

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

February 28, 2012

Briefly

County to honor long-time employee

The Norton County Road and Bridge Department is holding a retirement farewell for Brent "Topper" Cook on Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Norton County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room on the second floor.

Valley Hope to hold a retirement party

Norton Valley Hope will be holding a retirement party for Cheryl Diederich, Director of Nurses, on Tuesday, March 6 from 2-3 p.m. in the dining hall. Cake and punch will be served.

Workshops coming to Norton library

Coming up in March, the Norton Public library will host audio book and e-reader workshops. George Seamon, Northwest Kansas Library System Director, and Dave Fischer, technology consultant, will provide training on using audio book and e-reader programs through the state library. Training for OneClick audio book service will be held Monday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. Training for the 3M e-reader services will be held Thursday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. The training at this time will only be for Nook, Sony, i-Pad and other readers. The training for Kindle readers will be at a later date.

Booster Club will meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Norton wrestling coach Bill Johnson, girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka and boys basketball coach Doug Reusink will be the speakers and will update the fans on the latest competition by their teams. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend the meetings.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.44
Milo	\$5.95
Soybeans	\$12.15
Corn	\$6.36

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Sunny and breezy with highs in the mid 50s. Wednesday evening - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Thursday - Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 50s. Thursday evening - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain. Friday - Cooler and partly sunny with a slight chance of light rain.

Kingham Report

Friday, Feb. 24	Low 21, High 46
Saturday, Feb. 25	Low 20, High 58
Sunday, Feb. 26	Low 27, High 51
Monday, Feb. 27	Low 14, High 44

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

Prayer

Dear God, forgive us for taking our blessings for granted. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to give thanks for the many ways your goodness comes to us day by day. Amen

Mr. NCHS crowned for charm, talent

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Norton Community High School senior Mitchell Shelton has been named Mr. NCHS 2012 after a Sunday afternoon competition.

Three contestants gathered at the East Campus auditorium Sunday afternoon for the Mr. NCHS competition, sponsored by the high school's KAYS group. The contestants were Eric Becker, Mitchell Shelton and Anthony Wenthe, all seniors at the high school.

Earning enough accolades to win the competition, Shelton demonstrated his talent for drumming, along with showing off a dapper suit and tie for the formal wear section of the competition.

Though taking second place, Eric Becker performed an original song for the audience and judges and later, modeled a pink formal dress for the competition.

Taking third place in the competition, Anthony Wenthe showed his talent for performing magic and donned a sport coat and dress pants for the formal wear portion of the competition.

Judges for the Mr. NCHS pageant were Chance McKinney, Lucas Melvin and Lindsey Bailey. Proceeds from donations taken at the show are intended to support the KAYS organization mission to help "invisible children" in war-torn Africa.

(Right) Pageant announcer Alyssa Boser, NCHS senior, crowned Mitchell Shelton as Mr. NCHS 2012 Sunday afternoon.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell



Voter registration deadline will be March 19

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The election quickly approaching, the deadline to register to vote in the April 3 city council election is March 19.

Anyone who would like to register to vote must go to the Norton County Clerk's Office (Courthouse, 2nd floor) with a photo identification to fill out a voter registration form. Norton County

Clerk Robert Wyatt reports that the identification can be driver's license, state issued identification card, government-issued identification or college identification. Regardless of the type, the photo identification must bear a current photo and name of the person registering.

Once the voter fills out a registration card, they will be informed of the ward in which they live and when and where

they will be eligible to vote.

This year's city election will have only one polling place, which will be in the Norton County Courthouse lobby. Voters must also provide a photo identification at the polling place on election day.

The city positions on the ballot include council representatives from Wards I, II and III. Running for those positions are Harriett Gill, Donna Foley (incumbent) and Ron Briery, respectively.

Voters must reside in the wards for which they are voting and the wards are as follows:

Ward One: everything east of State Street to West Woodsfield then going

west on West Woodsfield to North Second Street, then south to West Washington, then east again to State Street and South.

Ward Two: everything west of State Street, going south to West Woodsfield, then west to West Avenue, north to US 36, and west.

Ward Three: everything south of West Woodsfield and west of Second Street, going west to West Avenue then north to US 36, then west to the west city limit, then south to the south city limit, then east to State Street, then north on State Street to West Washington, then west to South Second Street and North to West Woodsfield.

Prairie Dog Golf Course names new Greenskeeper

By Carleen Bell
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In advance of the upcoming golf season, the Prairie Dog Golf Course board of directors has announced the addition of a new Greenskeeper to the course staff.

Chase Lozar joined the staff in early February after working on golf courses since he was 13 years old. He grew up in Satanta and reports that golf course management is a family affair.

"My grandfather and his family developed a golf course and I wanted to follow in his footsteps," Lozar said. "I just love being on the golf course."

Lozar graduated with an associate degree for golf course management in 2010 from a Waco, Texas school. After graduation, he took a job working for a golf course in Arkansas and recently decided to make the move to Norton to become Greenskeeper.

His responsibilities include everything required to care for the course, like mowing, landscaping and keeping the course in the best condition possible.

Lozar recently became engaged to his fiance, Velda Cordero and the couple have three children.



Chase Lozar

Farm services agency sets informational meeting

Enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program will continue through June.

Landowners enrolled in the program receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on environmentally sensitive land.

The Norton County Farm Services Agency Office will have an informational meeting to explain the program on March 7 in the conference room at the Norton County Office at 11506 Pineview Dr, Norton KS. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Bird watching event planned for this weekend

The Nebraska chapter of Singles in Agriculture is hosting a bird watching event in the Holdrege area the weekend of March 2-4.

On Friday evening, the group will meet for supper at Cheez in Holdrege. On Saturday morning, the group will carpool to Alma and Republican City to view bald eagles and white pelicans. The group will stop at The Station in Alma for lunch and that afternoon,

they will travel up to Kearney to view the Sandhill Cranes. On the way back, they will stop at Speak Easy restaurant for dinner. Sunday morning, the group will meet for breakfast before heading home.

For more information, contact Cindy at 308-920-0364 or Arlene at 402-729-6154. The group is open to singles 18 and older with an interest in agriculture.

School board approves class for fine arts credit

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Thanks to a recent decision from the board of education, Norton Community High School students will soon have another option to complete a fine arts requirement upon graduation from the school.

At the school board's meeting on Feb. 13, Superintendent Greg Mann reported that state education officials have added additional requirements for students to graduate from high school, including additional credits for science and additional credits for fine arts.

The superintendent explained that boards of education in individual dis-

tricts can designate alternative classes to provide students with a variety of options to fulfill those requirements. In the past, the fine arts credits have been allowed for drafting and multimedia tech classes and for science, animal science and plant science.

In light of new requirements, Mann asked the board to consider allowing the school's Advanced Cabinet-Making class for the fine arts credit, reporting that the district's curriculum council was recommending allowing the class to be considered a fine arts credit.

The school board approved the addition with board president Scott Ellis opposing the move.

