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Briefly

Race season begins this Friday night

The Norton Elmwood Park Speedway Association will hold a Fun Day at the Norton race track on Friday night with races starting at 6 p.m. and then on Saturday the first race of the season will start at 6 p.m.

Easter musical set Thursday, Sunday

The Norton Church of God Choir will present the Easter Musical "Day 3" at Whispering Pines on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and at the Church of God on Sunday, April 1 at 10:45 a.m. Solos will be performed by Dwight Williams, Donna Severns, LuJuan Gregerson, Scott Kentfield, and Terry Hillman. Narrators are Phil Loughry and Jane Burton. The community is invited to attend these performances.

FFA Banquet will be Saturday night

The 2011-12 Norton FFA Chapter Banquet will be held on Saturday in the junior high gymnasium in Norton. Everyone is invited to view the ag shop projects from 6-6:30 p.m. The banquet meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program featuring the 2011-12 State FFA President Lexi Wingerson as the keynote speaker, presentation of chapter awards, recognition of chapter sponsors and installation of new chapter officers.

Wrestling banquet planned for Sunday

Wrestlers, coaches, parents and fans are invited to attend the 2012 Norton Community High School Wrestling Banquet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 1 in the Norton junior high gymnasium. The Norton Blue Jays 2011-12 Wrestling Team will be honored during the banquet. Those attending are asked to bring their own table service, a main dish and a vegetable or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

Following the potluck dinner, the coaching staff will honor the wrestling team and present several team awards.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.46
Milo	\$5.83
Soybeans	\$12.87
Corn	\$6.24

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 70s. Thursday - Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Kingham Report

Friday, March 23	Low 35, High 66
Saturday, March 24	Low 41, High 76
Sunday, March 25	Low 41, High 79
Monday, March 26	Low 54, High 82

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

Prayer

Dear Father, help us to recognize where the Holy Spirit is working in us, and grant us the courage and strength to cooperate in what the Spirit is doing. Amen.



Screenings held at Eisenhower

To help prepare future students for a lifetime of learning, Eisenhower Elementary hosted an early childhood screening Thursday and Friday at the school. The screening featured vision and hearing tests, along with tests of speech and motor skills. Over the two days of screenings, 20 pre-school children visited the school to be screened.

(Left) Eisenhower's Speech/Language Pathologist Amye Jones performs a hearing test on Lincoln Sander, 4, during the early childhood screening.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Authorities are investigating a string of robberies

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The Norton Police Department is investigating a string of burglaries in the community that occurred at various businesses earlier this month.

Norton Police Chief Pat Morel reports that on March 9, Kowpoke Supply and Attitudes Steakhouse were burglarized and on March 14, Ruth's Antiques was burglarized. In addition, Pizza Hut was reportedly burglarized around the same dates, but the incident was never reported to law enforcement officers, Morel said.

Morel said the incidents are believed to be connected and security camera footage from Kowpoke Supply shows an individual committing the crime, but Morel declined to provide any identifying characteristics of the individual. The chief did say, however, that the individual who carried out the crime was aware of the security cameras on the premises.

The police chief also reported that around the same dates of the local burglaries, businesses in Phillipsburg were also broken into, but it is unclear whether those burglaries are connected to the ones in Norton.

Morel estimates that damages and theft from the three burglaries in Norton amount to \$6,400 in loss.

Norton woman takes her own life

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Following an incident at her home Thursday, a Norton woman has died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Norton Police Chief Pat Morel reports that Melissa Ann Harper, 28, passed away at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney at about 4:30 p.m. after she shot herself earlier that afternoon.

Morel said that the woman's husband, who has not been identified, called the police department just before 1 p.m. on Thursday and asked them to check on her. The welfare check was too late, however, to stop Harper from shooting herself at her home at 205 North Wabash.

Harper was first transported to the Norton County Hospital, then flown to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney where she died.

Relay For Life events announced

Norton County Relay For Life teams are planning a variety of fund-raisers in the coming weeks to support the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life of Norton County will be held on June 8-9 at the Court House Square in downtown Norton. This year's theme is "Camping For a Cause." Anyone wishing to join a team or to have a team in this year's Relay can contact Sandy Brown 785-202-0204 or for information on Relay For Life of Norton County call Jay or Gayle Walsh at 785-669-7002.

Grandma To Shave Head - (Rule Crew Team) Anyone who would like to help Jessica reach a goal of \$1,000 so that her grandma will shave her head in honor of those affected or have been affected with cancer and lost their hair during chemo or radiation treatments can contact Jessica at 785-202-0947.

Yard Sale - (Jailhouse Rockers Team) On Friday, April 20, 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m. -noon at 310 West Street, the team will hold a yard sale. Anyone with items to donate can contact Jay Walsh at 785-669-7002.

Cuts For A Cause - (Relay For Life event) On April 20, several local salons will be offering \$10 haircuts. Participating salons include Bella SoLe, Cuts 4 You, E11even, Hair Envy, The

Razor's Edge, and Gil's Barber Shop. Matching donations will come from Body Essentials, Doris' Beauty Shop and Rita's Beauty Salon. For more information contact Megan Hawks at 785-874-8884.

Bras For A Cause and Artsie Undies Show (Nex-Tech Team) - Entries will be displayed in downtown businesses and must include tasteful décor of decorated bras, underwear and boxers. Entries are \$10 each and will be accepted through May 3. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on May 14. Entries can be submitted to Megan Hawks at 874-8884 or Nicole Rushton at 567-7727.

Bake Sale - (Brave Ones Team) The team will host a bake sale on April 14 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. at Jamboree. They will also have a camping themed basket there, \$1/chance or six chances for \$5.

16"x20" framed print - (Nex-Tech Team) The team is raffling a picture depicting a tribute to a grandfather who lost his battle with cancer. Chance tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Contact Gayle Walsh at 669-7002.

Chance Tickets for "Camping For A Cause" themed items and a home made Cancer Ribbon quilt will be raffled (Nex-Tech Team). "Camping For A

Cause" items include \$150 gift card to S & S Gunworks, two free rounds of golf at Prairie Dog Golf Course, two 30-minute massages from Elements of Massage; six free carwashes from Downtown Car Wash; items from End Zone, Chiropractic Pillow from Phillipsburg Chiropractic Center, \$25 gift card from the Grinnell Locker, Gift Cards from Dale's Fish 'N Fun in Oberlin, a fire pit from Heartland Building Center in Hays, three \$50 gift cards from Carrico John Deere Implement in Hays, 3-in-1 rechargeable lantern from K-mart in Kearney and one overnight stay (\$50 value) at High Plains Camping in Oakley. Tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Contact Nicole Rushton at 567-7727. Megan Hawks at 874-8884 or any member of the Nex-Tech Relay Team.

Bake Sale (Brave Ones Team) -The team will host a bake sale on March 31 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Pamida. There will be a "Camping For A Cause" themed basket to get chances for as well. Tickets are \$1 per chance or six chances for \$5.

Blankets, Pillows & Pillowcases - Rule Crew Team is selling chances for blankets, pillows and pillowcases. For more information, call Jessica at 202-0947.

School approves summer class fee

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Already looking ahead to the summer months, the Norton School district has established fees and a schedule for the summer driver education program in the district.

At their March meeting, members of the Norton School Board approved a program fee of \$75 for in-district students and \$125 for students from outside the district. The fees are unchanged from last summer.

Driver education teacher Kevin Jilka reported this week that the program will begin on Monday, June 4 and will be run in two, three-week sessions. Students take only one session of the class.

Any students who would like to enroll in the program must be at least 14 years old by May 1 and must have graduated from eighth grade. The class includes daily classroom instruction and driving instruction 3-4 times per week. Jilka said that consistent attendance is important for the class and each student must be able to pass driving and written tests at the end of the class in order to pass the class.

Jilka said that in early April, class instructors will meet with eighth-grade students to discuss class enrollment and any parents who are interested in enrolling their students in the program can contact Norton Community High School for more information.

Eagles to host a poker tournament

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To help benefit the organization's scholarship fund, the Eagles Lodge 3288 in Norton will host a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament on Saturday, March 31. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will be available. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m. A \$500 guaranteed first prize will be awarded and suggested donated is \$30 per player. For more information, contact Mar-

vin at 871-1721.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles will be awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to high school graduates of any parent, guardian or grandparent who is a member of the Norton Eagles organization. The scholarship will be paid in two installments of \$250 and can be used for any higher education after high school.

Students wishing to apply for the scholarship can obtain an application

form from Norton Community High School or from the Eagles Lodge or from selection committee members. Applicants may be asked for a personal interview with the scholarship selection committee.

For more information or for a scholarship applications, contact any of the following: Barbary McKie at 877-3340, Larry Hawks at 669-2312, John Milnes at 877-2636 or Marilyn Collins at 877-5504.

