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Briefly

Keeping drugs in their proper place

The Norton County Sheriff's Department will be collecting any unused or expired medications in their Got Drugs campaign on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sheriff's Department.

Kindergarten concert Tuesday

There will be a kindergarten vocal concert held at the Norton Eisenhower Elementary cafeteria on Tuesday starting at 2:30.

Tag renewals due by next Tuesday

The last day to purchase "C" and "D" tags from the Norton County Treasurer is April 30. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. For trailers, insurance is needed for the vehicle that will pull the trailer. The VIN number, policy number, and current expiration date will need to be verified.

Youth forum to be held on Thursday

The Norton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs will be hosting a youth forum at The Rock Christian Youth Center on Thursday for all area fifth and sixth graders. Pizza will be served at 5:15 p.m. followed by the forum and then at 7 p.m. there will be a movie at the theatre for all attendees.

Post office dispatch times to change

Mail dispatch time for the Norton Post Office will change on May 4. The collection time inside the Post Office will be 11:15 a.m. Monday thru Friday. On Saturday the collection time will be 10:45. The collection time for the box on the west side of the Post Office will be 12:10 Monday thru Saturday. The lunch hour closure will continue to be 11:30 to 12:30.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.04
Milo	\$6.04
Soybeans	\$13.75
Corn	\$6.47

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Friday Night - Partly cloudy with fog overnight. Saturday - Clear with a high of 75. Saturday Night - Clear with a low of 39. Sunday - Partly cloudy with fog early. High of 82. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening then clear with a low of 55. Monday - Clear in the morning, then partly cloudy with a high of 82. Tuesday - High of 81.

Prayer

Dear God, help us to keep in our hearts the truth of your presence. Amen



LIBRARIAN BETSY JAKOWSKI of the Norcatuar Public Library hung a poster in the Children's Library illustrating the six pre-reading skills kids should have by the age of 6. Children attending the library's Story Time every Wednesday at 10 a.m. are exposed to these skills.

—Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

"Dig into Reading" implemented

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By the time children are 6, they need to have developed six important skills that will enable them to learn to read: Wanting to read, noticing print, talking about objects and naming them, telling stories about everything, looking for letters and shapes and rhyming, singing and playing word games.

Anna Foote, the early literacy and lifelong learning coordinator with the State Library of Kansas, toured area libraries last month, including a stop at the Norcatuar Public Library. She gave libraries information they need to implement the "6 by 6" program and to introduce the theme for the summer reading program, "Dig Into Reading."

Librarian Betsy Jakowski said Ms. Foote was pleased to see the children's library and a special reading nook in a corner of the room. Not only do the children have lots of books for ages 2 through second grade, she said, but there are lots of toys available to play with.

"It makes you want to be a kid again," one mother said.

Mrs. Jakowski applied for a \$1,000 book grant for the library and is excited about the focus of the "6 by 6" program.

"I think it gets kids excited about reading and learning," she said. "I want them to want to go to the library. I've made this a fun place to come. I want going to the library to become a lifelong practice."

All children are welcome to come to Story Time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the library. Guest readers read to the children each week and help incorporate "6 by 6" skills into the program.

Department addresses issues with county

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The Norton County Road and Bridge Department is working to get the wiring in its building up to code.

Road and Bridge Administrator Sandy Smith told the county commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday that she has contacted six contractors to look at the building. She said that as of Monday, two firms have sent someone to look over the building in hopes of preparing a bid. Both Bailey Electric of Norcatuar and Hawks Electric of Alma have answered her call, she said.

Ms. Smith said that she thinks a parking problem has been solved.

The county needed a place to put equipment, she said, and contacted a person they thought was the landowner of a small piece of ground and got per-

mission to park road graders and other equipment not always in use. The county cleared and smoothed the ground, she said, then found out that the person, she had talked to didn't own it and the owners didn't want the county to park there. The equipment was removed, she said, and the area reseeded.

She asked the commissioners to attend a seminar on Tuesday that would allow them to get credentials to enter disaster areas.

"That's how you're going to get on the scene if anything happens," she said.

She added that the credential process has computerized the work of getting people who need to be at the scene of a disaster into the site. Before this was computerized, she said, there was a huge amount of paperwork. She did

warn the commissioners, however, that the seminar could be cancelled due to bad weather.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Noted that they would not hold an end-of-the month meeting on Tuesday, April 30, since they will be holding a regular meeting the day before on Monday.

- Heard from County Clerk Robert Wyatt that the county should not expect any help from the state in the next election. He said that he was told that the state, which has helped the county with some parts of the election process, does not have the money to continue helping and the county may have to look at purchasing new voting machines because the ones it has now are coming to an end of their expected lifespan.

- Decided to check with the county's liability insurer about whether to allow one of the new county graders to go to

a truck and equipment show at the fairgrounds on Thursday.

- Heard from Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller that he would be attending a demonstration in Phillipsburg of a new product to put on top of the landfill. The new product is supposed to be cheaper and withstand water better, he said.

- Learned that there have only been a few complaints about raising fees at the landfill and that the recycling center has sent out a load of cardboard and is preparing to send out a load of plastic this week.

Mr. Miller said that there were several county residents lined up to dump construction and demolition items as soon as he opened up on Monday morning. However, because of the wet weather, he said, he was going to extend the county's cleanup days through Thursday and perhaps through Friday, if it kept raining or started snowing.

Garden in a glove



Rosalie McMullen's Good Beginnings pre-schoolers visited the residents at the Auldbe Home on Tuesday. The kids and residents had fun as they made a garden in a glove, by planting seeds in cotton balls, placing them in the fingers of a plastic glove. (Pictured from left to right) Caleb Kasper waits his turn as Rose Ann Miller helps Daniel Hildebrand, and Lincoln Sander looks on.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Keeping drugs out of the wrong hands

Safely disposing of prescription medications is key to preventing abuse and accidents, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said. He encouraged Kansans to take advantage of the free disposal opportunities coming up this Saturday, April 27, as part of the National Drug Take Back Day.

"Accidental or intentional misuse of prescription drugs can be prevented through safe storage and disposal," Schmidt said. "Encourage all Kansans to take advantage of the opportunity to safely dispose of medications that are no longer needed by visiting their local drop-off sites this Saturday."

The National Drug Take Back Day is coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Administration in partnership with local and state law enforcement agencies. Since the program began in 2010, Kansans have turned in more than 12 tons of medications.

Norton County is taking part in this event. People can drop off their unused or expired medications for safe disposal at the Norton County Sheriff's Department this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sheriff Troy Thomson wants to remind every one that this is not the only time that you can drop off your medications, they are able to take them at any time.

