technology classes are quickly filling up at the Norton Technology Center, a new business that opened Thursday afternoon at 103 S. State Street.

Kim Wicker owns the center, which includes a classroom and gathering room. Ms. Wicker said the gathering room is for community use; she will charge a minimal fee to cover utilities.

Ms. Wicker will offer a basic computer skills class on June 2. The class cost is available by contacting her. It will be offered in two hour sessions; the first from 6-8 p.m. on June 2 and the second from 6-8 p.m. on June 4.

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Website, celebration keep library busy

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The staff of the Norton Public Library is busy preparing for their 100 year celebration, but they are also busy working on a new web site, getting a new computer system and putting on the summer reading program.

Mary Luehrs, library director, said the new web site is being done in-house. She is hoping to get it finished before the birthday celebration. Currently, the

library has a page on the Norton Chamber of Commerce web site, but they do not have their own site.

The new computer system will provide a lot of benefits to the community, Mrs. Luehrs said. Community members will be able to log onto the system to see if a book is available, and they will be able to put a book on hold.

"It is going to be awesome because people will be able to access the library system from home."

Mrs. Luehrs estimates that the new computer system will be up by the beginning of July.

The library will also receive new computers from a grant from the Gates Foundation, Mrs. Luehrs said.

The planning for the 100 year birthday celebration is also continuing.

Mrs. Luehrs said they started planning in January when a seven member committee was formed. The committee began

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Eisenhower names winners of first science fair

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The winners of the first annual Eisenhower Elementary School science fair have surfaced.

Students from Belinda Thalheim's fourth grade class, Kristen Fahrenbruch's fourth grade class and Teresa Schulze's sixth grade class participated in the fair.

Mrs. Schulze said the ceremony was

held Thursday. "There was a first, second and third place award given in every class," she said.

In Mrs. Fahrenbruch's 4th grade class the first place award was given to the Towel Breakers Project. Baylee Miller, Desiree Johnson, Caleb Gregorson, Treianne Park and Kendra Cadwalder participated in this project.

The students picked the Towel Break-

ers Project "because we thought this one would be the most fun," Treianne Park, a sixth grader, said.

Second place went to the Adapt to Chow Down Project. Maverick Engel, Tyler Karabin, Harrison Woodyard and Trae Braun worked on this project.

Jo Otter, Nate Hartwell, Kira Robertson, Owen Brown and Macayla Kent won

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