

Feeling the spirit



The Norton Kids Cheer Camp took place this weekend at the Stull Gymnasium with 69 little cheerleaders in attendance. The high school cheerleading coach, Jill Lively, along with her 11 squad members and three other adults spent Saturday morning teaching kindergarten through sixth graders several cheers. "The kids were good and did everything we asked of them and paid close attention since they had to learn so much in such a short amount of time," Lively stated. "It gets bigger and better each year it seems." All of the participants will have their chance to strut their stuff at the first home football game on August 31 against Smith Center between the first and second quarter. Mrs. Lively asked that all little cheerleaders gather at the west end of the track at 6:30 p.m. to have a short run through before performing for the fans.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

A melon ripe for the picking

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I suppose everyone has some kind of a funny story to tell about their gardening experience. Maybe not "ha ha" funny, but perhaps more like "strange" funny. Most of us who dig in the dirt in the backyard would have difficulty finding anything funny about this summer's gardening experience. I talked to a lady in Cheyenne Wells a couple of weeks ago who wasn't laughing about her cucumbers that were so bitter she finally just pulled up the vines.

And then there was this gardener in Decatur County who thought he was buying cucumber plants at the store last spring and they turned out to be zucchini. He wasn't laughing! Or how about the gardener in Thomas County who decided to raise her own broccoli plants because she had some seed left-over from last year. The little plants thrived and she planted a dozen very healthy plants at the proper planting time in her garden. As luck would have it, it was carryover cabbage seed she had planted, not broccoli seed. So what do you do when you have a lemon? You make lemonade, or in this case, something even better. The gardener secured a crock, and happily created many jars of homemade sauerkraut. And she now knows that cabbage seed and the resulting plants, greatly resemble broccoli seed and the resulting plants. End of story with a happy ending.

I have a watermelon story to contribute to the cause. Early last spring, I saw a watermelon variety available that caught my eye in the J.W. Jung seed catalog. It was a small five to seven pound yellow watermelon called Golden Crown. It was described as having bright red flesh with small black seeds, and was an All America winner in 1991. The catalog happily announced that "this melon tells you when it is ripe because the rind turns a rich golden yellow color when it is ready to pick!" Why hadn't I noticed this one years ago? We all know how difficult it can be to know for sure when a watermelon is ripe. But this one TELLS you by turning color!

One problem. What the seed

catalog didn't tell me was that the little melons are yellow when they set on, and are yellow while they are growing, and, as advertised, yellow when they are ripe. So, how yellow? They've always been yellow for crying out loud! I picked one when I thought it was the right size and the proper shade of yellow. Yeah, green as a shamrock. So I decided to wait a couple of weeks before I tried another.

I waited too long. While heading out to the garden early one morning, I noticed a couple of

turkeys chowing down on something out there. Of course, it was the little yellow watermelons. The turkeys knew when those little yellow watermelons were dead ripe. Those two turkeys have been hanging around all summer, always getting a drink from the birdbath, but never bothering anything.

I'll not plant those little yellow watermelons next year, or the year after, or ever. I might plant a few zucchini in their place. Even a turkey won't eat zucchini!

•PUBLIC NOTICE• NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS

The City Council of the City of Norton, Kansas (the "City"), has heretofore, pursuant to Resolution No. 6-2012 adopted on August 1, 2012, declared it advisable to conduct a special question election relating to the imposition of a three-quarter percent (0.75%) City-wide general purpose retailers' sales tax. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City that such special question election has been called and will be held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City that such special question election has been called and will be held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted:

Shall the City of Norton, Kansas be authorized to impose a three-quarter percent (0.75%) city-wide general purpose retailers' sales tax, the revenue from which will be applied to finance the costs to construct and equip a City swimming pool project, to pay the costs of operating and maintaining that swimming pool and to finance general operating and capital improvement expenses of the City, with collection of such sales tax to commence on April 1, 2013 or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate twenty (20) years from the date of commencement, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., as amended?

To vote in favor of the question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."

- YES
- NO

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on November 6, 2012, the election day. The voting places in the City, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing In City of Norton, Kansas	Will Vote At American Legion 1120 N. Norton Avenue
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The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the Norton County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General
The following additional information is provided by the City with respect to the aforementioned sales tax proposition. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the City and is based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate due to the changing conditions, and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time.

Projected Annual Revenues of 0.75%
City-Wide Retailers' Sales Tax
\$353,500

(based on Kansas Department of Revenue data and 2011 historical collection in City)

The governing body of the City has found and determined that the aforementioned sales tax would be a general purpose sales tax under K.S.A. 12-187 et seq.

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Norton County, Kansas, whose address is: Norton County Courthouse, 105 South Kansas, Norton, Kansas 67654.
DATED: August 1, 2012.

Robert Wyatt, County Clerk
Norton County, Kansas

POLICE LOG

Aug. 13
Building search
Vehicle accident, Diamond Shamrock
(2) Report of hit and run accident
Report of Craig's List scam
Court paper service
(2) two vehicle stops
Report of shoplifting
Report of fight, one arrest
Aug. 14
(3) Three vehicle stop
Parking citation
Report of kids wearing black trying to get into parked vehicles
Report of individual getting threatening text messages
Aug. 15
Found open door, building search
Vehicle stop
Funeral escort
(2) Request to remove individual from residence
Report of missing item from residence
One vehicle accident
(2) Building search
Aug. 16
(3) three vehicle stops
Court paper service
Parking citation
Report of battery, McDonald's
Keys locked in vehicle
Building checks
Aug. 17
(5) five vehicle stops

Keys locked in vehicle
Report of missing child; child found
Building checks
Removed debris from roadway
Aug. 18
Report of verbal altercation
Welfare check
Valley Hope escort
Motorist assist
Report of intoxicated individual
Building checks
Aug. 19
Report of two vehicle accident
Assist Sheriff's Dept. with vehicle accident
Report of individual littering
Motorist assist
Vehicle stop
Building checks

FYI

There will be a free youth trap shoot at the Norton Gun Range on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For youth 18 and under-must be signed in by an adult. Shells and blue rock will be provided while supplies last. Eye and hearing protection required, earplugs will be provided. You may bring your own shotgun.

For information call Jean Stapel at 785-302-0777, Scott Kleinschmidt at 785-871-5045, Clint Hammond at 785-874-4724, Todd Boller at 785-871-1980, Blake Sanders at 785-874-4920 and Jim Richeson at 785-874-4716.

IT'S PICNIC TIME

The Annual Masons/ Eastern Star after Summer Recess Potluck Picnic is coming soon.

It will be August 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the Naphtali Lodge No. 310 AF&AM, Almena. All members are asked to bring your favorite dish and enjoy a delightful evening of eating, visiting and socializing. There are plans being made for a salute to all Past Matrons and Past Patrons after supper. If you are in need of a ride, please call Cecilia at 785-877-3966 and she will arrange for someone to pick you up.



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