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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



## Friday

May 5, 2006

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Bette Townsend

### Briefly

## Benefit concert to help Haven

A benefit concert to raise funds to help support The Haven is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at East Campus Auditorium.

Performing will be Christopher Lund, an up-and-coming Christian music recording artist from Syracuse; Aaron Hale and his band who are about to sign a recording contract; and Michelle Volgamore, home from her most recent mission trip to Australia.

There is no cost for admission, but a free-will offering will be taken. Everyone is invited.

All proceeds will go to The Haven, a house where families of men incarcerated at Norton Correctional Facility can stay when they come to town to visit.

## Edmond holding alumni reunion

Alumni of Edmond High School will have their annual reunion May 27 at the Senior Citizens Center in Norton. The social hour begins at 4 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. All alumni, spouses, teachers, friends and anyone who attended Edmond schools are invited. The classes of 1955 and 1956 will be honored.

Reservations are due by May 12. Please call Barbara McKie, 785-877-3340.

## Poster winners to be awarded

Norton County Farm Bureau Association had 180 entries in their annual Safety Poster contest.

All posters will displayed at a reception to be held at 5 p.m. Sunday at the association's office, 205 N. Kansas Ave. Cake and punch will be served and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the three age categories. Category 1 is for first and second graders; category 2, for third and fourth graders; and category 3, is for fifth and sixth graders.

Director Patsy Maddy said everyone is invited to attend.

### Weather

## Forecast:

**Tonight** — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows around 40 with light winds. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy.

## Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 48, High 86  
Wednesday ..... Low 49, High 65, .30 Prec.  
Thursday ..... Low 47, High 56, .15 Prec.  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Carolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for always being with us when we need you. **Amen**



## Safety gets early start

### Program teaches kids about do's and don'ts of bicycling

By VERONICA MONIER

Kindergarten, first and second grade students learned a little more about bicycle safety this week during several bicycle rodeos.

This year, said Officer Toby Kuhn, a board member of the Chaston VanDerVeen Memorial Bicycle Safety Program, they gave helmets to all of the kindergartners and any first or second grader who had outgrown their helmet.

He said 58 helmets were given away in Norton and another 22 were given out at Northern Valley.

After the students got tips from local law enforcement, they got to put on their new helmets and ride their bikes in different activities designed to reinforce what they just learned about safety. All of the students were able to participate as spare bikes were brought to ride. In between the activities, students ate a few cookies and drank some lemonade.

"I think it was outstanding," said Officer Kuhn. "The response was excellent from both schools, teachers and parents."

Local law enforcement and members of the safety program board went to Northern Valley Wednesday and then to Eisenhower Elementary Thursday. They went back to Eisenhower today to catch the kids they missed.

In Norton, Jay VanDerVeen, Chaston's grandfather, started the program by reminding the kids why they were there and how important it was to wear a helmet.

"It's the reason you're here," he said. "Chaston was hit by a semi. He wasn't wearing a helmet and he went through a stop sign."

"We're going to teach you kids the law so it doesn't happen to you. Wear your helmet at all times and always obey the traffic laws."

Officer Asa Stiles talked about bicycle accidents and how many of them result in serious injury because the rider wasn't wearing a helmet.

"Wearing a helmet will cut your chance of getting seriously hurt," he said.

Wearing a helmet is the number one rule in riding a bicycle, he said.

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Norton Police Officer Pat Morel watched to see if Kaci Ross could stop before hitting a cone. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

## Norton does well at regional music

Norton Community High School music students recently participated in the Kansas State High School Activities Association Regional Solo and Ensemble Music Festival.

Decatur Community High School, Oberlin, has hosted this festival for the past several years. A total of 100 students took part in the competition that qualified 60 Norton students to compete at the state level on April 29 in Salina.

The students and their ratings are: Ensembles: **J-Singers, II**, Rachael Lentz, Hannah Mills, Dani Wuest, Kati Ryan, Morgan Bailey, Gena Myers, Cherean Kendell, Tabitha Vincent, Cindel Harrington, Jessica Sprigg, Aaron VanDerWege, Stephen Mizell, Lucas Bailey, Perrell Stanley, Jared Cox, Mat Shepard, Andrew Ables, and Josh Gallentine. **Junior/Senior Girls Ensemble, II**, Morgan Bailey, Samantha

Brasted, Brenda Combs, Chelsey Eberle, Jessica Ebner, Connie Gassmann, Rachael Lentz, Jenny Miller, Hannah Mills, Gena Myers, Jakki Puent, Kati Ryan, Naomi Streck and Dani Wuest. **Sophomore/Freshman Girls Ensemble, I**, Laura Lee Baird, Sydney Cliff, Lori Ebner, Alyssa Farber, Lucy Gosselin, Cindel Harrington, Cherean Kendell, Cyndie Milnes, Brittany Otter, Emily Scott, Tabitha Vincent, Valerie Wagoner and Bethany Wicker. **Boys Ensemble, II**, Andrew Ables, Lucas Bailey, Seth Batson, Travis Chandler, David Counter, Jared Cox, Jordan Durham, Josh Gallentine, Nick Bigson, Bryce Lofgreen, Shane Mapes, Stephen Mizell, Tyler Neff, Shane Pfannenstiel, Mat Shepard, Matt Stanley, Perrell Stanley, Philip Van Der Weele and Brett Wyatt. **Mixed Ensemble, II**, Alyssa Farber, Tabitha Vincent, Bethany

Wicker, Emily Scott, Valerie Wagoner, Brittany Otter, Tyler Neff, Philip Van Der Weele, Matt Stanley, Travis Chandler, Lucas Bailey and David Counter. **Flute Choir, II**, Reesa Volgamore, Lisa Jones, Lacey Roe, Rachael Engelsman, Kylie Morel, Ashley Maybon, Hannah Fulton and Emily Scott. **Clarinet Choir, I**, Connie Gassmann, Shelby Annon, Lucas Bailey, Cindel Harrington, Karlynn Kent, Jessica Gilgenbach and Klaire Mann. **Sax Choir, II**, Kayleigh Brooks, Brianne Nelson, Laura Delimont, Courtney Cox, Aaron VanDerWege, Taylor Rossi, Laura Lee Baird, Katharine Roy, Philip Becker, Heath Vincent, Perrell Stanley, Zach Mannel and Zach Dreher. **Brass Choir, I**, Rachael Lentz, Michael Ward, Mark Scheetz, Pat Burton, Austin Brown, Logan Runnion, Amanda Delimont, Cody Bredemeier, Darci Darling, Amie Rich- (Continued on Page 5)

## Husky forensics team wins own tournament

The Northern Valley Forensics Team hosted a tournament April 6. Susan Lowry organized the meet.

Western Plains, Kensington, Logan and Palco were the other league schools. In order for the meet to qualify as a state-qualifying meet, at least seven school had to be involved. Oberlin, Atwood, Phillipsburg, Ellis and Hill City schools volunteered to attend to help fill out the schedule.

This was a meet where the high school speech class got an opportunity to use their new skills.

One other difference at this meet was

that there was no limit to the number of entries in each category or total entries per school.

Northern Valley had 31 entries with the speech class adding another 12 events.

Participating from the forensics team were Amanda Hopkins, Hannah Hawks, Kylenea Hager, Kelli Cole, Ashley Kingham, Melody Miller, Travis Redeker, Stanton Nelson, Amy Shearer, Jena Jessup, Jessica Argent, Tom Bartley, Emily Zillinger, Ethan Hays, Cody Callaway, Andrea Lowry, Jesi Zillinger, Alysia Shearer, Patrick

Hammond, Jessie Redeker and Avery Thalheim.

Participating from Mrs. Lowry's speech class were: Elliot Conard, Richie Kersch, Ben Rojas, Hannah Ponstein, Blake Johnson, Joni Hilburn, Amanda Turman, Justin Lee, Kelsey Kinderknecht, Angela Arias, Stephanie Tubbs, Bryce Marble and Renier Deetlefs.

Northern Valley took first place in the tournament that had over 160 students entered in the competition.

The results are: Andrea Lowry and Jena (Continued on Page 5)

## School board hires several employees

The Norton School Board held a special meeting Thursday to act on several personnel decisions.

Dorla Jones was approved as the acting clerk for the night, as clerk Janice Russell was on vacation.

The board held three closed sessions.

After the sessions, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Kaylene Hahn, who is retiring, with regret and thanks for her 25 years of service as a library aide.

- Accepted the resignation of Dennis Burge as the seventh through twelfth grade industrial arts instructor.

- Approved offering a contract to Cheri Brooks for the first grade teaching position at Eisenhower Elementary to replace Mary Graber.

- Approved offering a contract to Diana Ambrosier as the fifth and sixth grade language arts instructor at Eisenhower to replace Glenda Campbell.

- Approved offering contracts to the rest of the certified and classified staff that have not resigned or retired for the 2006-07 school year with salaries and benefits to be determined later. The board has to (Continued on Page 5)