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## Briefly

### Northern Valley to hold graduation

The Northern Valley 8th grade graduation will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the school in Long Island. The public is invited to the ceremony.

### Vocal concert set for Thursday night

The Norton Junior High and Norton Community High School vocal students will hold a concert Thursday evening. The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. at the East Campus auditorium and the public is invited to attend.

### Local bank to hold Mother's Day event

To help celebrate Mother's Day, which is Sunday, the First State Bank in Norton is inviting all mothers to a reception on Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mothers who visit the bank will be able to partake in refreshments and receive a free gift.

### Baccalaureate to be held this Sunday

The Norton chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a baccalaureate service on Sunday. The service for all Norton County seniors, their families and the public, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate commencement. Mr. Chance McKinney will speak at the service.

### Literacy night set for next Monday

Eisenhower Elementary will host a Kindergarten/First Grade Literacy Night on Monday from 6-7:30 p.m. The evening will feature a variety of activities to jump start summer reading fun. Kindergarten students are asked to attend dressed as their favorite story book character, a mystery guest will entertain the children with a story and each child will get a free book to take home. Hot-dogs will also be served and door prizes will be awarded.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$5.75
Milo .....	\$5.76
Soybeans .....	\$13.77
Corn .....	\$6.39

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Wednesday - Sunny with highs in the mid 70s. Thursday - Sunny with highs in the lower 80s. Friday - Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 70s. Mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain.

## Kingham Report

Friday, May 4.....	Low 57, High 91
Saturday, May 5.....	Low 52, High 92
Sunday, May 6.....	Low 54, High 68
Monday, May 7.....	Low 42, High 60

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

## Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, teach us to hope regardless of our situation. May our hope be contagious, and may we always remember that true hope is found only in you. Amen

# Northern Valley awards 17 diplomas



Northern Valley Class of 2012 Salutatorian Melissa Hawks addressed her classmates and family and friends at Sunday's graduation ceremony in Almena.

By Mike Stevens

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Northern Valley High School held its 2012 graduation ceremony for the 17 students of the Class of 2012 on Sunday before a packed house in the big gym in Almena.

Salutatorian Gunnar Hays opened the graduation ceremonies. Valedictorians Daniel Field and Tyler Montgomery each gave a speech followed by parent recognition, a senior slideshow and presentation of diplomas and awards. Salutatorian Melissa Hawks gave the closing comments.

The Northern Valley High School class of 2012 motto is "You live your life only once, but if you lived right, once is enough." -Mae West

The 2012 graduates are Calen Steven Bach, Ashley Kay Constable, Fayth Shylynn Davenport, Cassy Leanne Essex, Daniel Jeremiah Field (Valedictorian), Melissa Mae Hawks (Salutatorian), Gunnar Charles Hays (Salutatorian), Dillon Ray Hogan, Kenzi Danielle Husted, Cassie Mae Lowry, Brandon Lee McDowell, Zane Brody Miller, Tyler Rex Montgomery (Valedictorian), Kelsey Marie Raburn, Brittny Laurie Schutte, Nathaniel Thomas Volentir and Sarah Morgan Whitney.

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-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# Citizens speak up to keep County Arts Council

By Dana Paxton

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The Norton County Arts Council held a public meeting last Thursday to receive public opinion on whether or not the community should continue the Arts Council. Over 20 citizens were in attendance and a majority of those were in favor of keeping the arts council.

The meeting started with Nancy McGinnis, Council President, asking for opinions on whether or not arts council programs should continue. Beverly Kindler spoke with a crackle in her voice, stating that she was there in 1975 when the Arts Council was formed and would be upset to see Norton lose one more thing. Several others agreed that Norton has lost so much already and those that have decided to give an event a break for a year or two find that the events are never brought back.

Alberta Slaby and Sue Ann Stutheit both said they

had mixed feelings about keeping the Arts Council going.

"It is embarrassing to bring an act here and have such a small turnout," Stutheit said.

It was pointed out that the Arts Council was not the only one in the area drawing small crowds. A suggestion was raised about the possibility of joining with another area Arts Council group to bring acts to the area which is an option that will be considered.

Every year, the council brings two programs to the elementary school, holds an annual membership drive with the tour of homes, holds the crafts fair in November, along with three or four more programs throughout the year. Currently, the council seems to be sitting in a good financial spot to bring new and exciting programs to the community. Funding comes from memberships and a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Museum.

Following discussion, McGinnis asked for ideas

for new things the council could do to get more of the younger people involved. Harriett Gill suggested something highlighting our local talent such as a Norton's Got Talent type of program. Another suggested idea was a ventriloquist and McGinnis suggested a street dance with local musicians providing the music.

There is currently one position open on the council's board of directors and another will open when Alberta Slaby steps down after being a member for 40 years. The council is seeking new board members as well as volunteers to help with the different events they bring to Norton. Several attendees signed up to help with anything they could.

Another arts council public forum will be held Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Andbe Home on the northeast sun porch.

## District considers candidate for new junior high principal

Following the recent resignation of Jeff Wallingford, the Norton Community School district is preparing to recommend a candidate for a new junior high principal/7-12 athletic director.

Norton Superintendent Greg Mann reports that at next Monday's meeting, the Norton school board will consider offering a contract to Dustin McEwen for the position.

McEwen is a 1991 Norton Community High School graduate and currently serves as the principal of the Wichita County Junior-Senior High School in Leoti.

Prior to his position as 7-12 Principal in Leoti, McEwen was the 7-12 Assistant Principal and Activities Director for the Cheney Schools. Before going into school administration, he taught high school math and coached football at both Hillsboro and Cheney.

An outstanding athlete, especially in football, for the Norton Blue Jays and at Fort Hays State University, McEwen also coached high school baseball and basketball during his years as an educator. He earned his bachelor's degree in secondary math education from Fort Hays State University and he holds a master's degree in Building Leadership from Newman University in Wichita.

McEwen's wife, Sunshine (Sunny), is also an educator and will be teaching grade 3 at the Eisenhower Elementary School. She is a native of Sylvan Grove and earned both a bachelor's degree

and master's degree in education from Tabor College in Hillsboro.

The McEwens have two children. Their son Koby will be an 8th grader next fall and daughter, Jaida, will be a fifth grader.

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## Logan graduation is Sunday

By Carleen Bell

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The Logan High School class of 2012 will receive their diplomas on Sunday afternoon.

The graduation is set for 4 p.m. at the Logan High School auditorium. At the ceremony, the top academic male and top academic female will give a speech

and academic awards and scholarships will be awarded at the ceremony.

Along with the high school graduation, the Logan 8th grade graduation ceremony will also be held Sunday. The 8th grade graduation is planned for 2 p.m., also in the Logan Auditorium. The ceremony will feature remarks from Marcus and Tam Kemper.

## Showing true dedication



On Friday evening, a group of citizens who call themselves the Veterans Memorial Committee started landscaping around the memorial in preparation for a dedication ceremony, tentatively planned for Memorial Day weekend. Pictured, Horace Collins, Carol Erlenbusch, Sabrina Richards, Melba Witt, Scott Kleinschmidt and Ed Witt dig holes and haul away dirt for the plastic and red-rubber mulch to be laid down in preparation for the ten trees and shrubs that will be planted. The memorial was established with leftover donations from the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall project.

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