

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

April 3, 2012

Briefly

Schools to dismiss early on Thursday

The Norton Schools will have an early 2:45 p.m. dismissal for grades 9-12 on Thursday, April 5 due to the Norton Invitational Track meet. Buses will run at normal time. Kindergarten through 8 will be dismissed at the normal time.

Booster Club will meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will hold its Spring Sports Kickoff meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited. Speaking about the upcoming season will be Norton head golf coach David Stover and Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

The Booster Club will meet every first and third Wednesdays through May at the same time and location.

You do not have to be a member of the club to attend the meetings.

School to dismiss for an Easter break

The Norton school calendar was changed this fall and the Norton Schools will not be in session on Friday, April 6 or on Monday, April 9 due to the Easter Holiday.

Treasurer's office closing for training

The Norton County Treasurer's Office will be closed on Thursday from 8-9 a.m. for statewide training.

Hospital holding community survey

The Norton County Hospital and Norton County Health Department are collecting more information to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment report. A survey has been posted at the Norton County Hospital's website at www.ntcohosp.com and all residents are asked to respond to the survey.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.33
Milo	\$5.97
Soybeans	\$13.17
Corn	\$6.38

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Chance of precipitation near 100 percent. Wednesday - Chance of rain 80 percent. Thursday - Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. Friday - Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly sunny.

Kingham Report

Friday, March 30	Low 39, High 79
Saturday, March 31	Low 49, High 83
Sunday, April 1	Low 58, High 88
Monday, April 2	Low 45, High 68

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

Prayer

Dear Father, help us to have self-control in whatever we do each day so that our actions may glorify your name. Amen

Many honored at Norton FFA banquet

By Dana Paxton
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A crowd of more than 200 FFA members, their families, friends and USD 211 staff attended the 2011-2012 Annual Banquet of the Norton Community High School FFA Chapter Saturday night at the junior high gym.

The Norton chapter had another outstanding year and this was the time to come together and recognize the FFA Chapter and individual members for their many accomplishments.

With many of the District contests over for the year and only a few left, the Norton Chapter is expected to win the top award in the Northwest District for the sixth time in the past six years based on their current point standings.

The evening started with the welcome given by FFA Chapter President Robert Blecha, followed by the invocation by Johnnye Ruder. A meal was served by the Northern Valley FFA Chapter to all in attendance.

Upon completion of the meal, the opening ceremonies began. During this portion of the program, each officer told about the position and the duties they were responsible for. Officers for the year were Robert Blecha as President, R.J. Ellis as Vice-President, Marisa Maddy as Secretary, Cody Ellis as Treasurer, Kolton Harting as

Reporter, Dylan Sprigg as the Sentinel and Wyatt Wentz as the Historian.

Next to the podium were officers R.J. and Cody Ellis, who introduced the parent speaker of the night, who happened to be their father, Brock Ellis. Mr. Ellis joked about having an hour long speech but kept it short and to the point. Ellis said that "the accomplishments these young kids make today will show a lot in their futures. It's not all about going to competitions to meet girls. All in all, the FFA organization is a great thing and thanks to Mr. Beydler for working with these kids for all these years."

FFA officer R.J. Ellis then introduced Bryan Keiswetter, who has sponsored the fruit sales award for the past several years. Mr. Keiswetter then awarded Zach Esslinger the award for his sales of 24 boxes of fruit.

Charlotte Stephenson, an FFA parent and the Farm Bureau president, presented Andy Nickell, Clayton Esslinger, R.J. Ellis, Alec Gilgenbach and Robert Blecha with the Farm Bureau award.

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(Right) Norton FFA members had their projects on display prior to the annual banquet on Saturday. Pictured, Kolton Harting is seen telling visitors Phil Loughry and fellow FFA members Wyatt Harting Weston Harting and Cody Ellis how his roping chute was built and works. (Top right) During the banquet, after the member awards were given out, each of the FFA officers took a minute to express their gratitude for their sponsor, Mr. Garrett Beydler. The members presented him with a hat then each spoke a few words, and closed with a big hug. Cody Ellis and Robert Blecha look on as R.J. Ellis shares a heartfelt hug with their sponsor Garrett Beydler.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



Coroner reports that infant death was SIDS-related

By Carleen Bell
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After receiving autopsy results on the matter, a local doctor has reported that the death of a Norton County infant last week was the result of natural causes.

Dr. Glenda Maurer of the Norton County Hospital reported Monday that Gage Waugh, about four months old, passed away last Tuesday at his home south of Norton. Maurer explained that Dr. Lyle Noordhoek, District Coroner from Hays, performed an autopsy on Wednesday and determined that the cause of the infant's death was related to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and the investigation into the death is now complete.

Norton County emergency personnel were called to a home south of Norton just after 1 p.m. last Tuesday after a report of an infant that had passed away. Though initially expected to take 30 days or more, an autopsy was performed the next day.

Easter egg hunt set for Saturday

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The Norton Child Study Club will host the annual easter egg hunt/scavenger hunt on Saturday for area children.

Event organizers report that beginning at 1 p.m. at the Norton County Courthouse, children will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with the Easter Bunny, then at 1:30 p.m., the scavenger hunt will begin. The scavenger hunt is for children in grades 4-6 and participants are asked to meet in the lobby of the courthouse. The winner of the

scavenger hunt will earn a gift certificate to Rainbow Lanes and all other participants will earn a candy bar.

The easter egg hunt, for children third grade and younger, will begin at 2 p.m. Different age groups will gather plastic eggs from different areas of the courthouse lawn and will get to keep the candy from the eggs they pick up.

The easter egg hunt is sponsored by the Child Study Club with the help of the Norton Legion Riders. Anyone who would like to donate money for the event can contact Cheri Brooks at 871-0862.

Schools plan prom activities April 14

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Continuing the annual spring tradition, Norton County schools are gearing up for proms next weekend.

The Norton High School prom will be held Saturday, April 14. The theme this year is "Poseidon's Paradise." From 1-4 p.m. that day, the public is invited to attend an open house in

the Norton Junior High Gymnasium to view the prom decorations. Promenade will be at 6:30 p.m. at the high school gymnasium and at 7 p.m., students and faculty will gather for a banquet. The guest speaker at the banquet will be Lucas Melvin. Following the banquet, students will gather at the

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Students fare well at regional club day

The Annual Regional 4-H Club Day event was held at Stockton on Friday, March 30. Top selections from Nor-

ton, Phillips, Graham, Rooks, Ellis, Trego, and Smith Counties were involved. A total of 80 individuals and

group entries were given representing Demonstrations, Talks, Readings, Music Selections, Talent, Skits and Model Meetings.

The results for Norton County were as follows:

Project Talks: Addison Brooks, Blue and Bryndon Wentz, Red. Public Speaking: Wyatt Wentz, Blue. Junior Demonstrations: Katelyn Skrdlant, Blue and Amy Wentz, Blue. Senior Demonstrations: Rebecca Wentz, Blue. Model Meeting: Busy Beavers, Red. Instrumental Solo: Rebecca Wentz, Red. Vocal Solo: Stuart Rose, Blue. Dance: Amy Wentz, Blue. Reading: Savannah Rose, Top Blue and Stuart Rose, Blue.

County caucus results are announced

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Following the Norton County Republican Presidential Caucus on March 10, organizers report that Rick Santorum was the clear winner from Cass County voters.

Norton County Republican Central Committee Chairman Rebecca Wetter reports that eight potential presiden-

tial nominees were on the caucus ballot and overall, 132 voters turned out for the county caucus.

The results are as follows: Rick Santorum-54, Mitt Romney-33, Newt Gingrich-31, Ron Paul-12, Herman Cain-1 and Jon Huntsman-1. Candidates Michelle Bachman and Rick Perry took zero votes and one voter in the caucus was uncommitted to a candidate.

