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## Briefly

### Byrum Track closed until further notice

The track around Travis Field is having some repairs done on it so the public will not be allowed to use it until further notice.

### Lenora Jubilee is planned this weekend

The Lenora Jubilee starts this Friday night at 7 p.m. with the race car simulator and then at 8 p.m. the Pro Tour FMX high flyers will entertain everyone, followed by a concert featuring Logan Mize and Jason Jones.

Saturday at 7 a.m. city wide garage sales begin, followed by sand volleyball at 10 a.m. and the parade at 11 a.m. There will be a blow up carnival at 1 p.m. for the kids and Wobble Trap shoot. The creature races begin at 4 p.m. followed by the peddle power pull at 5 p.m. At 8 p.m. The Bellamy Brothers will be in concert and the Pro FMX riders will perform once again.

### Carp Shoot is slated for Saturday

The Twentieth Annual Carp Shoot will take place this Saturday at Leoti Cove, Sebelius Reservoir. The event is sponsored by the Norton Archery Club. Anglers must be pre-registered by 8 p.m. Friday and fishing starts at 6 a.m. Saturday morning. Weigh in will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday evening. The evening will end with a meal and awards at 7 p.m. For more information, call John Baker at 877-3252 or Randy West at 877-5269.

### Don't forget Dad!

Father's Day is this Sunday, June 20. Don't forget to thank your dad and the special men in your life who are or will be wonderful fathers. Even a simple card with a hug and word of thanks are wonderful gifts.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$7.48
Milo .....	\$6.80
Soybeans .....	\$13.05
Corn .....	\$7.41

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tonight - Scattered thunderstorms early, then becoming clear after midnight. Wednesday - Mainly sunny with a high near 88. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm and highs in the low 90s.

## Kingham Report

Friday, June 10.....	Low 50, High 90
Saturday, June 11 .....	Low 52, High 80
Sunday, June 12 .....	Low 58, High 87
	.10 Rain
Monday, June 13.....	Low 65, High 78

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Thank you, God, for holding us when times are tough. Amen



DENSMORE ALUMNI from the classes of 1954 through 1965 – Pictured from left to right, front row: Merrill Tibbetts, Edward Wilcox, Mary Ellen (Riemann) Posson, Robert Underwood; back row: Robert Glennemeier, Bill Glennemeier, Diane (Glennemeier) Johnson, Marilyn (Glennemeier) Colip, Helen (Scott) Craig, Kathy (Bittel) Scott, Levon Scott, and James McClain, teacher.

-Telegram photo Vicki Henderson

# Densmore alumni reunite

By Rita Hockman

The Densmore High School Two-Year Reunion was held May 29, 2011 at the American Legion dining room in Norton.

The reception was held from 2 to 5 p.m. with tea and coffee being served. After dinner was served, Vicki Henderson of the Norton Telegram took group pictures of graduates.

Robert Underwood, alumni president, welcomed everyone and gave the prayer. The American Legion prepared dinner of roast beef, ham, potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad bar and assorted desserts, tea and coffee. We had several having reservations, but illness in family prevented them from attending. Twenty-six graduates attended of 113 living graduates from the Classes of 1932 to 1965. Total graduates from Densmore was 268.

Following the dinner, Mr. Underwood called the meet-

ing to order. Minutes of the 2009 Reunion were read and the financial report was given.

The 2011 letters were printed by Shannon Kats and her computer class at Logan High School.

After letters were sent out, we were informed that Leonard Donnelly had died in 2010.

Candles were lit in memory of deceased graduates since the 2009 reunion. Those deceased were:

Class of 1932 - Carl Boys, born April 4, 1914 and died August 17, 2010.

Class of 1933 - Novella (Nichols) Hewett, born July 28, 1914 and died April 6, 2009.

Class of 1935 - Goldie (Turner) Reeser, born September 26, 1917 and died September 1, 2009.

Class of 1949 - Duane E. Riemann, born May 5, 1931 and died October 18, 2009.

Class of 1950 - Leonard Donnelly, born July 13, 1933 and died August 1, 2010.

Class of 1956 - Harold Bittel, born March 31, 1938 and died January 7, 2010.

Class of 1964 - Joyce (Schulte) Randall, born May 11, 1946 and died December 14, 2009.

Teachers - Leslie Andrew, born January 2, 1924 and died January 28, 2008. Leslie taught from 1946 to 1947. Mary (Ott) (Shoner) Duling, born October 13, 1908 and died October 15, 2009. Mary taught from 1945 through 1947. Roger Patton, born January 20, 1924 and died February 9, 2011. Roger taught from 1944 to 1945.

Letters and notes were received from Ella (Woodger) Drake's daughter, Class of 1936; Carol (Griffith) Berke, Class of 1940; Betty Donnelly, wife of Leonard Donnelly, Class of 1950 and Donna Bittel, wife of Harold Bittel, Class of 1956. Received a phone call from Rheva (Swearingen) Wilson, Class of 1958.

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# Illinois native joins Telegram

As the most recent addition to the Norton Telegram staff, Carleen Bell joined the newspaper this week as the paper's Managing Editor/Reporter. Bell grew up in west-central Illinois, just west of Springfield, and graduated from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill in 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in English with dual concentrations in Writing and Literature. While a student, she was active in many student organizations, especially the campus newspaper, The Bagpipe. She also served as student government President for two years and was active with her sorority, Pi Rho.

Though originally planning to become a teacher for students with intellectual disabilities, her work with her college newspaper led her to Iowa and eventually, Kansas.

"My best friend always jokes that in college, I always said I would never work for a newspaper," Bell said. "I wanted to be a teacher, but life took a different turn and now here I am, becoming an Editor."

After college, Bell landed her first "real" job in Atlantic, Iowa where for the past three years, she has served as writer, photographer and webmaster for the Atlantic News Telegraph. In that position, she was exposed to many aspects of news production, including writing, photography, design, advertising and printing, an experience that has prepared her well to join the Norton Telegram.



Carleen Bell

"I'm so thankful for my diverse experiences in my first 'real' job," Bell said. "Without that experience, I would not be prepared to step into a leadership position here in Norton."

When she's not working, Bell enjoys a variety of activities, especially bicycling and racquetball. Last summer, she rode the first leg of the week-long Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI), completing nearly 75 miles of biking in one day. She also enjoys reading, singing and traveling when she gets time. She especially enjoys writing about education, recreation, and local government. Bell has also been involved in local civic organizations and looks forward to becoming a part of the Norton community. In Atlantic, she served as Secretary for the Kiwanis Club and also served on the Board of Directors for the Lullabye Foundation.

"I'm thrilled to join the staff here at the Norton Telegram," Bell said. "I'm excited to meet the wonderful people of this community and make Norton my home."

Telegram General Manager Dana Paxton welcomed Bell to Norton and to the newspaper. "We are very happy to have someone with the needed experience and personality to fill this position and complete our staff," Paxton said. "Visit the Norton Telegram to introduce yourself and welcome Carleen to the community."

# Commissioners finalize grant process

By Carleen Bell  
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As the final step in closing out the administrative process, the Norton County Board of Commissioners approved Monday morning the final paperwork and closing process of a grant that purchased a new fire truck for the Solomon Valley Fire and Rescue District.

Corina Cox, Economic Development Coordinator for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, reported to the Commissioners that when a Community Development Block Grant is issued, the final closing and administration of the grant requires a public hearing for comments, questions, and concerns.

While there were no written or oral comments brought before

the Board, Cox explained that the cost of the fire truck, to be housed with the Lenora Fire Department, was \$116,000 with total administrative costs at \$9,432.

Cox reported that the cost of posting public notices for the administrative process wasn't as expensive as anticipated, however, so \$269 of the grant funding was left unused and will be returned. Along with approving the final closeout for the fire truck grant, the Board of Commissioners set a public hearing date for the final administration of a Block grant for the purchase of emergency services equipment. That public hearing has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday, July 11. The hearing will be held at the Commissioners' meeting room at the Norton County Courthouse.

# County reclassifies rural roads

By Carleen Bell  
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After a public hearing on the matter, the Norton County Board of Commissioners approved Monday morning a resolution to declare five separate sections of roadway within the county as Minimum Maintenance Roads.

The Resolution, numbered as 2011-7, lays out the five sections of roadway as follows: Road W7 from Road N to Road O, Road CC from Center Road to Road W1, Road DD from Center Road to Road W1, Road W1 from Road W1 from Road CC to Road DD and Road DD from midpoint between Road W1 and W2 west to Road W2.

Norton County Road and Bridge Administrator Sandy Smith explained that all but one of the roadways are located in the southern part of the county. When a road is classified as Minimum Maintenance, the county is only required to make sure it is navigable in dry weather and that it doesn't have any hidden dangers for motorists.

The process of classifying a road minimum maintenance, Smith explained, included a meeting in early May with landowners who use the roads to address concerns and questions about the transition to minimum maintenance. "When a road becomes minimum maintenance, the county only blades the road once or twice a year unless we get a call about the road," Smith explained. "Anyone who sees an issue with the road can just call us and we can usually get to it very

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