

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

February 24, 2012

Briefly

Dodgeball tourney will be Saturday

There will be a Dodgeball Tournament at the Norton East Campus this Saturday starting at 10 a.m. All proceeds will go to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Come support your favorite team.

Mr. NCHS pageant set for this Sunday

Norton Community High School Mr. NCHS competition which was postponed is now set to take place this Sunday at the East Campus Auditorium beginning at 2 p.m. See who wins this year's honor of being Mr. NCHS.

Mary Todd Lincoln is coming to library

Mary Lou Pennington will portray Mary Todd Lincoln at the Norton Public Library Community Room on Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Genealogical Society. Come enjoy a bit of history.

Bible trivia night to be held this Sunday

There will be a Bible Trivia Night held at The Rock Sunday night starting at 5p.m. Stop in and see if any of the teams need a member for a night of great fun.

Feb. 29 is deadline for license renewal

Feb. 29 is the deadline for the renewal of heavy truck and trailer tags and all persons whose last names begin with "A." Remember to include current proof of insurance for all vehicle. Drivers license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone renewing will need have current drivers license, social security card or something with the number on it and a current utility bill or current bank statement with proof of address.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.28
Milo	\$5.83
Soybeans	\$11.90
Corn	\$6.24

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Sunny and not as cool. Windy with highs in the upper 50s. Sunday - Sunny and breezy with highs in the lower 50s. Monday - Partly sunny in the morning then mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain in the afternoon. Tuesday - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of light rain.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Feb. 21Low 25, High 52
Wednesday, Feb. 22Low 33, High 57
Thursday, Feb. 23Low 35, High 46
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for opening our hearts to you so that you can open others' hearts through our words and actions. Amen

Collision sends one to hospital



Emergency responders worked to treat Steven Brown at the scene of a two-vehicle collision on the east edge of Norton late Thursday morning. Brown was transported to the Norton County Hospital for treatment of his injuries. The driver of the semi in the collision, Dennis Reicks of Kearney, Neb., refused treatment at the scene.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

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After a collision on Highway 36 late Thursday morning, an Almena man has been taken to the Norton County Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

According to information from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Steven L.

Brown, 20, of Almena was driving a 1999 Dodge pickup truck at about 11:24 a.m., attempting to make a left turn from a private driveway onto Highway 36 on the east edge of Norton.

Brown pulled onto the highway in front of a semi truck and trailer driven by Dennis Reicks, 24, of Kearney,

Neb., who was eastbound on Highway 36. The semi struck the pickup on the driver side and both vehicles came to rest in the north ditch of the highway.

The impact of the crash caused the bed to be completely ripped from the cab of the pickup and dented the rear driver side portion of the cab. The semi truck sustained damage to the

front left fender area.

Brown was injured in the crash and was transported by Norton County EMS to the Norton County hospital for treatment. Reicks refused treatment at the scene. Both drivers were wearing safety restraints at the time of the crash.

State to renovate portion of Highway 36

Beginning next week, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin work to reconstruct a section of US-36 Highway in Norton County.

Starting at the east city limits of Norton, and continuing east approximately 4.5 miles to the US-36/K-383 junction, workers will rebuild the roadway on existing alignment.

Work will begin in late February to extend or replace the drainage structures along this route.

Beginning on approximately March 12, workers will replace the US-36 drainage structure located just east of the intersection of US-36/K-67 (roadway to the Norton Correction Facility).

During the bridge work, one-lane traffic will be controlled with a traffic signal.

Continuing through the summer months, earthwork will be performed to provide flatter shoulders.

This fall, the 4.5 miles of roadway will be reconstructed utilizing a cold recycle operation, followed by a five-inch overlay of new asphalt material.

Northern Valley school hosts a forensics tourney

On Saturday, Feb. 18, Northern Valley schools hosted the Northern Plains League Forensics tournament in Almena, placing fourth overall in the tournament.

Students from Northern Valley participating were Dakota Hilburn, Gunnar Hays, Daniel Field, Ame Baird, Makayla Smith, Jon Compton, Matt Stutsman, Alex Tharman, Moran Speer and Macy Kasson.

Coach Ken Tharman reports that the day started with some unexpected delays as one of the visiting schools had some bus trouble en route to the tournament, so scheduling and judging had to be shifted to accommodate the delay.

Northern Valley student results are as follows: Dakota Hilburn – Serious Solo Acting (4th place) and Oration (4th place), Gunnar Hays – Prose (6th place) and Extemp (1st place), Ame Baird – Extemp (6th place), Makayla Smith & Alex Tharman – Improvised Duet Acting (7th place), Morgan Speer – Oration (6th place), Daniel Field – Poetry (1st place), Macy Kasson – Humorous Solo Acting (6th place) and Alex Tharman – Humorous Solo Acting (2nd place).
Lincoln took first in the tournament, Sylvan took second and Wilson placed third.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the early autumn work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected throughout the construction time frame. Commuters are asked to plan their travels accordingly, especially those commuting to/from work, during all phases of the construction.

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road con-

struction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Break."

The department awarded the construction contract - totaling \$4,945,124 - to Venture Corporation, of Great Bend.

Subcontractors on the project include Sporer Land Development, earthwork; All Road Barricades, traffic control; Merz Bros. Construction, seeding/erosion control; Ballou Pavement Solutions, cold recycle; PCI Roads, LLC, safety barrier; Survey's, Inc., construc-

tion staking; Smoky Valley Electric, traffic signals; Reece Construction Co, concrete; J&J Contractors, concrete; Fulson Brothers, Inc., guardrail and signing; Industrial Pipelines South Central, Inc., pre-watering.

The pavement reconstruction project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

Weather permitting the construction work will be completed by next January.

A talent showcase



Ahead of the MCEL Music Festival at the school, Norton Junior High band and vocal students held a concert Monday evening to rehearse they musical pieces and showcase their musical talents. The concert featured vocal and instrumental music selections from several ensembles and larger groups. Pictured, the junior high boys ensemble sang "The Water is Wide," arranged by Jane Ellen and accompanied by Sara Brehmer. The boys ensemble featured (left to right) Caleb Gregerson, Michael Kasson, Tyus Henson, Skylar Johnson, Kyle Bell and Gavin Lively.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Sunday is daffodil deadline for Cancer Society

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This Sunday is the final day to order a bouquet of daffodils from the American Cancer Society's annual fund-raiser.

Local organizer Mary Byler is coordinating the fund-raiser and daffodils can be ordered by calling her at 785-877-5225 or 785-871-7538.

For a donation of \$10 to the American Cancer Society, anyone who orders daffodils will receive a bouquet of fresh-cut daffodils in mid-March. For \$15, supporters receive a Cheer Bouquet of 10 daffodils in a special Daffodil Days vase.

According to information from the American Cancer Society (cancer.org),

Daffodil Days is one of the organization's longest-standing fund-raisers.

The flowers represent awareness and the hope of defeating cancer. During the past 14 years, Daffodil Days has raised more than \$240 million in revenue to support the society's mission to eliminate cancer as a life-threatening disease.

