

Learning Center plans graduation

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Five students will graduate from the Norton Community Schools Learning Center on June 25. The graduation ceremony will be held at the East Campus at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Learning Center helps adults complete their high school requirements and receive a diploma from Norton Community High School. Some of the students need only one or two credits while others may need the whole high school curriculum.

"We are very excited about the

graduation, it is a full graduation with caps, gowns and reception after the ceremony," said Danna Kelly, a certified teacher at the center. "This is our third year for graduating students." Kelly said.

"It is an accomplishment for our adult students, they have jobs and families, and to take the time to study for their high school diploma takes determination and will power," said Sherry Hoover, a teacher at the center.

Students who will graduate are Martin Arias, Nicolle Meigs Smith, Cecelia Carter, Seth Batson and Anthony Blasi.

Wind rips through cemetery



Powerful storms swept through Norton County this weekend, causing damage across town. Trees were pulled from the ground with damage at the cemetery reported. The damage included headstones falling over. Winds were reported at over 60 miles-per-hour.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Business in the spotlight

Each month this column features one Norton County business selected at random in honor of all our local businesses large and small, well-established and newly-established for their valuable contribution to our economy. A member of the economic development board interviews the business and submits the article.

Business Name: Henson's K-Lawn

Owner: Chris and Joslyn Henson

Address: 1009 Hartford

Phone: 785-871-0529

Type of Business: Lawn Care

Date Established: New Management 2009

The K-Lawn business was started in Norton many years ago and covers Norton, Phillips and Decatur counties. It has been based in Norton since its inception and the previous owners had really built up the business locally.

Chris and Joslyn heard that Dave Newell, the previous owner, wanted to retire from the lawn care business.

They saw an opportunity to continue the service in the community. K-Lawn's primary service includes lawn fertilizer and weed prevention.

Gaining new customers every week and knowing they are contributing to the growth of the

business gives Chris and Joslyn a feeling of success.

Their greatest challenge? There are several but the weather is number one. All the rain and wind this spring has made timely lawn applications difficult. Chris' second big challenge is working out a route where he can service all customers in a particular area or block with one trip. Even though he has lived in Norton 16 years, he found out he wasn't as familiar with the street names as he thought.

The future plan for Henson's K-Lawn is to continue adding new customers and providing the high level of service in Norton County that his customers have grown to expect. Eventually Chris plans to expand the service in Phillips and Decatur counties.

Chris feels the business economy in Norton County would benefit by getting more of our young people to return to Norton and by increasing business opportunities. Both would expand our economic base.

Owning this business is rewarding, Chris says, because he knows how well his products are working by the improvement in his client's yards.

His advice for other business owners is to do what you have to do to keep your business going during these tough times.

Police Log

June 5

4:01 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 600 block N. Norton

4:33 p.m. Report of car running out of gas

4:39 p.m. Report of missing cat

6:48 p.m. Investigate complaint concerning gun at swimming pool

7:24 p.m. Report of dead centipede at residence request officer to look at it

9:08 p.m. Report of transient, Pizza Hut

9:26 p.m. Report of child scratching vehicle

9:34 p.m. Report of missing signs, 1000 block Hartford

June 6

12:26 a.m. Report of individuals walking up street, Jones St.

10:08 a.m. Report of missing dog, 600 block Sun

10:53 a.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter

11:05 a.m. Two vehicle acci-

dent, Elmwood Park

12:08 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter

5:14 p.m. Report of dog running loose, 800 block Wabash

9:09 p.m. Report of individuals child that is not to be around another individual

June 7

2:00 a.m. Report of power problems

4:55 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree

9:43 a.m. Report of dog running loose, owner cited

10:12 a.m. Report of child custody issues

4:10 p.m. Report of small kitten almost hit by vehicle, 300 block E. Lincoln

6:43 p.m. Report of parked vehicle, 500 block N. Norton

9:21 p.m. Report of stray cat inside house, cat taken to pound

June 8

1:47 a.m. Altercation at Loves

3:04 p.m. Individual asked to leave pool area

4:39 p.m. Request to remove individual from property

4:53 p.m. Request for extra patrol

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