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Tuesday
April 19, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of David Sheley

Briefly Screening set for preschoolers

Northern Valley will be holding preschool screenings for 3-4 year olds not yet enrolled in the school's preschool program. Screenings will be held on Thursday, April 28, at the Congregational Church in Almena. Children will be tested for hearing, vision, cognitive, gross motor and fine motor skills. There is no charge. To schedule an appointment or for information, call the school at (785) 669-2445.

Rest of taxes due on May 10

The second half of personal and real estate taxes are due at the Norton County Treasurer's office on Tuesday, May 10.

Taxes not paid by May 10 will be charged 7 percent interest annually and after Aug. 1, delinquent real estate notices will be published in the newspaper.

Bring or send your payment stubs along with payment to the treasurer's office. If you have any questions call 877-5795.

Booster club to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton track coach Bruce Graber and golf coach David Stover will report on recent competition by their teams and preview upcoming contests.

Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Increasing clouds with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. **Wednesday** — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s.

Wednesday Night — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. **Thursday** — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms.

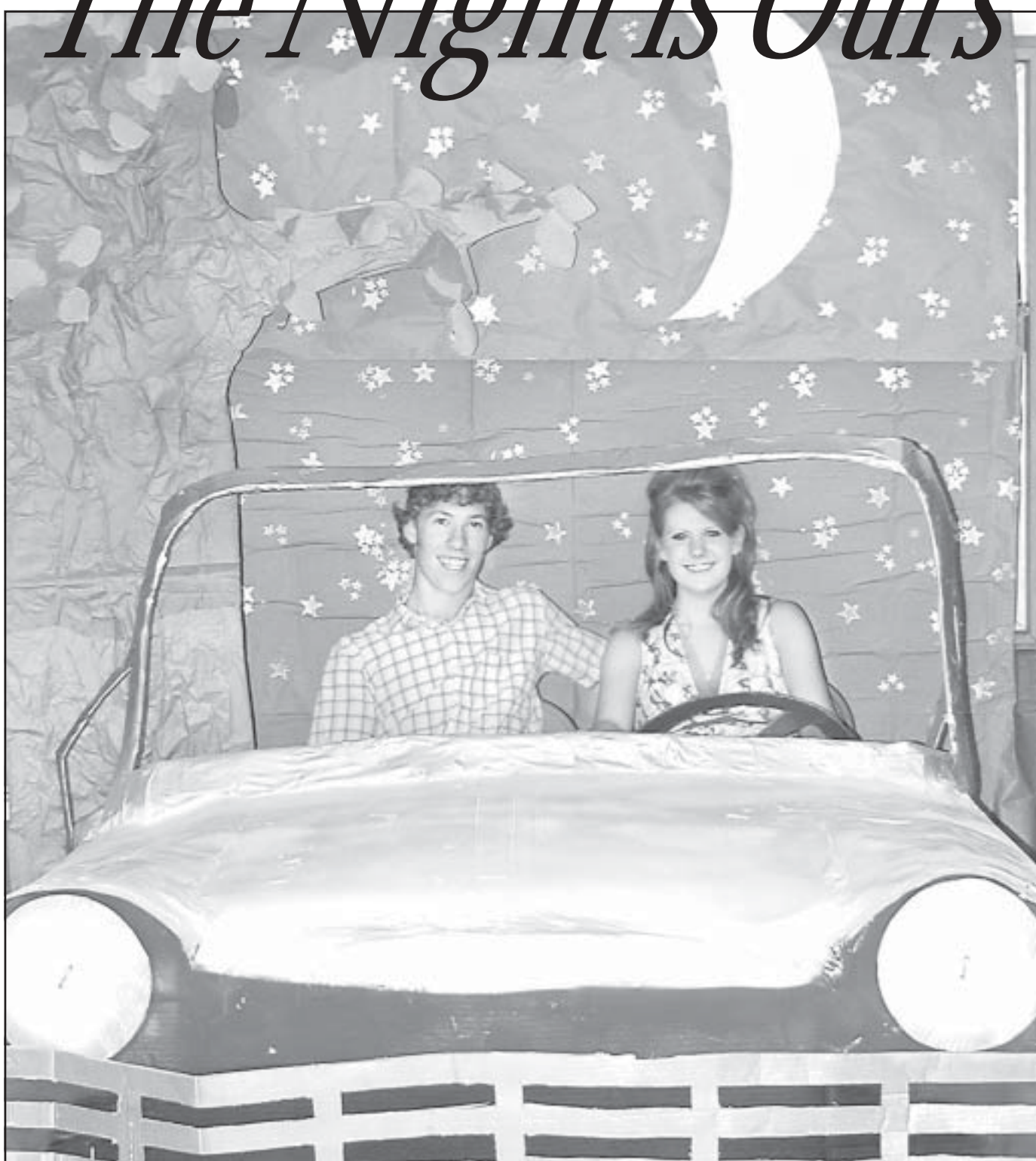
Howell report:

Friday High 74, Low 45
Saturday High 79, Low 53, Prec. .17
Sunday High 81, Low 57
Monday High 73, Low 56
Month ago High 48, Low 31
Year ago High 69, Low 50
April precipitation 1.46 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 4.88 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, we are grateful that you are with us in our tribulations, ready to grant us victory. Grant us faith and patience in times of struggle, and help us to find peace as we trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

The Night is Ours



King Chris Lee and Queen Lindsey Graham (above right) were honored as Northern Valley royalty crowned during the junior senior prom banquet held at the school in Almena on Saturday evening.

Jesse Hilburn lets Serena Woodside (above) "drive" the car that was made for students to get their picture taken in at the "Lost in the Fifties" post prom party.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble



Prom provides fancy party

Skyscrapers and big city lights was the decor and "The Night Is Ours" was the theme for Northern Valley's Junior Senior Prom Saturday night.

Party goers heard the invocation given by Tom Bartley, followed by a banquet of roast pork, cheesy potatoes, corn, hot rolls and chocolate cheese cake.

Junior Andrew Sheley extended a welcome to the seniors and Janelle Fritz, representing her class, gave the response.

A class will and prophecy were presented and Abner Williams entertained with a song. The prom song was "You and Me" by Lifehouse.

Senior class members chosen to reign over the evening were Queen Lindsey Graham, King Chris Lee, Princess Kelsey Stupka, and Prince Joe Hester.

Andrew Sheley gave the closing remarks and the dance continued until midnight.

FFA students honored at annual banquet

By DICK BOYD

The Norton FFA chapter celebrated its accomplishments at the 76th annual Parent and Member Banquet held on Saturday in the Junior High Gymnasium.

The high placings in contests and awards won were a highlight of the annual event.

Prior to the banquet, the agriculture education shop was open for viewing of agriculture projects finished this year.

The banquet began with the invocation

by Treasurer Stacy Reeves.

A rib-eye steak dinner with all the trimmings was prepared by the FFA parents and served by the members of the Northern Valley FFA.

The chapter officers and Advisor Garrett Beydler conducted the opening ceremonies.

President Paul Juenemann gave the welcome. In addition to welcoming everyone to the banquet, he introduced his father Lee, who delivered the parent's

response.

"When I attended this banquet for the first time four years ago, I was completely blown away by some of the changes that had occurred in the FFA during my 20-year absence from any involvement with the organization," Mr. Juenemann said.

"I was an active member and officer in the now non-existent Jennings FFA chapter. Back then, we focused on animal judging, production agriculture and shop work. My, how things have changed.

"We have gone from 90 percent of our labor force being employed on farms in the colonial days to less than 3 percent of our current U.S. labor force being employed in production agriculture. But, agriculture is still the base of our economy in this country. Farm production receipts total more than \$200 billion per year and we export nearly \$50 billion worth of products per year.

"Agriculture, like every other industry (Continued on Page 5)



April showers have brought early grasses. Raymond Rojas, diligently pushed his mower through the green stuff in his lawn on Second Street.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Hangar 'good to go' at Norton airport

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

"We're good to go," said Mary Oswald, Norton, after learning that the proposed hangar she and her husband want to build at Norton City/County Airport met with the Federal Aviation Administration's master plan.

The Oswalds have been meeting with the airport board to see if they could build a hangar to house their airplane, a helicopter and an ultra-light.

At Thursday's meeting, George Laliberte, acting director with the Kansas Department of Transportation Division of Aviation, met with the board at the airport. Mr. Laliberte said the Oswald's plan to

build did not alter the original master plan. He said the taxiway was fine, too.

All that remains, now, before construction, is to establish the height of the building site for the hangar. It was agreed that Mr. Oswald was to meet with Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan to formulate a plan for the dirt work that will be needed. Mr. Brannan estimated that once the work begins, it will only take two to three days to complete.

In other business the board discussed the possibility of providing a 24-hour, card-accessible fuel pump.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 9, at City Hall.

Group seeks office space

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Economic Development Board talked about possible office space for a future director during its meeting on Wednesday.

Chairman John Miller said they have been trying to find space for an office in a downtown area, but haven't had much luck.

Another possibility, he said, would be to have the office at the airport. He said

Airport Manager Delvis Miller just built an office in his hangar, leaving his old office in the airport building open.

Mr. Miller said the airport manager didn't have a problem with an economic director using the office. He said the only problem is that the office is part of the airport manager's compensation package.

"It might be a good idea it have it out there," he said. "Delvis made the com- (Continued on Page 5)

