



Mayor David Corns signed a proclamation declaring April 2-8 as "The Week of the Young Child" while Holly Puga and other Norton daycare providers looked on. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Mayor declares week for children

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- Congratulated the Norton wrestling team for their performance at state.
- Set Spring Clean-up Week for April 24-26. There will be twice a week pick-up after that for yard waste.
- Hired Jill Lively to manage the Norton Swimming Pool this summer. The pool, which has a leak, will be fixed before it opens, said Councilwoman Donna Foley.
- Told Mr. Lawson to advertise for an assistant utility supervisor. The position has been budgeted.

Spring gets hit by 'winter' snow blast

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National Weather Service:

- Colby, 13 inches
- Atwood, 10.7
- St. Francis, 9
- Lenora, 8
- Hill City, 10
- Oakley, 10
- Decatur County, 12
- Sheridan County 10-12

Meteorologist Mehle said there is a 20 percent chance for a few snow showers within the next 24 hours, and a warming trend by the weekend.

Norton city crews were out Monday afternoon and during the dark hours Tuesday morning clearing streets, which, before they took over, provided a challenge for vehicles not equipped for Mother Nature's latest delivery.

Treasure hunt to run length of Highway 36

A 400-mile treasure hunt is being planned to run the length of Kansas.

September 15, 16 and 17 have been set for the first annual US Hwy 36 Garage Sale Event. The US 36 Highway Association is the sponsoring agency with the cooperation of Chambers of Commerce all along the route.

All towns and individuals along US 36 are encouraged to participate.

Karla Reed at the Norton Chamber office is spearheading the efforts of Norton County. If anyone wants to reserve a site, they should contact Ms. Reed at 877-2501.

Paper searches for watcher

The Norton Telegram continues its hunt for someone to call in the high and low temperatures each day and also precipitation amounts.

Interested parties can call The Telegram office at 877-3361 for details.

This has been a longtime public service offered the community and the results appear in the weather box on page 1. "We'll kick in a free subscription to the paper to whomever volunteers," said Tom Dreiling, publisher.

Your investment is a rain gauge and thermometer.

Norton County Weather – March 21st – 25th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28/15	25/15	35/18	45/23	55/28

Normal High: 57
Normal Low: 28

Sunrise: 6:35 to 6:42 A.M.
Sunset: 6:53 to 6:58 P.M.

This weekend's .25" to .50" rain and yesterday's 6" to 12" of snow was a blessing. The County picked up 1" to 2" of precipitation at a very critical time for the 2006 wheat crop and pastures. Today will be cold with the snow on the ground and Wednesday a quick disturbance could give us an additional inch or two of snow. Thursday the skies start to clear and Friday, Saturday and Sunday highs in the 50's will melt a good chunk of the snow on the ground.

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Economic development board looks at survey to see if worthwhile

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thing that has never been done with Norton County before. It would also help the county get recognition for grants, she said.

Hopefully, she said, the survey will be ready by the board's next meeting so they could see it.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed the machine and equipment tax, which is in the Legislature now. Mr. Miller said the tax will have a very negative affect on Norton County and that only four counties in northwest Kansas will see any kind of positive affect from it. He said Norton County would see a \$135,000 loss per year, which would affect which services the county could afford to pay for its residents, such as the hospital, county health, and economic development.
- The tax would also take away a city or county's ability to offer a tax abatement to a business for the guarantee for more jobs.
- "We really need people to call their Legislatures and tell them to vote no on this," he said. "We as local people have to take our local. This would seriously hurt our county, and almost every other county around here."
- Retained Karen Griffiths as the board's attorney for a fee of \$750 a year.
- Chose to pay for a one year membership with Downtown Development Association and then will see if county businesses would like to pay for it next year. By being a member, 16 business owners will be able to attend four seminars over the course of one year. Four people are allowed to go to each seminar. The membership is \$300.
- Discussed the possibility of having a Social Rehabilitation Services call center in Norton County. There is one call center in each state and counties have to bid on it. At the moment, the issue is not yet out of the Legislature.
- Talked about when different grants are available and when they have to be applied for.
- Discussed whether or not to nominate anyone for a business appreciation award from the Department of Commerce. Ms. Henderson said there are four categories: manufacturing, distribution, service, and retail. She said the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce would also be nominating business in Norton.

Emergency technician injured in accident

A Norton County emergency medical technician was seriously injured in an accident Saturday night in Nebraska.

Emergency Medical Technician-I Bill Finn, 37, is in the Progressive Care Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney after the ambulance he was in wrecked Saturday night.

Trooper Brian Buxbaum, with the Nebraska State Patrol, said the accident happened just before 11 p.m. about one mile west of Funk, Neb., on U.S. 6.

Mr. Finn and Howard Schemper, a volunteer with the Norton County service, were transporting Joseph Esther, 19, Norton, to Kearney.

The trooper said Mr. Schemper, who was driving, told him he lost control because of the wind. It was also sleeting at the time and getting icy, Trooper Buxbaum said.

The ambulance went left of center, went into the north ditch and then entered a canal, which is where it impacted, he said.

Of the three people in the ambulance, Mr. Schemper, 61, was checked at the scene and was uninjured and was not transported. Mr. Finn and Mr. Esther were taken to the Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, Neb.

Mr. Schemper was wearing a seat belt and Mr. Esther was restrained. Mr. Finn, however, had no restraints on at the time of the accident, Trooper Buxbaum said.

Mr. Esther had minor head injuries from the accident, he said.

Mr. Finn was later taken to Good Samaritan Hospital. He sustained two broken clavicles, two broken humerus bones, a broken wrist and thumb on his right hand, several broken ribs on his left side, and several broken bones in his back. He did not have a spinal injury.

He had surgeries both Monday and Wednesday, and received a blood transfusion on Tuesday.

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