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Tuesday  
May 24, 2005

Norton, Kansas  
Home of John Kaus

Briefly

## Reading program set in Almena

The Almena summer reading program begins Thursday, June 2. Mary Kay Woodyard will be in charge of the program and invites children of all ages to come to the Almena Public Library every Thursday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The theme of the summer program is "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds".

Mrs. Woodyard will read stories aloud and serve refreshments after each session. Senior citizens are asked to attend, too. For more information call (785) 669-2336.

## Time to renew vehicle tags

Persons whose last name begins with "E", "F" or "G" and businesses that begin with "E", "F" or "G" have until next Tuesday to renew the tags on their vehicles. Renewals must be accompanied by proof of insurance showing the vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date.

Tag renewal business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The treasurer's office will be closed Monday for Memorial Day.

Drivers license and commercial license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Bring your drivers license and social security card as proof of identity.

If you have questions, call the treasurer's office at 877-5795.

Weather

## Forecast:

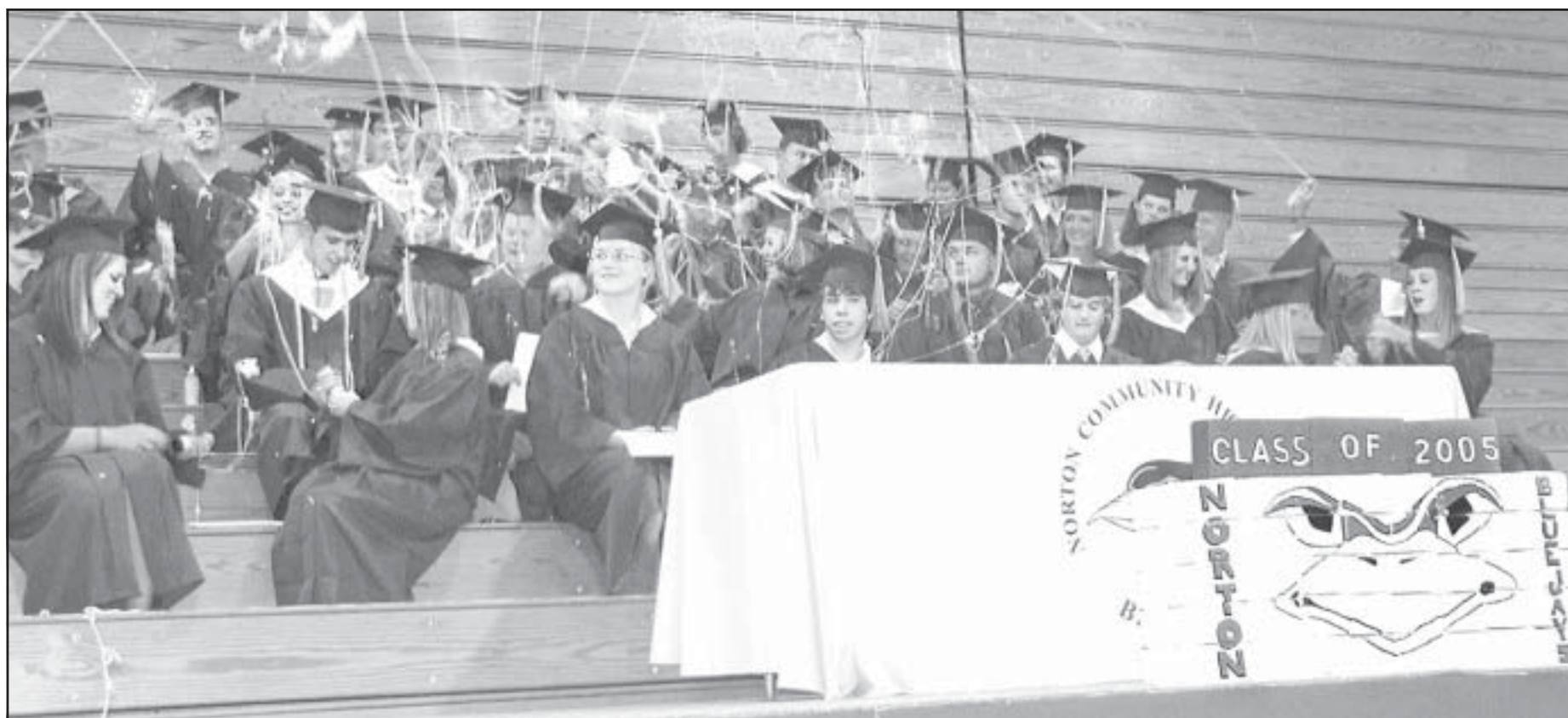
Tonight — Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely - some may be severe with damaging winds and large hail. Lows in the upper 50s with northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent. **Wednesday** — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms with highs in the lower 70s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 50 with north winds 5 to 15 mph. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 70s.

## Howell report:

Friday ..... High 93, Low 65  
Saturday ..... High 100, Low 55  
Sunday ..... High 85, Low 57  
Monday ..... High 89, Low 61  
Week ago ..... High 83, Low 60  
Month ago ..... High 80, Low 29  
Year ago ..... High 88, Low 61  
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

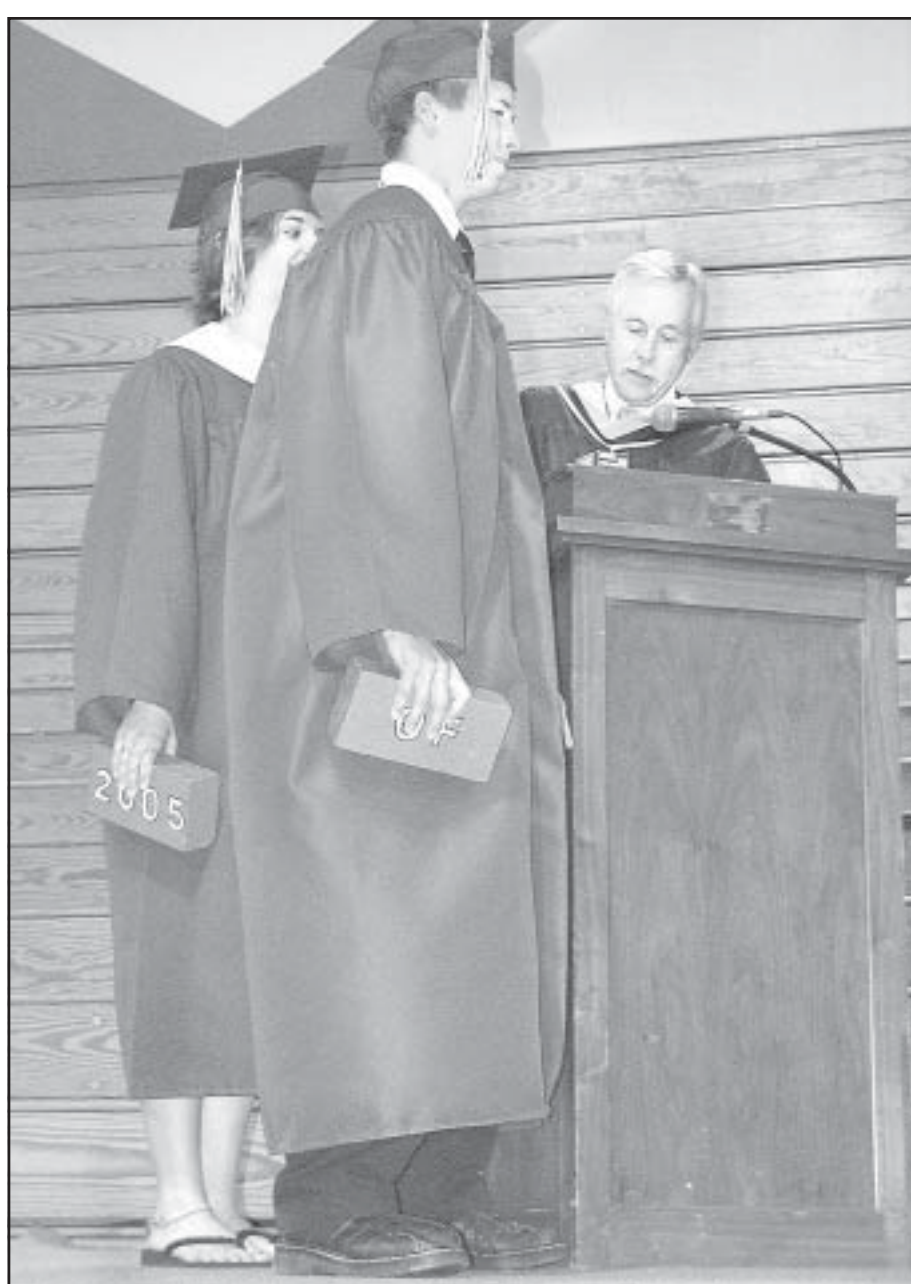
O God, enable us to experience your forgiveness so that we may live in the fullness of your grace, free of shadows. Amen



Norton Community High School graduates (above) celebrated with confetti and silly string after receiving their diplomas on Sunday. To the right is a small wall the students built as they received their

degrees. Kylee Witt and Lucas Wiseman (below) held the last two bricks for the wall as they waited for Principal Lary Stull to call their names for graduation.

— Telegram photos by Cynthia Haynes



## Norton graduates prove lessons learned

The 43 Norton Community High School seniors who received their degrees on Sunday showed they had learned a few things from their teachers and school administrators, including the value of teamwork.

As each of the graduates crossed the stage to accept their degree from Superintendent Greg Mann they placed a painted brick on the front of the stage. Four bricks wide and five high, the small wall grew into rectangle with the school logo in the middle and the word "Norton" and "Blue Jays" written down each side as the seniors received their degrees. The last three bricks, which went on top, were painted blue and inscribed Class of 2005.

The class, one of the smallest in many years, marched into the high school gymnasium to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the high school band. They were escorted by juniors Chelsea Cox and Heath Vincent, who earned the honor by having the highest grade point average in their class.

The welcome and prayer were given by senior Ryan Maddy

Senior Nick Evans gave his talk on "Carpe Diem", which is, he said, seize the day not seize the carp.

He thanked everyone in the school for

the excellent education the class has received and noted that what they have learned will help open many doors.

However, he noted that Principal Lary Stull had always reminded them that there is no free lunch and things are built one brick at a time.

The high school choir, under the direction of Valerie Lee, sang "Like an Eagle" by Carl Strommen with the seniors leading in the first verse.

Senior Claudia Lacy reminisced about the class' years in grade and high school in her speech, "Oh the Places You'll Go."

She said the class learned the value of checking the spelling especially before putting a sign on their homecoming float. Sophomore has three "O"s, she said, not two.

The class also learned how not to handle revolving doors when two of the students tested sponsors' patience and how many times the doors could go around at the capitol in Topeka.

She also reminded the class of Mr. Stull's advice on paying your own way and how walls are built.

The band, under the direction of David Will, played "To Challenge the Sky and Heavens Above" by Robert Smith.

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## Five children, adult escape from morning house fire

The Norton City Fire Department extinguished a fire in a home occupied by a mother and five children Wednesday.

Fire Chief Mitch Jones said 14 men and three units responded to a fire at 206 N. Norton Street at 7:10 a.m.

The building is owned by John Hanlon, but is being rented by Michele Gallegos. She and five children, three of which are hers, were in the home when the fire started.

He said he thought the other two are her sister's children.

He didn't know how old the children were.

Chief Jones said the fire started in the basement/cellar area where a cigarette caught a mattress on fire. He said Ms.

Gallegos discovered the fire, woke up the children and put them in a car, which is where they were when the fire department arrived at the scene.

The damage, he said, was minimal, and was mainly confined to the mattress and box springs.

There was also very light smoke damage.

Ms. Gallegos was taken to the hospital to be checked for smoke inhalation, he said. The children were checked at the scene and appeared to be fine.

"I think they were more scared than anything," he said.

The fire department was at the scene for about an hour, Chief Jones said.

## Flames consume vehicle

A fire Saturday left a vehicle completely ruined, but no one was injured.

Fire Chief Mitch Jones said 11 men and two units from the Norton City Fire Department were paged at 5:49 p.m. Saturday when a car caught fire.

When firemen arrived 512 W. Lincoln, Chief Jones said the engine compartment and the interior of the 1984 Pontiac Tarisienne, which belonged to David

King, were completely engulfed in flames.

He said they had the fire under control in about 10 minutes and were at the scene for around 30 minutes.

He said the cause of the fire is so far undetermined, but that it started in the engine compartment and then spread to the interior.

The vehicle was a total loss, he said.

## Memorial services set in cemeteries across area

All across the county, people will be gathering in graveyards to honor those who died serving our country and to remember other loved ones who have died.

Activities are planned throughout Norton County and the surrounding areas.

### Norton

The Norton American Legion Harmonson-Redd Post will conduct Memorial Day services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Norton Cemetery with Abner Williams delivering the address.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 181 will raise the flag. Debra Terrell of the Norton Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will place a wreath at the base of the flag pole. Trumpeters Justin Scheimo and Jeremy Wetter will play "Taps".

After the services, the Legion will serve a noon buffet in the dining room.

### Long Island

The Long Island Roy C. Goodrich Post of the American Legion will hold Memorial Day services at several cemeteries. The Rev. Eric Bodenstab of Stuttgart will be the speaker. Timothy and Kyle Merklein will present Taps.



Post members will meet at the Community Center in Long Island at 8:30 a.m. on Monday and go to:

Stuttgart Cemetery at 9 a.m.  
Prairie View Cemetery at 9:30 a.m.  
Luctor Cemetery at 10 a.m.  
Woodruff Cemetery at 10:45 a.m.  
Long Island Cemetery at 11:15 a.m.  
The public is invited to attend these ceremonies.

Legion members are reminded that crosses and flag poles will be put out at the Long Island Cemetery Sunday evening and flags put up Monday morning at 6 a.m. Crosses and flags will be taken down Monday about 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are appreciated.

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# Students help victims of disaster

The 30 students enrolled at Lenora Elementary School have been studying the tsunami, which hit South Asia and East Africa at Christmas time.

The children learned what causes an earthquake and the possible results.

They also learned about the effects a disaster can have on people. The entire school was involved in a fund raising effort to help the victims.

They began something they called "Treat Friday". Beginning Jan. 21, each child who donated 50 cents received a treat.

In addition to the donations, which raised \$269.50, they had a bake sale on March 4 which raised another \$448.50. The total raised was \$718.00.

All the money raised will be given to the Red Cross for disaster relief.

# Scholarship awarded

Jami Shaw, Selden, has been awarded the Victor E. McMullin Memorial Scholarship.

Miss Shaw is a second-year student in the veterinary technology program at Colby Community College. She plans on working at the animal clinic in Ogallala, Neb., this summer.

The scholarship was established in 1979 in memory of Mr. McMullin, a Norton County farmer.

The recipient has to be a Kansas scholar interested in agriculture.



# Youngsters enjoy fun day

A colorful parachute helped put the "fun" in Fun Day for Eisenhower Elementary School students on Monday. Students lifted the chute to catch the wind. Shade from a tree on the playground and a big scoop of ice cream helped these Fun Day attendees cool off.

— Photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Ceremonies to honor veterans, dead

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**Lenora**  
Memorial Day will be observed at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Lenora South Cemetery with the presentation of the colors by the Norton American Legion.

Glen Jones will deliver the invocation and benediction. Guest speaker will be Maxine Carr of Norton. Delbert Berry will conduct the flag raising ceremony and call the roll.

**Logan**  
Memorial Day services will be held Monday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Logan. The Ralph DeFors American Legion Post will conduct the services with Chaplain Lewis Schneider delivering the memorial prayer. The Legion Auxiliary will place wreaths at the Veteran's Memorial.

The Rev. Dean Gilbert of the Logan United Methodist Church will be the speaker.

A gun salute and the playing of "Taps" will honor deceased veterans.

**Almena**  
The Paul D. Lennell American Legion Post will be in charge of the Memorial Day observance in Almena. It will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Mt. Hope Cemetery. A

full military service is planned with a firing squad. Pastor Joel Hesterman of Phillipsburg is the guest speaker.

**Wilsonville**  
Keith Theobald of Phillipsburg will be the speaker at the Wilsonville Memorial Day services. The American Legion Post will provide a color guard and firing squad. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday. Whitney Rice, a student at Cambridge High School, will play "Taps".

**New Almero**  
Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at the cemetery Monday by Father Vincent Thu Laing. Names of veterans buried there and colors presented.

**Norcatour**  
The 116th observance of Memorial Day at Norcatour will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday. All veterans, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and school children are asked to meet at the bank corner at 1 p.m. to form the parade for the march to the Norcatour Cemetery.

The parade will start at 1:30 p.m., with services at the cemetery to begin at 2 p.m. Major Barry Brooks will be the speaker. "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be

sung by Andrea Marshall and Pastor Kathy Aeillo will give the opening prayer. This will be the 33rd consecutive year that the Avenue of Flags will be on display.

The Educational Building will be open to the public for refreshments after the services.

**Lyle**  
The Lyle community will observe Memorial Day at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Jack Helt American Legion Post of Lebanon, Neb., will provide services at 10 a.m. at the cemetery and a potluck dinner at 11:30 a.m. will follow at the Community Building.

**Leoville**  
Memorial Day services will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Leoville. The Selden American Legion will present the colors, followed by the flag salute. The auxiliary chaplain will give the invocation and Shirley Emigh will speak. The Legion chaplain will be in charge of placing of a wreath and the benediction will be followed by a rifle salute by the American Legion and "Taps."

**Big Timber/Jennings**  
The Jennings American Legion will be in charge of a 10 a.m. ser-

vice Sunday at Big Timber Cemetery. A potluck will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Jennings Senior Center. Beverages will be provided but those attending are asked to bring their own table service.

Services on Monday will begin at 10 a.m. at the Jennings Cemetery, with the Jennings Legion Post in charge.

The Czech Museum will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tours by request may be made by contacting Neoma Tacha at 678-2470.

# Norton graduates 43 seniors

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Principal Stull presented the class and said although this was the smallest class to graduate from Norton in many years, it has been an outstanding one.

He went on to list the many academic, athletic and artistic achievements of the members including leadership in clubs, state championships and scholastic awards.

Mr. Stull asked the parents in the audience to stand saying they had done a great job raising a fine group of young people.

He also introduced teachers Karen Cox and Marlen Lewis, who are retiring.

Then as Mr. Stull called their names the students came forward row by row to place their bricks on the front of the stage and receive their diplomas from Superintendent Greg Mann.

Everyone stood as the graduates

linked arms and swayed as they and the audience sang the school Alma Mater.

As soon as the singing died away the confetti and silly string came out and the new graduates hugged as the crowd cheered, laughed and shed a few tears.

Members of the class of 2005 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, Tasha 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.

## Norton County Weather ----- May 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				
74/48	83/53	88/58	85/53	75/45

Normal High: 74  
Normal Low: 48

Sunrise: 6:15 to 6:17am  
Sunset: 8:56 to 8:59pm

Thunder, rain and lightning were welcomed to the area yesterday evening. Today looks like a repeat with afternoon storms forming over eastern CO and moving through during the evening with the possibility of severe weather and heavy rainfall. Wednesday cooler air settles in with a few showers. Thursday and Friday dry with seasonal temperatures. Another round of storms possible over the Memorial weekend.

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