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Briefly

City/county sets spring cleanup

The City of Norton will conduct their annual Spring Cleanup days April 26, 27 and 28. City trucks will make special trash pick-up on these days. All items must be out at the curb by 8 am on your regular route day.

All types of trash will be picked up on your regular trash route day except yard waste, tires, E-waste and household hazardous waste. Yard waste will be picked up on your regular yard waste route day beginning May 3, and must be in a solid container. There will be a \$10 charge per item for appliances with Freon. Tree limbs must be cut no longer than 8 feet long. Fireplace ash must be in plastic bags. The maximum limit the city will pick up at each residence is one load of household items and one load of tree limbs. Normal household trash will be picked up in the usual manner.

Twice-a-week pickup begins the week of May 3. Regular household trash will be picked up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Yard waste will be picked up on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, and must be in a solid container. Recyclables will be picked up on Fridays.

Economic board members needed

The following entities are seeking interested candidates to serve on the Norton City/County Economic Development Board of Directors: Norton County, City of Almena, City of Lenora and City of Norton. The board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the economic development office. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact the economic development office at (785) 874-4816 or nortonedata@ruraltel.net.



Northern Valley, Norton students participate in music festival

The Northern Valley Choir (pictured above) and Norton Community High School band (left) competed at the Large Group Music Festival in Colby yesterday. Both scored II out of V with I being outstanding, III being average and V being ineffective. The festival is the only competition for large groups in the state. The festival is held in 15 locations across the state. The northwest region included Northern Valley, Norton, Rawlins County, Cheylin, Colby, Deerfield, Dighton, Goodland, Holcomb, Lakin, Wichita County, Oberlin, Syracuse and Quinter.

—Telegram photos by Kevin Bottrell

MARKETS

Friday, April 16, 2010	
WHEAT.....	\$3.92
MILK.....	\$2.88
SOYBEANS.....	\$9.16
CORN.....	\$3.29

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 35. Saturday - Mostly sunny with a high near 62. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 37. Sunday - Partly sunny with a high near 63. Sunday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 40. Monday - Partly sunny with a high near 67.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, April 13.....Low 53, High 79
.70" Rain
Wednesday, April 14.....Low 50, High 75
Thursday, April 15.....Low 34, High 76
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for your goodness and for all the blessings you give every day. Praise be your name for all the golden moments of our lives! Amen



School board discusses new legislation

By ERICA BRADLEY
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More summer hiring is in store for school districts across the state with the governor's signature on a bill that changes the date when boards of education must notify teachers and administrators of contract renewals.

In Monday's school board meeting, Greg Mann, Norton Schools superintendent, said the district currently can extend contracts on May 1 and personnel have until May 15 to respond.

In an interview after the meeting, Mann said the bill has a negative impact on hiring because there is not much time between June 1 and the start of school.

"Senate Bill 362 changes the date when

local boards of education must notify teachers and administrators that they do not plan to renew their contract for the next school year. This date is changed from May 1 to the third Friday in May. That date will be May 21 this year," he said.

"Teachers and administrators that do not receive a nonrenewal notice must notify the local board of education 14 days following the third Friday in May of their intentions to not renew their contract. That date will be June 4 this year," he said.

Gov. Mark Parkinson signed the bill yesterday.

Mann also reported on the school finance situation, saying there is no new

news, but the consensus review group will meet and release new estimates at the end of the week. He said this will be a good idea of where financing will be next year.

"At this point, there is nothing to believe this is optimistic. It will definitely have an impact next year," he said.

In other school board business:

• Mann reported the audit is finished. The full time enrollment is higher, but the general fund is down due to decreased aid.

• Cheri Brooks, representing the Eisenhower site council, and John Ruder, representing the junior high school site council, reported on their activities.

• Jane Burton and Mirla Coleman pre-

sented information on the language arts department. Burton shared information about a grant she received to purchase a poster set. The posters are being used in the classroom as well as in the library.

• Norton Community High School Principal Rudy Perez gave the board an overview of changes that will be made at the high school next year. The changes include: changing to a 10 point grading scale, going to a weekly eligibility system, have a second opportunity period after school if funding is available and changing credit recovery at the learning center so recovery would have to be on the student's time.

• Mann presented information about

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Almena resident released from jail

Adam George, who was arrested March 12 and charged with possession of marijuana, sale of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school, no drug tax stamp and possession of drug paraphernalia, bonded out of the Norton County Jail late Wednesday afternoon.

County Attorney Doug Sebelius said the bond was set at \$750. The judge also placed other restrictions on Adam during Tuesday's hearing.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said Adam and Charlotte George were arrested March 12 after officers found a

quarter of a pound of marijuana at their home.

Charlotte was charged with distributing certain depressants within 1,000 feet of a school, sale of prescription drugs, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, violate control substance laws via communication facility. Drug paraphernalia was also seized.

Charlotte bonded out on March 14. Charlotte's preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 14.

Adam's preliminary hearing will be held April 28.

Hospital welcomes new staff

By AMY GRIFFEY
Special to The Telegram

A new certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) joined the medical staff of the Norton County Hospital on April 12. Gary Hembd, CRNA, has relocated to Norton from the Minneapolis area.

Hembd grew up in Columbus, Neb. graduating from Columbus High School in 1995 and from Bryan School of Nursing, Lincoln, Neb. in 2002. From there he went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 2004.

He completed his Master of Science degree in Nurse Anesthesia at the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, St. Louis Park, Minn. in December of 2009.

From 2005-2010, Hembd worked at the Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, and also in several rural hospitals serving communities sized similarly to Norton County. During this time he cared for hospital patients in the intensive care unit as well as the surgical, trauma and interventional radiology departments.

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Gary Hembd