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Briefly

BB Gun team holds car wash Saturday

The Norton Rotary BB Gun team will be having a car wash and bake sale at 9 a.m. Saturday at the McMullen and Wyatt Auction parking lot in Norton. Proceeds will help fund the trip to Internationals in Rogers, Arkansas. All vehicles will be cleaned inside and out. Call 785-871-0710 for a pick up or drop off.

Norton report cards are available now

The Norton High School would like to let parents know that reports cards are ready to be picked up at the High School office. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, May 26 through June 6.

Lenora group plans supper June 1

The Lenora Rebekah lodge is having a spaghetti meal with relish trays, dessert and drink on June 1st. This disaster fundraiser will be at the new community building. We also will be having a bake sale.

The noon meal will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The evening meal will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This meal will be by donation.

Get help filing for VA claims June 7

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at the City Office to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, June 7. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby and Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 784-462-3572.

Markets

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Wheat	\$8.36
Milo	\$6.53
Soybeans	\$13.19
Corn	\$7.09

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 50. **Saturday** - Partly sunny with highs around 70. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Sunday** - Partly sunny with highs around 70 and a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. **Monday** - Partly cloudy and warmer with highs in the mid 80s. **Tuesday** - Sunny with highs in the upper 70s.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, May 24.....Low 52, High 75
1.00 Rain
Wednesday, May 25.....Low 52, High 62
3.40 Rain
Thursday, May 26.....Low 38, High 71
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for the price you paid for our salvation and for the many blessings we receive because of your love. Amen.

Saying goodbye to lost friends and another year...



In remembrance of Nan Smith, Bill Goscha and Phillip Morel the Eisenhower Elementary students released balloons before enjoying their Fun Day on Monday. The students gathered at the basketball court behind the school and paid tribute with the balloon release and yelling "Fly away".

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

County makes no promises to daycare

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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Norton County commissioners couldn't promise to help a couple making repairs on a damaged day care facility but asked them to keep track of the costs.

Each year the county underwrites the cost of dumping demolition material in the landfill for five projects. This year the five projects came quickly and, at the time, commissioners were worried that they had used the year's allotment before the first quarter was over.

Their fears were realized last Monday when Mike and Mona Coffey asked for help in getting rid of trash from the remodeling project they are doing on a daycare center that was damaged by fire.

"We had no insurance and we're doing this all out of our pockets," Mike Coffey told the commissioners, who asked Solid

Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald to sit in on the meeting.

The house that the daycare was in was ruined by the fire, the couple said, and has to be completely gutted and redone.

While the daycare building is being redone, Mona Coffey said, the daycare business is being run out of their home.

She said that she has 24 children enrolled in her program but many are part time. She can have up to 12 children a day at the facility, which requires two to two and one-half people to run.

The couple said that they are working with Norton Development to get the place back in working order but hoped that the commissioners could help with the cost of disposing of all the old wallboard and lumber that must be removed in the process.

"We don't want it sitting like that any

long," Mrs. Coffey said.

With all the allotment for free or reduced rates taken for this year, the commissioners couldn't make any promises but asked the couple to keep a running total of what they spent for dumping expenses.

After the couple left, the commissioners pondered the problem.

"Even if you helped them for \$100," Commissioner John Miller mused.

"I agree," said Commissioner Carolyn Applegate. "It's a fire. It's not just remodeling."

The commissioners agreed to look at the problem and see if some help could be given to the couple.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Talked with Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson about the prison crew, which is helping both the city and county

with odd jobs and cleanup projects.

Commissioner Applegate suggested the crew might be able to help repair and repaint Santa's house and the decorations that go with it on the courthouse lawn each Christmas.

• Discussed a broken water pipe, which has caused considerable damage to the second floor of the courthouse especially in the bathrooms and assessor's office.

• Talked with Sheriff Troy Thomson about the renovations going on in his office.

• Visited with representatives from High Plains Mental Health and heard that Norton County had 286 Norton County people use their services last year. This is about the same as 2009, when 288 people used the health services.

Telegram staff welcome an intern

We would like to introduce Brandi Diederich, a new intern, to the *Norton Telegram* staff.

Originally from Oberlin, Brandi grew up on a farm seven miles north of Oberlin. Her parents are Steve and Marilyn Diederich. Her mother is self employed and cleans homes and her father is a self-employed professional floor installer. Brandi has one sister, Spring Louderback of Oberlin and two brothers, Ryan of Manhattan and Colt also of Oberlin.

She attended the Oberlin Community schools and graduated in 2010. She was active in several school clubs including, D Club, Spanish Club, Kay Club, TACT Club, the Physics and Sciences clubs and weight club. She was involved in volleyball, basketball and track along with being on the student council. She attends the United Methodist Church in Oberlin and is a member of the youth group there.

Brandi is currently enrolled in the University of Nebraska at Omaha studying Business Administration with a pre-med

curriculum and minoring in Spanish. She will return there this fall to continue her studies.

In her spare time she said, "I like to spend time with my family and friends, being on the summer softball league in Oberlin, working out, going to the lake and camping."

When asked what she hopes to get from her internship at the *Telegram* she said, "I hope to gain experience in writing since you have to be able to write in every job you do as well as gaining communication skills to use down the road no matter what I do. I want to find out if this is something I would like to do."

Brandi will only be here for the summer. She will be doing a little bit of everything here at the paper, mostly covering events for the social pages in the paper.

General Manager, Dana Paxton said, "We are very excited to have Brandi with us, she is a breath of fresh air and a great addition to the staff. We invite the community to come down and meet her."



Brandi Diederich

Be sure to attend your hometown Memorial Day services to show your appreciation to our Veterans

Businesses to close for Memorial Day

By Brandi Diederich
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A number of business will have holiday hours or be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday.

All banks and the credit union have reported that they will close on Monday and reopen with regular hours on Tuesday.

Grocery Stores will have special hours. Jamboree will open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Main Street IGA will have regular hours.

Liquor stores, Ebke's and J & R, will be closed on Sunday and Monday.

Norton Total is open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Love's is open 24 hours, seven days a week. 1st Stop is open regular hours.

Dollar General will be open regular hours. Pamida will open at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. and the pharmacy at

Pamida will be closed.

Moffet Pharmacy will be closed and re-open with regular hours on Tuesday.

Garden Gate Florals will be open 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday and will be closed on Monday.

Norton Flowers and Greenhouse will be closed Sunday and Monday.

The offices of the City of Norton will be closed, but the swimming pool will be open. The Norton County Courthouse and offices will be closed.

The Norton Community Center, formally the Norton Senior Center, will not be serving lunch.

There will be no paper on May 30 or May 31. There will be a Wednesday paper, it will be a combined Monday and Tuesday edition. It will be delivered and distributed free to everyone.

