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Briefly

Baccalaureate planned at The Rock

Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m. at The Rock. All Norton County seniors, parents and family are invited.

High school plans exhibit and concert

Parents and patrons are welcome to attend the Annual Exhibit Night at 6:30 p.m. and Band Concert in Stull Gymnasium at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17.

Exhibits include: artwork, art room 121 and Cafeteria; FSI displays, room 125; industrial arts shop (Woods), room 129A; computer technology, room 130; vocational ag shop, room 131; and drafting displays in the hallways.

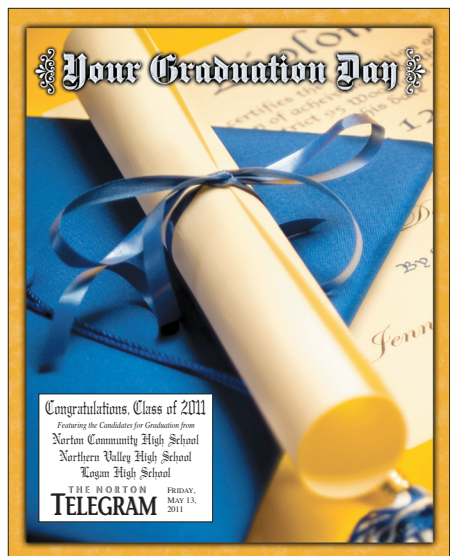
Norton Community High School students take great pride in their projects and are proud to display them for the public.

Grade school to hold science fair

The Third Annual Eisenhower Science Fair will be held on Friday, May 20. The fourth and sixth grade science classes will be participating. The judging will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Soup supper in Alma on May 21

Alma Community PRIDE is sponsoring a Soup Supper on Saturday, May 21, at the Alma Senior Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Donations for the supper will support PRIDE projects.



Graduation Special in today's issue

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.84
Milo	\$5.90
Soybeans	\$12.78
Corn	\$6.43

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Kingham Report

Tuesday, May 10.....	Low 49, High 89
Wednesday, May 11.....	Low 54, High 73
	.10 Rain
Thursday, May 12.....	Low 47, High 60
	.50 Rain
Friday, May 13.....	Low 42, .20 Rain

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

Prayer

Dear God of love, help us to see other people the way you do. Amen.

Taking the first step forward together



Scott Sproul, Economic Development Director, attempts to line up the crowd in front of the Heaton Building for a picture. The picture will show community support and is the first step in applying for a grant to begin the restoration project. The Norton downtown has been declared a National Historic District.

-Telegram photo Harriett Gill

City hears building permit requests

By HARRIETT GILL
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Two building permits were presented to the Norton City Council in their regular meeting on May 4. Bill Peterson, \$200, to construct a carport at 812 N. Grant Street and Doug and Rhonda Reusink, \$10,000 to construct a new garage at 412 W. Wilton Street.

Jon Boxler presented a dividend check on behalf of EMC Insurance in the amount of \$4,849.93. The Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance program through EMC insurance includes over 450 cities and a proportionate share of the total group dividend is paid out to all participants.

Mayor Corns reported city sales tax receipts collected in April were \$18,952.46 and the county receipts were \$15,102.17. Year to date sales tax collected was \$139,452.60.

Authorization for the Chief of Police, Pat Morel, to proceed with the hiring process of a new police officer was approved.

City Administrator, Rob Lawson, reported the Norton Theatre drainage project is done. The transformer bank at Attitudes has been rebuilt and new service lines installed. He said that the work to repair the 4-way stop light has been completed and it is now working correctly.

Lawson said that the two power outages

that occurred on Tuesday, May 3 were not related. He said the first was due to work that Sunflower Electric and Prairie Land Electric were doing on the Rhoades Substation south of Norton. The second was due to a surge arrester going bad at the Pool Substation. Temporary repairs have been made, but the power will need to be shut off when the new arresters come in and have to be installed. Residents of Norton will be notified in advance by radio, newspaper and through a reverse 911 telephone call.

Jerry Jones said that the Public Safety Committee had met with Wendy Sloan regarding a 5K and kids run to be held

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Council discusses electricity

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Electricity was the focus of the Norton City Council at their meeting on May 4.

Sunflower Electric representatives Beth Looney, Manager of Power Contracts and Ken Roberts, Manager of Contracts and Billing and Chuck Look, Prairie Land Electric, were present to discuss power options with the City of Norton.

The current contract with Sunflower Electric expires at the end of 2012. The contract with Sunflower has an energy component, a demand component and a transmission component, plus a facilities charge that the City pays Prairie Land Electric. The City gets demand billed based on capacity; energy is billed at three different schedules, with the pricing varying on each of those and the city pays a transmission charge to Sunflower to get that power delivered here. All of the Western Area

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Patrol arrests Norton man

The Norton County Sheriff's Department responded to a 911 call Monday night at 10:09 p.m. The caller was the wife of a Norton resident requesting assistance.

Upon arrival at the scene, officers found the subject, Jim Linner, with a firearm making threats towards citizens and law enforcement.

Due to the seriousness of the case and to best neutralize the situation, the Kansas Highway Patrol Special Response Team was called in.

At 4:16 a.m. the Special Response Team rushed the residence and took Mr. Linner into custody. He is being charged with aggravated assault.

Sheriff Troy Thomson said, "The case is still under investigation and I do not know if any more charges will be filed or not at this time."

Rotary Club donates vision machine to school district

By DANA PAXTON
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At the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, Joan Streck, the Norton USD 211 school nurse was looking for a better and more accurate way to test the students eyes. Michelle Wiltfong, a special education teacher at Eisenhower Elementary school told her about the Suresight Portable Vision Scanner and who to contact about it.

The Titmus machine the schools were using was out of date so Mrs. Streck checked into Mrs. Wiltfong's suggestion. She wanted to use a Suresight scanner before making any decisions and found one that she could rent through KidLink. She was excited to try it on the Norton students but soon discovered renting it on a regular basis was difficult as other schools were also renting it for their vision screenings.

Norton Rotary Club member, Ted Sanko, happened to call Mrs. Streck and ask her if the school was needing any new medical equipment for the 2010-2011 school year. She told him the school was needing a new vision testing machine and she knew what she was wanting to buy.

After learning about the scanner and pricing the requested item, the Norton Rotary Club decided to make the purchase of the Suresight Portable Vision Scanner for Eisenhower Elementary School their goal.

To raise funds needed to purchase the scanner, the Norton Rotary Club sponsored the June 2010 Culpepper and Merriweather Circus appearance in Norton. They combined the money earned from



Norton Rotary Club member, Warren White, has the chance to get his eyes checked by Norton School nurse, Joan Streck. She is using the portable Suresight portable vision scanner donated to the school by the Rotary Club.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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