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Briefly

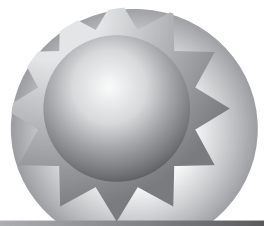
C, D vehicle tag deadline April 30

April 30 is the last day to renew vehicle tags if your last name begins with "C" or "D" or your business name begins with "C" or "D". Remember to bring your proof of insurance on each vehicle. Vehicle business is done from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the office of the county treasurer in the Norton County Courthouse. The second half of real estate, personal property, 16/20M truck, intangibles and oil taxes are due by May 11. Please bring or send your payment stubs along with the payment. Driver license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Remember to bring along your social security card or something that has your social security number on it for verification. Instructional permits and Driver Education restricted licenses can be processed in the office by appointment. You will need to bring a certified birth certificate, social security card and a utility bill with current address plus the driver license of the parent that brings the child. If you have questions, please call the office at (785) 877-5795.

Prairie Statesmen perform on May 2

The Prairie Statesmen chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will present their annual show at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 at the McCook City Auditorium. Norton area members of the Prairie Statesmen chorus are Roy Harshbarger, Ron Scheimo, Clair Rumford and Phil Lesh. The show will also feature a ladies quartet, "Wine". Although just recently organized, they placed third in the regional Sweet Aedline competition. Also appearing will be "Crossroads", a quartet of men each of whom has won a gold medal while performing with other quartets in the International Society competition. Tickets may be purchased from any of the members and will also be available at the door on performance night.

weather forecast



Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 47. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 84. Wednesday Night - Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 52. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a high near 88. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy.

Prayer

Gracious God, help us to fully experience your love so that we welcome discipline and the joy it brings. Amen



Curious crowd

(Above) Lana Jones, a Licensed Practical Nurse in the physical therapy area of the Norton County Hospital, showed Northern Valley first graders what the bones, joints and cartilage in the knee look like. Pictured from left are Savannah Schroeder, Zackery Hall, Gunner Yocum, Camdyn Unterseher, Isabelle Schemper and Hunter Hogan. (Right) Carson Buffington looked at a blood sample through a microscope at the Norton County Hospital. First graders from Northern Valley toured the hospital Monday afternoon. Gunner Yocum and Alexander Van Patten waited somewhat patiently for their turn to look through the lenses.

- Telegram photos by Brandy Leroux



Business survey update given to local board

The update on the business survey and help for a barbecue contest were items for the Norton City/County Economic Development last Tuesday evening.

Janis Monier took her 350-page report and condensed it to about eight pages. She showed what the businesses thought about the business climate in Norton County, their ideas about expansion of businesses, the education system in the county, downtown, and the job done by local leaders. The rest of the report will be reviewed at the next meeting. Copies of the survey results are available at the economic development office.

In other business, Tony Grysch was at the meeting to discuss a barbecue contest that he is helping organize with three other men. They filled out the donation request form to help promote the contest, "Smokin in the Bard," Aug. 28 and 29. The weekend will culminate with the judging and a blues band. There will be four categories: chicken, pulled pork, spare ribs and beef brisket. There have been several businesses already contacted to help sponsor the event and the prizes. All the money raised will be going back to prizes for the winning teams. There will also be banners made for the winners to display. For more information, contact John Carlin, Tony Grysch, Jimmy Railsback or Bruce Colip. The board voted to approve the donation of up to \$1,000 to help promote the event. Carolyn Applegate abstained from voting. The board approved the revision to the donation

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Six resignations accepted

The Northern Valley school board accepted the resignation of six employees at their meeting on April 13. They are: Jeremy Wetter, district band instructor; Sandra and Dick Dole, bus drivers for the preschool bus route; Henry Griffiths, the junior high assistant boys' basketball coach; Tiffany VanDerVeen, junior high

teacher; and Robbie Griffiths, National Honor Society sponsor.

"These resignations were due to the movement of personnel from the high school to the elementary school, and from the elementary school to the high school," said Northern Valley Schools

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Purpose of site council explained

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Everyone knows about school boards, and what they do. Not many people know about school site councils and what they do.

"I see the site council as the middle person," said Norton Community High School Principal Rudy Perez. "We get information about our schools to the community, and vice versa. Site Council is an avenue of communication between the community and the schools."

Eisenhower Elementary Principal Corey Roy said, "The whole goal of the site council is to improve the schools."

One of the things site council does not do is make changes to school's policies or procedures.

Each school in Norton has its own site council, with each council having 11 members. Five members must be parents of a student in that school; one member is the community or business member; three are instructors in the school; and one is a non-certified member of the school's staff. The last member is the school's principal.

The site council meets once a month, with each meeting lasting about an hour. They generally discuss school items, review the board of education meeting, and make suggestions for improving the school. School principals can then take the suggestions to the school board.

"People don't have to be on the site council to make a suggestion to improve the schools," said Mr. Roy. "We're always ready and willing to listen to concerns people bring, but they also need to bring a solution."

"Good members can cause change," said Mr. Perez. "I have seen changes in school policy come from the site councils."

Over the course of this school year, the high school site council has reviewed board of education minutes, state assessments, been given updates on policies, athletics and activities, been involved in awards assemblies, and had presentations from student and community organizations.

Jeff Wallingford, the junior high principal, said the junior high has been reviewing the student handbook. Most of the meetings this year have been informational and they, too, have had speakers.

Eisenhower Elementary's site council has provided snacks for state assessment tests, reviewed the parents' handbook, and came up with the idea to recognize the students from the 2007-2008 school year who earned Exemplary marks on their state assessments at the half-time of a high school girls' basketball game

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Eisenhower Site Council members discussed state assessment tests at their meeting Monday evening. From right to left, Diane Lambrecht, Eisenhower Elementary Art teacher, Virginia Will, Corey Roy, principal, Travis Chisham, Barbara Porter, Gail Roy, Cheri Renner and Patty Kleinschmidt. All three Norton schools are looking for new members for their site councils.

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