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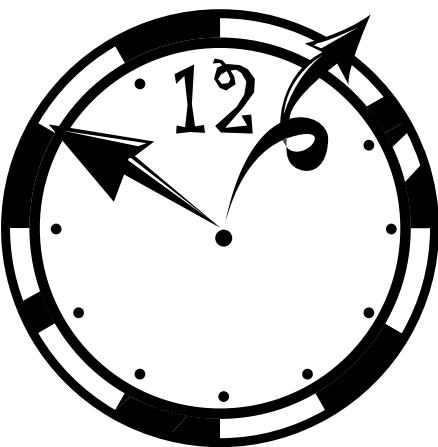
Spring is springing and the Norton High School athletes are starting track and golf.

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Dennis Burge

Briefly



Time to move
clocks forward

The days will seem a little longer next week as the clocks are turned forward an hour Sunday for Daylight Saving Time.

Sunday morning at 2 a.m. is the time to jump forward an hour. However, most people will change their clocks before going to bed on Saturday.

That means everyone will have an hour more light at the end of the day and it will be darker in the morning when students go to school and parents go to work.

School paper
in today's issue

Norton Community High School's *The Nugget* will be in today's edition of *The Telegram* for those subscribers who get their paper delivered by carrier. People who want a copy, but don't get one with their paper, can stop by the high school to pick one up. Norton High School students will get a copy of *The Nugget* at the school.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the lower 30s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday** — Increasing clouds with highs in the lower 70s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s. North winds up to 5 mph shifting to the northeast after midnight. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s. **Monday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s. **Monday Night** — Breezy and mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 75, Low 41, Prec. .21
Wednesday High 63, Low 34
Thursday High 59, Low 29
Week ago High 45, Low 34
Month ago High 41, Low 21
Year ago High 68, Low 37
March precipitation 2.19 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 3.59 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Kind God, grant us peace. Chase away all anxiety and fear so that we can be completely surrounded by your love. In the name of Christ. Amen



Members of the Norton School board took a tour of the district's roofs Tuesday. Board member Chris Harting (above) checked out a roof on the junior high, while Board member Jeff Nielsen (below) examined the high school gym roof. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

School board gets high to study district roofs

By VERONICA MONIER

Three members of the Norton School Board took a tour Tuesday of the district's roofs, that are set to be replaced this summer, so they could see exactly what was wrong with them.

The board members, along with Superintendent Greg Mann, Maintenance Director Ray Hillebrand, and roof consultant Joe Baker, got a bird's eye view of Eisenhower Elementary, the high school gym, the junior high, East Campus and the wrestling room.

Mr. Baker showed the board members what he felt was wrong with the roofs and told them why they needed to be replaced, rather than just repaired. He said they could patch the roofs, but then in five years, the district would have to spend more money to replace them anyway.

"It shows good management on your part to get it done now," he said, "rather than waiting until doomsday."

At Eisenhower, as well as at East Campus, parts of the junior high, and the wrestling room, he said the roof seams are beginning to crack and will eventually split. Once that happens, he said the district is going to be dealing with major and expensive leaks. The roofs are going on 20-years-old, he said.

Mr. Baker said the roof at Eisenhower has had major repair work done to it. He said the district could choose to repair it again, but would end up patching at least half of it.

He said he had spoken with the district's insurance inspector, who also said the roofs needed to be replaced.

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Election 2005

By VERONICA MONIER

The general election for the Norton and Northern Valley school boards, as well as the election for the Norton mayor and all other city elections, will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday.

Residents living in Norton Wards I, II and III, anywhere in the Norton School District, Highland II Township, and Solomon Townships I and II will vote at the Norton American Legion.

Almena voters will go to the Almena City Hall, while Lenora and Highland II Township residents will vote at the Lenora City Hall.

Only voters registered in the district can vote in any election.

Norton School Board Candidates

Man asking for write-in vote

Mark Keilig wants to be involved with his children's education, which is why he is running a write-in campaign for position two on the Norton School Board.

He's running unopposed for the seat, which is held by Gary Lacy, who was

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Mark Keilig

Candidate trying for seat

Scott Ellis is running a write-in campaign for position four on the Norton School Board. No one else is running for the seat, which is now held by Anna Foley.

Mr. Ellis said he is running for the open seat because someone needed to step

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Scott Ellis

Woman seeks another term

Incumbent Elaine Lofgreen is running for another four-year term on the Norton School Board for position six.

Mrs. Lofgreen has been on the school board for eight and a half years. She was appointed to serve the six months remain-

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Elaine Lofgreen

Newcomer running for seat

Craig Renner is running unopposed for position five on the Norton School Board. The four-year term, is now held by Pam Shelton.

Mr. Renner said he's running because he wants to be involved with his children's education and wants to be

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Craig Renner

Northern Valley School Board

Incumbent wants seat again

Incumbent Blaine Marble is running unopposed for a second term on the Northern Valley School Board. His seat represents position four and is for a four-year term.

Mr. Marble said he's running because the district's students are an impor-

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Blaine Marble

Board member changes position

Incumbent Glenn Brands is hoping to change seats on the Northern Valley School Board.

He is now two years into his first term in District 2, but because he moved and he wants to remain on the board, he is running in District 1.

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Glen Brands

Candidate looks at second term

Incumbent Alan Woodside is running for his second four-year term on the Northern Valley School Board for position six.

Mr. Woodside said he is running because he has two children in the district and he is a parent that wants to keep a smaller school

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Alan Woodside

Norton Mayor

Mayor wants another round

Incumbent David Corns feels that it is his civic duty to be involved with operating Norton, which is why he is running for a fourth term as mayor.

Mr. Corns said he has been mayor for six years and before that was on the city council for four years.

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Dave Corns

Mark Keilig

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 appointed to fill the unexpired term of Darin Schuckman, who moved.
 Mr. Keilig said he is running because he has three children in the school system and thinks that parents should be involved. He said he wants to find out more about the school system and how it works and operates.
 "Norton is one of the best school systems that I've been associated with," he said. "I felt it was my turn

to be a part of things."
 He said he's involved in the community and thinks that his experience in the financial market could be an asset.
 His goals are to keep the district running smoothly and to continue the tradition of quality education.
 Mr. Keilig has been involved in the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus for the past 10 years, and is serving on the Kansas Credit Union Association Board of Directors. He has also been on the

Chamber of Commerce Board, where he was president, the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Parish Council, and the Norton Junior High School Site Council.
 He has been manager for more than 10 years at the United Northwest Federal Credit Union.
 He and his wife Kristy have been married for 13 years and have three children, Lacy, 12, Sady, 11, and Luke, 7.
 He likes to play golf and spend time with his children.

Scott Ellis

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 up and so he did.
 "I have a couple of children in school now and, of course, I'm a Norton graduate," he said.
 He said he cares about the community and the students, which is

why he thinks he would make a good board member.
 His goals is to make improvements for the teachers and give the students a quality education.
 He has farmed and ranched since 1989.

He and his wife Darla have been married since 1989 and have two children, Drew, 10, and Will, 6.
 Mr. Ellis has served on the Extension Council.
 In his spare time, he likes to golf, fish and coach children's sports.

Elaine Lofgreen

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 ing in an unexpired term and is now finishing her second four-year term.
 She said she thinks it's important for someone to represent special education. She has represented the district in the North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative for five years.
 She said the board has worked to keep the buildings in good repair so there won't be major problems all at once.

She said she feels the district has used its money wisely and has kept up with graduation requirements, shrinking enrollment and in providing class choices for the students.
 "Really, we just need to keep up with things as they come and keep Norton at its best," she said. "We have a super school. I want to keep the high quality education, the high quality staff and the high quality programs we have."
 Mrs. Lofgreen said she feels

she's a good school board member because she has the time to devote.
 She said being a landowner, she is also concerned with taxes.
 She and her husband Jon have been married 27 years and have three boys, Matthew, 26, Seth, 22, and Bryce, 13.
 She belongs to the First Church of God, works heavily with 4-H, and is on the special education interlocal cooperative board.
 She likes to garden, cook and does farmwork.

Craig Renner

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 informed and know what the government is teaching the students.
 "I care about our school and community's future," he said. "I've been involved with enough boards and organizations to feel that I could make a difference."
 He said he is not trying to shake up the system, but he wants to

make sure that the tradition of a quality education is continued.
 He is a vice president, loan officer and trust officer at First State Bank, where he has worked since 1994.
 He has served on the Norton City/County Airport board and is on the Norton Christian Church board. He was a member of Ro-

tary and was a summer cubmaster for the Norton Cub Scouts. He is the AWANA commander for the Norton Christian Church.
 He and his wife Cheri have been married for 12 years. They have three children, John, 10; Cole, 8; and Peyton, 7.
 He likes to farm and spend time with his children.

Blaine Marble

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 tant resource.
 "The most important asset we have is our children," he said. "I want to provide something for every child, especially a quality education."
 He said the board can assist the superintendent in looking at the district's staff and getting the best use out of their strengths.
 Mr. Marble said the board tries to provide as many opportunities as possible for its students.
 "A lot of schools look at cutting

programs like vo-ag and forensics, but we try to strengthen those programs," he said.
 His goals are to continue providing the best education for the students and to look for ways to improve what they are doing.
 Mr. Marble said he has a good relationship with the students, as well as the community.
 "I'm truly interested in the education of the kids and in the kids themselves," he said.
 Mr. Marble works at the Norton Correctional Facility as a correc-

tions specialist III, which is a shift supervisor. His rank is captain. In September, he will have worked for the state for 29 years.
 He and his wife Susie have been married for 25 years and have two boys, Chance, 20 and Bryce, 15.
 He is the school board's representative for the North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative in Glade.
 In his spare time, he likes to hunt, fish and take care of the large number of animals he and his wife have.

Glen Brands

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 Mr. Brands said he wants to stay on the board because he wants to help sustain the school district and keep it viable and growing. He said he likes helping to make decisions that will keep the district going in the right direction.
 He said over the past two years, the board has hired several new teachers and has maintained the preschool program, which was started just before he was elected.

If elected, he hopes to help fill a few teacher vacancies and wants to continue the quality curriculum and teacher improvement.
 He said he has two children and wants to see them go to Northern Valley. His daughter is already enrolled in the preschool program and he would like her to continue in the district.
 He feels that he is from the area and people aren't afraid to talk to him about important issues. He

also said he has the best interests of the school district in mind.
 Mr. Brands has worked for the Almena State Bank for 10 years, where he is an assistant vice president and the insurance agency manager. He also farms.
 He and his wife Kristen have been married for seven years and have two children, Sydney, 4, and John Foster, who will be 1 in June.
 In his spare time, he likes to golf, garden and officiate sports games.

Alan Woodside

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 district alive and be a voice there.
 He said the board has started a wall of fame for its teachers and developed a good curriculum program that helps the students to meet and exceed the state requirements.
 If elected, he said he wants to see the district survive the financial difficulties that schools are facing.
 "I want to see it not only survive, but thrive," he said. "I want all of

the kids to have a good chance to succeed in education and in life."
 Mr. Woodside said he hopes people think they can come to him if there are any problems or if they have questions. He said he is willing to listen, even if their views are different than his and if they make their case, he's willing to vote for them.
 He said because he's not originally from the area, he feels that he can also offer a non-biased view.

Mr. Woodside came here from Narka, a small town near Belleville, in 1998. Since then he has been a farmer and rancher.
 He and his wife Sherry will be married 19 years this year. They have two children Serena, a junior, and Eric, an eighth grader.
 He has served as a deacon at the Luctor Church and was involved with 4-H.
 He likes playing and watching basketball.

Dave Corns

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 He said he feels more people need to be involved with local government, especially young people.
 Over his last term, he has seen the city get started on a new water plant and sewer plant, build a much-needed animal control shel-

ter, and finish an electric line distribution project.
 He said the animal shelter is probably one of the nicer ones in the area.
 He said he can communicate well with the council. And, because he's lived here for 40 years,

he knows most people and they, in turn, know him and so aren't reluctant to ask him questions.
 Mr. Corns has worked at Norton Sheet Metal for 20 years, where he is the service manager.
 His hobbies include motorcycles and going to the car races.



Norton Superintendent of Schools Greg Mann took pictures while school board members Jeff Nielsen and Chris Harding and roof consultant Joe Baker check out the roof of Eisenhower Elementary School. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Board looks at school roofs

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 The high school gym roof, and part of the junior high roof, is a ballast roof and is only anchored at the edges and is held down by rocks. He said the roof leaks a lot and finding and patching the leaks can cause more leaks.
 He said a whole section of the wrestling room roof leaks and the insulation at East Campus is wet from leaks in some areas.

The board hired Mr. Baker, a private roof consultant, in 2003 to evaluate its roofs. Based on his report, the board decided to replace rather than repair the roofs.
 The roof replacements are being paid with a \$600,000 loan using Qualified Zone Academy Bond money, which is a federal no-interest loan administered by the Kansas State Department of Educa-

tion.
 The board accepted the loan in 2004 and received the money in February.
 The original estimate was \$488,000, however the cost of oil has more than doubled since then.
 The bid opening has been set for Wednesday with board approval set for the Monday, April 11, meeting.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:
 Monday — FCCLA State Leadership at Wichita; 10th-grade math assessments; Jay Singers, a.p.; FFA livestock, here, 9 a.m.; High school requisitions due, 4 p.m.; Junior varsity track at Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.; Kay Board, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FCCLA State Leadership; 10th-grade math assessments; FFA safety presentation to sixth grade, 2:15-3:30; Golf at Smith Center, 3 p.m.
 Wednesday — 10th-grade math assessments; Student Advisory Council, a.p.; Prom royalty election, fourth hour
 Thursday — KAYS, a.p.; 10th-grade math assessments; High school Knowledge Master Open, library, 12:30-3:30; Prom servers meeting, 6 p.m.; FCCLA Board, 7 p.m.
 Friday — 10-grade math assessments; Norton Invitational Golf, 9 a.m.; Norton Invitational Track Meet, 3 p.m.
 Saturday — ACT, 7:30 a.m.; Promenade, High School gym, 5:45 p.m.; Prom, Junior High gym, 6:30 p.m.
 Next Monday — FFA district livestock at Hays, 8:30 a.m.; Jay Singers, a.p.; Dance Team sign-up; Forensics at Oberlin, 4 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH:
 Monday — Student Council, a.p.
 Tuesday — Kay Board, a.p.
 Wednesday — team meeting, 7:45 a.m.
 Thursday — Norton Invitational Track Meet, 10:30 a.m.
 Next Monday — Kays, a.p.; Driver's ed meeting, a.p.
EISENHOWER:
 Thursday — IEP day; Early childhood through grade 2 meeting, 3:40 p.m.
ALL SCHOOLS:
 Wednesday — Administrators meeting, Alice Tweed Center, 9:30 a.m.
 Next Monday — Board of Education Meeting, Alice Tweed Center, 7:30 p.m.
Eisenhower Menus:
 Monday — Breakfast: Waffles, bacon, orange juice, milk; Lunch:

Spaghetti, salad, pears, garlic bread, milk
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Applesauce muffins, peaches, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, pears, celery, milk
 Thursday — Breakfast: Canadian bacon/cheese, biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosey applesauce, blonde brownies, milk
 Friday — Breakfast: Pumpkin bread, rosey applesauce, milk; Lunch: Beef/noodles, potatoes, green beans, peaches, cheese rolls, milk
High School Menus:
 Monday — Breakfast: Pancake/sausage on a stick, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Toasted cheese, tomato soup, carrots/celery, fruit salad or chef salad, milk
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Pizza sticks, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, pears or chef salad, milk
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, potato puffs, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chili dogs, green beans, carrots, Jello/topping or chef salad, milk
 Thursday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, corn, Rice Krispie treat or chef salad, milk
 Friday — Breakfast: Banana bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Beef and noodles, potatoes, pasta salad, peaches or chef salad, milk
NORTHERN VALLEY
 Saturday — FFA to livestock judging contest at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.; High School Regional Music Festival at Oberlin.
 Monday — Sixth-eighth-grade track meet Kensington Invitational at Smith Center, 1 p.m.; FFA Norton Livestock Judging Contest, 9 a.m.
 Tuesday — Breakfast and lunch payment due
 Wednesday — Conference music at Logan, 8 a.m.
 Thursday — Seventh-eighth grade track meet at Norton, 10:30

a.m.; FFA Chapter banquet, High School gym, Almena, 7 p.m.; Booster Club movie at Norton Theatre for Junior High/High School, 7 p.m.
 Friday — High School track meet at Norton, 3 p.m.
 Saturday — ACT at Almena, 7 a.m.
 Next Monday — Final qualifier forensics meet at Oberlin, 2:30 p.m.; Teacher mentoring at Salina; School Board meeting, Almena, conference room, 7:30 p.m.
Breakfast/Lunch Menus:
 Monday — Breakfast: Sausage/egg muffin, orange, cereal; Lunch: Chicken patty/bun, seasoned potatoes, corn, brownie
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Waffles, sausage links, peach, cereal; Lunch: Ham-n-cheese pockets, potatoes, broccoli, peaches
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Ham-n-cheese bagel, applesauce, cereal; Lunch: Sierra chicken, salad, California blend vegetables, tapioca pudding
 Thursday — Breakfast: Banana bread, scrambled eggs, fruit punch, cereal; Lunch: Beef stroganoff, French bread, carrots, fruity Jello
 Friday — Breakfast: French toast, sausage patty, grape juice, cereal; Lunch: Ground beef and Spanish rice, salad, green beans, bread sticks, vanilla pudding
JENNINGS
 Monday — 9-10 tracked meet at Ness City, 4 p.m.
 Wednesday — Conference music contest at Logan
 Friday — High School track meet at Hoxie, 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday — Prom Dinner, 6 p.m.; Promenade, 7:30 p.m.; Dance, 8-midnight; Post Prom, 12:30 p.m.
Breakfast/Lunch Menus:
 Breakfast: Toast, cereal, milk/juice
 Monday — Chicken supreme, peas, salad bar, tropical fruit
 Tuesday — Pizza, breadsticks, salad bar, fruit cocktail
 Wednesday — Frito pies, refried beans, salad bar, pineapple
 Thursday — Chicken, potatoes/gravy, corn, salad bar, rolls, pears
 Friday — Chili, grilled cheese sandwich, salad bar, applesauce,

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