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Briefly

Cost-share sign up begins

Sign-up for a state conservation cost-share program began Monday.

Practices eligible for cost-share include terraces, waterways, diversions, range seeding, livestock wells, livestock pipeline, dry pit ponds, field windbreaks and feedlot windbreaks.

Also available is cost-share for plugging abandoned wells, upgrading failing septic systems and feedlot waste management.

The sign-up will run until June 3. To apply call the Norton County Conservation District at 877-2623 or stop by the office at 11640 Pineview Drive.

3D shoot set to help archers

The Norton County 4-H Shooting Sports is having a 3D animal shoot to raise money on Sunday.

The shoot will have a trickle start from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Norton Prairie Dog State Park archery range, north of the west shower house in the northwest corner of the park.

All donations will be used to help send the state qualifiers to the national competition in Columbia, Mo.

For more information, call John Baker at 877-3253.

Booster club to meet Wednesday

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

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

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

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Wednesday** — Cloudy with highs in the lower 80s.

Howell report:

Friday	High 71, Low 41
Saturday	High 70, Low 38
Sunday	High 72, Low 50
Monday	High 83, Low 60
Week ago	High 82, Low 55
Month ago	High 79, Low 53
Year ago	High 83, Low 58
May precipitation 15 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 6.03 inches

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

Prayer

Loving Christ, your call to love our neighbors challenges us. Teach us to love in ways that transform our lives and to trust you to provide when we are in need. Amen



Kylie Kinderknecht (above) took little sister Shilo (below) and Shayla Cline, daughters of Shawn and Natalie for a ride. Their parents are Lance and Sandra Cline, Stamford, Neb., were ready to set out on Barrel. — Telegram photos by Susie Marble



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Norton graduates to march

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

Chelsea Cox and Heath Vincent will provide the honor guard for the graduates.

The high school band will play the processional "Pomp and Circumstance" as the candidates for graduation enter the gym.

Senior class president Ryan Maddy will give the welcome.

The school choir will perform "Like an Eagle" by Carl Strommen.

Nick Evans and Claudia Lacy were chosen by their classmates to speak on their behalf. Nick has not chosen his message and Claudia will speak on "Oh, The Places You'll Go".

"To Challenge the Sky and Heavens Above" by Robert W. Smith will be performed by the high school band.

High School Principal Lary Stull will present the class and Superintendent (Continued on Page 5)

Logan High graduates 11 seniors

By VERONICA MONIER

Eleven seniors walked across the stage at the Logan High School Auditorium for the final time Sunday afternoon after receiving their diplomas.

The ceremony began with Zack Sammons giving the invocation and welcome, followed by the seniors giving their parents a flower and a hug.

Superintendent Robert Jackson introduced teacher Michelle Wiltfong.

She thanked the class for the honor of letting her give the address. She said the class of 2005 was the first that she watched grow from freshmen to seniors. She said she's learned some things and wanted to share a couple with the class.

The first, she said, was don't worry about what other people think, because they are probably worrying about what you think.

"It takes a lot of courage to be who you are," she said.

Mrs. Wiltfong told the students not to be afraid to have a dream.

"You need guts and gumption," she said. "You have to have the guts to have a dream and the gumption to get it done."

She told them to learn to love themselves and believe themselves capable of greatness and to keep people around them who bring out the best in them.

"You have the power to create your own destiny," she said. "Yours, not your parents."

Before the presentation of the class of 2005 by Mr. Jackson, School Councilor Robin Van Laeys presented Citizenship Awards to Vanessa Van Diest and Daniel Adams. She also announced Lane Webb as the recipient of the Charles and Evah Dougherty Scholarship.

Board member Keith Forssberg gave the class roll, while board member Kirk Girard presented diplomas and Mrs. Van Laeys read each student's honors and awards.

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Schools to drop librarian

Board decides to go with one after retirement

By VERONICA MONIER

With the retirement of the high school librarian and despite pleas from several teachers, the Norton School District will drop one job and have only one librarian for all buildings.

At Monday's school board meeting, Librarian Karen Cox said she was grateful for her 21 years working for the district and that she hoped the board would choose to replace her.

"It may appear like all a librarian does is choose new books and check in and check out books," she said. "But it's much more than that."

Mrs. Cox said a librarian has to have a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, attend workshops to stay up-to-date, read extensively, and know what the different ages of students will read.

"Please continue the program we have," she said.

English teacher Trudy Stockham said she thinks the large circulation that the high school library has is due to having a good librarian. She said as an English teacher, she relies on the librarian, especially when needing help to choose books that are appropriate and useful to her students.

She said the librarian helps with research for papers in all subjects and helps the students to find credible sources. The librarian also keeps students and teachers up-to-date on writing sources.

"I think the students will be the ones hurt if we don't have two full-time librarians," she said.

Nancy Sebelius, who works with the gifted students at Eisenhower Elementary, said the Eisenhower librarian also helps with research. She said having two librarians helps the students to learn what to do, since when they get to college, they don't have anyone to help them.

Retired teacher Roberta Ryan said she was also concerned about the high school not having a full-time librarian. She said it was hard enough for the two librarians to keep up with the workload. If the

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Trail ride brings out horsemen

A group of more than 40 riders and horses gathered at the Robert Smith home west of Norton for an afternoon trail ride Saturday.

Mr. Smith led the group on an adventure through a creek and surrounding areas for 3 1/2 hours.

The day, which turned out to be perfect for riding, ended with a potluck meal. After the meal, the Norton County Saddle Club held its regular monthly meeting.

After the meeting everyone watched the ropers practice their skills roping calves.

County wants trash to stay in pit

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

With the first pit at the new county landfill getting close to completion, the Norton County commissioners are trying to make sure when trash is dumped, it won't go blowing all over the place.

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the commissioners that the sidewalls of the pit have been completed and the county is just waiting for a compaction report from the state.

However, he said, he is worried because the county's engineering firm, B&G Consultants out of Manhattan, has suggested that trash be dumped from the top of the pit.

There is a ramp leading into the pit, he said, that could be turned into a road to allow dumping from the bottom rather than the top.

Mr. Archibald said that, while he has screens to catch blowing trash, he doesn't have enough screens for dumping from the top of the pit.

"Where's that trash going to go," Mr. Archibald said. "All over God's creation, that's where."

Commissioner Leroy Lang said that he would also worry about trucks falling into the pit because their weight might cause the lip of the pit to crumble.

Mr. Archibald said that the ramp would have to be built up into a road because it is in the low end of the pit and when it rains that's where the water will collect.

Mr. Archibald said he would contact B&G about the problem.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Talked about gas costs and delivery expenses with Jeff Younger, natural gas marketer for Midwest United Energy, which is a part of Midwest Energy. He suggested that since prices seem to be coming down, the commissioners wait to contract for their heating fuel next year.
- Signed a lease agreement Aaron Miller to allow farming on about 13 acres

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School board cuts job

Librarian's post to be eliminated

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Eisenhower librarian had to do both jobs, she would probably have to stop working with her small groups, which would hurt book check-out.

After a closed session to discuss non-elected personnel, the board accepted Mrs. Cox's resignation, thanked her for her 21 years, and decided to have only one librarian, who will handle all schools, next year.

In other business, the board:

- Went into three closed sessions for a total of 45 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Accepted the resignation of Margaret Moore as the Eisenhower Elementary third-grade teacher and thanked her for her 11 years of service.

- Accepted the resignation of Elvina McLallen as the Eisenhower Elementary Title I math teacher and thanked her for her 31 years.

- Accepted the resignation of Becky Williams as the Eisenhower Elementary library aide and thanked her for her 17 years.

- Accepted the resignations from supplemental duties from Joan Bolt as the Eisenhower volleyball coach, Wendy Haresnape as the junior high cheer co-sponsor, Bill Johnson as the high school girls tennis coach, Phil Morel as the Eisenhower basketball coach, Anne Otte as the junior high cheer co-sponsor and Robin Sides as the high school KAY co-sponsor.

- Approved the letter of intent from Erin Foley as a secondary language arts instructor. Board member Anna Foley abstained from the vote.

- Approved the list of supplemental assignments for the 2005-'06 years.

- Approved the employment of Marilyn Dicks, Kelly Lyon and Jim Myers as summer maintenance help.

- Hired Kevin Jilka and Doug Reusink as the summer drivers education instructors.

- Decided to offer two sections of first and third grade next year due to enrollment numbers.



A truck carrying several tons of metal bucketed under its load. Workers from F & F Iron, Norton, unloaded the truck by hand. The accident happened before 8 a.m. Monday, four miles west of Norton on U.S. 36. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Farmers can still get commodity loans

Farmers and ranchers who still have an interest in their 2004 corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and/or sunflowers can still get a commodity loan or loan deficiency payment until May 31.

Bill Fuller, state executive director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency, said nine-month loans are available for farm-stored or warehouse-stored 2004 commodities. Loans obtained in May will be at a 4.275 percent interest rate, he said.

Farm-stored commodities must be in approved structures that meet the Kansas Farm-Stored Loan Policies.

Non-recourse commodity loans

can be repaid at anytime during the nine-month loan period at principal plus interest or at the agency posted county price, or the loan collateral can be forfeited to the commodity credit corporation for settlement of the loan. Recourse loans must be repaid at principal plus interest and cannot be forfeited.

Mr. Fuller said farmers and ranchers must still have an interest in the commodity when a payment request is filed. Interest includes risk, title and control of the commodity.

For more information, call the Norton Farm Service Agency at 877-5156.



Eleven Logan seniors moved on to the next phase in their life after graduating Sunday afternoon. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Logan graduates 11 seniors

(Continued from Page 1) Graduating were Daniel Levi Adams, Kyle Christopher Burge, Kati Ann Chestnut, Balazs Hathazi, Jake William McCue, Kaitlyn Mac McDonald, Jason Michael Pool, Daniel Richard Ruff, Zackary Clay Sammons, Vanessa Faith Van Diest, and Lane Dyan Webb.

After being announced as the salutatorian, Kyle Burge stepped up to the podium to give his farewell address. He said he thought

his class was ready to get out and leave its mark on the world.

"Because we're such a small class, we have done a lot together," he said. "And although we're ready to get out there, we'll miss LHS."

Valedictorian Vanessa Van Diest was next to say farewell. She began by saying that as much as their class had grown together, they had also grown individually.

"Everything we've done has made an impact on our lives," she

said. After sharing memories of her class, Miss Van Diest closed her speech.

"Whatever our future endeavors bring, don't forget Logan," she said. "Good luck and remember we got 'er done."

After the senior video was shown, the ceremony ended with Kaitlyn McDonald giving the benediction and a recessional of "Gone" by Montgomery Gentry.

Commissions want trash to stay in pit

(Continued from Page 1) not being used for disposal at the landfill.

- Discussed illegal dumping with Assistant County Attorney Doug Sebelius, who said that if a landowner doesn't do anything to discourage illegal dumping, they are responsible for proper disposal of the trash.

- Learned that the county purchased a load of diesel for \$1.876/gallon, which is 10 cents a gallon cheaper than the last time the county bought fuel.

- Heard that all mowers are up and running. All major roads should get mowed before Memorial Day, Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan said.

Then mowing will start on the smaller roads.

- Visited with Marion King from Prairieview about getting a permit to cross a minimum maintenance road with a waterline.

- Accepted a bid from First Security Bank and Trust for 3.76 percent interest to be paid on a two-

year \$300,000 certificate of deposit for county money not needed for immediate expenses. Other bids were for 3.46 percent from The Bank, 3.67 percent from First State Bank and 3.57 percent from a state pool.

Seniors graduate Sunday

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To conclude, everyone will stand and join the graduating class as they sing the school's Alma Mater.

Candidates for graduation are Elizabeth Elaine Bowen, Amanda Lacey Brandyberry, Casey Jo Carter, Jessica Renee Corbin, Daniel Eric Cummings, Kyle Raymond Douglas, Jessica Rose Duscher, Amber Mae Engelbert, Nicholas Allen Evans, Pamela Jean Foley, Jason Lee Green, William David Hadley, Alese Breanne Hageman, Blake Joseph Hillebrand, Keesha Jaye Holste, Joshua Lee Jackson, Kelli Marie

Johnson, Sara Marie Johnson, Shannon Amber Jones, Paul Daniel Juenemann, Kyle Garrett Kats, Alisha Ann Keiswetter, Claudia Taylore-Marie Lacy, Korey James Look, Tosha Rae Lyon, Ryan Andrew Maddy, Seth Daniel Mills, Jared Tyler Mindrup, Lacey Lynette Ninemire, Aaron Victor Overlease, Brandon Gregory Pfannenstiel, Stacy Ann Reeves, Crista Elizabeth Rhoades, Brock Allen Scott, David Daniel Sheley, Justin Lee Shirk, Jill Renee Skrdlant, Michael Wayne Sprigg, Melissa Jo Vogt, Derek Michael Volgamore, Sarah Beth Ward, Lucas Eldon Wiseman and Kylee Renee Witt.



Raccoon darkens Norcatour

Early Sunday morning a wandering raccoon sent Norcatour into an electrical brown-out.

A spokesperson for Prairieland Electric said a raccoon got into the company's sub-station a mile west of Norcatour on U.S. 36, causing the problem.

At 12:30 a.m., the lights in town went out then came back on at low voltage. Some residents, who were still awake, unplugged motorized equipment like refrigerators and freezers.

A birthday party for Jenny Kasson was being celebrated at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. It was also prime rib and karaoke night and the restaurant had a full house.

Waitress Jessie Smith said, "It was kind of weird the way it worked out. The karaoke people were playing the last songs anyway when the lights went out. But, everyone was having a good time and we just used lighters and cell phones for light."

The Prairieland representative said the lights were dimmed for two hours.

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Norton County Weather ----- May 17th - 21st

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
88/48	75/45	80/50	85/55	88/48

Normal High: 71
Normal Low: 46

Sunrise: 6:19 to 6:22am
Sunset: 8:50 to 8:54pm

Best chances for rain this week are tonight and Saturday night. Each time fronts will move through with a line of storms, but current models suggest the most favorable track will be along and north of the KS/NE border. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday will be windy and warm and not favorable weather for crops. Wednesday and Thursday will be the nicest days this week.

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