

Back to School...



Busses went to pick up the students at Eisenhower Elementary Thursday afternoon since winter break is now over and school is back in session, at least in Norton. Northern Valley students had a couple of extra days off as the school has been without power because of last weekend's storm. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Governor asks for winter disaster relief

(Continued from Page 1) closed highways and left at least 50,000 customers without power. Governor Sebelius immediately declared states of disaster for 44 counties in order to free up state resources. However, tens of thousands of Kansans, including entire communities, continue to lack electricity, food and water. "What is more, many financial and economic livelihoods are in danger as Kansas farmers are unable to reach their herds of cattle, which have also been left stranded. The storm hit one of the largest concentrations of livestock in the state, and we have received numerous reports of animals succumbing due to a lack of food and water. Equipment to haul feed, and

generators to run water supplies and feed mills are desperately needed to help preserve this important sector of the Kansas economy. "As each day passes, the people of Kansas and the surrounding states are faced with ever more dire circumstances. We ask that you quickly approve Governor Sebelius' request, as the large amount of damage caused by this storm has overwhelmed the ability of state and local officials to respond in adequate force and time. As the Kansas National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and first responders in the area continue to work to save people and property, we request you to provide all available federal resources in this effort."

Congressman visits storm-damaged sites

COLBY — Congressman Jerry Moran visited western Kansas communities to view storm damage and met with local officials. Congressman Moran traveled with Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Adjutant General Tod Bunting and Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Adrian Polansky. "Communities in western Kansas were hit hard last week by winter storms," he said. "Many are without power and livestock producers have stranded cattle and are facing feed shortages. Today's visits allowed us to hear directly from local officials, utility service providers and agriculture producers about the situation and what we can do to help those who have been

affected by the storm." Moran is working to have affected counties designated as a federal disaster area. A Presidential Disaster Designation would provide assistance with clean up and the restoration of utility services through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The congressman also visited with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Mike Johanns to explain the situation of Kansas livestock producers and explore opportunities for assistance from USDA. One such possibility is a USDA natural disaster designation that would provide relief for farmers and ranchers through emergency loan programs.

Onions need to be planted in cool weather

MANHATTAN — Onion sets will show up in the next month or so at nursery and garden stores. That may be too late, however, if gardeners don't like to gamble on the flavor, uses or keeping quality of the onions they grow, according to Ward Upham, Master Gardener coordinator for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

- After the seedlings reach 1-2 inches tall.
- Soluble fertilizer in their water when the plants grow to 2-3 inches.
- A leaf-end trimming to encourage stockiness when they reach 4-5 inches.
- A gradual, protected move outdoors in March.

Stork brings new boy to Norton

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- A package of disposable diapers for the new baby from Almena Market.
- Four rolls of in-stock wallpaper to help decorate the new baby's room from Norton Glass Co., Inc.
- A teddy bear from American Family Insurance.
- A haircut, style and manicure for the new mother from Bella Villa.
- A six-month subscription to The Norton Telegram.

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Onions like cool weather. Sets need to find a home in Kansas gardens by mid- to late March, he said. "Unfortunately, retail onion sets usually are poorly identified by variety. And, even where they're well-labeled, the selection tends to be limited — making it difficult for gardeners to find specific varieties in either sets or transplants. That's why growing onions from seed is still a good option," Upham explained. Gardeners could wait until March or early April and plant where the seeds will grow through summer. "One problem in waiting, though, is that the onions won't reach harvest size until August. Or, they may try to bulb when they're too young, resulting in small onions. Plus, young onions are always rather weak. They're not only difficult to weed but also susceptible to damage from weed competition," Upham said. So, he advises gardeners to start their year's onion crop indoors by late January, planting the seeds one-half to three-fourths inch apart in a seed starting mix. The plantings will require these conditions:

- 75 to 80 degree temperatures until the young seedlings emerge.
- Regular watering to keep the potting mix moist, not wet.
- Plenty of light, augmented by fluorescent, if necessary.
- 60 to 65 degree temperatures

Bus company opening doors to the public

Everyone is invited to take a tour of the new bus company that has set up its operation in, what was once, the Jennings School. An open house is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday at BCI International, 307 S. Pennsylvania Ave.

Knowledge to be put to the test Saturday

Trivia Night will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday night in the Almena high school gymnasium. The night is sponsored by the Almena Congregational Church. Get a team together and call Kirk Kasson at 785-669-2453 to enter the competition.