



Festive gathering

Norton Community High School students took part in the annual Regional Music Festival in Oberlin on Saturday. Instrumental groups and solo performers were among the 400 entries in the competition, along with group and solo vocal performances. Pictured, Norton student Alec Melvin performed a clarinet solo for the festival.

—Photo courtesy of the Oberlin Herald

BUSINESS NEWS

Including more than \$29,000 this year, Cargill's Seed for the Future program has donated more than \$82,000 to local FFA, 4-H and schools since 2010.

Developed to assist local organizations in their preparation of the next generation of agriculture professionals, the program is funded through seed corn purchases from local Cargill facilities. For a purchase of at least 50 units of seed corn, a grower can opt to participate in the program, which funds

\$2 per unit to be donated to local youth organizations.

A donation of \$4,994 is being made to the Norton High School FFA chapter thanks to program participation from several area farmers, including A&N Farms, Ivan Bohl, Roger Braun, Dave Donovan, David Sprigg, Doug Gallentine, Harting Farms, Barry Madden, Rusty Miller, Dan Skrdlant, Marvin Stutheit, Chris Tanner and Temple Farms.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS Tuesday-Tuesday, April 10-17

Dance team tryout practices: Stull Gym, 7 a.m.

Tuesday, April 10
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
Varsity golf at Goodland, 2 p.m.

Varsity track at Smith Center, 3 p.m.

KAY Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11
FFA District Livestock/Agronomy/Horticulture at Oakley, 8:30 a.m.

Engineering Drafting Exhibit at Goodland, 9 a.m.

Prom Royalty Elections, 8:30 a.m.

NWKTC representative available, A.P.

S.A.D.D., A.P.

Thursday, April 12
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
Forensics at Osborne

FCCLA, A.P.
Prom Server Training: FACS Room, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13
Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.
Circle Talk, A.P.

Jazz Band rehearsal, A.P.
JV golf at Hill City, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 14
A.C.T. Testing Date Promenade, 6:30 p.m.

Prom, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 15
Prom clean-up, 2 p.m.

**NJHS
Tuesday-Tuesday, April 10-17**

Dance team tryout practices: Stull Gym, 7 a.m.

Tuesday, April 10
KAYS, A.P.

Wednesday, April 11
Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Thursday, April 12
Track at Phillipsburg, 11 a.m.

EES

Wednesday, April 11
TEAM, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday, April 12
CBM's Grade 6
3rd and 4th Grade level meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Friday, April 13
5/6 vocal practice at East Campus, 8:30 a.m.

**Northern Valley
Monday, April 9**
NO SCHOOL-Easter Break
School Board meeting in Almena, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10
HS Track Tri-plains Invitational at Colby, 10:30 a.m.

Robotics class in Mr. Tharman's room, 3:30-5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11
FHSU Cadaver Lab at Hays, 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

FFA District Livestock Judging Contest at Oakley, 1 p.m.

4th Grade Science assessments, 6th and 8th Grade Social

BIRTHDAY

Delores Atkinson, a long time Norton resident, is celebrating her 90th birthday on April 16. Delores now resides in Garden City. Cards can reach her at 606 Pershing Ave. #101, Garden City, KS 67846.

Studies assessments
Thursday, April 12
4th Grade Science assessments, 6th and 8th Grade Social Studies assessments

Friday, April 13
Western Kansas Lego Robotics Competition at Hays

6th-8th Grade Husky Invitational Track Meet at Logan, 10 a.m.

HS Husky Invitational Track Meet at Logan, 3 p.m.

HS Golf Meet at Hill City, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 14
ACT Test in Almena, 7:30 a.m.

Prom-Banquet at 6:30 p.m., dance from 9 p.m.-midnight, post prom from midnight to 4 a.m.

Higher Level of Thinking Workshop at Fort Collins, Colo.

Important rules for your garden

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Spring is here. Roto-tillers are receiving special attention. Garden hose leaks are being patched. Radish and lettuce seeds are jumping off the seed racks. The National Weather Service people are keeping an eye out for a cloud...any kind of a cloud, any kind of a cloud that might bring us a bit of much need moisture.

I would guess that a number of gardeners all over the High Plains took advantage of the unusually warm weather of the last couple of weeks and proceeded to bury a few seeds. In my opinion, it's still a little early to do that, but when you have three or four straight days of near 80 degree temperatures this time of year, it's the natural thing for a gardener to do. And really, there are a few of the so-called cool weather crops that thrive when planted in a cool soil.

Take peas for instance. Peas

must be planted early in the season so that they can reach maturity before the hot weather kicks in. They'll sprout in soils that are as cool as 40 degrees, and most varieties require at least 60 days growing time until that first picking. When you consider the fact that we usually have some 90 degree temperatures by June 10th when peas simply will not produce, then the earlier the better to get them in the ground. Much the same scenario plays out for spinach, radishes, and lettuce. All the aforementioned crops can safely withstand a light frost, including onion plants. Potatoes? I'll wait until about April 15th to plant those, and hope for no frost after they emerge. I am very much aware that many good gardeners plant potatoes in mid-March, and then watch them freeze back a couple of times. Usually, they recover nicely from that, but I prefer to wait a couple of weeks and not have to worry about them. To each

his own.
On the other hand, we MUST wait until after the 1st of May to plant all those warm weather crops, after soil temperatures

each at least 60 degrees and preferably 65 to 70. We're talking cucumbers, tomato plants, peppers, green beans, okra, sweet corn, cantaloupes, and of course, those poor old zucchini.

In the book I wrote several years ago, the final chapter listed my "Don't Do That's" that offer some important rules for a new gardening season. Here they are:

1. Don't choose a low lying area for your garden plot.

2. Don't plow your garden plot when the soil is too wet.

3. Don't plant a garden that is larger than you can take care of.

4. Don't plant most of your garden too early

5. Don't plant the seeds too thickly.

6. Don't plant the seeds too deeply.

7. Don't move your transplants into the garden without a proper "hardening off" period.

8. Don't mulch your growing plants too early.

9. Don't water your plants too much or too often.

10. Don't plant the same thing every year...try a new variety.

It is indeed an exciting time of the year! Enjoy!

STUDENT NEWS

**NJHS Honor Roll
3rd Nine Weeks**

Highest 4.00
7th Grade-Caitlyn Cox, Wilson Ellis, Jena Risewick.

8th Grade-Casey Ambrosier, Philip Boutwell, Weston Erbert, Valery Rostek.

Honors I 3.50-3.99
7th Grade-Alexandria Aldridge, Brian Clavijo, Kennedy Leibbrandt, Miah Melvin, Baylee Miller, Layton Miller, Josephine Otter, Landon Porter, Julian Snyder, Kade Unterseher.

8th Grade-Adam Baughman, Kyle Bell, James Berry, Hailey Branek, Audrie Burge, Evan Chambers, Alma Clavijo, Taylor Dicks, Sylvia Estes, Brendon Frack, Alexis Hartwell, Michael Kasson, Gavin Lively,

Molly Maddy, Lauren Mordecai, Audrey Morel, Shelby Mulford, Nickala O'Hare, Raene Patterson, Dalton Pfannenstiel, Quinton Porter, Peyton Renner, Lexi Voss.

Honors II 3.00-3.49
7th Grade-Jacob Green, Caleb Gregerson, Tyus Henson, Mitchell Hickman, Kira Robertson, Taylor Wahlmeier, Harrison Woodyard, Trenton Wright.

8th Grade-Adriana Ankenman, Andrew Bashford, Hanna Brooks, Tevin Brown, Cayanna Campbell, Mariah Dawley, Briannah Fessler, Theresa Gallegos, Kirstin Georgeson, Morgan Griffey, Ward Hayes, Cameron Helkes, Skylar Johnson, James King, Alec Otter, Kylie Perez, Nicholas Peterson.

SCHOOL MENU

**Norton Jr.-Sr.
High Schools Menu**

Monday, April 9
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 10
Breakfast-Granola snack bar, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.

Lunch-Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/brown gravy, carrots, rolls w/margarine, kiwi and peaches or chef salad, and milk.

Wednesday, April 11
Breakfast-Muffins, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.

Lunch-Pepperoni pizza, combo salad, garlic bread, peaches, chocolate cookie or chef salad, and milk.

Thursday, April 12
Breakfast-Yogurt, bagel and cream cheese, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.

Lunch-Ham and turkey deli, lettuce, tomato and cheese slice, pasta salad, pears or chef salad, and milk.

Friday, April 13
Breakfast-French toast stix w/ syrup, fruit or juice, or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.

Lunch-Chicken strip sandwich, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, orange halves and peaches or chef salad, and milk.

Breakfast-Sausage pancake stick, warm maple syrup, apricots, apple juice and milk.

Lunch-Roast beef, whipped potatoes, gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread and milk.

Thursday, April 12
Breakfast-Shipwreck, orange juice and milk.

Lunch-Ike Burger, homemade bun, french fries, dill spear, pears, no bake cookies and milk.

Friday, April 13
Breakfast-Hot ham slice, hash brown patty, peaches, apple juice and milk.

Lunch-Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, french bread and milk.

**Northern Valley Menu
Monday, April 9**
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 10
Breakfast-Pancakes, syrup, fruit, eggs, sausage or assorted

cold cereal.

Lunch-Shaved ham on a bun, french fries, pork-n-beans and chilled apricots.

Wednesday, April 11
Breakfast-Sausage, cheese biscuit, hash browns, juice or assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Frito pie, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered carrots and tapioca pudding.

Thursday, April 12
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito, hash browns, applesauce or assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Ground beef stroganoff, french bread, buttered broccoli and rosy applesauce.

Friday, April 13
Breakfast-Pancake on a stick, hash browns, applesauce or assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Chicken strips, sauce, french bread, mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots and apple crisp.

NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR TREES and Shrub for Sale

The Norton County Conservation District has started their 2012 Tree and Shrub sale.

Place your order by Monday, April 16, and trees will be available to pick up on Friday, April 27.

For questions, please call the Norton County Conservation District at: 877-2623, Ext. 40

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The City of Norton will hold a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

at the Norton Unified Schools East Campus Auditorium to discuss replacement of our aging swimming pool



For more information about this project and why we need to consider replacing our swimming pool, please visit the website www.NortonPool.com

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