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Sports:

Youngsters do well during Kid Wrestling season. It's race time at Elmwood Speedway. Junior High tracksters hold home meet.

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Norton, Kansas Home of David Sheley

Briefly

Screening set for preschoolers

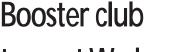
Northern Valley will be holding preschool screenings for 3-4 year olds not yet enrolled in the school's preschool program. Screenings will be held on Thursday, April 28, at the Congregational Church in Almena. Children will be tested for hearing, vision, cognitive, gross motor and fine motor skills.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

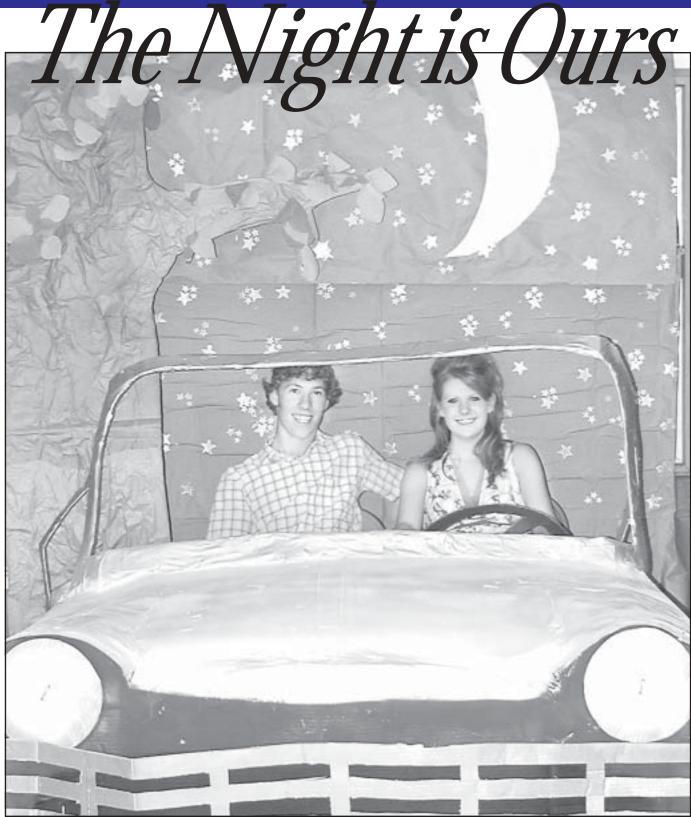
Rest of taxes due on May 10

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.

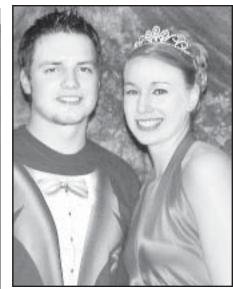
Bring or send your payment stubs along with payment to the treasurer's office. If you have any questions call 877-5795.





King Chris Lee and Queen Lindsey Graham (above Jesse Hilburn lets Serena Woodside (above) "drive" right) were honored as Northern Valley royalty the car that was made for students to get their piccrowned during the junior senior prom banquet ture taken in at the "Lost in the Fifties" post prom held at the school in Almena on Saturday evening. party.

- Telegram photos by Susie Marble night.



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 mid-

FFA students honored at annual banquet 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:

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

By DICK BOYD

The Norton FFA chapter celebrated its ent 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 trimaccomplishments at the 76th annual Par- mings was prepared by the FFA parents first time four years ago, I was completely and served by the members of the Northern Valley FFA.

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

welcome. In addition to welcoming everyone to the banquet, he introduced his father Lee, who delivered the parent's work. My, how things have changed.

blown away by some of the changes that had occurred in the FFA during my 20year absence from any involvement with the organization," Mr. Juenemann said.

"I was an active member and officer in President Paul Juenemann gave the the now non-existent Jennings FFA chapter. Back then, we focused on animal judging, production agriculture and shop

"We have gone from 90 percent of our "When I attended this banquet for the 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.

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 Monday, May 9, at City Hall.

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.,

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

- Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts 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 Another possibility, he said, would be there," he said. "Delvis made the com-have the office at the airport. He said (Continued on Page 5)

Students honored at banquet

(Continued from Page 1) in this country, continues to go through rapid change. We have become so efficient in production that we can produce huge quantities of product with only a fraction of the labor it once took. However, the labor needed to process, ship and market these huge quantities of products has grown tremendously. This may surprise you but agriculture is still our nation's leading employer with more than 22 million people working in some phase of the food and fiber chain.

"The FFA has recognized these changes in agriculture over time and has remained on the forefront in anticipating change and responded by expanding the students' view of traditional agriculture and finding ways to infuse new ideas and industry needs into the classroom.

"Proof of these efforts is in the members' ability to participate and learn advanced career skills in 45 proficiency areas nationally, from food science to ag communications to ag production.

"I personally think that the FFA's advancement in development of communication skills, par-law, resume writing, job interviewing and salesmanship skills is second to none when compared to any other youth development program or organization. And, this is crucial when you see that the largest area of employment opportunity for college graduates in the food and fiber industry is in the area of marketing, merchandising and selling.

"Communication is the key. But, even for those students who do not go into some facet of agriculture, they will still, at some point, write a resume, go into a job interview or be asked to participate in some organization or on a board that is governed by par-law. These are the skills that we all need and the FFA has recognized the importance of early and quality development of such skills.

"Maybe this is part of the reason this organization has grown from the 33 young farm boys who charted its course in a Kansas City hotel in 1928 to an organization of nearly 500,000 students in 2005. The millions of students who have worn the jacket or recited the creed in ag technology management, during those 77 years were each exposed to the quality education and life skills crucial for development of their potential leadership, personal growth and career suc-"Current members of the Northe back. The choice you have made to be a member of this organization was a wise one. You have demonstrated some of the skills you have learned by your accomplishments and awards and your professionalism shows in how you conduct yourselves in school, in public and in this meeting room. "Continuing to develop those skills of communication, leadership and service will give you a competitive advantage beyond your membership in this organization and will give you the foundation to be a positive influence on your family and society. Norton FFA students, we the parents, alumni and teachers of NCHS are proud of you!" Garrett Beydler took the stage following Mr. Juenemann's speech.



Beth Zillinger made a point during her keynote address to the annual Norton FFA banquet held on Saturday evening in Norton. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Amanda Brandyberry, Carson Braun, Austin Brooks, Pat Burton, Sara Campbell, Bri Cook, Jessica Cook, Rachelle Donovan, Wesley Georgeson, Blake Hillebrand, Dana Hillebrand, Brian Juenemann, Paul Juenemann, Stacy Reeves, Travis Ray and Josh VanSkike.

Advisor Beydler presented proficiency awards to Danielle Cliff, equine production; Paul Juenemann, beef production and diversified ag production; Austin Brooks, diversified crop production; and Josh VanSkike, lawn and garden.

goes to the senior with the highest grade point average, went to Stacy Reeves. High point Greenhand award winner was Wesley Georgeson. Austin Brooks was high point chapter member.

won by Georgeson and Brooks was named star chapter farmer.

Advisor Beydler also presented the \$500 Wesco Feed and Transport and McNess Livestock Nutrition Beef Proficiency Scholarship to Paul Juenemann.

Lynn Thiele presented Farm Bureau certificates of appreciation to the five senior members.

Representing the Norton FFA alumni, Patsy Maddy presented \$200 senior scholarships to ninth. Hillebrand, Juenemann and Reeves.

Norton graduate Lucas Maddy, Kansas FFA, who is a senior at Milnes, eighth; Braun, ninth. Kansas State University majoring

cates of lettering to Tim Becker, trict horse judging. Danielle Cliff was first individually and Dana Hillebrand was sixth. Carson Braun placed fifth as a Greenhand.

Norton was second in public speaking with Brandyberry, seventh, senior division; Jessica Cook, fifth, junior division; Brian Juenemann, tenth, sophomore division; Wesley Georgeson, first, Cydnie Milnes, third, freshman division; Paul Juenemann, third, extemporaneous division.

Club members finished in third place in agribusiness sales with Brandyberry, fourth; Paul Juenemann, seventh, Milnes, tenth.

Other contest placings were: The academic award, which district dairy, second; Brandyberry, seventh; Oakley livestock, third, Brandyberry, fifth; Norton livestock, second; VanSkike, sixth; Cliff, tenth; Greenhand, third; Sara Campbell, seventh; Smith Center livestock, third; The star Greenhand award was Dana Hillebrand, fifth; Greenhand, first; Carson Braun, second; Kyle Edgett, seventh; district livestock, third; Brandyberry, seventh; Greenhand, fourth; Campbell, fourth; district land and homesite evaluation, third; Van-Skike, fourth; Greenhand, first; Travis Ray, first; Tim Becker, second; Clay McMullen, fourth; Kyle Edgett, sixth; Sara Campbell, seventh; Cydnie Milnes, eighth; regional land judging, sixth; Ray,

Creed speakers in the Greenhand conference were Campbell and Milnes. Placing in the inforformer vice-president of the mation spelldown were George-Norton club and secretary of the son, first; McMullen, fourth;

Norton placed fourth in the Northwest District sweepstakes.

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Lenora brothers serve their county in active military

Paul and Linda Becker have two sons serving in the military, Sgt. Jason Becker and Private Nathan Becker

Sgt. Becker recently returned from a year in Kuwait. He is stationed at Ft. Hauchuca, Ariz. His brother completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Sgt. Becker is in the active duty Army as a veterinarian food inspector. He attended Lenora High School and graduated in May of 1998. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and graduated in July of 1998. He attended advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, and has since has been stationed in Yuma, Ariz., for two years, Norfolk, Va. for two years, South Korea for one year and Kuwait for one year.

Pvt. Becker is in the active duty Army as a parachute rigger. He attended Jennings High School and graduated in May. After basic training he graduated from ad-



Private Nathan Becker

vanced individual training at Fort Diane Becker, Hays. They are the Benning, Ga., and Fort Lee, Va. He graduated in December.

Raymond Becker, Manhattan, and Edmond.

Economic development seeks home

(Continued from Page 1) ment that a lot of people coming in for development come in by way of the airport. He said it would be a good place to have it."

Secretary Deena Wente said the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce sent the board a letter offering to help with housing the economic development director at the Chamber office.

Mr. Miller said the office space at the Chamber was limited.

Board member Sonya Montgomery said she didn't think it would be a good idea to put them together.

Mrs. Wente said the benefit is that there is already an established phone line and a desk.

Board member John Engelbert said he felt that the Chamber and economic development being housed together was good.

Mr. Miller said the decision didn't need to be made that night.

"It's something that we need to talk about down the line," he said. "We don't know where the location is going to be, but both the Chamber and the airport are open to us."

Mr. Miller recommended that

the economic development director position. Board member changes made to it and then it will Donna Foley said the sub-committee that put the description together reviewed several examples, taking what it liked best from each. The description includes the job title, qualifications, supervision, a job summary, a list of job functions, requirement and conditions.

• Reviewed and made revisions to a preliminary interlocal agree- for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, at ment drawn up by County Attor- the airport.

• Approved a job description for ney Karen Griffiths. The interlocal agreement will have the necessary be sent to the county and cities involved with the board.

> The agreement, if adopted and signed, will have to be approved by the attorney general's office. Once approved it will give the board quasi-governmental powers.

> · Set the board's next meeting

Norton County Weather April 19 th – 25 th						
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
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80/50	75/43	63/40	65/38	70/43	75/45	65/43
Normal High 65				Sunrise 6:47 to 6:56am		
Normal Low 35				Sunset 8:22 to 8:28pm		

Today will be warm with a thunderstorm outbreak over the Nebraska Panhandle this afternoon and evening. These storms will travel east along the I-80 corridor overnight with a moderate to high risk of severe weather. Wednesday and Thursday the cool front sags south into Kansas providing the I-70 corridor with thunderstorm threats. Friday and Saturday are the nice days to go fishing or work outdoors, because storms return to the forecast late Sunday and Monday.



Sgt. Jason Becker

grandsons of Bernice Becker, and the Late Henry J. Becker Norton,

Both men are the brothers of and Eugene and Miriam Sansom,

"Thank you to all who have helped this year," he said. "Thanks to the sponsors of awards, alumni, cooks at the school and mothers who helped and the Northern Valley people.

"Thanks to the parents for letting me have your young men and women. Thanks to our members for a great year."

Beydler asked the five senior club members—Lucas Wiseman, Stacy Reeves, Amanda Brandyberry, Blake Hillebrand and Paul Juenemann — to stand as he told a little about each.

Brandyberry was named a state farmer in the spring of 2004.

"This is a very good group," said Beydler. "They will be missed." The seniors presented a casino table to Beydler.

Mr. Beydler, with assistance from the president, handed certifi-

presented a scholarship.

great appreciation of the things that come from Norton and, especially, the agriculture program," he said.

"I decided to give a scholarship change the world and enjoy themselves while doing it."

ship for \$150 to Blake Hillebrand for use at the college of his choice. For the second straight year, Brian Keiswetter, who was president of the Norton chapter in 1980, presented an award to the top fruit salesman. There was a tie between my father (Northern Valley FFA Andrew Black and Brooks so he Advisor Doug Zillinger) has alpresented a \$50 savings bond to each.

Certificates of appreciation of the moment. were presented to sponsors of awards and others who have helped this year. They included Bridges Group, Swine Transportation Service, Lisa and David Donovan, Angie and Lee Juenemann, Susan and Frank Hillebrand, Mindy and Chris Harting, Spencer Braun, Brandon Schulze, Kowpoke Supply, Farm Bureau speech, a slide show was pre-Insurance, Patsy Maddy, Steve sented of photos of the members Washburn, Stacy and Trent Richmond, Neva Beydler, Gail and activities this year. The slide David Brandyberry and Beth and Bruce Reeves.

Joyce Brooks, mother of Austin, was the surprised recipient of the the new officers. The 2004-'05 honorary chapter member award. officers were: President She was inducted into the chapter Juenemann, Vice President by the officers. The award is given Amanda Brandyberry, Secretary each year to someone who helps Blake Hillebrand, Treasurer advance the cause of agriculture Reeves, Reporter Jessica Cook, and supports the Norton chapter in an extraordinary way.

Norton placed first in leadership school with parliamentary procedure, first; information, second; ritual, second. Amanda Brandyberry was fifth in information, Stacy Reeves was sixth and Paul Juenemann was seventh. Norton also placed first in dis-

Beth Zillinger, past member of "Since graduating, I've gained the Northern Valley FFA chapter and former Northwest District FFA president, who is a student at Colby Community College, was the keynote speaker.

She is student body president at ton FFA chapter, pat yourselves on to a senior who exemplifies the Colby Community College where character and morals needed to she is a language speech pathology major.

She used a silage truck driving Maddy presented his scholar- experience at her boy friend's farm as an example of the benefits of being willing to try new things in life.

> "I had never driven a silage truck," she said. "It was something new but I was not afraid because ways encouraged me to try new things, even if they are on the spur

> "I challenge you FFA members to try for some of the 40-plus proficiency awards and compete in the more than 20 new contests.

> "Try new activities. Through these new experiences, you'll learn skills you can use the rest of your life."

> Following Ms. Zillinger's during their involvement in FFA show was put together by Paul Juenemann.

> The outgoing officers installed Sentinel Rachelle Donovan and Historian Pat Burton.

> The new officers are President Austin Brooks, Vice President Rachelle Donovan, Secretary Jessica Cook, Treasurer Wesley Georgeson, Reporter Brian Juenemann, Sentinel Pat Burton and Historian Sara Campbell.

each board member go to both the Chamber office and the airport office to see what they thought.

In other business, the board: • Reviewed a preliminary budget.

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