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Home of Kathy Zimmerman

Briefly

Two words sum it up: We goofed!

We goofed, plain and simple. When the 2009 edition of the Rural Health Care section was put together at Goodland, left out were the Norton County stories and pictures, although the advertising did appear.

So, today a supplement to Rural Health is inserted and includes the stories, pictures and ads from Norton County. Please put it with the one you got last week.

-the editors

Angus Association names Nortonite

Addison R Chickering, Norton, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association®, reports Bryce Schumann, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo. Junior members are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in association sponsored shows and other national and regional events. The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with nearly 33,000 active adult and junior members.

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Senate Doings

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer



weather forecast

Tonight - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 79.



Wednesday Night - A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a high near 75. Thursday Night - A 30 percent chance of showers.

Kingham report:

Friday, May 1 Low 41, High 57
Saturday, May 2 Low 51, High 60
.10 Rain
Sunday, May 3 Low 46, High 59
.40 Rain
Monday, May 4 Low 41, High 66
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Precious Lord, we offer grateful thanks for your blessings here on earth and for your promise that we "will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Amen

Costs a little more to 'lick'em, stick'em'

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The day of the 42-cent stamp has come ... and gone. Just like that!

Effective May 11, said Norton Postmaster Brenda Darnell, the 42-cent stamp will cost 44 cents.

But, she reminds postal patrons, they can continue to mail letters at today's prices by purchasing the *Forever* stamps before May 11.

Said Postmaster Darnell, "That's why *Forever* stamps were created: to help consumers ease the transition during price changes."

She said prices for other mailing services, such as Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services (including single-piece

Parcel (Post), and Special Services will also change on May 11. She said the average increase by class of mail is at, or below, the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

For the average household, the First Class Mail stamp price change represents an additional \$3 over the course of the year. When compared to annual increases in other household expenses, such as groceries, healthcare and utilities, the Postal Service continues to be an economical choice for shipping and mailing during tough economical times, said the postmaster via a news dispatch from the United States Postal Service.

For First Class Mail, said Postmaster Darnell, there will be no change in the

current additional ounce price, which remains at 17 cents.

Rising operational costs make the price adjustments necessary. Prices for mailing services are reviewed annually and adjusted each May. The new prices are available to postal customers at USPS.com/prices. Prices for most shipping services, including Express Mail and Priority Mail, were adjusted in January and will not change this month.

Forever stamps are widely available through post offices, commercial retail outlets, such as grocery stores, online at USPS.com and by phone at 1-800-Stamp-24.

Here is listing of **selected prices/services, current rate and the new rate**

(effective May 11):

- √First Class Mail Letter (1 oz.), 42 cents; 44 cents
- √First Class Mail Letter (2 oz.), 59 cents; 61 cents
- √Postcard, 27 cents; 28 cents
- √Large Envelope (1 oz.), 83 cents; 88 cents
- √Money Orders (up to \$500), \$1.05; \$1.10
- √Certified Mail, \$2.70; \$2.80
- √First Class Mail International Letter (1 oz. to Canada), 72 cents; 75 cents
- √First Class Mail International Letter (1 oz. to Mexico), 72 cents; 79 cents
- √First Class Mail International Letter (1 oz. to other countries), 94 cents; 98 cents.

Flower bunch at work



Members of the Norton Flower Committee did some work on the flower beds in the downtown area this week. From left are Jeff Wolf, Gloria Nelson and Vicki Enfield. Also helping, but not pictured, were Jean Williams and Joyce Lofgreen.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Logan all set for '09 graduation

Eleven seniors and 11 eighth graders from Logan High School and Junior High will graduate Sunday in the Logan School Auditorium. The senior graduation will be held at 4 p.m. and the eighth grade graduation will be held at 2 p.m.

Graduating seniors are Carri Lynn Brobst, Jessica Lynn Eshbaugh, Charley Lester Harmon, Kathryn Leigh Hartman, Levi Wayne Kiser, Allyson Rebecca Pakkebie, Collin Fletcher Pipes, Jennifer Renee Ruff, Eli Christopher William Rundle, Autumn Paige Tien, and Anna Marie Zillinger.

The class motto is, "This is what greatness looks like." The class flower is fire and ice roses and the class colors are red, black and white.

The procession will be played by Vesta Jo Still. Anna Zillinger will give the invocation and Kathryn Hartman will give the welcome, which will be followed by the class song, "Untitled", written and performed by Trina Harmon, who will also give the address.

Presentation of the citizenship and honor awards and the Charles and Evah Dougherty Scholarship will be given by Counselor Robin Van Laeys. Superintendent Robert Jackson will present the class. Keith Forsberg will give the class roll and John Sullivan will present the diplomas.

Levi Kiser will give the salutatorian address and Carri Brobst will give the valedictorian address. Autumn Tien will give the benediction.

The eighth grade graduates are Austin Sean Allen, Lane David Archer, Katie Mae Becker, Melanie Ann Cotton, Doro-

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Chief discusses Thursday's fire, explosion here

Nothing brings people out like a fire alarm. And that was the case last Thursday evening when the Norton City Fire Department responded to a call at 519 E. Lincoln at 6:51 p.m.

Three units and 19 firemen responded and found a garage at that location engulfed in flames and a camper outside on fire.

Three firemen were advancing with a fire hose, when an explosion erupted inside. The explosion, said Fire Chief Mitch Jones, was caused by a barbecue propane tank and was powerful enough to send debris a block away and loud enough to be heard throughout town.

One fireman received minor burns to his hands due to the explosion. He was treated by emergency medical personal at the scene and released.

Chief Jones said a van was being worked on inside the garage and caught fire when gasoline came into contact with the engine. "This caused a flash fire as a result," he said, "and everyone in the garage immediately sought safety away from the fire."

Chief Jones requested the Norton County Rural Fire Department's assistance. "I expected we would be at the fire for at least a couple of hours and wanted to make sure there would be relief for the firemen already there," he said.

He said crews fought the fire and worked to make sure the structure was

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Employees focus of board

Norton High School students will have a new Spanish teacher next year, the board of education decided Thursday.

The board voted unanimously not to renew the contract of first-year Spanish teacher Eva Fuentes and instead to hire

Nicole Satran for next year.

Most of the board meeting was taken up with employment issues as the board accepted resignations and agreed to rehire staff.

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At your service

Norton Junior High School held its Service Learning Day last week and the students undertook a variety of jobs in the community. (Below) left to right, Desiray Skrdlant, Carla Jo Robinson, Alec Melvin and Cody Ellis performed yard work on N. Grant Street. (Right) Teslee Nickell and Kaitlyn Campbell painted a fence at The Haven. Other students washed rural fire department trucks and picked up trash at the football field.

- Telegram photos by Dana Paxton

