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Briefly

Hospital meeting moved to Tuesday

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees which is normally on Wednesday has been moved to Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Local students on Spring Break

Students in Norton, Almena and Long Island will be on Spring Break from March 17-21. Classes will resume on Monday, March 24.

Library will hold an open house

The Sunshine City Library will hold an open house on Monday, March 24 from 4 to 7 p.m., so the public can see the improvements made at the library. There will be treats and library trivia. The library is located at 207 Kansas St., Prairie View.

Bible study classes every Thursday

Tom and Deb Martin and Charles and Daloris Alexander are inviting you to an exciting Bible study. Classes started March 6 on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Call the Martins at 308-268-4479 or the Alexanders at 785-877-2924.

Child screenings set for March 28

Eisenhower Elementary School will conduct a free Early Childhood Screen on Friday, March 28. To schedule an appointment, please call Eisenhower Elementary at 877-5113 by March 27, and ask for Joan Hale.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$7.08
Milo.....	\$4.28
Soybeans.....	\$13.01
Corn.....	\$4.48

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Partly cloudy skies with a high of 58. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear sky with a low of 32. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high of 69. Thursday Night - Mainly clear with a low of 37. Friday - Sunshine along with clouds and a high of 58. Friday Night - Few Clouds with a low around 30.

Prayer

Dear God, teach us to recognize that all we have comes from you. Help us give back to you and to others from hearts overflowing with gratitude. Amen.

Armory hosts Toy and Collectibles Show



The 26th Annual Tri-State Toy and Collectibles Show was held on Saturday at the Norton National Guard Armory. There were numerous vendors and a steady stream of people who attended the show throughout the day. There were model size NASCAR cars, Match Box

cars and a model of the first steel plow made by John Deere in 1837. The Toy and Collectibles Show is sponsored by the Norton United Methodist Men and Norton Travel and Tourism Committee.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Oberlin man shot and killed by police

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An Oberlin man was shot and killed by one of two officers who chased him near the high school last Monday night following reports of "criminal activity" at 711 E. Maple, a block north of the school.

Brian Spooner, 23, allegedly turned and fired on the officers, an Oberlin Police officer and a state trooper, who chased him about a block before he is said to have opened fire on them. The officers returned fire, police said, and Mr. Spooner was struck down in an empty lot on the 700 block of East Commercial Street, just east of Decatur Community High School.

A Kansas Highway Patrol trooper reportedly was placed on administrative leave after the shooting.

First reports came in about 8:40 p.m. when an officer said shots had been fired near the house. An ambulance was called, but a few minutes later, the crew was told to return to the barn before it reached the area.

A Kansas Bureau of Investigation agent was called

from Colby and an evidence team came from Great Bend. Tuesday morning, the Crime Scene Investigation van and several police cars were parked on Commercial in front of the lot. Officers were going over the lot, looking for evidence. A city officer stood by at the perimeter.

The officers had responded to a call of "terroristic threats of violence" at the house on Maple, said KBI special agent Mark Malick, who issued a brief statement on the shooting. While no details were available, acquaintances said Mr. Spooner fled the scene with a .45-caliber handgun allegedly stolen from an Oberlin man and ran through yards to the south. Maple is one block north of Commercial.

At least two groups had been rehearsing inside the school that evening, the Oberlin Area Concert Band and the cast of the school's spring play. Band members were told the school was locked down, though most did not hear the shots.

Caleb Koerperich, son of Chris and Dana Koerperich of Oberlin and a senior at the high school, said

he had just left play practice shortly after 9 p.m. with his friend, senior Morgan Jansonius, who is also in the play. She is the daughter of Ron and Sheila Jansonius.

"We had finished play practice and Morgan and I were leaving the school out the north entrance," he said. "Everybody else had gone and we had stayed behind to pick up trash. We were the last two kids to leave, and the Community Band was still there."

He said they had walked west toward Miss Jansonius' car parked on Commercial and were driving slowly down the street when they saw the scene play out through the rear view mirrors.

"We heard about five or six shots coming from behind us," Mr. Koerperich said. "We thought it was some kids playing a prank, like putting a firecracker on the doorstep. We saw two people run real fast north to south across the street with flashlights, but we didn't think anything of it."

Beth Edmonds and Janell Marchello, both English teachers

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Wildlife Department takes aim at schools

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Jim Cole and Jeremy Hawks are seen here taking aim at their targets during the training they attended to teach archery in our schools. Eight staff were trained by Gary Keehn of Kansas Game and Parks on proper use of the bow.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Thanks to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and the Wild Turkey Federation, Prairie Dog Chapter of Norton, Norton and Northern Valley schools will have something new added to the curriculum, an archery program. This is nothing new for the Norton junior and senior high but it will be for Eisenhower Elementary and Northern Valley schools.

Educators are always looking for way to improve student motivation, attention, behavior, attendance, and focus and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism may have the answer. They have started the National Archery in the Schools Program to help address these issues by incorporating shooting sports in the activities offered at schools. Not only is it educational but also serves conservation purposes upheld by the department.

Archery is a lifetime sport. Nearly everyone can enjoy success in archery whether or not they are the tallest, fastest, or strongest person around. The sport teaches discipline and it is safe with a large variety of formats and styles. There are even state, national

and world wide competitions the archers can get involved in.

Recently, Norton has started a National Turkey Federation chapter, the Prairie Dog Chapter, and they held their first banquet last month. With over 200 in attendance and currently 97 members strong the chapter raised enough money at the banquet to help out our schools by getting involved with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Archery in the Schools program.

Knowing that the cost was quite high to start such a program the two teamed up financially to gift a kit for both Norton and Northern Valley schools. The program gives the schools a percentage off the kit when a staff member is trained on how to teach archery, so eight adventurous souls volunteered to do that for our children. On March 8 the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks sent Gary Keehn, the state coordinator for the Kansas Archery in the Schools Program, to do an eight hour training of the volunteers. Those who participated in the training were, Corey Roy, Doug Reusink, Jim Cole, Chuck Zimmerman, Rudy Perez, Jill Lively,

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