



Friday

February 10, 2012

Briefly

Logan art show
set for this Sunday

The Logan High School Art Show and exhibit will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Hansen Museum. Works by art students from the surrounding area will be on display.

Blood screen to be
held this Tuesday

The Norton County Health Department and the Norton County Hospital will be holding a Promotion Blood Screening on Tuesday from 7 a.m. to noon at the Norton County Health Department. No appointments are needed. Tests will be for prostate, thyroid, blood sugar and kidney functions.

Planning meeting
to be held Tuesday

There will be a local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting on Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Norton County EMS building. The public is invited to attend.

Business expo will be
Saturday at Armory

The Sweetheart Home Based Business Expo will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Norton National Guard Armory. Many vendors will be available and door prizes will be drawn.

Needs assessment
meeting is Monday

The Norton County Hospital and Health Department will hold a Community Health Needs Assessment meeting Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the conference room at Prairie Land Electric. Lunch will be served and the public is encouraged to attend.

Pinewood Derby
set for this Sunday

The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby and Blue and Gold Banquet will take place Sunday at the Norton American Legion. The race starts at 4 p.m. with the banquet and awards to follow. The public is invited to celebrate 181 Cub Scout troop.

Markets

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Wheat\$6.35
Milo.....\$5.81
Soybeans.....\$11.30
Corn\$6.21
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly sunny with highs around 13. Sunday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Monday - Mostly cloudy then becoming sunny with a 20 percent chance of snow.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, February 7Low 24, High 29
3 Inches of Snow
Wednesday, Feb. 8Low 19, High 32
Thursday, February 9.....Low 17, High 41
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, make our lives an encouragement to others in word and deed. Give us generous hearts faithful to share what you have given us. Amen

‘Feathers, Scales and Furry Tales’



Presenting songs of “Feathers, Scales and Furry Tales: A Kid’s-Eye View of Forest Animals,” the Eisenhower Elementary first and second graders hosted a concert Monday evening at the East Campus auditorium. The concert featured a selection of eight songs that included

dance moves and miming action, along with animal costumes, props and student narration. The show was directed by Joyce Morel and was presented for friends and families of the students.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Guard unit prepares for overseas deployment

By Kevin Bottrell

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Former Goodland resident Capt. Scott Weber says he’s excited to be commanding the Kansas Army National Guard’s 170th Maintenance Company as it prepares for deployment to southwest Asia.

The 170th is based at the armory in Norton and includes the armory in Colby. The Goodland armory was a part of the unit before it was closed down in March, 2010. The unit includes people from all over northwest Kansas, including two current Goodland residents. Weber was born and raised here. He moved in 2006 after becoming a full-

time National Guardsman.

The 170th is about half veteran soldiers who have been deployed before, Weber said, and half younger soldiers. Some unit members were around when the unit was last deployed 20 years ago in Operation Desert Storm. Both groups are highly motivated, he said.

“The troops are extremely motivated,” he said. “That makes it easier from a command perspective.”

Weber said 170th had been set for deployment several years ago, but did not end up going overseas. When it was deployed in February, 1991, the unit acted in support and maintenance roles for Army units during the fight-

ing in Kuwait and helped with repair, cleanup and inspection after.

This will be Weber’s first deployment, something he describes as an exciting prospect.

“It’s my turn,” he said.

Weber said the 170th has been training for six to seven months, and it will finish up that training this week.

“The training was good,” he said. “We’ve been on the ranges all weekend, it did get a little cold out there.”

The 170th finished weapons qualification early this week, then had classroom instruction and field training, which included battle, navigation and radio training. Weber said the last three

days of the week were running field exercises, which bring together all the various training areas into one combined exercise.

After a departure ceremony on Sunday, the unit will go to Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Miss., for additional training before being sent overseas. The 170th will spend about nine months in-country. Weber said they will be set up as an Area Reaction Force, which conducts patrols and guards against threats to American forces.

The departure ceremony will be at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday, Feb. 12, at Hangar 600, 2720 Arnold Ave. in Salina. The public is invited to attend.

Northern Valley student wins county spelling competition

By Carleen Bell

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Competing against 11 other students, a Northern Valley fifth grader has earned the honor of top speller in Norton County after Wednesday’s Norton County Spelling.

Northern Valley fifth grader Micah Kasson won the county contest by spelling “incidental” and has earned the opportunity to advance to the state spelling bee in March. She is the daughter of Kirk and Kim Kasson.

For the county competition, 12 Norton and Northern Valley students and their families gathered in Long Island Wednesday afternoon for the Norton County spelling bee. Representing the schools were three students from Eisenhower Elementary, three students from Norton Junior High, three students for Northern Valley Elementary and three students from Northern Valley Junior High.

The competitors were the winners of their individual classroom spelling bees, held earlier this semester, who then went on to win top honors in their school spelling bees.

Earning second place in the competition was Taryn Kuhn, daughter of Marla and Toby Kuhn, a fifth grader at Eisenhower Elementary. Third place honors went to Trey Hall, son of Chris and Regina Hall, an eighth grade student at Northern Valley.

The judges for the competition were Jen Hauser, the Eisenhower Elementary school counselor, and Robbie Griffiths, a language arts teacher at Northern Valley. Pronouncing the words was Jim Springer, also a teacher at North-



(Above) Taking third place in the Norton County spelling bee Wednesday afternoon, Northern Valley eighth grader Trey Hall attempted to spell a word for the competition judges while Taryn Kuhn and Micah Kasson waited their turns at the microphone in one of the last rounds of the competition. Kuhn earned second place in the spelling bee and Kasson earned first place and the chance to advance to the state spelling bee on March 17.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

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Other students participating in the competition were Hadley Hauser, Riley Sides, Eden Combs, Michaela Sorenson, Piper Smith, Damien Wellman,

Lauren Mordecai, Audrey Burge and Hailey Braneck.

Because she was the top speller at the county level, Kasson will advance to the state spelling bee on March 17 to

be held at Barton County Community College in Great Bend. She will compete with about 75 other students for the opportunity to advance to regional and national spelling competition.

Northern Valley Scholars Bowl team headed for state

By Carleen Bell

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For the second consecutive season, the Northern Valley Scholars Bowl team is headed for state competition this weekend.

Scholars Bowl coach Jason Dibble reported this week that the five-member team, consisting of four seniors and one freshman, started their season in October and will finish after Saturday’s state competition.

For seasonal competition, Dibble said, the team travels to area schools and goes head-to-head with other schools to answer trivia questions. The questions cover a variety of topics and academic areas, such as science, math and language arts, among others.

Last Thursday, the Northern Valley team traveled to Palco for a regional competition, where the team earned third place overall out of 11 schools, securing a spot at the state meet. The team will be one of 12 at

the state meet to be held in Natoma this Saturday.

“This is the second year in a row that we’ve been able to go to state,” Dibble said. “From the best we can figure, it had been about 15 years before that since Northern Valley had been to state competition.”

Members of the Northern Valley Scholars Bowl team are Tyler Montgomery, Daniel Field, Gunnar Hays, Zane Miller (all seniors) and Macy Kasson, freshman.

