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What's happening in May in the City of Norton and Norton County.

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Sports:

Spring sports team from Norton, Northern Valley and Logan are featured.

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Norton, Kansas Home of Kenneth Neiltopp

Briefly

Friendship Day to be celebrated

Next Friday, Friendship Day will be celebrated with a potluck noon luncheon at the United Parish Church, Pilgrim Hall, in Lenora. Drinks and table service will be

Friendship Day unites Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women in common worship. It helps build and strengthen relationships in the community and encourage the gifts of women.

You do not have to be a member of Church Women United to take

For more information, call Darlene Day, 567-4424; Vicki Gassmann, 567-4652; or Jane Kersenbrock, 877-3445.

Rotary club to invade station

The Norton Rotary Club will be taking over KQNK Radio in Norton on Sunday.

Rotary members will act as deejays from noon to 5 p.m. to raise money for club projects, including scholarships and the Norton BB-gun teams.

Along with the music, homegrown ads and banter, the club will be holding an auction for items including a golf cart and a stained glass pitcher.

Sweet Adelines seeks members

The Hi-Plains Chapter of Sweet Adelines International is having a guest night 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S.

All women who like to sing are invited to come for the evening and try the unique singing style called "barbershop". No special talent is required.

Larry Patterson, Norton, is the director of the 26-member cho-

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy in the morning with a 20

percent chance of rain showers. Howell report:

| Tuesday | High 59, Low 33 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Wednesday Hi | igh 67, Low 33, Prec17 |
| Thursday | High 39, Low 34 |
| Pre | ec08 with snow flurries |
| Week ago | High 64, Low 42 |
| Month ago | High 77, Low 48 |
| Year ago | High 91, Low 47 |
| April precipitation | n 1.79 inches |
| Year-to-date prec | ipitation 5.38 inches |

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



God, we want to obey you always, but we thank you that you are always there to lift us up and give us another chance when we stumble. Amen

Cool, wet weather may help crops

By VERONICA MONIER

a windy spring with fluctuating temperatures and a little bit of moisture. But, the chill temperatures on Thursday are not quite what people have in mind when they think of late April.

Meteorologist Mick McGuire with the however, it wasn't expected to stick. National Weather Service in Goodland

said yesterday's high was in the mid- to similar to Thursday's, he said. People in Norton have come to expect upper-30s, which is about 30 degrees below normal.

> Normal, he said, is in the upper-60s. And with the cold temperatures, he said snow was expected last night and into today. With warmer ground temperatures,

If the rain and snow move out earlier than expected, the area might 40 have degree temperatures sometime today, but it wasn't likely, the meteorologist said.

Mr. McGuire said he expects to see decreasing cloud cover tonight with a low in the 20s. The temperatures will remain The highs for today will be looking below normal until Tuesday, when it

should warm up to the upper-50s, possibly the upper-60s.

The warming trend should continue after that, he said, but it will be cold until

the middle of next week. County Extension Agent Keith VanSkike said the low temperatures

shouldn't hurt winter wheat crops if it (Continued on Page 5)





the fence as they worked on the pipe fencing at the equestrian center during Tuesday's Service Learning Day. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Flower planters at the school district office were weeded and groomed Tuesday by Service Learning Day students, teachers and other volunteers.

Students help to beautify town, clean up county

Norton Junior High students spent Tuesday washing windows and cars, painting and doing yard and clean-up work

What began four years ago as an offshoot of a substance abuse prevention program at Norton Junior High School has grown into the school's annual Service Learning Day pro-

Counselor Bruce Poage said the program is intended to show the seventh and eighth graders they can have fun and care about each other without involving drugs.

The Norton Lions Club fed the students a hamburger picnic lunch at Elmwood Park.

Students washed windows and did yard work for three eld-(Continued on Page 5)



Boxes of books were packed by students. The boxes were loaded into the Northwest Kansas Library System traveling van for distribution to area libraries.

State offers ideas for medical savings

By TISHA COX

The state of Kansas brought Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' message of buying cheaper out of town to Norton on Thursday during a "Sharing Approaches that Work" forum at the American Legion.

The forum was one of several multicounty meetings a governor's task force is holding across the state.

Kansas counties have several options when it comes to providing health care for inmates in their jails, commissioners and others were told.

Prescription drugs, contracted health care, inoculations and prescription drug card savings were all discussed.

Norton County Commissioner Leroy Lang said the county will give all ideas some thought. He said he thinks the message was that counties need to take a look and see what will work and what won't.

Mr. Lang said the county commissioners will keep local businesses in mind

when they make decisions. If they decide on any of the plans presented, they will talk to local providers first.

Kathleen Harnish-Doucet of Team

come up with ways state and county agencies can save money and not duplicate

She said the ideas presented were to give counties options that can save them Ms. Harnish-Doucet said her group

wasn't giving a hard-sell on anything, but only providing information.

Viola Riggin, senior contract management consultant with Kansas University Physician's Inc. and the Kansas Department of Corrections Division in Topeka, gave the first presentation. She explained how the state gets medications for inmates in its detention facilities.

In December the state contracted with Correct Care Solutions of Nashville, Tenn. to receive dental, pharmacy, medical and mental health services for inmates.

The state has more than 9,000 inmates and spends more than \$4 million a year on prescription drugs alone.

"It has a huge health care budget," Ms. Riggin said. The state was looking for a way to save

Tech is working with Gov. Sebelius to money and still deliver the services, she said. An in-house pharmacy was one option but the best proposal was to contract out for medical and pharmacy services.

> Now, the state would like to pass along its savings to counties and communities by offering them the chance to save on prescription drugs for inmates in their jails and detention centers.

> Counties and communities would pay the acquisition fees, which are about 51 percent of the normal wholesale cost.

She called it, "very cheap."

The prescribing physician faxes the prescription to Diamond Pharmaceuticals in Indiana, Penn., who sends out the medicine Federal Express.

Most places get the prescriptions overnight, she said, in a blister pack with the drugs and instructions on how to take

She said it offers continuity between counties, saves money and is a safe way to deliver medication.

Medical supplies for county hospitals and emergency medical services can also (Continued on Page 5)

Cabaret show to be held on Saturday

It will be a cabaret extravaganza as a musical foursome performs "Puttin' on the Ritz" at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Campus Auditorium.

Todd Burd, Mary Baker, Terri Thoelke and Terrance McKerrs will be performing motown, blues, jazz and Broadway music.

The four are members of a group that travels across Kansas to perform. Part of the money they earn goes into a performing arts scholarship fund.

The performance is being sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Prices are: adults, \$5; students, \$1; reciprocity, \$1. Arts council members will be admitted free with the membership card.

Crops

enjoy

a drink

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doesn't get too cold. If the tem-

perature drops to the 20s, it could

right now," he said. "To harm it in

the boot stage, the ground tem-

perature needs to be at least 24 to

28 degrees for several hours for

Mr. VanSkike said just because

The moisture, he said, is benefi-

cial for the wheat, although there

are probably several farmers who

are waiting for a warm period to

plant corn. The moisture is also

Snow, he said, shouldn't be a

good for the pastures.

the air temperature got that low,

didn't mean the ground tempera-

"Wheat is at a tolerable stage

damage the wheat, he said.

damage to happen."

ture would also.

Students volunteer services

(Continued from Page 1) erly widows; washed windows and vehicles at the hospital; painted at the swimming pool and the equestrian center; and did general clean-up at the ambulance barn, the Andbe Home, Eisenhower School, the Norton County Museum, Elmwood Park, the ball diamond at Elmwood, Norton Manor, the frisbee golf course, Pinestone Square, the Norton Theatre and the Thrift

Some students went to Sunshine Day Care where they played with the children and cleaned some of the toys. Others played with the children enrolled in the Head Start program.

One crew picked up debris from the south side of Sebelius Reser-

At the Northwest Kansas Library System office, students helped pack and load boxes of books into the system's travel van.

Downtown flower planters and the planter at the school district office also received attention.



Norton Junior High students used the "boarding house" Park before their annual Service Learning Day projects. reach" during the Lions Club picnic Tuesday at Elmwood

dents are required to write a "re- it affected them. flection" paper, detailing their

Following the day of work, stu-impression of the event and how

Mr. Poage said people learn of cipients of the service.

Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

the annual event by word of mouth and letters he sends to former re-call Mr. Poage at the junior high,

To find out how to get involved, 877-5851.

problem for the wheat, although it might hurt flowering fruit trees

and warm season plants like tomatoes, and might burn the tops off of perennials such as asparagus, rhubarb, and alfalfa. The perennials should resprout, he said. Although since the beginning of April the area is about 33 percent

over the 30-year average for moisture, it is still classified as being in a moderate drought, Mr. VanSkike said. This is because there hasn't been enough moisture to overcome the past several years of deficit and the subsoil is trying to make that up. through the National Association

He said as of early April, the area has received 6.59 inches of moisture, which doesn't include the last couple of rains. Yesterday's rain brought about .7 of an inch of

'The moisture is great," he said. "It adds to the soil profile, making

"We can always use moisture."

Second sign up

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is having a second sign-up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. The

On the Internet information can gov/programs/eqip/2005/ eqip2005.html.

Norton or call 877-2623.

State gives ideas on saving money on medications

(Continued from Page 1) be purchased through this out-ofstate service.

Twenty-five counties are already involved and Ms. Riggin said Atchison, Saline and Wyandotte counties are just a few that have had success with the pro-

She also talked about a bulkpurchase plan that would require the services of a local pharmacist to house and dispense the drugs.

An example would be the county hospital would buy the medication in bulk for the county

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the hospital pharmacist would director of corrections. then send over the necessary medi-

in-house pharmacist, the drugs tive. would be taken to a local pharmacy where they would be housed and dispensed. The pharmacist \$440,000 last year alone. would receive an administrative

Riggin said it works well for municipalities that need to buy drugs in bulk and again, offers some savings.

Ms. Gillespie said they privatized health care services because If the hospital doesn't have an it's more efficient and cost effec-

They also contracted Aramark, for food services, which saved

She said she usually doesn't believe in outsourcing public has worked.

Ms. Gillespie also talked about a program making avail-Another presentation was on able vaccines for law enforcecontracted health care given by ment personnel and high-risk

Disease Control and Kansas De-drug discount card given out partment of Health and Environment make it possible for of Counties. cities to purchase their own vaccine and use local health professionals to administer shots to inmates at risk of contracting infections and personnel who work with them.

The program is also available to safety but for inmate health care it city police departments, emergency medical personnel and firefighters.

The last presentation was given by Jim Waltner, Harvey County special projects director.

He talked about a prescription rolled pharmacy.

Harvey County offered it to its employees and has had some success with it, he said. The plan is

part of a nationwide pilot program and the card isn't part of the county's health insurance plan and has no enrollment fees. Mr. Waltner said it has no requirements at all and can be used

by more than one person in a family. He said it provides a savings of 17 to 20 percent on prescription drugs but has to be used at an en-"We haven't found anything

that isn't covered by this program," he said, adding they wanted to do something to help the people in the county.

times with a savings of more than sources Conservation Service or

counties can consider to try to save office is at 11640 Pineview Dr., money.

In the afternoon commissioners and others talked about common be viewed at www.ks.nrcs.usda.problems and solutions on things other than health care.

crops look optimistic.

set for program

Waltner said in March, cards in new deadline is Friday, May 20. Visit with the Natural Relocal conservation district staff to He said it's just one more option get more information. The Norton

detention center. When needed, Betsy Gillespie, Shawnee County inmates. She said the Center for

NORTON Senior High:

Monday—FFA State Contest at 3:40 p.m. Manhattan; Varsity golf at Thomas ers, a.p.; 9-10-grade track at Atwood, 3 p.m.; Kay Board, 7:30

Tuesday — FFA State Contest at Manhattan; Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FCCLA Senior farewell, a.p.; Track meet at Oberlin, 3 p.m.; Junior varsity golf, here, 3 p.m. Wednesday — Jay Singers,

7:30 a.m.; 11th-grade physicals, Junior High Gym, 10 a.m.; 9th and 10th-grade physicals, Junior High Gym, 10 a.m.; SAC, 9 a.m. Thursday — Junior varsity golf

at WaKeeney, 9 a.m.; Kay senior farewell, a.p.; Vocal concert, auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Lawrence; Jazz, a.p.; Track at Russell, 3 p.m. Saturday — State KSPA at Lawrence; State Speech Festival

at Wichita; State Speech Championship at Wichita

Phillipsburg, 10 a.m.; Jay Singers,

Junior High:

Monday — Stuco, a.p.

Tuesday — Track at Plainville, 12:30 p.m.; Kay board, a.p. Wednesday — Team meeting,

7:30 a.m.; Physicals, Junior High Gym Thursday — Vocal Concert,

Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Next Monday — Kays, a.p.

Eisenhower:

Monday — Celebrate June birthdays; Kindergarten field trip, 10 a.m.; Kindergarten-second grade, Bicycle Safety Program,

Tuesday — Second grade Curriculum-based measurement tests, a.m.; Kindergarten Field Trip, 10 a.m.; AR Meeting, library, 3:40

Wednesday — Third grade Curriculum-based measurement tests, a.m.; Sixth grade Physicals, Junior High Gym, 9 a.m.; Team meet-

ing, 3:40 p.m.

grade field trip, Hays; Early child-rots, chocolate cake with cream 6:30 p.m.

Next Monday — Celebrate July eteria, 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All Schools:

May 1-7 Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday — National Teacher Day

Wednesday — Administrators meeting, Alice Tweed, 1:30 p.m. Next Monday — Board of Education meeting, Alice Tweed office, 7:30 p.m.

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Canajuice, milk; Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, rosy applesauce, Friday — State KSPA at celery, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Rolledup sausage link, tater tots, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Lasagna,

salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk Breakfast cake, grape juice, milk; Next Monday — Varsity golf at Lunch: Baked chicken, potatoes/ gravy, green beans, strawberry au gratin potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, French bread, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Homemade pancakes, bacon, apple beans, salad bar, tropical fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, peaches, milk; Lunch: Ike High School cheerleading pracburger, homemade bun, French fries, dill spear, pears, no bake Dance Team practice at 5:45 p.m. cookies, milk

High School Menus:

sticks/sauce, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ground beef gravy/potatoes, carrots and celery, mixed fruit or chef salad, Tuesday — Breakfast: Pan-

toast, milk; Lunch: Sandwiches with lettuce and tomato, corn, peaches or chef salad, milk Wednesday—Breakfast: Blue-

berry muffin square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: grade track meet at Logan, 9:30 Birthday meal — Beef nachos a.m.; High School Awards Ban-Thursday — IEP day; Third- with sauce and sour cream, car- quet, High school gym, Almena,

dog, peas, coleslaw, Jello with strawberry and bananas or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Pizza squares, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich, hot veggies, salad, pears, or chef salad, milk

JENNINGS

Tuesday — High School track at Oberlin, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Girls physicals in Oberlin, 7 p.m.

Thursday — Junior High track dian bacon/cheese biscuit, apple at Logan, 9:30 a.m.; Seniors leave

Breakfast/Lunch Menus:

Monday — Hot dogs, chili/ cheese, salad bar, pears, brownies Tuesday — Beef/noodles, pota-

toes, corn, salad bar, applesauce Wednesday — Barbecue Wednesday — Breakfast: chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, salad bar, rolls, pineapple

> Thursday — Chicken nuggets, salad bar, rolls, peaches

Friday — Frito pies, refried cookies

NORTHERN VALLEY Monday — State Career Devel-

opment Events at Manhattan; tice at 5:15 p.m.; High School

Tuesday — High School Dance Team Practice, morning; State Monday — Breakfast: Pizza Career Development Events at Manhattan; Kindergarten, first, and second-grade Bicycle Program, 12:15-3:30 p.m. at Grade School Gym; High School Track Meet at Logan, 12 noon

Wednesday — Grade 5-11 cakes, ham, fruit or juice or cereal, Physicals at Norton Junior High Gym, 9:35 a.m.; High School Student Council and cheerleading elections, High School Gym, 3 p.m., Almena

Thursday — Sixth-eighth-

hood to second-grade Meeting, cheese frosting or chef salad, milk Friday — First-grade Play at 3 Harvey County were used 737 Thursday — Breakfast: Sau- p.m., Grade school auditorium, sage sandwich, fruit or juice or Almena; Third and fourth-grade More Prep, Hays, 9 a.m.; Jay Sing-birthdays; Instrument display, caf-cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Corn field trip to Hays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; State Forensics, leave for Salina; High School track meet at

Mankato, 3 p.m. Saturday — State Forensics at

Salina; High School Dance Team works at races in Norton

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