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Norton sees economic advances

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Norton County Economic Development has been busy promoting existing businesses and working to bring new employers to the county.

The group held its monthly meeting on Jan. 7 and Director Scott Sproul talked to the Norton County Commissioners about what his group has been doing on Jan. 17 and Monday.

There are several business expansion projects going on including work at the hospital and Ag Valley Co-op.

The hospital is progressing and as of earlier in the month the masonry work was almost complete so that inside work could be done.

Mr. Sproul told the Norton County Commissioners on Monday that he has been working with the hospital and Colby Community College to get the old doctor's clinic for the college. The college's nursing program is especially important for the Norton area, he said, since there are students wanting to take the classes.

Mr. Sproul said that he was to meet with officials from both the Colby college and

Goodland's Northwest Tech this week.

"We hope good things come out of this meeting," he said, but added that the program would move along no matter what happened at the meeting.

Ag Valley is moving forward on its railroad project, he said. Economic Development is working with the Kansas Department of Transportation and also working on grants to help pay for the project, he said.

"I hope we're all on the same page and we'll know after today," he told the commissioners on Monday.

The U.S. Department of Commerce will help with a manufacturers' round-table meeting for Norton, Decatur and Phillips counties. The first meeting will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 2, in Norton.

This should be a good opportunity for economic development, government and manufacturers to get together and see how they can help each other, Sproul said.

Another big draw will be marketing and customer service expert Cinda Baxter,

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Briefly

Disc golf benefits God's Pantry

The Norton Disc Golf Club in conjunction with the Kansas Disc Golf Association will hold a food drive tournament with proceeds going to God's Pantry on Saturday, Feb. 5, no matter what the weather is doing. Cost is \$20 and there will be two rounds of singles for a payout and other prizes! Players meeting is at 9:45 a.m. in Elmwood Park. Any financial, non-perishable, or canned food items will be accepted. Registration, lunch and the award ceremony will be in the basement of the Norton City building, 301 E. Washington. For more information contact Don Mordecai at 785-877-5475.

High school band concert Sunday

This Sunday, the Norton Community High School Band will present their Winter Concert at 2:30 p.m. in the NCHS Stull Gym. There is no admission fee and the public is invited. The concert will celebrate Kansas's 150th Birthday.

Veteran's receive help on Tuesday

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission of Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Norton City Office to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, Feb. 1. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Carnival to fund Easter egg hunt

The Norton Child Study Club will be holding their annual carnival this Saturday at the Norton National Guard Armory at 2 p.m. Bring your child for an afternoon of fun. Proceeds go to the Easter egg hunt.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.93
Milo	\$5.50
Soybeans	\$13.04
Corn	\$5.81

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 25. **Saturday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 45. **Saturday Night** - Areas of fog after midnight. Otherwise mostly cloudy with a low around 19. **Sunday** - Areas of fog before 9 a.m. **Sunday Night** - A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. **Monday** - A 30 percent chance of snow.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, January 25Low 17, High 48
Wednesday, Jan. 26.....Low 21, High 46
Thursday, Jan. 27.....Low 30, High 57
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for your presence. Help us daily to trust you to provide for us. Give us courage to walk where you lead. Amen.



A gaggle of fun...



If you are ever looking for something to do on these cold winter days take a drive out to the Sebelius Reservoir and check out the scenery. Literally thousands of Canadian Geese have flocked to the lake. They gather

on the ice and fill the air with a deafening sound. Certainly something people don't see every day. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Commissioners discuss sale of roller

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Norton County is going to sell a piece of Norton city's equipment.

A road roller, belonging to the city, is in the shop at Northwest Diesel and neither the city nor the county is quite sure what to do with it.

The roller, which the county uses occasionally, to smooth roads is in need of expensive repairs.

On Monday, Norton City Administrator, Rob Lawson visited with the commissioners about the roller and what to do with it.

It really isn't economical to own a roller, he said.

"We just don't use it," he said. "(And.) you don't use it very often."

Commissioner Carolyn Applegate suggested that the county put the roller in an upcoming equipment auction and give the money it brings to the city.

"We're just trying to be good neighbors," she told Lawson.

She added that a roller could probably be leased by the week or month, depending on what the city and county each need at the time.

Lawson said that he thought that was a good idea.

"We're fine then," Applegate said. "Now we have a plan to sell that piece of equipment. We can sell it and get the money back to you"

Lawson also wanted to talk to the commissioners about a problem the city has with the electrical system going to the

courthouse.

The system is failing, he said, and the only way to fix it reliably is to replace it. That will require the city shutting off the electricity to the courthouse for awhile, probably on a Saturday or Sunday.

Since most offices are closed then, Lawson said, the sheriff's department

would probably be the only one seriously affected and they have a generator.

The city plans to put the lines underground, he said.

"We'll do all the work," Lawson said. "It'll be underground five or six feet and

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McCook teenager is laid to rest Thursday

A 14-year-old McCook girl was found dead Friday night near Bartley, Neb., about 15 miles east of McCook.

Kailee N. Clapp, a freshman at McCook High School, had been reported missing by her mother about 7:11 a.m. that day. According to a release from the McCook Police Department and Red Willow County Sheriff's Office, city officers investigated the report when they received information in the afternoon that Miss Clapp could be in danger.

A body was found near Bartley that evening, thought to be Miss Clapp, but the autopsy and forensic tests were pending.

Stathis Kirkpatrick, 18, Bartley, is being held as a "person of interest" in the case. His bail is set at \$1 million with arraignment set for 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

The local agencies said they are working with the Nebraska State Patrol and federal law enforcement officers on the investigation.

The Associated Press reported that Nora Clapp, Kailee's mother, last saw her youngest child around 9:30 p.m. Thurs-

day as she was getting ready for bed. Ms. Clapp said her 18-year-old daughter saw Kailee an hour later.

"She was a very sweet, loving, ornery, loved girl," her mother said Saturday in an interview with an Associated Press reporter. "She was very friendly. She would be, like, the first person to make you her friend when you were the new person in school."

A candle lit vigil was held for her Tuesday night at Norris Park in McCook with over 500 in attendance. Then on Wednesday there was another vigil held in Colby. Clapp had ties here in Norton, an uncle, Bill Dale.

Funeral services were held yesterday in McCook at the auditorium in order to fit all of the mourners.

Mr. Kirkpatrick went to court an hour after her services. His million dollar bond was revoked and he is to be held without bail. He is being charged with first degree murder, use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony, tampering with evidence and unlawful burial. His preliminary hearing will be held February 11 at 9 a.m.

Candidates file for city, school board elections

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The deadline to file for positions on the ballot for Norton USD 211 School Board, Norton City Council, and Norton Mayor ended on Jan. 25.

Candidates for the City of Norton Mayor position are: Ron Briery, David Corns (incumbent), Allan Taylor and Sarah Durham. As there are more than three filers for the position of mayor, a primary election will be held to determine the three candidates that will be on the general election ballot. The primary election will be held on March 1.

Filing for City Council positions are: Ward I, Jerry Jones; Ward II, Roberta

Ryan (incumbent); Ward III, Jerry Mortiz and Justina Smith (incumbent).

There are two positions open in District 2 for the Norton School Board, filers are: April Karnopp, Steven L. Berry, Joseph D. Durhan, Bill Unterseher and Rick Green. District 1 takes in Wards I and II in Norton and all of the City of Lenora.

Chris Harting has filed for the At Large position.

No candidate filed for the District 2 position, this will result in a write in ballot for the position. District 2 is Ward 3 and all of rural district 211.

The general election will be on April 5.