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Briefly

Veterans assistance available on May 6

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton County Public Library from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims on May 6. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Second half of 2013 taxes due on May 10

The second half of the 2013 taxes are due by May 10, 2014. Don't forget to bring or send in the payment stubs from your tax statements. For more information, call the Norton County Treasurer's office at 785-877-5795.

Volunteers needed at the Youth Center

Volunteers and board members are needed at The Rock Christian Youth Center. If you have an interest in working with youth in a Faith-based environment, please call Bill Johnson at 877-2326.

Band concert set for Monday night

Fifth and sixth graders at Eisenhower Elementary School will perform in a band concert on Monday at the East Campus Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Kindness program at East Campus

Seniors at Norton Community High School will present Kindness Unites Us program at the East Campus Auditorium on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Markets

MAY, 2014

Wheat	\$7.65
Milo	\$4.51
Soybeans	\$14.43
Corn	\$4.91

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - A mainly sunny sky with a high of 81. Sunday - Sunny with a high of 82. Monday - Sun and a few passing clouds with a high of 81. Tuesday - Foggy early, then partly cloudy later in the day and a high of 83. Wednesday - Sunshine and clouds mixed with a high of 84.

Prayer

Dear God, please give us the strength to reach the finish line. Amen.

'Gettin' Down with Mama Goose'



The kindergarteners at Eisenhower Elementary School presented a vocal concert, 'Gettin' Down with Mama Goose,' on Tuesday in the cafeteria, which was packed with parents and family. The students in Mrs. Melvin's, Mrs. Roy's and Mrs. Schrum's classes sang eight songs

under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Ruder, including 'Hickory Dickory Hat Dance,' 'Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary,' 'Five Little Monkeys,' and 'Pat-A-Cake.'

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Representative Cassidy won't run for re-election

By STEVE HAYNES

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State Rep. Ward Cassidy of St. Francis, who has represented the northwest corner of Kansas for nearly four years and risen to a key position in the House leadership, said Monday he won't run for re-election this fall.

Speculation on who would take his place centered on former Rep. Rick Billinger of Goodland, who filed for the seat on April 18, more than a week in advance of Mr. Cassidy's announcement.

Rep. Cassidy, 67, beat Mr. Billinger in a contested primary two years ago after they were thrown together in

the same district by a panel of federal judges who wound up drawing new boundaries for the state Legislature. The House and Senate had been unable to agree on a plan that would pass court muster, leaving the job to the judges.

In his short time in Topeka, Mr. Cassidy had become chairman of the House Education Budget Committee, vice-chair of Education and a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee. In those roles, he helped shape state spending and his committee had the final say, for the House, on nearly 100 school and college budgets.

"Four years and time away from family have taken their toll," he said.

"I have enjoyed fighting for northwest Kansas and feel I have had success in promoting and protecting our area.

"I did an interview for a Topeka paper a few weeks ago and responded to the question, 'What did I like best and what did I like least about serving in the Legislature?' My response was the same for both questions: 'Some of the people I have met.'

"It has taken a lot of thought, but I have missed too many events of my grandkids. I will finish my term, as I still have some issues to solve for constituents."

Reached after yet another meeting in Topeka, the representative said he

hopes to stay involved in public affairs.

"That was a hard decision," he said. "It was a lot of work, but that's what you ask for when you ask to come down here.

"I've got a grandson who'll probably be playing a lot of high school basketball next year. I never got home (after taking the Education Budget job). It's tougher than most people think.

"It's not something I regret. I really enjoyed it.... A lot of people have really been very nice since they heard I would not run, but those kids are only little for so long.

"This was never about me. I really wanted to help northwest Kansas."

Norton's Station 15 is a small log cabin with a big history

By MIKE STEPHENS

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Tucked away at Roadside Park on U.S. 36 in Norton is a little log cabin, with a big history.

Station 15 is a replica of an 1800s stagecoach and wagon train depot. The lifelike figures on display at the Station were present on May 21, 1859 and included, Pat Dolan, one of the stagecoach drivers who later became a Texas Ranger, Wild Bill Hickok, the other driver of the stage, Albert Richardson, a reporter for the New York Tribune, William Bonney Sr., station master, Horace Greeley, publisher of the New York Tribune and Mrs. Bonney, the other station master. Before winter arrived in 1859, Mrs. Bonney gave birth to William Bonney Jr., later to be known as "Billy the Kid."

Station 15 was originally located south of Norton on the Leavenworth Pike's Peak Express Company Stagecoach Line. This was the shortest trail to the Denver gold fields.

Horace Greeley, 48, was on a transcontinental trip and traveled through Kansas in a Leavenworth Pike's Peak

Express Company stagecoach accompanied by Albert Richardson, 25, a writer on his New York Tribune staff. Both wrote extensively of their trip, including their accounts of an overnight stop at Station 15.

Albert Richardson: "We spent the night at Station Fifteen, kept by an ex-Cincinnati lawyer, who with his wife, formerly an actress at the Bowery Theater, is now cooking meals and making beds for stage passengers on the great desert three hundred miles beyond civilization...Our road, following the valley of the Republican river, is here two thousand three hundred feet above sea-level...Day's travel fifty-six miles."

Horace Greeley: "We have made fifty-six miles since we started about nine this morning, and our present encampment is on a creek running to the Republican, so that we have bidden a final adieu to Solomon's Fork, and all other affluents of the Smoky Hill branch of the Kansas. We traveled on the "divide" between this and the northern branch of the Kansas for some miles today, and finally came

over to the waters of that stream. (the Republican), which we are to strike some eighty miles further on. We are now just half way from Leavenworth to Denver, and our coach has been a week making this distance; so that with equal good fortune we may expect to reach the land of gold in another week."

Station 15 was moved to U.S. 36 in the late-1980s, in order to attract more visitors. Its original site was on Pump Street where the Norton Manor is located. Pump Street was later renamed Horace Greeley Ave.

Station 15 was the brain-child of Norton banker William Rouse. The property was purchased by First State Bank for \$200 from Mrs. Frank Alley in payment of back taxes. The property was then donated to the city of Norton. A family near Edmond uncovered a log cabin when tearing down an old farm-

stead, and First State Bank purchased the building and moved it to the location on Pump Street. Bill Rouse acted as project chairman and obtained the contents from various Norton residents. The building and the property belongs to the city, the contents were donated by numerous individuals, including Mrs. Rouse.

A local contractor, Glen Tweed, had worked on numerous projects with Mr. Rouse, and the following are some of his recollections on the re-vitalization of Station 15.

(All historical accounts and documentation provided by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce)

"I don't remember whether Bill had been thinking of making a museum, before or after we found an old log house about 10 miles south of Norton on a

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Northern Valley High School graduation is set for Sunday

By MIKE STEPHENS

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Northern Valley High School's Class of 2014 Graduation will be Sunday at 2 p.m., at the gymnasium in Almena.

The graduating class is as follows: Jordan Schuyler Baird, Hunter Bradley Chandler, Beatriz Adriana De la Fuente, Emmy Marie-Nicole Fringer, Brooke Justine Hammond, DaKota Donn Bliss Hilburn, Kolton Tanner Hilburn, Kristen LeAnn Leibhart, Aaron Wayne Pinzenscham, Mike LeRoy Siard, Alex William Stevens and Ian Thomas Vincent.

Class Sponsor, Logan Kats; Junior Escorts, Makayla Smith and Matt Stutsman; Programs, Clint Cole and Khriissanna Van Patten.

The graduation ceremony will begin with the Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance." Hunter Chandler will speak during the opening and the guest speaker will be retired USAF Lt. Col. Richard L. Trail. Recognition of Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be given by Logan Kats followed by parent recognition and a senior slide show. Superintendent Steven Taylor will present the Class of 2014 and Glenn Brands and Logan Kats will present the diplomas and awards. The closing speech will be given by Ian Vincent followed by the recessional, "Hall of Fame."

The 2014 class motto, "if we cannot find the road to success, we will make one." -Unknown



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