

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

July 20, 2012



Briefly

Archery club will host carp derby

The Norton Archery Club will host a carp derby at Sebelius Reservoir on Saturday. The derby will include archery and rod/reel categories. The entry fee for each two-person team is \$35 per team. The derby begins at 9 a.m. and weigh-in will be from 5-7 p.m.

Fashion Revue set for Saturday night

The 4-H Fashion Revue will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at the 4-H building. The revue allows 4-H students to show off the clothing they constructed and purchased for the show.

MX races planned for this Sunday

Motocross races are planned for Sunday at the Norton MX track. Practice runs start at 9 a.m. and races begin at 11 a.m. Gate admission is \$5. Ages 10 and under are admitted free. Concessions will be available at the track.

Photo judging will be this Saturday

The open class photography judging for the Norton County Fair is planned for Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at the 4-H building.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$8.64
Milo.....	\$7.63
Soybeans.....	\$16.62
Corn.....	\$7.98

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Sunny with highs around 106. Sunday - Sunny with highs around 106. Sunday evening - Mostly clear with lows in the mid 70s. Monday - Mostly clear with highs around 104. Tuesday - Mostly clear with highs around 104.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, July 17.....	Low 65, High 108
Wednesday, July 18.....	Low 55, High 104
	.10 Rain
Thursday, July 19.....	Low 54, High 106
	.03 Rain

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

Prayer

All-powerful God, may we learn to listen with heart, mind, and will to your message of hope, encouragement, and correction. Speak peace to our hearts each day. In Jesus' name. Amen

Area youth among walking group

The Christian Motorcycle Association, along with a youth movement, are in the middle of a fund-raiser, "Walk Across Kansas, Run for the Son." Several youth throughout Kansas have volunteered their time to help this cause by walking across Kansas. On Tuesday they started their walk, one group starting at the Colorado line and the other starting at the Missouri line and will meet in Hutchinson for a large gathering. The group of Sarah Eikleberry of Hutchison, Cierra Hendrickson of Oberlin, Bailee Stewart also of Hutchinson and Christina Bador of Stockton walked through Norton eastbound on Highway 36 Wednesday afternoon, taking turns walking while pulling a 20-pound cross to bring awareness of the Lord and Jesus to all people they encounter. The money received goes toward missionary ventures, open door ministries, local ministries and to translate the Jesus film into thousands of other languages.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



Council tables resolution for sales tax ballot

By Carleen Bell
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After questioning the wisdom of taking swift action on the matter, the Norton City Council tabled a resolution Wednesday evening to place a .75 percent sales tax on a Nov. 6 ballot to potentially fund a new swimming pool for the city of Norton.

As the city's bond underwriter, Rick

Farmers may be eligible to apply for emergency agriculture loans

Farm Services Agency loan officer Pat Bohl has reported that farmers in Decatur, Norton, and Phillips Counties who have suffered crop or livestock losses due to drought from January 1, 2012 and continuing may now apply for Farm Service Agency emergency loans

Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay.

Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster.

Loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover 100 percent of qualifying losses.

Farmers and ranchers that think they may be eligible should contact the Norton County Farm Services Agency Office at 11506 Pineview Drive, Norton, Kansas 67654 or call 785-877-5156 for additional information and how to apply.

Ensz of Cooper, Malone, McClain met with the council Wednesday evening and presented a resolution that will allow the .75 percent sales tax on the ballot, which is the amount that the council has voted to propose to fund the potential pool construction project.

According to the resolution, if voters approve the sales tax, collection will begin April 1, 2013 and end 20 years after that date.

Some members of the council, however, questioned whether or not the decision should be made by resolution instead of by an ordinance, which would give citizens more time to voice their opinions on the proposed tax.

"We've told the public that we would

do this by ordinance, which requires three readings," said council member Jerry Moritz. "If we pass a resolution tonight, we're not doing what we said we would do. The public should be given time to comment."

Norton City Attorney Karen Griffiths explained that the city's bond council, Gilmore and Bell, P.C., who also prepared the resolution, is recommending that the matter proceed through resolution instead of by ordinance.

Council member Donna Foley also spoke up in favor of moving forward with the resolution, citing occasions when the matter was previously discussed.

"We've already directed bond coun-

cil to draft the resolution," Foley said. "This is the fourth time we've addressed this at council and I don't think we're doing this too fast. We've been working on this since 2009."

After some discussion of the proposed timeline and the logistics of resolutions and ordinances, the council agreed that even if the resolution is tabled until the next council meeting, it will not push the timeline too far back.

Council member Jerry Jones mentioned to table the resolution until the council's Aug. 1 meeting. The motion carried with members Harriett Gill and Donna Foley opposing the decision.

Legion Auxiliary taking donations for troops

Gathering materials to send to troops overseas, the Norton American Legion Auxiliary will be collecting donations Thursday and Friday evening at the Norton County Fair.

Denise Schmitz reports that the organization will be at the fair from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Some of the items already in stock to be sent include local newspapers, short books and hand sanitizer. Other items are needed, however, and citizens are asked to donate any items or money to cover shipping costs.

Some of the suggested donations include sanitizer, peanut

butter crackers, puzzle books, magazines and hard candy. A full list of recommended items is available at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and at the American Legion.

Each month, the ladies of the Auxiliary will be putting together several boxes to ship to the military troops. Anyone who is interested in donating money for postage can make checks payable to The Norton American Legion Auxiliary. Donations can be sent to PO Box 1, Norton, KS 67654 to the attention of Denise Schmitz. Donations can also be dropped off at the Legion each Thursday or Friday evenings.

Norton student attends space camp in Hutchinson

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After seeing a program about it at the school, an Eisenhower Elementary student has recently completed the Alien Adventure program at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson.

Coral Stewart, who will be entering 4th grade this fall at Eisenhower, attended the three-day camp in June and spent one night at the camp.

"Someone came to the school and talked about the camp," Coral explained. "Then my cousin from Wichita asked if I wanted to go with her, so my mom signed me up."

While at the camp, the young student got the opportunity to explore the nature of life on earth and the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe. The students got the opportunity to use high-powered telescopes to view the night sky and experience shows in the Carey Dome Theatre, Justice Planetarium and Dr. Goddard's Lab.

The culmination of the camp, however, was when the students took up the challenge of creating and designing an alien culture.

"We got into groups and created an alien culture," Coral said. "We made costumes and funny hats with feathers on them," she said. "Our planet was called Felis and is a volcanic planet with hot lava flowing everywhere."

Coral said her favorite part of the camp experience was touring the Cosmosphere's museum, which featured items that have actually traveled into space. Some of the exhibits included a

replica of Sputnik and moon rocks.

While Coral enjoyed her trip to space camp and might want to do it again, she said she doesn't really want to pursue a career in space exploration. While she likes science, her favorite subject is math and she really wants to be a teacher for talented/gifted students.

Coral is the daughter of Jeff and Teresa Stewart.

Possible scam going around area

Alerting citizens to possible dangers, Norton Police Chief Pat Morel reported this week that a phony contractor has been operating in the area.

Morel reported that an individual with the business name of Allied Paving and Construction has been in the Hoxie and Quinter areas over the past few days.

"He is supposedly working on a job in Colby," Morel said. "(He) is overcharging to seal or patch driveways and having home-owners make the checks payable to him."

The man running the scam is driving a red pickup with Allied Paving and Construction decals on the vehicle.

Citizens are urged to use caution when hiring anyone for home repairs and it is recommended that citizens make sure they know who they are hiring before authorizing or paying for any services.

