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Briefly

Baccalaureate on tap here Sunday

Norton Community High School and Northern Valley seniors and their families, will hold a baccalaureate at the East Campus in Norton on Sunday. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. This will be a graduation celebration filled with praise, worship and music, said a spokesman. Ward Foley will be the featured speaker.

Exhibits, concert Tuesday evening

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Exhibit Night and Band Concert at Norton Community High School on Tuesday evening. Exhibits will be on display at 6:30 p.m., including wood projects, drafting, vocational ag projects and student art work. The work will be displayed in the cafeteria, vocational ag shop, wood shop, hallways and in rooms 121, 129A-Woods, 130-Technology, and 131. The band concert begins at 8 p.m. in Stull Gymnasium, and the highlight will be the announcement of the John Philip Sousa Award recipient.

Meals on Wheels reminder issued

May 11-17 Meals on Wheels will be delivered by community volunteers. May 18-24 Immanuel Lutheran Church will deliver. Contact Fonda Lawrence at 877-3145. The Telegram will continue issuing these reminders in each issue.

weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 42. Breezy with a north wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 and 10 mph. Saturday - Partly sunny with a high near 7. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. Saturday Night - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 45. Sunday - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 63. Sunday Night - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 63.

Kingham report:

Tues., May 5..... Low 46, High 74
Wed., May 6 Low 50, High 76
Thurs., May 7..... Low 54, High 88
Fri., May 8..... Low 53, .30 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for those whose witness stands as inspiration to bring others to Christ. Help us to follow their example. Amen

Happy Mother's Day

'Norton's Idols'



The graduating class of 2121 put on a vocal music program this week at Eisenhower Elementary School. Directed by music teacher Joyce Morel and accompanied by pianist Terri Hillman, the group of 41 students entertained a large fan base of family and friends with their eight selections.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Area stimulus project a big dollar item

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The scent of President Obama's stimulus program can be detected several counties removed from Norton County. Millions of dollars.

Hundreds of jobs. Smoother and safer surface for the driving public. Where?

Gove County, south and a little west of Norton County, will be the beneficiary.

Kristen Brands, Kansas Department of Transportation's Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager here in Norton, told The Telegram in a timely dispatch

that the department is now receiving bids for the first American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) project in Northwest Kansas.

The bidding process will close on May 20, and during the following days a contract will be awarded to the company that will oversee the pavement reconstruction of a portion of K-23 Highway in Gove County.

"Having just announced these ARRA projects in March, I am very excited to see this project come to fruition," said District Three Engineer Jeff Stewart. "It will be one that enhances the safety of the corridor when complete, and brings

a positive economic impact to the area while it is under way."

According to the dispatch, the 17-mile project to reconstruct the pavement on K-23 begins at the Lane/Gove County line and ends at the south city limits of Gove. It will create or sustain more than 330 jobs during construction and generate about \$29 million in annual output during construction, according to Federal Highway Administration estimates.

"Since we are totally reconstructing the pavement from the base, the road will have to be closed while the work is going on," Stewart said. "It won't be possible (Continued on Page 5)"

Norton's name catches on at festival

Norton County was well represented at the 20th annual Kansas Sampler Festival last weekend in Concordia.

Norton County Economic Development Director Diane Becker helped man the Northwest Kansas booth while county commissioner Carolyn Applegate worked up the hill at the U.S. 36 Association table.

Back in the Northwest Kansas tent Norton musicians Larry Henderson and Lee-Ann Shearer entertained the crowds.

Ms. Becker said she was only able to be at the festival on Saturday but it seemed to have attracted a good crowd and that county commissioner John Miller stopped by to see what was happening.

"It was my first year," she said. "I really enjoyed it. I think Northwest Kansas did an excellent job."

She said that she spent most of her time giving out brochures and greeting people. The multi-county literature seemed to be the most popular she said including the U.S. 36 special section, produced by six newspapers along the highway, and the "Ultimate Guide to Northwest Kansas" produced by the Northwest Kansas Travel Council.

"We went through boxes of the Ultimate Guide," she said.

Brochures from Norton and from Sebelius Reservoir were also very popular, she said.

Ms. Becker said she also helped hand out popcorn, another popular item in the tent.

Up the hill, Mrs. Applegate said she thought the Northwest Kansas tent looked the best, smelled the best and sounded the best of any of the area-wide ones.

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Caring hands



Roberta Ryan and Gloria Nelson, members of the Norton Flower Committee, took time out of their day to pull weeds from around the newly erected Washington Street Park sign.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton