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Briefly

Church choir to perform twice

The Church of God Choir will be presenting the Easter Musical "The King Is Coming" on April 14th and April 17th.

On Thursday, April 14th at 7 p.m. the performance will be at Whispering Pines. On Sunday, April 17th there will be two performances. The first performance will be at the Church of God at 10:45 a.m. The second performance will be at The Andbe Home in the Activity Room at 2 p.m.

The cantata is narrated by Phil Loughry, and a solo will be sung by Terry Hillman.

The public is invited to attend any of the performances.

Methodists to host gospel artist Sunday

The Norcat Methodist Church will be hosting gospel singer, Van Bradley, Sunday, April 17 at 2p.m.

Dance recital is planned for Friday

Chanda's Dance Illusions will be holding their annual recital Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Norton East Campus auditorium. Everyone is welcome to come and see what the students have accomplished this year. Come early to get a good seat. There is a \$5 charge at the door.

Plan to give blood Wednesday, April 27

The Norton Community Blood Drive will be held, Wednesday, April 27 from noon to 6 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 1200 N. State St. Help save a life.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.82
Milo	\$6.69
Soybeans	\$12.66
Corn	\$7.11

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 42. **Wednesday** - Partly sunny with a high near 63. Breezy with a north wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. **Wednesday Night** - A 30 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. **Thursday** - Showers likely. Cloudy with a high near 49. **Thursday Night** - Chance of rain showers.

Kingham Report

Friday, April 8.....Low 43, High 67
Saturday, April 9.....Low 48, High 90
Sunday, April 10.....Low 46, High 62
Monday, April 11.....Low 38, High 66
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us remember to acknowledge your ways so that we stay on your path. Amen.

Royalty crowned at prom



The Norton Community High School held their Prom this weekend. The theme was, Here's to the Night, with a Paris decorated atmosphere. This year's royalty were crowned and they are, from the left, Queen, Rachel Shepard, grand daughter of Shirley and Larry Shepard. This year's King is Troy Bainter, son of Vicki and David Bainter. The Princess is Kaylen Rossi, daughter of Sue and George Rossi and the Prince is Dakota Dreher, son of Jamie and Ray Dreher.

Governor signs tax-incentive law aimed at growing rural population

By KEVIN BOTTRELL
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Gov. Sam Brownback stopped at the Colby Municipal Airport this morning to sign a bill creating incentives for people to move to 50 Kansas counties, including Norton, that have bleeding population over the last decade or more.

About 75 people turned out for the ceremony, the second of four the governor planned across the state. The first was in Belleville, with others planned at Yates Center and Wichita State University.

Brownback was accompanied by his secretaries of commerce, labor and revenue. Officials from Colby attended the event along with representatives from Thomas, Decatur, Sherman, Rawlins and Trego counties, as well as board members from Colby Community College and administrators from the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Three of the area's state legislators, Reps. Rick Billinger of Goodland and Don Hineman of Dighton, and Sen. Ralph

Ostmeyer of Grinnell, all turned out.

The law provides a five-year state income tax exemption to anyone who moves to one of the rural counties. Former Kansans must have lived outside the state for five years. A person has to live in the county for the entire tax year, starting in 2012, file their taxes on time and sign an affidavit confirming their residency.

Counties that sign on can participate in a state matching program to help pay down student loans up to \$15,000. Brownback said this covers anyone who moves to one of the "rural opportunity zone" counties, including those who move from inside Kansas.

Brownback said small towns like Colby have good quality of life and great community. The bill is designed to be a recruiting tool to combat the population decline, he said.

Concentration of the rural economy in agriculture and young people moving away were some of the primary culprits, he

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Norton artists competed in McCook

Last Friday, the advanced art students from Norton Community High School competed in the Mid Plains Community College at McCook Paint In.

The students are given a theme upon arrival and have two and a half hours to create a billboard/mural based on the theme. This year's theme was to highlight Mid Plains Community College based on the information from their web site only. The Norton team placed first among the 25 competing teams.

Those competing included: Landon Keiswetter, Matthew Carlton, Justin Griffith, Kelsie Morel, Shylo Paxton, Royce Fanders and Carson Kaiser. They also held an exhibition competition and the following art students received awards: Maia Carlson 1st and 2nd in Drawing, Jacob Mizell 2nd in 3D sculpture, Emily Schulze 2nd in printmaking and David Mizell 3rd in ceramics. Their instructor is Vicki Robison.



The Norton high school art students work on a project during the "McCook Paint In" held at McCook last Friday. From top and around to right are: Shylo Paxton, Carson Kaiser, Justin Griffith, Matthew Carlton, Landon Keiswetter and Kelsie Morel.

Man files a motion against the city council

By HARRIETT GILL
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A Motion for a Temporary Injunction in District Court, restraining the City from enforcing certain provisions of the City Codes, has been filed by Kevin Wiltfong, the Norton City Council was informed by Karen Griffiths at the regular City Council meeting held on April 6. The injunction would prevent the City from entering onto and starting the clean-up of the properties located at 507, 509 and 511 N. Graves. The City had passed resolutions authorizing the abatement, repair, removal or corrections of conditions, health nuisances and weeds.

"I intend to give testimony to not allow the injunction, as it may be some time before the case would go to trial, and there are immediate hazards, including the refrigerator, walk-in cooler and hot tub," said Griffiths.

She said the Hearing in District Court regarding the temporary injunction would be held on April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

"She encouraged the news media to attend the hearing.

Rob Lawson said the county is sponsoring a spring clean up on April 18 - 20. It was approved by the council to have the city wide clean up on the same days, April 18 - 20.

The inmate crew has started and is being supervised by Bob Kaus. Rob Lawson reported he had met with him and asked him to make a list of any tools or other needs he may have.

"I have met with the County Commissioners regarding details of the work crew. Myself and Robert Wyatt will be preparing a work schedule for them," said Lawson.

Lawson said that Karen Griffiths is working on an application form that other cities or nonprofit entities would fill out if they would like the inmate crew to do work for them.

The council was informed by Rob Lawson that the broken steel face roller will be taken to F & F Iron and sold for scrap. He said the drainage project on the west side of the Norton Theatre has begun and the line crew is working on the electrical line relocate on Highway 36 by Natoma Corporation. He reported that Kayton Electric is coming to replace a loop sensor for the 4-way stoplight. A proposal is being put together by Prairie Land Electric showing what the city pays now and what it would pay if the city signed on with them. Prairie Land Electric and

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