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Briefly

Representative will meet with veterans

A Veterans Service Representative for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Office on April 12 from 1-2:30 p.m. to assist veterans and their families with veteran's benefits. The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs is a state agency that provides free assistance to veterans and their families with veterans' benefits. Please call 785-625-8532 for more information.

Junior/senior prom is set for April 10

The Norton Community High School will be having their Junior-Senior Prom, Saturday, April 10. The theme "Take My Breath Away" is available for public viewing on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Junior High Gymnasium. Please stop by and see all the decorations and the hard work of the junior class. The Promenade starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Stull Gymnasium. This is sponsored by the post prom committee. Mr. Bill Johnson will be the honored speaker this year at the prom banquet. The banquet will be followed by the dance. During the dance, the coronation of the Prom King and Queen will be a 10:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend the crowning ceremony.

Early dismissal set for high school

Norton Community High School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, April 9. This early dismissal will affect students in only grades 9-12. Buses will run at the normal 3:30 p.m. dismissal time.

MARKETS	
Tuesday, April 6	
WHEAT.....	\$3.67
MILO.....	\$2.70
SOYBEANS.....	\$8.68
CORN.....	\$3.09

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Tonight - A 50 percent chance of showers. Cloudy with a low around 34. Wednesday - A 20 percent chance of rain before 1 p.m. Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing with a high near 53. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 35. Thursday - Sunny with a high near 64. Friday - Sunny with a high near 71.

Kingham report:

Friday, April 2.....Low 36, High 56
Saturday, April 3.....Low 28, High 68
Sunday, April 4.....Low 28, High 68
Monday, April 5.....Low 37, High 74
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Father, we thank you for answering our prayers through others. Help us to be available to you when someone near us is in need. Amen



Among those viewing Norton FFA members' projects prior to the annual banquet were, from left, Scott Esslinger, Bill Nelson, Jim Voss, Galen Wentz, Jamie Wentz, Wyatt Wentz and Dwight Sprigg. They were looking at a

trailer built by Billy Broeckelman.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton FFA holds annual banquet

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School FFA Chapter celebrated an exceptional 2009-10 year with their annual banquet on Saturday, March 27 in the junior high gym in Norton.

A total of 200 members, parents and guests were in attendance to recognize the FFA Chapter and individual members for their accomplishments.

Prior to the banquet, those attending were invited to the shop to view many of the projects crafted by the chapter members this year.

Many accomplishments

With many of the District contests completed for the year, the Norton chapter is expected to win the top award in the Northwest District.

The Norton FFA Chapter has placed first in one, second in five, third in two, fourth in two and sixth in two District contests.

The chapter placed first in Agribusiness Sales, second in Leadership School, second in Food Science, second in Job Interview, second in Senior Division Dairy, second in Poultry Judging, third

in Senior Division Land and Homesite Evaluation, third in Greenhand Division Land and Homesite Evaluation, fourth in Public Speaking, fourth in Meats Judging, sixth in Dairy Foods and sixth in Ag Mechanics.

The chapter also placed second in the Regional Land Judging, which is a state contest.

"We had a good year and it's pretty definite that we will be the Northwest District Award winners," Norton FFA Advisor told the large crowd.

He thanked all the FFA members for their dedication to agriculture and their high placings in the contests.

He especially focused on the senior FFA members. "We had a wide variety of differences and interests and study skills," he said. "Some talked a lot and some not much. They did have some things in common like looking good in official dress and making good decisions when they were with me."

"I didn't lose any sleep over them. They were always 'up' and I could count on them for getting the job done."

"I consider this a fine group of young people. I will miss them and the chapter



From left, Lee and Angie Juenemann and Tara and Kevin Esslinger were inducted into the Norton FFA Chapter as honorary members during the annual banquet. Shown at right during the ceremonies is Norton FFA President Emily Juenemann.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

will miss them. They have represented Norton well."

Mr. Beydler asked all senior FFA members to stand and be recognized. They are: Tyler Cook, Steph Eagleburger, Landon Hamel, Christopher Maddy, Emily Juenemann, Kaanon Keiswetter, Cody Cook, D.J. Ebner, Ashley Esslinger, Brandi Graham, Miranda Mock, Jessica Reeves, Caleb Vanover.

Mr. Beydler complimented the 42 Norton FFA members who helped third graders every two weeks through the PALS program. "We had a record number of FFA Pals this year," he said. "They were true role models for the students and helped build their self esteem."

Mr. Beydler thanked the FFA Alumni for all they do each year to help the chapter. He also thanked the parents and other adults who volunteer their assistance as well as the administration and sponsors for helping make it such an exceptional year.

Thanks went out from Mr. Beydler to the Northern Valley FFA members and Advisor Doug Zillinger for serving the rib eye steaks with all the trimmings and David Donovan and Lisa and other mothers for preparing the meal.

This year's chapter officers are: Emily Juenemann, president; Christopher Maddy, vice-president; Jessica Reeves, (FFA - Continued on Page 5)

Vehicle registration could turn into unfunded mandate

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Counties across Kansas may have to foot the bill for equipment for the treasurer's office, which is expected to modernize vehicle registration.

Norton County Treasurer Cynthia Linner said \$4 from each vehicle tag renewal has been set aside for several years to fund a new software program for treasurer's offices across the state, but almost \$5 million could be swept by the Legislature in July.

The fund currently has \$13 million, and \$4.8 million could be swept.

"If they sweep it, counties will be responsible for paying all of it. Roughly figuring, it could be up to \$6,000 per station," she said.

There are three stations in the Norton County Treasurer's office, but each county is different.

"Every office is different. We have three (stations) in our office. We don't

know how many the state will buy," she said.

The new software program, DMVS, will have to be installed at each station.

Linner said she isn't sure if a new computer, printer, scanner and signature tablet will have to be installed at each station.

In spite of the funding issue, Linner said DMVS will be beneficial. The current system is from the 1980s.

"I know it's going to be great. The current system we have has been here since 1988," she said.

The county is not sure if the funds will be swept or how much equipment they will be responsible for purchasing.

"At this point, we have to prepare for them not to buy anything," Linner said.

"We don't know what is going to happen," said Norton County Commissioner John Miller.

Linner said DMVS is expected to go live in July, 2011.



Marlin "Bozith" Bozarth closed his barber shop last week after being in business for 60 years. Bozith plans to spend time with his family.

— Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Barber retires after 60 years

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After 60 years of cutting hair in Norton, Marlin "Bozith" Bozarth retired last week to spend more time with his family.

"The last haircut was March 18, which happened to be my wife's birthday," he said.

Bozith said he retired 17 years ago, going to a four day a week schedule.

"I retired the first time 17 years ago. That was a hard decision to make," he said.

Bozith said there are a lot of memories after 60 years of barbering in Norton.

He said his first customer was Walt Hassler who came in for a trim on Dec. 5, 1949. In 1949, Bozith was fresh out of barber school. He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1949 and attended Moler Barber School in Kansas City, Mo. in June of that year. He returned to Norton in December and took a job with Art Collier.

In 1956, Bozith partnered with Lyle (Bozith - Continued on Page 5)