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Briefly

Moran's staff sets visit to Norton

Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that a member of his staff will be in Norton County to hold local office hours from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on May 10. Kelsey Holste, district representative for the First Congressional District, will be in the lobby of the Norton County Courthouse to meet with area residents. For further information, or to speak with a district representative, please contact Kelsey Holste or Joseph Badger at (785) 309-0572.

Deadline for tax payment May 10

May 10 is the deadline for paying the second half real estate, personal property, oil, intangible and 16/20M truck taxes at the Norton County Treasurer's office without a penalty. Remember to bring or send your tax payment stubs. You may also pay online at www.kansas.gov/propertytax.

Booster club sets their next meeting

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the Blue Jay Booster Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Reviewing recent competitions and previewing upcoming contests will be Jason Jones, head girls and boys track coach and David Stover, head golf coach. You do not have to be a member of the Blue Jay Booster Club to attend the meetings.

Prayer day services planned at church

National Day of Prayer is May 6 at 7 p.m. at the First Church of God, 1010 Churchill Drive, Norton.

MARKETS

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| WHEAT | \$3.88 |
| MILK | \$2.93 |
| SOYBEANS | \$9.13 |
| CORN | \$3.33 |

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Kingham report:

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 41. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 68. Breezy with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Wednesday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 44. Thursday - A 30 percent chance of showers.

Kingham report:

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| Friday, April 23 | Low 51, High 67 |
| Saturday, April 24 | Low 39, High 61, .15 Rain |
| Sunday, April 25 | Low 40, High 68 |
| Monday, April 26 | Low 35, High 57 |
| Tuesday, April 27 | Low 30, High 67 |
| Wednesday, April 28 | Low 47, High 80 |
| Thursday, April 29 | Low 52, High 71, .25 Rain |
| Friday, April 30 | Low 36, High 62 |
| Saturday, May 1 | Low 34, High 65 |
| Sunday, May 2 | Low 36, High 71, .10 Rain |
| Monday, May 3 | Low 36, High 72 |

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

Prayer

Thank you, God, for the gift of prayer. We pray this day for all who need to know your presence. Amen



Norton volunteer firefighters responded to the Andbe Home on April 30 when smoke from the furnace went into residents' rooms. Residents were

safely evacuated while firefighters investigated the furnace.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Residents were evacuated from Andbe Home

By HARRIETT GILL
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Friday afternoon saw the Norton Volunteer Firemen and other emergency crews responding to the smoke alarms that had gone off inside the Andbe Home in Norton.

"We had the residents out of their room and safely outside within 5 to 6 minutes," said Rosalie Schulze, Social Coordinator.

"We were fortunate that some of our people were in the dining room," said

Schulze said.

Mitch Jones, Norton Fire Chief, said that "Smoke from the furnace went through the vents into the rooms."

"The furnace filters were changed this morning and dust from them fell onto the burners and when the furnace turned on the dust burned off," he said.

Further checking of the furnace showed no problems and the residents were returned safely to their rooms later that afternoon.



Rosalie Schulze, Social Coordinator at the Andbe Home made sure Ida Hoover was warm after smoke set off the smoke alarms at the Andbe Home. Ida was one of the residents that had to be evacuated during Friday's smoke scare.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Natoma receives state safety award

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Natoma Corp. was recognized by the Kansas Department of Labor for having 500,000 hours without an accident.

Herb Holmberg, safety consultant for the department of labor, said the Kansas Safety Awards program has only been active for the last four years and is meant to recognize companies who have a safe working environment for their employees.

He said less than 100 companies have received the award since it began four years ago.

He said there are three categories for the Kansas State Safety Award Program:

- Employers with 100,000 work-hours without a lost-time accident
- Employers with 500,000 work-hours without a lost-time accident
- Employers with 1,000,000 work-hours without a lost-time accident

Natoma employees gathered in the shop for the presentation of the plaque.

Holmberg said the award is based on several factors, including cleanliness and employees collaborating with each other to prevent injuries.

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Natoma, Corp. President Gail Boller and Herb Holmberg, Kansas Department of Labor safety consultant, spoke to Natoma employees during the presentation for the Kansas Safety Award program. Natoma has gone 500,000 hours without an accident.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Area resident participates in cattle roundup

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Through 50 plus years of farming and ranching in northwest Kansas, Roger Wilson of Oberlin had never been part of a real-life cattle roundup.

That changed last week when several cowboys and a cowgirl showed up at the pasture north and west of Norcat near the Nebraska line where Mr. Wilson and his son David run about 400 head of red and black Angus cows. At the pasture and feeding area, known as the Wiggins Place, the cattle were gathered into pens and calves were separated from their mothers.

The elder Wilson wasn't even sure of the names of everyone who came out for the work day. The idea somehow came up for an old-fashioned roundup, word got around, and when the day came, people just sort of came to help.

"I think they just heard what we were doing and decided to show up," he said.

It wasn't exactly like an old-fashioned round-up. Cowboys hauled their horses to the pasture in trailers, and some even rode four-wheelers. Instead of an open fire, the branding irons were heated with a propane torch. But it was real enough.

The field was a frenzy of activity as two cowboys - using skills more often seen in a rodeo arena today - would ride into the holding pen, rope a calf by its hind legs, and drag it to the branding area.

As the calf passed through the gate, another cowboy slipped a metal head device over its neck. The head piece was attached to a rubber inner tube wired to the corner post. As the cowboy dragged the calf further into the pen, tension put on the inner tube rendered the calf immobile. Then other helpers went to work.

Karinda Gruber, a student at Colby Community Col- (Cattle - Continued on Page 5)