

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



**Friday**  
May 9, 2014

## Music to one's ears...



The Norton fifth and sixth grade band classes held their final concert of the year on Monday night. Under the direction of Don Mordecai, the groups performed separately and then together. Songs like Born to Be Wild, the Flintstones Meet the Jetsons and Rock Around the

Clock were on the program. There are 64 members that make up the combined band and one could see the great improvement of the students since the beginning of the school year.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



SUNDAY, MAY 11

### Briefly

#### Relay for Life movie fund raiser Sunday

A Relay for Life movie fundraiser will be held Sunday at the Norton Theatre at 2 p.m. There will be a \$3 minimum or a free will monetary donation. Proceeds will benefit the Norton County Relay for Life event on Friday, June 6. Showing will be The Amazing Spiderman 2 and Heaven Is For Real.

#### Exhibit night for high school set

Norton Community High School will host its annual Exhibit Night and band concert on Tuesday night. The exhibit starts at 6 p.m. in several locations throughout the school. The band concert starts at 8 p.m. in Stull Gymnasium.

#### Jr. High exhibit night on Thursday

The Norton Junior High School will hold their exhibit night next Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Then, at 7:30 the junior high band will perform their last concert of the year in the junior high gymnasium.

#### Honoring those in the healthcare field

Next week is National Hospital Week and National Nursing Home Week. Be sure to thank the healthcare providers for all they do to take care of us and our loved ones. We are blessed to have such great healthcare facilities here in Norton.

## Child advocacy groups visits commissioners

By DANA PAXTON  
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Two advocacy agencies met with the Norton County Commissioners on Monday to discuss the services they provide to Norton County.

Rich Wenzl, Norton County deputy sheriff and Vicki Hubin of the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center met with commissioners in hopes of re-educating them on what her company can offer area residents and to seek funds to assist in continuing the program.

Hubin is one of seven staff members at the center that offers assistance

to children who have experienced any type of sexual abuse. They offer a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who conduct video taped forensic interviews with victims so that they can be the child's voice in a court situation. They work closely with law enforcement, Social and Rehabilitation Services, the county attorney, and also work with staff in the medical and mental health fields and all others related to a case.

The center offers a warm child-friendly environment to conduct interviews in, and they will even go to the

county in their mobile unit to do the interviews. This helps lessen the trauma experienced by abuse. The staff supports the child and family through the judicial process and provides referrals to community resources and not only informs but educates families about the criminal justice process as well as keeping the family updated on the status of their case. The offices are located in Sublette, Scott City and Colby and they serve all of western Kansas.

"Law enforcement could go through the training to do this but it is much better to use these services since this

is what they specialize in and we aren't experts at it," Wenzl said.

"It wouldn't be cost effective to have an officer trained to do what we do," Hubin added.

Last year the commissioners gave the center \$500 and this year they are asking for \$1,700. The commissioners agreed to think about the increase and would let them know what their decision was.

## Local business expands to downtown

By MIKE STEPHENS  
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Garden Gate Florals, on Highway 36 in Norton, has been in business for eight years. The owners are Lynn Ward and her mother Ruby Pflieger. Their business has done well, so much so, they've expanded their operation.

In December of last year they purchased the greenhouse in downtown across from the Christian Church. The greenhouse is operated by Ward's daughter, Kaley Daniels.

"We bought the greenhouse so we could expand. Our space was limited, but now we can supply our customers

with more choice and variety," said Daniels.

The large open air garden center is filled with numerous bedding plants offering a kaleidoscope of colors.

Daniels said business at the new operation has been good, even though it is early in the planting season.

The greenhouse will be open on a seasonal basis. It opened in April, and according to Daniels, will remain open until late June or early July.

Ward and Pflieger purchased the greenhouse because their Highway 36 location couldn't accommodate all the bedding plants they wanted to offer to

their customers.

"Expansion and the love of gardening prompted us to buy the greenhouse," said Ward. "We love plants and we thought we could offer something to Norton. It's good for the Norton economy."

Garden Gate Florals is truly a family business. Ruby's son, Steve McMurry, works for Garden Gate Florals as well, and has been with them for over a year and a half. When needed, the whole family is recruited to help out; other brothers, nieces, uncles and daughter-in-laws. The family said they are very blessed to have many friends who help during the busy seasons also.

"It's very rewarding (to work with family) and we're very close," said Daniels. "Dad helps out when needed as well."

Before taking over the downtown operation, Daniels worked the previous two years at the Highway 36 location with her mom and grandmother. Daniels has help running the greenhouse with her uncle Steve and Linda Walters, who is more than just an employee.

"We value Linda's experience and friendship," said Ward.

Garden Gate has also hired Norton Community High School senior Johnnye Ruder for the summer, before she starts college in the fall at Oklahoma State University.

"We've been here for eight years. Norton and Norton County has been really good and supportive to us," said Ward.

"God has truly blessed us," added Pflieger.

## Logan to hold graduation

By MIKE STEPHENS  
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The Logan High School Class of 2014 graduation ceremony will be Sunday at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The guest speaker will be Chris Graham, a language arts teacher at Stockton High School, and former teacher at Logan High School. The salutatorian address will be given by Kyle Pakkebiel and the valedictorian address will be given by Cynthia Bressler. The attendants for the ceremony will be Morgan Goble and Aaron Tien.

The Logan High School Class of 2014 is as follows:

Dustin J. Race Allen, Lairra Rose Anderson, Chad Ryan Becker, Cynthia Anne Bressler, Nathalia E. Cruz, Alvin Lee Ebner, Tori Lynn Fringer, Michaela Rose Girard, Marci Renee Glennemeier, Logan Cyril Kiser, Timothy Marcus Ko, Kyle Glen Pakkebiel, Brett Jordan Pinkerton, Clayton Patrick Rundle, Libby Gail Schneider and Kirsten Marie Schorer.

The class officers are Cynthia Bressler, president, Logan Kiser, vice president, Libby Schneider, secretary/treasurer and the student council representatives are Michaela Girard and Brett Pinkerton.

The class sponsors are Cher Greving, Dustin Patee and Robin Van Laeys.

The class flower is red and white roses and the class colors are red, black and silver.

The class motto is, "Met as classmates; grew as friends; left as family."



Saturday - Mostly sunny skies with a high of 78. Saturday Night - A few clouds with a low of 54. Sunday - Cloudy skies early followed by partial clearing and a high of 64. Sunday Night - Periods of rain and a low of 43. Monday - Light rain early then remaining cloudy with showers in the afternoon. High of 54. Monday Night - Partly cloudy skies with a low of 39.

### Markets

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Wheat .....\$7.89  
Milo .....\$4.55  
Soybeans .....\$13.89  
Corn .....\$4.95  
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Prayer

Thank you, dear God, for interruptions that give us opportunities to reflect Jesus' love to those around us. Amen.



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-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

