

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Sisters celebrate 100th and 90th birthdays



A very large crowd was in attendance at the Norton Eagles Club on Saturday evening to celebrate Erma Hackney's 100th birthday as well as her sister Mable Bohl's 90th birthday. Both Norton ladies are pictured here with their two sisters who were present to help with the celebration. Pictured are, from left, Ivalee Grove, Oneida, Ks., 83 years of age; Erma; Mable; and Gladys Minshall, Norton, 85 years of age!

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Briefly

City/County wide clean up Monday

Norton City and County wide clean up will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. This is a free service. All items must be to the curb by 8 a.m. on your normal trash pick up day. There is a charge for items with freon and limbs can't be any longer than eight feet in length. Be sure to sort your trash into separate piles.

Easter holiday school closures

There will be no school for USD 211 on Friday, April 18 and on Monday, April 21 due to the Easter Holiday break.

Easter Egg Hunt at County Courthouse

The Norton Child Study Club will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt again this year at the Norton County Courthouse on Saturday, April 19. Pictures with the Easter Bunny can be taken from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and this is also when the scavenger hunt for 4th through 6th grade will take place. The egg hunt will start at 2 p.m. for kids infant through third grade.

Spring concert in Long Island, Tuesday

Northern Valley will hold their spring concert for fifth through twelfth grades on Tuesday at the Long Island school at 7 p.m.

Service Learning Day set for Wednesday

The Norton Junior High School will have Service Learning Day on Wednesday, April 23 starting at noon.

Markets

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Wheat\$7.15
Milo\$4.36
Soybeans\$14.29
Corn\$4.69

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with afternoon showers or thunderstorms. High of 82. Chance of rain 40 percent. Sunday - Cloudy skies with showers and a possible thunderstorm in the afternoon. High around 70. Monday - Partly cloudy skies with a high of 76. Tuesday - Sunshine with a high of 79.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for living out the service of love in our world. Help us to follow your example. Open our eyes to opportunities to love and serve others, that you may be glorified. Amen.

New policy will allow cell phones at high school

By MIKE STEPHENS
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Norton Community High Principal Rudy Perez told the school board Monday that students carrying cell phones and other gadgets is a sign of the times, and that he and his staff would like to implement a revised cell phone policy for high school students.

The board agreed to the new policy, which will be implemented after the Easter holiday and run until the end of the school year. Perez said he would report back to the board in May on how the policy worked.

Perez said the new policy will give the students more responsibility, but penalties for any violations will be more severe than in the past.

The old policy does not allow cell phones in school, he said. The new policy would allow students to use their phones until the three-minute bell before school, but only in the student lounge, at lunch in the student lounge only and after school is dismissed for the day.

Any alarm or ringer going off or use of cell phones at times or areas other than those authorized would be violations, he said. Consequences for students vio-

lating the policy will be more severe with repeated violations.

For a first violation, Perez said, the student can expect to have their phone confiscated and turned in to the principal's office. The student could pick up their phone after serving a 30-minute detention period. A second violation will result in the phone being confiscated and turned in to the office. The student would have to serve a one-day in-school suspension, and parents would be notified. A third violation will result in a three-in-school day suspension. Any further violations would result in out-of-school suspension.

Ben Gordon, elementary and middle school art teacher, introduced himself and gave a presentation on the work and projects his students are completing.

The art is kept pretty basic for the younger kids, but by the fourth grade, Gordon said his students are doing a lot of displays. The fifth graders are a little more advanced, learning about optical illusions and working with clay. For sixth graders, the art becomes more technical, with the use of rulers.

Gordon said his Art I class is mostly seventh graders, although eighth graders are allowed. This class

teaches more advanced drawing skills, shading techniques and gridding. The Art II class works a lot with clay busts, wire sculptures and slab houses made out of clay, which Gordon said are difficult and advanced.

Gordon said he is from Marysville and in his third year of teaching in the Norton School District. This is his first job since graduating from Kansas State University. Besides his teaching duties, Gordon is the assistant high school football coach and the assistant junior high scholar's bowl coach. Teaching seems to be in his blood, he said; his mom and sister are teachers as well, and Ben's wife, Allie, works at the Razor's Edge.

In other business, the school board:

- Agreed to participate in the Parents as Teachers program for the 2014-15 school year, as long as the district's cost does not exceed \$3,000.
- Discussed the defeated bond issue. Superintendent Greg Mann said he would schedule a meeting with the facility steering committee, and will also ask the architect to conduct a survey to help see what di-

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Landfill makes future plans

By DANA PAXTON
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Landfill manager John Miller joined Norton County commissioners, along with Brian Foster of B and G Consultants Inc., Manhattan, for a solid waste hearing on future management plans for the landfill.

Darla Engel from the city and Chief of Police Pat Morel also attended the meeting April 7.

Foster reported that the simple five-year worksheet plan had been approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. There should be no big changes for the landfill, which Engel and Morel said they were pleased to hear, saying they wanted to be sure that there would be no big changes affecting the city. The commissioners passed a resolution to follow the plan for the landfill as accepted by the state.

Miller told the group rules for the construction and debris pit would change within the next two to five years unless it can be grandfathered in. He said the state currently has a loose definition of what can be put in the pit and where it can be located. Future plans are to build

a new pit where the burn pile and old general trash pit are currently. "There is a huge volume of waste," Miller said, "and doing this would set the county up for a very long time."

Miller said the construction pit would be 55 feet up from the floor with sloped sides. They would then start a new general trash pit. Miller said he worries about compaction of trash and possible future regulations, adding that he wants to get ahead of any possible problems and stay on top of things.

Foster said that two surveys had already been done and one more will be done. By making some changes, he said, the new pits should last another 50 plus years. Construction couldn't start until August, and he suggested submitting plans advertising for bids so things will be in place and in writing. Miller asked the commissioners if there was enough money to do this and was told yes.

The manager also told commissioners that a grinder would be coming for a demo. It will handle everything except concrete and metal.

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"Rolling in the Deep"



Logan held their prom on April 5 to the theme of "Rolling in the Deep," an underwater theme. Prom was held at the Logan City Building with dinner served at 6 p.m., promenade at 7:30 p.m. and the dance at 8 p.m. The juniors and seniors are seen here enjoying their dinner of chicken or brisket. From left, Kadee Braun, Aaron Tien, Logan Kiser, Courtney Schneider, Cynthia Bressler, Kyle Pakkebie and Marci Glennemeier.

- Photo by Shannon Kats

