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Young athletes participate in recreation commission track meet.

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## Friday, May 14, 2004

### Norton, Kansas Home of Brad Harding

## Briefly Commodities to be distributed

There will be government surplus food distributed to those of low-income in Norton County next week.

The items include walnuts, pears, tomato sauce, tuna, peanut butter, cereal and pudding cups.

Distribution in Almena will be from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center; in Norton from 2-5 p.m., Wednesday at the Senior Center; in Lenora from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Senior Center; and in Clayton from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 22, at the Library.

## Free gun locks to be given away

The Norton County Sheriff's Office and the Norton Police Department are giving away free gun locks, no questions asked, to anyone who wants one as a part of the national Project ChildSafe initiative.

The sheriff's department has 500 large caliber and 100 small caliber locks, while the police department has 200 large caliber and 100 small caliber locks.

The locks may be picked up at the sheriff's office on the first floor of the Norton County Courthouse or at the police station on the east side of the city building and will be given out until they are gone.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy and warmer with highs in the mid 70s.

South winds 10 to 20 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Not as cool with lows in the upper 50s.

Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and warmer with highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph.

**Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. **Monday** — Partly cloudy and breezy with highs in the upper 70s. **Monday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 40s.

**Howell report:**

Tuesday ..... High 86, Low 53

Wednesday ..... High 70, Low 37, .22 prec.

Thursday ..... High 51, Low 33, .05 prec.

Week ago ..... High 86, Low 60

Month ago ..... High 81, Low 47

Year ago ..... High 80, Low 44

May precipitation ..... .97 inches

Year-to-date precipitation ..... 6.20 inches

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making us in your own image and declaring us "very good." And we thank you that you have never changed your mind about us, your beautiful creation. Amen



Checking out a birdhouse in the woodworking shop Jana Keiswetter (above left) and Alisha Keiswetter joined hundreds of family and friends at the annual student exhibit and concert on Tuesday at the Norton Community High School. Junior Keesha Holste (below left) relaxed in part of her exhibit and dreamed of summer vacation while Anna Berry (below right) showed off her award-winning art. Miss Berry was chosen artist of the year in both the school's juried show and the students' choice. — Photos by Peggy Stull and Cynthia Haynes



## Graduates to march on Sunday

Commencement exercises for Norton Community High School will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the high school gymnasium.

Nick Evans, Jason Green and Justin Shirk will provide the honor guard. The high school band will play the processional "Pomp and Circumstance."

Senior class president Ashton Lofgreen will give the welcome. Jeff Nielsen, school board member and father of two members of the class of 2004 will give a talk called "Time Bombs." The school choir will perform "Seasons of Love".

Ashton Lofgreen and C.J. Thiele were chosen by their classmates to speak on their behalf. Miss Lofgreen's message is titled, "The Bigger Ride", while Mr. Thiele will speak on "Direction of Life". "Of A Distant Star" will be performed by the high school band.

High school principal, Lary Stull will present the class of 2004, as Superintendent Greg Mann presents diplomas.

To conclude, everyone will join the (Continued on Page 5)



Leland Dwinell, re-enacts his portrayal of "The Viper" during one of the Andbe Homes special activities during Nursing Home Week. The theme this week was Tex-Mex Fiesta. The rest of Leland's lines were: "I'm the viper. I've come to wash the windows." For more on Nursing Home Week see ad on Page 3 — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Democrat plans to run for house

Bob Strevey, rural Norcatur, has filed for the Democratic nomination to the 120th Legislative seat in the Kansas House of Representatives, representing northwest Kansas.

Mr. Strevey and his wife Kay have three married daughters. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War, a retired teacher and a farmer-stockman.

"I appreciate the difficulties facing our legislators during these times of economic hardship and drought," Mr. Strevey said. "When finances are tight, we must set careful priorities. I feel we should put programs that care for people such as schools, nursing homes, and the disabled at the top of our list. Programs that are for capital improvements such as new buildings, roads and research should be delayed until more funds are available.

"Borrowing to pay current bills is poor policy. We should either raise the taxes or cut the programs but it's not right to make our grandchildren pay for what we spend. It's also unwise to cut state income taxes

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Jacky Cobian, (above) American Field Service student at Norton Community High School this year, got a little teary as she was awarded her letter during the annual awards assembly last Thursday in the school gym. Corey Rutherford (left) picked up a soft drink during a break. Serving the complimentary beverages were Student Advisory Council members Patricia Hagman (front), Ashton Lofgreen, (center) and Jessica Nielsen.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



## Several deer and a cow cause accidents in Norton County

Norton law enforcement have covered several accidents within the last few weeks in Norton County.

On April 14, the sheriff's department responded to a deer accident on U.S. 36. Franklin Urban, 69, Oberlin, was eastbound when a deer entered the road from the south ditch. The 1991 Ford pickup he was driving hit the animal and sustained over \$500 in damages. Mr. Urban was wearing his seat belt and was not injured.

On April 21, the sheriff's office responded to a one-vehicle accident involving a cow. William H. Edwards, 52, Edmond, was driving a 1983 Oldsmobile four-door west on K-9 when a cow jumped from the north ditch. Mr. Edwards hit the animal causing over \$500 in damages to the Oldsmobile. No injuries were reported. Mr. Edwards was reported as wearing his seat belt.

Another deer accident was logged by the sheriff's department

on April 24 when Dustin Robison, 25, Norton, struck a deer on U.S. 283 while traveling south. The 1999 Chevrolet pickup that Robison was driving veered to avoid the deer, but the two collided when the animal jumped from the west ditch. Robison was wearing his seat belt and was not injured. Damages were over \$500.

A two-vehicle accident occurred on April 28.

Monte Griffin, 46, Prairie View, was turning west from County

Road W-9 when the 1999 Ford pickup he was driving struck the trailer of a 2002 Dodge pickup driven by Cody Hilburn, 19, Kensington.

Both men were wearing their seat belts during the time of the mishap. Over \$500 in damages were reported.

On May 5, another deer accident occurred. Terry J. Hoft, 46, Phillipsburg, was driving a 1992 Mercury Tracer east on U.S. 36 when a deer jumped from the south

ditch and struck the vehicle. Mr. Hoft was wearing his seat belt and was not injured. Damages were reported over \$500.

The Norton Police Department responded to a two-vehicle accident on May 7. The mishap occurred when Jessica M. Cook, 16, Norton, was traveling west in a 1996 Dodge Intrepid on West Warsaw Street and attempted a U-Turn in front of a westbound 1988 Ford Taurus, driven by Michael W. Sprigg, 17, Norton. When Miss

Cook made the turn, the Taurus, which had been behind her, was unable to stop and the two cars collided.

A hit and run crash on North Kansas Street was reported by the police on May 7. A 2003 Ford Escape, registered to Joe Barton of Bedford, Texas, was parked along the street when an unknown car and driver backed into it and left the scene. Damages were over \$500.

## Norton graduation to be Sunday

(Continued from Page 1) graduating class as they sing the school Alma Mater.

Candidates for graduation are James Robert Annon, Amber Nicole Bausch, Roger Lee Bausch, Anna Christine Berry, Curtis Carl Black, Eric Dane Burton, Gary Anthony Coffman, Ian Matt Conkey, Michael Benjamin Crowder, Savannah Rae Davis, Heather Bessie Ebner, Maggie Michelle Ellis, Andrew Gordon Enfield, Elise Nicole Engelbert, Kayla Ann Fahrenbruch, William Joseph Felton, Charles Richard Foley, Jared Robert Foley, Scott Bradley Goldsby, Thomas Robert Graham, Joshua Michael Green, Kindra Marie Green, Joel Adrian Griffiths, Patricia May Hagman, Lindsay Kristina Hamel, Sheila Ren'ee Harvey, Jordon Page Haussermann,

Angela Marie Henderson, Austin Marie Jakubowski, Melissa Ann Jensen, Britany Nicole Johnson, Kayla Dawn Juenemann, Brett Donald Kaus, Sarah Jane Kimbrell, Charlie Parlero Kohfeld, Sean William Lauer, Heather Marie Lawson, Kevin Michael Lentz, Ashton Marie Lofgreen, Brian Marshall Luft, Kai Tate Mann, Mark Andrew Smith Maybon, Brock Daniel McChesney, Nickolaus Jay McKee, Kollan Ann McMullen, Cody Lynn Moreland, Amy Len Myers, Jessica Rae Nielsen, Joel Thomas Nielsen, Brandon Nicholas Otter,

Zachary Cole Patton, Kayla Dawn Peterson, Bo Francis Pfannenstiel, Janie Ann Pharis, Jared Anthony Richmeier, Daniel Benjamin Roeder, Matthew Dean Rush, Bruce Curtis Rushton, Tyler Ray Rutherford, Tamara Sue Sheley, Trisha Lynn Sheley, Dawn Marie Shewey, Jered William Sloan, Michael Jacob Steward, Jeana Dawn Swisher, Kesha Ann Swisher, Casiel John Thiele, Erin Nichole Tibbetts, Ashley Ann Van Eaton, Keith Allan Ward, Ashley Danae Wegener, Nicole Elizabeth Wolf, Matthew Robert Wyatt, Shanea Ann Wyatt, Erica Eileen York.



Boy Scouts from Troop 181 braved the chilly weather on Arbor Day, to plant a tree on the Norton Courthouse lawn. The planting was part of a statewide effort to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Kansas Territory.

—Telegram photo by Carol Erlenbusch

## Norcatur man to run for the state legislature

(Continued from Page 1) when the state is already short of funds. The result is to force local units of government to increase both sales and property taxes. Increases in sales taxes hurt our local merchants and encourages people to buy over the Internet or out-of-state. Increases in property taxes places a heavy burden on the elderly and on farmers. Some state programs may need to wait for better times.

"Our country is facing a crucial national election. I want to encourage everyone to register, to support their candidates and to become involved in the decision making process. Your vote does count and keep in mind our service people are making great sacrifices so you can have a chance to

choose." Mr. Streyer ran for the position in 2002 against State Representative John Faber, who now holds the seat. He was narrowly defeated by 178 votes, losing to Mr. Faber 1,122 to 944.

Also running against Mr. Faber this year for the Republican nomination is Norton County Attorney Doug Sebelius.

Democratic and Republican party candidates, who wish to appear on the primary ballot on Aug. 3, must file by noon Thursday, June 10, in Topeka.

Independent candidates must file nomination petitions by noon Monday, Aug. 2.

The general election will be held Nov. 2.

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