



Nothing says "Spring" like steaks on the grill. Ed Lively, center, turns some T-bones for his family while his children Anna, left, Ryan and foster daughter Sami Gallegos, right, look on.
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Commission wants paramedic

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new board members as now more than a simple majority of the board lives in Norton. County Counselor Doug Sebelius said the county's position is still the same and that no violation can occur when the county commission is not part of the board and does not recognize the hospital's bylaws.
The commission received a report of the hospital's operations, which included a financial statement showing a year-to-date net income of \$135,568, as opposed to last year's net loss of \$82,112.
Also discussed about were the hospital's hopes to open an evening clinic, the search for a new doctor, possible renovations of the lower

level, and a communications update.
• Approved the purchase of a new computer system for the Norton County Health Department to be paid for with bio-terrorism money.
• Heard Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan say the county should receive approximately \$172,500 in disaster money.
• Awarded bids for bridge construction. Welborn won the bid for deck sheets, while Husker Steel won the bids for H-pile and structural steel.
Bids for culverts were also reviewed. DC Wholesale was the low bidder for 72 culverts.
• Heard a report from Mr. Brannan on a bridge that was constructed a couple of years ago. The property owner has asked the commission and legal counsel to review the placement of the bridge. The property owner believes the bridge may be on his property and

is asking for a correction. Mr. Brannan had documentation that showed the bridge is not affecting the landowner filing the complaint. Mr. Sebelius said the other property owners will need to be contacted and some will need to give the county an easement.
• Heard that in January, the county received \$31,272.59 in sales taxes, making the year-to-date total \$134,869.07.
• Learned from County Treasurer Cindy Linner that Bank of the West in Norton is not eligible to bid on Certificate of Deposits (CDs) for county money. The Norton office is not considered a branch and so is not eligible.
• Discussed cost sharing chemicals for musk thistle. The county will pay \$600 per participant with a maximum cost share to the county set at \$10,000.
• Looked at the condition of Road E-12.

Hospital looks at possibility of evening clinic

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• Approved the Health Information Management policy and procedures manual.
• Signed both the corporate compliance plan and conflict of interest statements. Both are signed annually by the board members.
• Approved the revised cost of the employee parking lot. Mr. Miller said the original bid from Dobson Brothers was \$42,440 and they received a bill for \$50,389. Mr. Miller said more work than was originally thought needed to

be done and 133 extra tons of asphalt had to be used. After negotiations, Dobson Brothers agreed to charge their cost for the extra asphalt, making the revised price \$46,670.
• Heard an update of the lower level renovation project. Mr. Miller said the cost, with architect fees, would be around \$395,000. He said they still have a couple of questions for the architect before bringing it back to the board for approval.
• Paid bills. They also approved the bad debt accounts and sent the

write-off accounts to a collection agency.
• Heard in January the hospital had 402 patient days; 70 admissions; 3 births; 26 surgeries; 4,083 out-patient procedures; 1,389 Doctor's Clinic visits; and 698 in-patient procedures. For the fiscal year through January, the hospital had 2,259 patient days; 409 admissions; 21 births; 151 surgeries; 28,735 out-patient procedures; 8,287 Doctor's Clinic visits; and 5,018 in-patient days.
• Designated last year's banks as the hospital banks for 2007,

KQNK as the official radio station, and *The Norton Telegram* as the official newspaper.
• Approved four medical staff applications and discussed personnel matters, such as retirements, replacements and transfers.
• Reviewed patient surveys.
• Reviewed quality improvement reports from the business office, laboratory, dietary, surgery, purchasing, and social services departments.
• Held a 10-minute closed session for non-elected personnel.

Logan holding housing fair

The Logan Community Development Foundation is sponsoring a housing fair from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Hansen Museum in Logan.
Participating in the fair will be Pioneer Country Development Inc., Rural Telephone Company, Farmer's National Bank, First National Bank, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Develop-

ment, McDonald Enterprises and Kansasland Realtors.
At the housing fair, persons will be able to see available housing in the area and look at plans for new housing construction.
Single lots to lots with multiple acres are available for new construction. Help will be given to determine the best loan needed.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:
Saturday — Sub-State Basketball Finals at Phillipsburg; Boys at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday — Young Americans; Stull Gymnasium, 3:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Monday — Mid-Continent League Forensics at Smith Center, 7:30 a.m.; Dance Team Uniform Check-in and Meeting, a.p.
Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday — SAC, a.p.
Thursday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Steering Committee, 8 a.m.; FCCLA, a.p.; FFA, a.p.; State Basketball Tournament at Hutchinson, First Round Boys, TBA
Friday — Faculty Meeting, 8 a.m.; FFA Public Speaking at Hill City, 9 a.m.; Jazz Band, a.p.; State Basketball Tournament at Hutchinson, Semi-Finals, TBA
Saturday — State Basketball Tournament at Hutchinson, Finals, TBA
Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Cheer Parent Meeting, 6 p.m.
Next Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; SADD, a.p.; FCCLA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.; FFA Officer Interviews, 7 p.m.
Junior High:
Saturday — Mid-Continent Elementary League Wrestling at Osborne, 9:30 a.m.
Monday — STUCO, a.p.
Tuesday — KAY Board, a.p.; Scholar's Bowl at Oberlin, 4 p.m.
Wednesday — Norton Junior High School Team Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
Next Monday — Pep Club, a.p.
Tuesday — KAYS, a.p.; Pep Club Dance; JH Gym, 7-9 p.m.
Eisenhower:
Monday — EES Kindergarten Round-up, 4-6 p.m.
Tuesday — A.R. Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Wednesday — Sixth Grade KMO; Band Room, 3 p.m.; Faculty Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Thursday — EES IEP Day; Third and Fourth Grade Level Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Next Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

Next Monday — USD 211 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Next Wednesday — Grade Cards Go Home
High School Menus:
Monday — Breakfast: Banana bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, carrots, hot roll, pineapple chunks or chef salad, milk
Tuesday — Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower salad, hot roll, peaches or chef salad, milk
Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, potato puffs, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, pork and beans, coleslaw with red cabbage, lime Jell-O with pears or chef salad, milk
Thursday — Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Burrito, lettuce, chopped tomato and shredded cheese, green beans, hot roll, sweetened applesauce or chef salad, milk
Friday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Macaroni and

cheese, combo salad, corn, fruit salad, hot roll or chef salad, milk
Eisenhower Menus:
Monday — Breakfast: Applesauce muffins, peaches, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, corn, tater tots, bananas, milk
Tuesday — Breakfast: Hot ham slice, hashbrown patty, peaches, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza roll-ups, tossed salad, peaches, cookie, milk
Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll, milk
Thursday — Breakfast: Canadian bacon/cheese, biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, Little Smokies, mixed veggies, rosy applesauce,

French bread, milk
Friday — Breakfast: Pumpkin bread, applesauce, milk; Lunch: Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges, milk
NORTHERN VALLEY
Monday — Grade 3-6 State Reading Assessments; High School Dance Team Practice, TBD; Transition Planning Inservice at Glade, 8:30 a.m.; Curtis, Ne Tech College Rep visit in High School Library, 9 a.m.; Grade K-4 Sing to Almena Senior Center, 1:35 p.m.; Post Prom Meeting in the Conference Room at Almena; Track Rules Meeting at Hays, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday — G.N.E.C. Instrumental Clinic at Kensington, Practice at 1 p.m., Concert at 7 p.m.; 3rd-6th Grade State Reading As-

sessments; High School Dance Team Practice, TBD
Wednesday — 3rd-6th Grade State Reading Assessment; High School Basketball State at Hays, TBD; High School Dance Team Practice, TBD
Thursday — High School Dance Team Perform at State Basketball in Hays
Friday — End of Third Nine Weeks, 42 Days; Third and Fourth Grade Band and Flutophone Program, 2:30 p.m.; Jr. High Spring King/Queen Dance in the Bandroom at Long Island, 7:30-10 p.m.
Saturday — Ice Survivor Community Appreciation in the High School Auditorium at Almena

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- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, manufactured home on full basement, 2 car garage. Logan - \$55,000
- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, manufactured home along the South Solomon River, on 5 acres, 2 car garage, barn and storage building. West of Hill City - \$79,000

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THE NORTON TELEGRAM
and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce recognize the new play equipment at **Mapes Park in Westridge**
The playground equipment was donated by John and Lee Mapes