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Briefly

Library hosts free workshop April 27

The Norton Public Library and Northwest Kansas Library System will be providing a workshop on April 27 from 6-7:30 p.m.. This interactive workshop is presented on the Enhanced Learning Meeting Room equipment. Participants will learn how to find and print aerial views throughout the United States by using free tools. This class will cover Google Earth, Streets, Sky and Ocean. USDA mapping and county parcel searches will also be shown. Participants are asked to bring their laptops. Some laptops will be provided.

Brownback to visit Norton on Saturday

Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback will meet with supporters in seven north central and northwest Kansas counties this Saturday to talk with them about issues facing the state and nation. Brownback will meet with Norton residents from 2-2:45 p.m. at Town and Country Kitchen, 419 E. Holme.

MARKETS

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WHEAT\$4.04
MILO\$2.91
SOYBEANS\$9.41
CORN\$3.31

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Tonight - A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Saturday - Showers likely, mainly before 4 p.m. Cloudy with a high near 52. Saturday Night - A 30 percent chance of showers before 7 p.m. Sunday - Mostly sunny with a high near 67.

Kingham report:

Friday, March 16Low 42, High 59
Saturday, March 17Low 32, High 61
Sunday, March 18Low 32, High 66
Monday, March 19Low 39, High 66
Tuesday, March 20Low 41, High 61
	10 Rain
Wednesday, March 21Low 46, High 71
Thursday, March 22Low 50, High 60
	2.10 Rain

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, help us to measure ourselves not by power, fame, or money but by growth in righteousness. Amen.

Giving blood for a good cause



Roberta Ryan donated some of her blood at the Norton Armory on Thursday at the American Red Cross Blood Drive. Roberta was one of

the many donors who participated.

Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Council approves work crew funding

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After months of discussion and debate about hiring an inmate work crew for the City of Norton, the city council voted on Wednesday to fund the crew by taking 1 percent out of the general fund.

"We've looked at various options, weighed pros and cons. This is something the city council has looked at extensively," said councilman Toby Kuhn.

The city would enter into an inter-local agreement with Norton County for the

work crew with the county providing the building and the county and city splitting the bill. For a year, an estimated \$45,000 would be required.

"We're taking 1 percent from the general fund to fund our portion with the county," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said the council hopes to have the inmate crew in place by July 1, putting the bill at half of what it would be for a full year.

Kuhn made a motion, seconded by Kim Snyder, to take 1 percent from the

general fund balance to fund an inmate work crew, with an inter-local agreement with Norton County. Vote taken, motion passed.

In other council business:

- Kuhn, Donna Foley and Jeff Otter were given the oath of office by Darla Ellis, city clerk.

- Kuhn said the Finance Committee discussed the liquidated damages for Downey Drilling and reviewed the calendar presented by Miller and Associates. He said city staff said Downing

Drilling has done excellent work on the wellfield project. A motion was made to deny Downey Drilling's change order for a time extension. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to accept the estimated engineering fees of \$7,304.19 from Miller and Associates or the actual final engineering fees not covered under the original contract, whichever is higher, from Downey Drilling to the city as payment to fulfill the contract to cover their

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Storefront Renewal applications reviewed

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Fifteen applications were received for the Storefront Renewal program, ranging from businesses that applied last year to several who wanted to take advantage of the program to better their exteriors this year.

The applications were discussed at Tuesday's Norton City/County Economic Development Board meeting.

Diane Stiles, director, said the 15 applicants included: Assured Investment and Loan, Chanda's Dance Illusions, City of Alma, City of Lenora, Criag L. Krizek, DDS, E11even, Hair Envy, J&R Liquor, Kowpoke Supply, Mortensen Computer Services, O'Brien's Pit Stop, Rocking W Trailer Sales, State Farm Insurance and End Zone Sporting Goods.

Donna Foley, Ada Arford, Barb Brooks and Gayle James served on the Storefront

Renewal committee. They recommended Endzone Sporting Goods, Mortensen's Computer Services and Assured Investment and Loan be denied.

Stiles said Boxler Insurance received funding last year, and they share a building with Assured Investment.

"Although Assured Investment and Loan Company and Boxler Insurance are two separate businesses, they share a building and the distinction between the

two is not clear. The committee thought that because there is no distinction, it should be denied," she said.

Mortensen's Computer Services also received funding last year for work on their front door.

Stiles said Endzone did not meet the deadline.

The board discussed the requirements of the program and the businesses that

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Business class graduates from correctional facility

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Norton Correctional Facility graduated their second basic business class on Tuesday with nine inmates participating in a small ceremony attended by Norton Correctional Facility employees and Colby Community College staff.

The business program is funded through a \$30,000 KAN-GO grant and is run through Colby Community College.

Alan Waites, vice president for business administration at Colby Community College, gave the key-note address to the inmates, speaking about expectations.

He said society expects half of released inmates will end up back in prison within a year of their release.

"Perceptions might not be the truth. People have perceptions about you," he said.

He said everyone is bombarded with

expectations, but the only expectation that matters is the one you have for yourself.

Waites also spoke about choices. "There are a lot of choices. We cannot control what others think. We can control what we do," he said.

His advice to the graduating class was to focus on what they wanted, not what others expected of them.

"Do what you truly want to do. Hang in there, even in tough times, and there will be tough times. Make the most of your future."

The inmates all expressed an interest in either continuing their education or in starting their own business after release. The nine graduates included: Mickey Owens, Anthony Perkins, Jonathon Scranton, Patrick McGraw, Dan McCall, Alford Granger, Jeremy Fisher, Brian Holmes and Jordan Henson.

"The college course gave me the

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Anthony Perkins received his basic business completion certificate from Alan Waites, Colby Community College vice president of business administration, during Tuesday's graduation ceremony at Norton Correctional Facility. Perkins was one of nine graduates.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

