



Friday
April 13, 2007

Let the sun shine in...

Norton, Kansas
Home of Weldon Brooks

Briefly

Hair cuts go for a good cause

The Razor's Edge Beauty Salon and Barber Shop will be cutting hair from 9 a.m. to noon Monday to help raise funds for Norton Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society. Walk-ins will be welcome. On April 24 Bella Villa Beauty Salon will be giving haircuts 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Gil's Barber Shop will be giving haircuts all day from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a minimum payment of \$10; and Rita's Beauty Salon in Alma will be doing hair care from 1 to 4 p.m.

Juniors, seniors ready for prom

The annual Norton Community High School Junior/Senior Prom will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday in Stull gymnasium. Ward Foley will be the honored speaker. Public viewing of the decorations in the Junior High Gymnasium will be from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is also invited back to the gymnasium at 11 p.m. for the coronation of the Prom King and Queen.

Potato bar helps New Year's baby

Ketan and Mani Kher are the parents of Krishna Kher, Norton's New Year's baby. Baby Krishna was born Jan. 3 at the Norton County Hospital and has, since, developed serious health problems. Friends of the Kher family are sponsoring a benefit baked potato bar to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at the St. Francis Catholic Church Parish Hall. The menu includes lemonade, tea and desserts. Proceeds from the benefit will help defray some of the family's medical expenses. Donations may also be made to the Krishna Kher Medical Fund at the First State Bank in Norton.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with areas of blowing snow in the evening. Total snow accumulation 5 to 6 inches. Chance of snow 70 percent. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly sunny with highs in the mid 40s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 30s. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 50s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 40, High 54, .20 Rain
Wednesday Low 34, High 53, .50 rain
Thursday Low 24, High 51
Friday Low 32, .30" Rain Overnight
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the wisdom you grant us even in our failures. Help us to see more clearly the loving response when our neighbor is in need.

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Children learn about sunflowers

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Patsy Maddy, Farm Bureau Association specialist, presented an Ag In The Classroom program to Twila Custer's afternoon Early Childhood Development class at Eisenhower Elementary. Mrs. Maddy explained to the children that sunflowers need soil, water and sunshine to grow. Each child planted a sunflower seed in a "peat pellet" and was allowed to take their sunflower home. Mrs. Maddy gave each child a sample of various flavored, commercially prepared sunflowers, seeds in the shell and sunflower seed cookies. After the presentation, she awarded each child with a sunflower sticker. Para educators in Mrs. Custer's room are Priscilla Kendell and Tamala Wessell.

Farm Bureau Association specialist, Patsy Maddy, gave an Ag In The Classroom presentation on sunflowers to the afternoon Early Childhood Development class at Eisenhower Elementary. Mrs. Maddy leaned over Gracie Campbell while Devon Gasper pondered his cup containing a sunflower seed. Hannah Widener patiently waited her turn. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Program allows drop-outs to get diplomas

By VERONICA MONIER

Another of the Norton School Board's goals is coming to pass with the implementation of a drop-out recovery program. Superintendent Greg Mann said he checked into getting a drop-out recovery program in Norton and found that the best way to do it was to contract with a company that specializes in learning centers, like the Educational Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas (ESSDAK). Larry Walker, ESSDAK's director of learning centers, was at Monday's meeting to talk to the board. He said ESSDAK is an interlocal agency that has been around for about 60 years. About 10 years ago, they started a drop-out recovery program. He said they are there to serve those students who have

dropped out, regardless of age or personal standing. "We have one student in their 80s and another who is in their 60s," he said. "These students are working for their high school diplomas, not a GED. It's a computer based program that meets all state standards. The center is open eight to ten hours a day, so that people who work can come in during the evening. "To me, it's a school of chances. We're giving these people a chance to come back and get their diploma. It may take them three chances or it may take 30." He said the program is open ended so the students can work at their own pace. It doesn't matter if they only need two credits to graduate or 20. Mr. Walker said they also offer an alternative program for students in school who need help and a credit recovery pro-

gram. He said the students who enroll in the drop-out recovery program will become students of the Norton School District and will be studying for a Norton diploma. But, he said, they have their own graduation and don't walk across the stage with the high school's graduating seniors. Mr. Mann said ESSDAK would receive the base state aid per student for those enrolled, while the district would keep any money received from weightings. The program will be for those people 18 or older whose class has already graduated. There will be extenuating circumstances allowing others to attend, but those will have to be approved first. The students will pay all of the fees. Mr. Walker said ESSDAK will provide a certified site director and para-professional. (Continued on Page 5)

District going tobacco free on August 1

By VERONICA MONIER

Soon, all of the Norton School District's property will be tobacco free. A tobacco free policy was one of the school board's goals this year. Wellness Coordinator Pam Menagh said they used samples from other school district to put the policy together. She said the policy says the use of tobacco or tobacco products on any school property or at any local school sponsored event is prohibited. (Continued on Page 5)

Councilman thinks development should do more

By VERONICA MONIER

One of Norton's city councilmen doesn't think economic development is doing enough with the city's investment. Councilwoman Donna Foley said Economic Development Director Wade Carter had completed his six-month probation period and, as the director of the board, was now focusing on housing improvements in the county. Adequate housing is one of the board's top three goals. Councilman Ron Briery said the economic development board wasn't trying for a bio-diesel plant anymore and asked why they were focusing on housing when they weren't doing anything to bring people in. Over the past two years, he said the city's put about \$80,000 into the board's (Continued on Page 5)



A two-car accident at the intersection of US 36 and Kansas Highway 283 late Thursday afternoon sent one person to the Norton County Hospital. Officers from the Kansas State Highway Patrol, Norton County Sheriff's office and Norton City Police were on the scene. The Emergency Medical Services's ambulance also responded to the accident. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts