

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

May 11, 2012

Reminder: The deadline to participate in the Norton city pool survey is Tuesday. Every individual in a home can take the survey, which is available at www.nortonpool.com

Briefly

Baccalaureate to be Sunday at The Rock

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. at The Rock to celebrate graduation. Mr. Chance McKinney will speak at the service.

Literacy night will be Monday evening

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 characters and a mystery guest will entertain the children with a story and each child will get a free book to take home. Hotdogs will also be served and door prizes will be awarded.

Logan graduation is Sunday afternoon

Logan High School's graduation ceremony is this Sunday at 4 p.m. at Logan High School. The 8th grade graduation will also be on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Races planned for this Saturday night

Elmwood Park Racing Association will host a Pink Out Night this Saturday at the race track. Anyone wearing pink to the race get \$2 off admission and all moms get in for half price. The first 50 moms will receive a rose. Half of the 50-50 raffle proceeds will go to Relay For Life. Gates open at 5 p.m., hot laps begin at 6 p.m. and races begin at 7 p.m.

Markets

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Wheat	\$5.51
Milo	\$5.34
Soybeans	\$13.49
Corn	\$6.02

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - 30 percent chance of light rain showers. Saturday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain showers. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday - Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 60s. Monday - Highs in the mid 70. Tuesday - Mostly clear with highs in the lower 80s.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, May 8.....Low 41, High 74
Wednesday, May 9.....Low 37, High 81
Thursday, May 10.....Low 45, High 92
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for always taking care of us and for giving us all that's good in our lives.

Students express thanks for kindness



The Norton Community High School seniors held the Kindness Unites Us Recognition ceremony Tuesday evening at the East Campus Auditorium. Each senior was asked to compose an essay honoring a special person who had been a role model for kindness in his or her life. The honorees were invited to the celebration where they were recognized and received a copy of the student's essay. Pictured,

Justin Waggoner reads his essay honoring his best friend's mother, Jennifer Boller, who is seated behind R.J. Ellis. Honoree Garrett Beydler sits next to R. J. Ellis who honored him and Brea Bigge sits next to her honoree, Connie Glenn. Justin was one of six seniors who volunteered to read his essay aloud to the audience.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

High school to showcase student achievements

This coming Tuesday evening, Norton Community High School will host a highlight of the school year. For many students, this is one of the biggest events in their high school career. It is the annual Exhibit Night and Spring Band Concert. Exhibit night gives many students a chance to show the public what projects they have completed as part of their learning process. Departments that will have student work on display include art, vo-ag, woods drafting and computer/video tech. The art department includes Artist of the Year displays. These exhibits are available for public viewing at 6:30 p.m.

The band members' final project in their Spring

Concert. That will take place in the high school gym at 8 p.m. after the patrons have had a chance to view the exhibits displayed by the other departments. In addition to the band, this spring will feature the jazz ensemble and will include two of the ensembles that prepared entries for Music Festival (the Brass Choir and the Percussion Sextet). The instrumentalists have tried to include music to suit a wide variety of musical tastes including classic marches, one of their State Festival selections, a contemporary program piece and a Harry Potter salute. The band has also invited the high school choir to join them for a special number.

Other highlights of the concert include recognition of the seniors in band for their dedication to the high school instrumental music program, the announcement of the John Philip Sousa Award recipient and introduction of the new band instructor for next year, Jordan Kinsey. This concert is a very special event for many band enthusiasts and those who enjoy good music. As always, the students sincerely appreciate seeing a large crowd in the stands supporting their efforts. Patrons of USD 211 are encouraged to come to Exhibit Night and the concert to see the positive results of their investments in our schools and in the youth of the community.

Students win scholarships at post-prom party

Almost 70 students attended the Norton Community High School 2012 post prom festivities on April 14 to celebrate the theme of "Party Like a Rockstar."

The post-prom committee collected \$7,275 in donations from 115 area business and individuals to be given to seniors at the post-prom party. A total of 21 scholarships were "purchased" or drawn during post-prom as follows:

- \$150 from Norton County Council on Alcohol: Kylie Nuzum, Cayleb Campbell, Alyssa Boser and Damien Davis
- \$150 from Jim and Lida Sharp: Rhees Carlson
- \$200 from Jim and Lida Sharp: Eric Becker, Alexis Henson, Jordan Wahlmeier and Justin Waggoner
- \$100 from PEO Chapter: Caren Thompson
- \$100 from Booster Club: Zach Hartwell and Carson Kaiser
- \$50 from Lamont Shirk: Audra Romey
- \$250 from Dan and Jennifer Porter: Zach Hartwell and Mitchell Shelton
- \$50 from Delta Kappa Gamma: Mariah Farber
- \$75 from Midwest Federated and Thift Shop: Clayton Esslinger
- \$100 from Moffet Drug: Trey Millan, Taylor Meder and Brooklyn Winkel
- \$50 from Norton Chiropractic to Kynzie Stevens

In addition to those scholarships, each senior was awarded a \$100 scholarship certificate and the total of scholarships awarded was \$6,625.

Relay For Life fund-raiser planned for next Saturday

To raise money for the American Cancer Society, Team Jamboree of the Norton County Relay For Life will host a town-wide scavenger hunt on Saturday, May 19.

The hunt will begin at 2 p.m. that day at Elmwood Park. The cost to enter is \$20 per team of four participants. Each team should have a vehicle and a digital or phone camera for photos during the hunt.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the scavenger hunt. Anyone wishing to pre-register for the event can contact Kristi at 871-7245 or by e-mail at kk4982@yahoo.com. Participants can also register on the day of the scavenger hunt at Elmwood Park between 1 and 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the scavenger hunt go to Relay For Life.

In addition to the scavenger hunt, Team Jamboree will host a yard sale/bake sale tomorrow (Saturday) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 328 W. Lincoln in Norton. Some of the items for sale include clothing of all sizes, books, videos and baked goods. All proceeds from the day go to support Norton County Relay For Life.

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

Norton County among areas on state drought watch

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Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback announced this week that Norton County is one of 75 counties under a drought watch after a dry winter and spring across the state.

In response to the drought conditions, the governor signed an executive order declaring a drought emergency and authorizing all agencies under government jurisdiction to implement appropriate watch or warning drought response actions to minimize the effects of drought.

While Norton County is in the watch area for drought this spring, local officials report that the designation will have little effect on local water use. Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson reported that the city does have a city ordinance in place that will restrict water use if necessary, but that action hasn't been necessary for more than 11 years.

"We don't have any plans right now for water restrictions," Lawson explained. "We watch our daily water output and if that gets extremely high, we will begin restricting use, but the situation has to get drastic before that is necessary."

Norton County leaders expressed similar sentiments about the drought conditions, reporting that the drought watch won't really affect county operations. Norton County Commissioner

John Miller reported that the southern part of Norton County is a lot drier than the north part of the county and since the county doesn't control water distribution, the drought watch won't affect county water.

Exceptionally dry conditions might cause the commissioners to re-instate a burn ban, however, which requires anyone who wishes to burn off grass or ag land to obtain a permit before conducting the burn.

Field day to be held next Friday in Norton

A weed identification field day will be held next Friday, May 18 at the Norton County 4-H building in Norton.

The field day will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with presentations by Dallas Peterson and Walt Fick, K-State Research and Extension weed management specialists.

Participants are asked to bring samples of weeds they would like to have identified and 10 participants are required for the program to be held.

Reservations for the field day can be made to the Twin Creeks Extension District office in Norton at 785-877-5755.

