

Closing the show



Norton city crews spent the week tearing down equipment and cleaning up the Norton County Fairgrounds following the conclusion of the 2011 Norton County Fair. The ride known as "The Spider" will remain in place pending an inspection after it broke last Thursday.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Narrowbanding deadline approaches for operators

Farmers, fleet operators, schools and government agencies operating business band or Private Land Mobile Radio (PLMR) systems are facing a critical January 1, 2013, deadline. By that date, the Federal Communications Commission has mandated that all Private Land Mobile Radio licensees operating below 512 MHz move to 12.5 kHz narrowband voice channels.

Nex-Tech Mobile Radio Supervisor Ryan McClung urges Private Land Mobile Radio operators to act soon, as the narrowbanding licensing process can be time consuming. "The required Federal Communications Commission paperwork can take anywhere from six to nine months to process. Since everyone is required to make this change, the Federal Communications Commission's approval process continues to lengthen," he said.

While the narrowbanding mandate may have caught some licensees off-guard, McClung said many operators are taking action now.

"Many of our law enforcement customers are aware of the changes and are well on their way to being narrowband compliant," said McClung. "They have either purchased the equipment to become nar-

rowband compliant or we have already transferred them over. Several schools are in the process now as well," he added.

McClung said operators most significantly impacted by the narrowbanding mandate will be those who are using older radio equipment. "Most radios purchased within the last five years will be narrowband compliant," stated McClung. "The manufacturers have known since 1997 that this date was coming and that these mandates were going into effect in 2013."

Nex-Tech Mobile Radio will provide free narrowband walkthroughs for all customers, law enforcement agencies and schools, and will provide them with a current list of radios they have, indicate which radios are compliant or non-compliant, and provide them a solution to become narrowband compliant by the 2013 deadline."

With the narrowbanding deadline less than 17 months away, McClung encourages all Private Land Mobile Radio operators to visit www.nex-tech.com/narrowbanding or to call Nex-Tech Mobile Radio toll free at (800) 542-1315 for more information.

Local business leader named as advisor to Gov. Brownback

As part of the newly-established Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, a local business leader has been named to the committee.

Larry Sevier, Chief Executive

Officer of Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech, was named this week to the board designed to serve as directors for economic development in Kansas.

The council will coordinate

strategic planning and resources, evaluate policies and conduct research on industry across the state.

As of July, Sevier was one of 16 council members named so far.

Pratt Legion team earns state baseball championship

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The Pratt American Legion baseball team won the championship of the Class AA Kansas State American Legion Baseball Tournament held in Ottawa last Wednesday through Saturday.

The Norton Legion team also competed in the tournament since they were the Zone Tournament champions from the Norton Zone Tournament.

As already reported in the Telegram, Norton lost their opening game to Pratt, who was also the defending State Champion. In Norton's second game, they lost 3-0 on a three-run home run to Doniphan County and were eliminated.

Pratt moved on to the championship by defeating Clifton-Clyde 13-7, outscoring Seneca 12-3 and shutting out Seneca 4-0.

After shutting out Norton,

Doniphan County defeated Iola 11-9 before losing to Ottawa 13-4 and being eliminated. Ottawa then lost to Seneca by a score of 15-4 which set up the championship game between Seneca and Pratt.

Pratt will now advance to Viterbo, Wisconsin for Regional competition in which they placed runner-up last season.

Members of this year's Norton American Legion Baseball Team were: Andrew Ellis, Christopher Maddy, Lane Bigge, Dalton Miller, Brent Terrell, Trey Millan, Troy Bainter, Spencer Shirk, Vaughn Newman, Tug Keiswetter, Kaid McKenna, Tyler Cook, Zach Hartwell and Dakota Dreher.

Head coach was Scott Ellis. His assistant coaches were Shawn Miller and Mike Terrell.

The batting averages for this year's American Legion baseball team were: Andrew Ellis, 18 hits,

57 at bats, .316; Kaid McKenna, 15 hits, 44 at bats, .341; Lane Bigge, 11 hits, 31 at bats, .355; Dakota Dreher, 17 hits, 44 at bats, .386; Spencer Shirk, 27 hits, 62 at bats, .435; Trey Millan, 22 hits, 69 at bats, .319; Chris Maddy, 18 hits, 56 at bats, .321; Dalton Miller, 21 hits, 60 at bats, .351; Brett Terrell, 23 hits, 74 at bats, .311; Zach Hartwell, 3 hits, 6 at bats, .500; Troy Bainter, 7 hits, 28 at bats, .250; Tyler Cook, 13 hits, 42 at bats, .309; Tug Keiswetter, 18 hits, 56 at bats, .322; Vaughn Newman, 1 hit, 16 at bats, .063.

Legion State Tourney History

It has been 16 years since the Norton American Legion baseball team qualified for and competed in the State American Legion Baseball Tournament.

The last time was in 1995 when Norton won the Zone Tournament, which was also played in Norton the same as this year.

Scores of Norton's Zone games were: Norton 17, Oberlin, 2; Norton 5, Hugoton, 4; Norton 10, Atwood 2 and Norton 17, Goodland 4.

The State Tournament was played that year in Pratt.

Bill Manning was the head coach and Chad Menagh was the assistant coach.

Playing for Norton in 1995 were Chad Allen, Chris Cox, Joe Cox, Nick Daniels, Preston David, Jason Davis, Justin Frye, Nick Harmon, Daniel Johnson, Josh Kellerman, Michael Lang, Jeremy Lehning, Aaron Miller, Randy Russell, Will Stutterheim and Matt Tibbetts.

Norton also won the Zone Tournament in 1994 and it was also played in Norton that year. Norton advanced to Ottawa for the State Tournament.

Jerry Hawks was the Norton head coach.

The following Code of Sportsmanship was read aloud by each player on each team prior to each game in the American Legion Zone Baseball Tournament hosted by Norton as well as prior to each State Tourney game.

Code of Sportsmanship
I WILL
Keep the rules
Keep faith with my teammates
Keep my temper
Keep myself fit
Keep a stout heart in defeat
Keep my pride under in victory
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Book

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As part of the creative process, Vollertsen explained, she needed to figure out how to get the book illustrated, a solution that fell into her lap.

Diane Frazy Pratt is Vollertsen's colleague and friend who also happens to be an accomplished artist. The author had considered illustrating the book herself, an idea that Pratt didn't encourage.

"I showed the story to Diane and asked her if she thought I could illustrate it," Vollertsen said. "She asked me to let her do

it and it's a good thing too because I'm really not a great artist, but Diane really is."

The process of illustration took about nine months, and Pratt did the illustrations entirely in watercolor paint. Originally done on landscape-sized paper, Vollertsen said, the real challenge was finding a way to get the text and illustrations to fit on the size of paper required for the book.

"I spent a lot of hours on the phone with the publishers and e-mailing ideas back and forth," the author explained. "It took four printings to get the final product

the way it is now, but I'm pretty happy with the way it turned out. The illustrations are just beautiful and really complement the progression of the story."

Now that the book is finished and is in print, Vollertsen will hold a book signing on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Garden Gate in Norton. She will be there to talk about her experience in creating the book and to sell and sign copies of the book.

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JULY 2011 NORTON COUNTY VOUCHERS

Ambulance	\$22,849.07	*Court Trustee - State	\$4,834.63
Appraiser's Cost	\$3,351.95	*Court Trustee - Local	\$405.33
County Health	\$18,759.33	*Case Management	\$12,142.92
Economic Development	\$2,391.89	*Juvenile Just Authority	\$77.95**
Election	\$1,120.77	*JAIBG - JJ Intake	\$1,992.13**
Employee Benefits	\$89,196.32	*Juvenile Director	\$10.06**
4-H Maintenance	\$760.88	*Supplemental Grant	\$10,779.17**
Noxious Weed	\$1,609.63	*Family Education	\$8,562.39**
Solid Waste	\$6,011.76	*Community Mobilization	\$2,580.85**
Special Machinery and Equip	\$26,437.92	*JISP	\$10,043.39**
DISTRICT CORONER	\$200.00	*Diversion	\$6,204.93**
EMS Building COP Debt	\$30,892.42	*Juvenile Intake	\$4,175.46**
911 TAX	\$1,082.53	Northwest BT Region	\$11,400.00**
Alcohol and Drug Test Fund	\$59.70	*Grant 4 Parental Modeling	\$1,400.40**

Correction

Chet Look of Stockton was incorrectly listed as an official at the Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game. He was originally scheduled to officiate but was unable to do so and was replaced by Doug Wilfong of Stockton, a former Norton Community High School football player and NCHS graduate.

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