

# \$1 THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Briefly

## Comedy show set for Saturday 7 p.m.

The Norton County Arts Council will be hosting comedian Sam Adams this Saturday night at 7 p.m. Due to expected audience size and seating, the event will take place at The Rock. The show will be family-friendly, but it is not church-sponsored.

## Jewelry show set for Friday evening

In preparation for Valentine's Day, there will be a Silpada Jewelry event held for all the area gentlemen on Friday night at the PDRA in Norton lasting from 5:30-7 p.m.

## Bob Ross classes

## planned Feb. 18-19

The Hansen Museum will have two painting certified instructors that teach Bob Ross classes on a regular basis. No previous experience is necessary and anyone can do it.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the class will be painting "Old Cream Cans" and on Sunday, Feb. 19, "Wheel Barrel Full of Flowers." The classes will run from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. both days.

## Winter concert set for Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

The Norton Community High School band will present their winter concert this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Stull Gymnasium. The concert is free and open to the public.

## Wellness program

## on Monday night

Norton County Hospital will host a free wellness program on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Prairie Land Electric basement. The topic of the presentation will be coronary artery disease, hosted by Dr. Martin Griffey. For more information, contact the Norton Medical Clinic at 785-877-3305.

## Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.54
Milo.....	\$5.85
Soybeans.....	\$11.29
Corn.....	\$6.25

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear and colder with lows around 15. Saturday - Mostly sunny and breezy with highs in the mid 40s. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with lows around 15. Sunday - Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 50s. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly clear. Monday - Sunny with highs around 60.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, January 24 .....Low 21, High 44  
 Wednesday, Jan. 25.....Low 18, High 52  
 Thursday, January 26.....Low 29, High 51  
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, we give thanks that you do not give up on us. Show us the path you put before us daily, and give us the strength to walk it. Amen

# Rollover causes only minor injuries



Norton County Sheriff's Department officers investigated a rollover accident Monday afternoon when a Norton County road grader overturned on Road W5 north of Lenora. Jim Railsback, who was operating the road grader when it overturned, suffered only minor injuries in the crash.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

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A Norton County Road and Bridge department employee narrowly escaped major injuries Monday afternoon when the road grader he was operating rolled over into a ditch of the road he was working on.

Road and Bridge Administrator Sandy Smith reported this week that road and bridge department crews were working on county road W5 between Roads V and W north of Lenora Monday afternoon when the rollover occurred. Jim Railsback was working to slope some banks and rebuild the road and weight of the blade of the grader and the incline of the bank caused the equipment to roll onto its side. The grader came to rest in the east ditch after a three-quarters roll.

Railsback was transported to the Norton County Hospital via the Lenora ambulance for treatment of possible injuries, but suffered only minor scrapes and bruises from the incident.

Smith reported that it has been several years since the Road and Bridge department has experienced any major accidents involving county employees or equipment and, as of Wednesday, no estimates were available on the amount of damage to the road grader.

## Calling contest set for Saturday, Feb. 4

To help support youth shooting sports in the area, the Norton Archery Club will be hosting a calling contest for coyotes, bobcats and crows on Saturday, Feb. 4.

The cost of registration is \$30 per two-person team and teams must pre-register before 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3. The cost of registration includes a meal Saturday night and each contestant will be entered into a drawing for a Romania AK 47 gun.

The calling hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Callers may use any legal means to call and shoot coyotes, bobcats and crows as allowed by state hunting regulations.

The winners are determined by points, with coyotes earning 10 points, bobcats earning 12 points and crows earning three points. The team with the most points will win and ties will be determined by earliest registration.

Trophies will be awarded to the top

team with a 70 percent payback to the top five teams. Awards will also be given for the largest coyote and the most crows.

Check in time will be from 5:30-7 p.m. in the south parking lot at Attitudes and no check-ins will be accepted after 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Rick McChesney at 785-202-2468 or John Baker at 785-877-3253.

## County issues bonds for road construction

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In advance of upcoming development of the Ag Valley grain terminal east of Norton, the Norton County Commissioners authorized a resolution Monday morning to issue general obligation bonds to repair and reconstruct several sections of county roads around the Ag Valley site. The bonds, according to resolution number 2012-03, are not to exceed \$300,000.

The resolution states that "it is necessary to provide for the paving and improvement of County Road E1 and L, including, but not limited to the acquisition of necessary right-of-way, easements and all other things necessary (for the road project)."

The decision to issue up to \$300,000 in general obligation bonds comes after several months of planning to renovate roadways near Ag Valley to accommodate an anticipated increase in truck traffic on the roads near the facility.

The county has been working with Schwab-Eaton, an engineering firm based in Beloit, to determine the best course of action to improve the roadways to the grain facility so grain trucks can easily enter and exit the facility.

The scope of the project includes reconstruction of just under 1.7 miles of roadway, divided into six phases. Portions of roadway include sections of Road E2, Road L and Road E1. The project would also include the construction of a new connector road from Road L to Road E2 at the Ag Valley site.

Depending on whether the roads are reconstructed with asphalt or concrete, the estimated cost for the road projects ranges from \$1.78 million to \$2.9 million. Those estimates are based on all six portions of roadway, but all six may not be included in the project.

The road improvements are part of an expansion project at Ag Valley that will bring a rail spur to the facility from the existing railroad that will allow the facility to move train loads of grain, up to 110 rail cars at a time.

The increased grain processing capacity will mean that vehicle traffic in and out of the facility will increase, leading Norton County to explore options for updating roadways to the facility.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul reported in December that even as Norton County has committed \$300,000 to the development of the rail spur, that money will be recovered over time with property tax revenue from the facility.

## Chamber board seeks new Chamber director

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With the recent announcement that the current director is leaving the position, the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is working to fill the position as soon as possible.

Chamber Director Brooke Dix announced last week that he is resigning his position, effective Jan. 31, after joining the organization last January.

Chamber Board Treasurer Mike Haresnape re-



Brooke Dix

ported this week that to fill the soon-vacant position, the board is advertising for applications and hopes to have someone in the position by mid-March. Though resumes and applications are welcome from everywhere, a local candidate would be ideal.

"We are going to hire the best candidate we can, but we would like to have as many local applicants as possible," Haresnape said. "A local candidate would understand what we do here and be familiar with northwest Kansas."

## Plan disc golf tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4

The Kansas Disc Golf Association, along with the Norton disc golf club, will host a winter food drive benefit disc golf tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Elmwood Park disc golf course.

The cost to enter the tournament is \$20 per competitor. Included in the cost of entry is a special Kansas Disc Association Food Drive disc and each competitor will be entered into a

state-wide raffle for a disc golf basket, valued at over \$200. A players meeting will be held at 9:45 a.m. and the first round will begin at 10 a.m. After the first round, the club will provide lunch for all players. After lunch, a second round will be played.

All proceeds from the tournament will go to God's Pantry in Norton to help provide food for needy families in the community. Tournament organizers

report that over the past three years, the club has donated more than \$1,000 to God's Pantry. Tournament competitors are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the tournament to be donated to God's Pantry.

For more information about the tournament or to donate to the food drive, contact Don Mordecai at 785-877-5475 or Kent Lockhart at 785-202-2473.

## Norton Community High School Band Concert on Sunday

The Norton Community High School band will present their winter concert this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Stull Gymnasium.

This year's theme is "Sunday

Afternoon at the Movies." School officials report that the band has chosen this theme because so much great music has been written for the motion picture industry over the years. There are

still elements of a traditional concert as there are marches and overtures and medleys. Music from movies represented may include Bridge over River Kwai, Cars, Dances with Wolves, Fantasia 2000, The Great Escape, The Incredibles, Pirates of the Caribbean, Ratatouille and Toy Story. Many of the musical selections were Academy Award nominees and/or winners.

Some of the students at Sunday's concert will be recognized for their participation in the Kansas Music Educators Association District Honor Band, the University of Nebraska at Kearney Honor Band and the Kansas Music Educators Association State Band.

For anyone unable to attend Sunday's concert, the show will be broadcast on KQNK radio and video performances will be shown on the Nex-Tech local access station at a later date.

## County okays speed limit on Road L

By Carleen Bell  
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To help ensure the safety of motorists in the county, the Norton County Commissioners approved Monday morning a resolution to regulate the speed of traffic on Road L near the Ag Valley grain terminal just east of Norton.

The resolution, numbered 2012-04, regulates the speed of vehicle traffic on county Road L between Roads E1 and E2. According to the resolution, because of an anticipated increase in traffic on the section or roadway because of development at the Ag Valley site, signs will be posted for a speed limit of 30 miles per hour on the roadway.

The resolution took affect Monday and speed limit signs will be posted within a few days.

