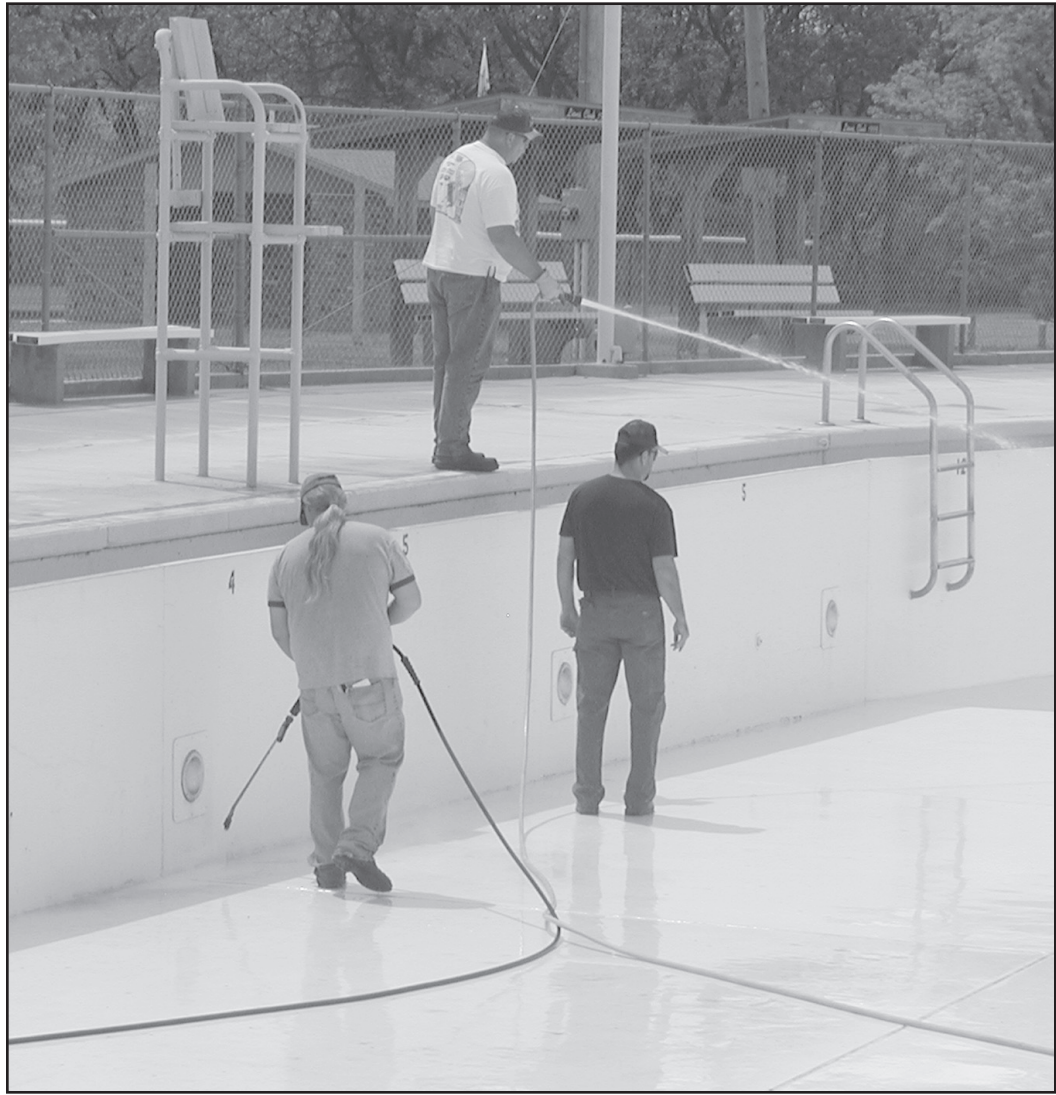


Summer is getting close!



Norton City employees, Steve Reedy, Jason Dial and Ed Lively clean the Norton swimming pool in preparation for the summer season. Filling of the pool is done about two weeks before opening day. Traditional opening days are Memorial Day weekend.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton Community High School

Monday, May 16
KAY 2011-2012 Board meeting - A.P.
Senior finals - Periods 5, 6 and 7

Golf Regional at Goodland
Tuesday, May 17
Jay Singers - 7:30 a.m.
S.A.C. Air Band - 8:35 a.m.
Exhibit Night - 6:30 p.m.
Spring Band Concert - 8 p.m.
- Stull Gym

Wednesday, May 18
Site Council - 5 p.m.
SAC Meeting - A.P.
Senior Finals - Periods 1-3
Senior meal/commencement practice/checkout
Senior scholarship and awards assembly - 2:30 p.m.
9-11 Finals - Science and Social Studies

Thursday, May 19
9-11 Finals - Math
Jay Singers - 7:30 a.m.
SIT meeting - 7:45 a.m.
Senior finals make up and checkout day

Friday, May 20
All library items due
FCCLA Board meeting - A.P.
Senior breakfast/commencement practice 8:20 a.m.
Track Regional at Phillipsburg

Sunday, May 22
Commencement at Stull Gym at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, May 23
9-11 Finals - English and Electives
4th nine weeks reading recognition

Golf - State at Salina
Tuesday, May 24
9-11 Finals Make Up Day
Last day of school - dismissal at 11 a.m.

Friday and Saturday, May 27-28
State Track at Wichita State University - TBA

Norton Junior High
Monday, May 16
Academic Awards, Junior High gym, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 17
Track letter awards - A.P.
Wednesday, May 18
Site Council - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 20
All library items due
Tuesday, May 24
Last day of school - Dismiss at 11 a.m.

Eisenhower Elementary
Monday, May 16
Site Council meeting - 5:30

p.m.

Tuesday, May 17
A.R. Movie - 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 18
Grade 2 field trip to Hays - depart at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 19
Grade 6 Field trip to Hays - depart at 7 a.m.
5/6 GLM - 3:40 p.m.

Friday, May 20
All library items due
4th and 6th Science fair - 1 p.m.

Monday, May 23
Fun Day 12:30 - 3 p.m.
Band instrument display - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24
Awards - 8:45 a.m. - Eisenhower Elementary gym
Last day of school - Dismiss at 11 a.m.

High School and Junior High menu
All meals are served with milk. Breakfast alternate is cold cereal with toast and jelly. Lunch alternate is chef salad.

Monday
Breakfast: Long john, fruit or juice. Lunch: Corn dog, french fries, coleslaw with carrots, mandarin oranges

Tuesday
Breakfast: Waffle stix with syrup, fruit or juice. Lunch: Chicken strip sandwich, lettuce, fruit and cookie.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Pizza squares, fruit or juice. Lunch: Hamburger with cheese, lettuce, corn, chocolate pudding.

Thursday
Breakfast: Bacon, egg and cheese sandwich, fruit or juice. Lunch: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes and brown gravy, carrots, hot roll.

Friday
Breakfast: Cinnamon bun, fruit or juice. Lunch: Cook's Choice.

Eisenhower Elementary
All meals are served with milk.

Monday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, rosy applesauce, apple juice. Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, mixed vegetables, peaches, french bread.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuit, orange juice. Lunch: Ham and cheese, bun, pepper strips, pork and beans, pears

Wednesday
Breakfast: Warm cereal with toppers, grape juice. Lunch:

Chicken supreme, peas, carrots, fruit basket upset.

Thursday
Breakfast: Banana spears, apple wedge, oatmeal muffin, toast with peanut butter, orange juice. Lunch: Western bean bake, cheese stick, corn, fruit cocktail, cornbread.

Friday
Breakfast: Ice cold strawberries, bagel with cream cheese, apple juice. Lunch: Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, cheese rolls.

Monday (May 23)
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, grape juice. Lunch: Sack lunch prepared by kitchen staff.

Tuesday (May 24)
No breakfast or lunch served

Northern Valley Schools
Monday, May 16
Last Day of School

Fun Day at Long Island starting at 12:45 p.m.
N.V.E.A. End of the year party - TBA

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Scholastic book fair in the band room at Long Island

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - GS AR party at Almena - Sundaes in the lunchroom

11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 5-8 grade AR party at Long Island - ice cream social in the lunchroom

Tuesday, May 17
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teacher workday
7:30 p.m. 8th grade graduation at Long Island

Wednesday, May 18
American Fidelity 125 Sign up
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teacher workday

Friday, May 20
High school regional track

Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28
High school track at Wichita 6:30 p.m. ARHS/NVHS Alumni banquet in the big gym at Almena

Tuesday, May 31
9 a.m. FFA State convention at Manhattan

Northern Valley School menu
All meals are served with milk.

Monday, May 16
Breakfast: Cook's choice, cold cereal. Lunch: Shaved turkey, bun, potatoes, vegetables, dessert.

Deadline to sign up for program

The May 31st deadline is fast approaching! Norton County farm producers are very busy this time of the year trying to get spring crops planted and the Norton County FSA office is also busy. There are many producers that have not reported their acres and/or sign into the DCP/ACRE program. Wheat, barley, oats, alfalfa, CRP, and grass have to be reported by the May 31, 2011 deadline in order to be in compliance with the DCP and ACRE USDA programs.

Failure to report your acres timely results in costly late filed fees to the producers. If your acreage has not been reported, producers may stop by the office and pick up your maps, take them home, outline the acres, and then bring the maps back to our office for processing before May 31st. The DCP/ACRE contract will need to have all signatures returned by the same deadline. Please call 877-5156 ahead of time to schedule an appointment or to let us know of you will be stopping by. This allows us to pull your files and shorten the amount of time you will be in the office. Your time is valuable and we want

to be able to get you in and out of our office while also making sure you have completed what is needed by the deadline. Producers who have a NAP policy on native grass for grazing are required to file an acreage report on all grass they graze 15 days prior to grazing. All grasses that will be grazed or hayed must be reported in order to be eligible for future disaster programs. If you have any questions concerning USDA programs please give us a call at 785-877-5156.

Wheat crop in trouble this spring

Wheat in most of Kansas has faced numerous challenges this spring - primarily a severe and ongoing drought, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist. Now, temperatures at or near 100 degrees and high winds have come just when the wheat needs cool temperatures and rain to recover lost yield potential, Shroyer said. This heat stress may affect wheat that is flowering or in grain fill. "If wheat is flowering, you might see some floret abortion and possibly some kernel abortion as a result of temperatures nearing 100 degrees. The plants could recover if they receive some rain and cooler temperatures within the next week, but you won't get any new florets. Once they are gone, they are gone," Shroyer said. The high winds accompanying

the high temperatures will add to the drought stress of the plants, causing leaves to roll or dry up and turn blue or brown, he added. This will have the same effect on yield as a bad infection of a leaf disease that destroys the flag leaf. "If the flag leaf is lost at this stage of growth, whether due to diseases or drought stress, the kernels will not be able to fill adequately. This reduces yield potential and test weight," he said. If the wheat is still in the flowering or early grain fill stage, it can still fill kernels well if the weather would turn cool and the fields would get some rain, Shroyer added. The later the grain fill stage, the less likely the plants are to recover and the more likely the effect on kernel fill will be irreversible, he said. Where wheat has not yet headed, the drought and heat will cause

plants to be shorter than normal, and tillers will abort. Wheat is in a precarious position right now. "If the plants remain alive, they can eventually recover if they get some rain by the boot or early heading stage, but yield potential will be reduced. In severe cases, the plants can turn blue and may die," Shroyer said.

A drought disaster is declared for Kansas

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack notified Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, that he has granted the Governor's request for the United States Department of Agriculture to issue a drought disaster declaration for 21 Kansas counties as well as 18 contiguous counties. "This is good news for farmers in Kansas Counties experiencing production losses caused by drought, wildfires, and high winds. I appreciate the Secretary and United States Department of Agriculture's quick response to my request," Gov. Brownback said. "This is worse than previous droughts I've seen during a lifetime in agriculture. It already is affecting how farmers and ranchers are doing business - and that in turn will quickly impact local businesses and communities. It will take a great deal of time and rain to reverse the impact of this drought." Declaring these county agri-

cultural disasters makes qualified farmers in both primary and contiguous counties eligible for emergency loans administered by United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, as well as any other aid that may be available through the Supplemental Revenue Assistance payments (SURE) Program. The 21 counties included in the federal declaration are Finney, Gove, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Lane, Logan, Meade, Morton, Ness, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace, and Wichita. The 18 contiguous counties included in the federal declaration are Cheyenne, Clark, Decatur, Ellis, Ford, Graham, Gray, Hodgeman, Norton, Pawnee, Rawlins, Rush and Trego. Kansas farmers who believe they may qualify for assistance should contact their local FSA offices for further information.

Congratulations to all Graduating Seniors Norton, Northern Valley and Logan



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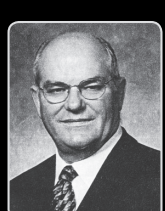
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