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Briefly

Cow/calf seminars focus on profit

The Kansas Livestock Association and Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health will host three cow-calf profitability seminars during April. These seminars are designed to help ranchers address the challenges of today's beef industry, including instability in the marketplace and increasing regulations, by providing practical management information that can be applied to any operation.

The seminars will take place April 13 at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg; April 14 at the 4-H Exhibit Building in Holton; and April 15 at the Kingman Christian Church. Each seminar is free and will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Those wanting to attend can find more information and a registration form at www.KansasLivestockAssociation.org/calendar. The registration deadline for all three seminars is April 8.

Council elections set for Tuesday

City council elections are around the corner with two candidates running for Ward I, one candidate running in Ward II and three candidates running in Ward III. The general election will be held on April 6 and will determine the outcome of three council seats.

Annual Easter Egg hunt scheduled

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 3 at the Norton County Courthouse. The scavenger hunt will begin at 1:30 p.m. for children in fourth through sixth grades and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 2 p.m. for children ages infant through third grade.

Framing Dollar General



Construction of the new Dollar General store is moving quickly with the framework going up this week. The new store will be located on east Highway 36. It is not yet known when construction will be complete. Whitney Construction was hired as the contractor. —Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

State-wide court furloughs set

The Kansas Supreme Court has issued an order calling for involuntary unpaid leave for court staff throughout the state's judicial districts on four Fridays in April and May.

The furlough time is not as extensive as first anticipated Justice Lawton R. Nuss wrote in a letter to court employees on March 12. He said the courts had been looking at two days a week for all of April, May and the first Thursday and Friday in June. The furloughs affect all judicial staff except judges and justices.

The 17th Judicial District covers six counties including Norton, Decatur, Phillips, Smith, Graham and Osborne counties.

Janelle Morel, administrative assistant for the 17th district, said 19 employees will be furloughed.

"It's all non-judicial employees," she said. "There's a total of six full time employees that will be affected in Norton County," said Judge Deborah Anderson, district magistrate judge in Norton County.

Morel said they were fortunate to be down to four

furlough days. More days had been possible.

The difference in days is a result of other budget cuts the judicial branch has made and more money coming in from other sources, Nuss said. The judiciary has a hiring freeze that began in December of 2008, resulting in 100 vacancies, and has eliminated temporary hours of 193 employees who were performing necessary services, restricted travel and got approximately \$800,000 in federal stimulus funds through a grant program.

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MARKETS

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WHEAT.....	\$3.66
MILK.....	\$2.69
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.74
CORN.....	\$3.08

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Tonight - Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Colder with lows in the upper 20s. Saturday - Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 60s. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 30s. Sunday - Sunny with highs in the mid 60s. Sunday Night - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, March 30Low 46, High 83
 Wednesday, March 31...Low 47, High 74
 Thursday, April 1Low 39, High 82
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God of comfort, when we wrestle with disappointment and loss, help us to remember the great love you showed us in giving your son Jesus to die for us. Amen



A controlled burn ended up burning 600 acres of Norton Wildlife property Monday afternoon. The fire was started early that morning to burn off foliage. The fire was 4 miles south of Norton.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Controlled fire burns 600 acres

On Monday, the Norton Rural Fire Department responded to a fire 4 miles south of Norton that had started as a prescribed wildlife management burn.

According to Steve Otter, Rural Fire Department chief, the fire burned 600 acres on Norton Wildlife property south of Norton.

It started as a prescribed burn early Monday morning to burn off extra foliage.

He said the fire quickly spread out of control when the wind changed and

burned Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks land and a private homeowner's pasture.

Otter said seven trucks and 11 firemen from the Norton Rural Fire Department responded at 1:15 p.m.

At 2 p.m. Otter called for mutual aid from the Lenora Fire Department and for extra water resources.

The Almena Fire Department also responded. The Norton County Road and Bridge department provided two

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Governor signs bill allowing an increase in county debt

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SB 463, the bill allowing Norton County to increase their debt limits, was signed by Gov. Parkinson on March 26 and makes Norton County one of three counties in the state to have a 30 percent debt limitation.

Norton County Commissioner Carolyn

Applegate said the current valuation of Norton County is \$38,980,437 making the 3 percent bond indebtedness limit \$1,169,413.10.

Under the new law, the indebtedness limit was increased to 30 percent, making the limit \$11,694,131.

"As budgets tighten, the demand for (Limits - Continued on Page 5)

Increase in scams reported

The Norton Police Department reported that at least six scams in the last four weeks are targeting people in Norton through mail and phone calls.

"They're all similar in that they want bank account information," said Officer Asa Stiles.

Stiles said people should not give out account numbers over the phone or deposit unknown checks into bank

accounts.

He said people should close their account immediately if they think they have been the victim of a scam.

"So far, we haven't lost much money, but it's extremely hard to prosecute," Stiles said.

If you think you have been the victim of a scam, notify the police department at 877-5010.

