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Briefly

Booster club to meet this Wednesday

The final meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club in January will be on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Speaking about the results of their team's recent competition will be Norton girls head basketball coach George Rossi, Norton boys head basketball coach Doug Reusink and Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the meetings.

You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

Law enforcement ask drivers to be safe

The Norton City Police Department in cooperation with the Kansas Highway Patrol would like to encourage everyone to buckle up and put down your cell phone.

Town Hall meeting next Thursday

Congressman for the First District of Kansas, Tim Huelskamp will be holding a town hall meeting on Thursday Jan. 31, at the Town and Country Kitchen in Norton starting at 2 p.m. Plan on attending and letting him know your feelings on the direction Washington is headed.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.94
Milo	\$6.98
Soybeans	\$13.93
Corn	\$7.33

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Clear with a high of 46. Winds from the WNW at 5 to 15 mph.
Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening then clear with a low of 19.
Thursday - Partly cloudy in the morning, then overcast. Fog early. High of 41.
Friday - Clear with a high of 52.

Kingham Report

Friday, Jan. 18	Low 25, High 57
Saturday, Jan. 19	Low 21, High 56
Sunday, Jan. 20	Low 21, High 34
Monday, Jan. 21	Low 13, High 36

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

Prayer

Heavenly Lord, help us to see the good in bad situations and to recognize your presence every day of our lives. Amen.

A financial feast...



United Northwest Federal Credit Union held its 64th annual meeting on Monday at Parish Hall. The large crowd in attendance enjoyed lunch provided by Town & Country Kitchen and served by Norton Senior KAY Club. The Credit Union reported a net income of \$396,912.96 for 2012.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Long Island man killed in car crash

The Kansas highway patrol reported that one dies in a single car crash early Sunday morning.

A 2004 Chrysler Concorde driven by 35 year old Regina Marie Hall of Long Island was traveling Northeast on K-383 when it failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle left the roadway, struck a sign and went into a broadside skid. The vehicle vaulted and landed on the opposite side of the creek bottom. It then rolled and came to rest after colliding with a railroad bridge. The vehicle then caught on fire.

Mr. Christopher Robert Hall 39 of Long Island, Regina's husband, was a passenger in the car and was pronounced dead at the scene then transported to Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Mrs. Hall was transported to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., by Eagle-Med.

Law enforcement were on the scene for one hour and 25 minutes. Next of kin was notified and it is unknown if the occupants were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the accident.

Commissioners decide to close county road

By Cynthia Haynes
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Although the landowner, who has fenced off Road K from W2 to W3 doesn't want the road closed, the county commissioners decided to continue with closure proceedings on Monday.

Commissioner R.A. Peterson said that he had talked to landowner Leroy Lang about closing a road and Mr. Lang said he wants it to remain open, even though he has strung wire across

it and put up road closed signs.

The request for closing the road came to the commissioners on Jan. 14 from Road and Bridge Foreman Floyd Richard, who said that the road is overgrown, badly rutted and fenced off.

"I want it closed," he told the commissioners adding that Mr. Lang has put up barricades with road closed signs on them at each end of the road and has strung a three-wire fence across it so that he can connect two pastures.

At that time, the commissioners decided to talk to Mr. Lang and start to look at closing procedures.

Mr. Peterson said that Mr. Lang had told him that he would remove the signs, take out a tree that was partially blocking the road and clean up under the bridges on the road.

The commissioners, however, decided to continue with the closing because they felt that they couldn't maintain the road and that it was a liability to the

county.

County Attorney Doug Sebelius agreed that the road was a liability but said that it would take a while to notify everyone and get the notice published.

After checking the calendar, he suggested setting a hearing for Monday, Feb. 18.

The commissioners noted that if the road is closed the land would revert to the landowners on either side.

Girls Scout cookies to be sold directly, no waiting

By Dana Paxton
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In hopes of exceeding sales from previous years, the Girl Scouts will be doing their cookie sales a bit different this year.

This year's sales will be done directly. The girls will have the cookies with them as they visit you this year. Sales will start on February 2 and run through March 10. The cost per box remains at \$3.50 a box.

They will be offering a new cookie this year, it is the Mango crème with nutri-fusion. It is a vanilla and coconut cookie filled with a tangy mango flavored cream enhanced with vitamins

A, C, D, B, E and B6 as well as nutrients derived from fruit.

The old reliables will still be available, you remember them, they are the thin mints, carmel delights, peanut butter patty, peanut butter sandwich, shortbread, lemonades and Thanks A-Lot.

Along with the door to door sales there will be booths set up by the Brownies and the Junior Cadet troops at Jamboree Foods on Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then again on Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you want to help out our local Girl Scout troops but don't want the cookies for yourself you can take part in the "Cookie Share" plan. You can purchase

boxes of cookies and donate them to our military, the Kansas Food Bank, God's Pantry or a Catholic Charity. This benefits the troop and provides cookies to someone other than yourself.

Wondering where your money goes? Diane Davis, Product Sales Manager for the Brownies and Junior Cadet Troops said, "Most of the money goes back to the girls and service unit, it is nice." In breaking it down, 52 percent of the sale or \$1.82 goes to the girls scout and volunteer services which pays for program, services, facility operation and financial assistance to those unable to afford camps, or materials. Then 21 percent or 72 cents goes toward the

rewards and service unit proceeds. In other words, 30 cents goes to the girls who made the sale as cookie credits to buy items at the Girl Scout shop and to help her pay for any events coming up. Six cents goes to the prizes, 35 cents to the troop programs, activities and supplies and one cent for the service account for supplies for all of the troops. The final 27 percent is the cost of the sale, or 96 cents per box pays for the cookies, materials, website, postage and the toll free number.

"The girls are excited to have the cookies on hand this year." Davis stated.

Wild blue yonder...



The wildlife manager at the Prairie Dog State Park and Sebelius reservoir reports that there are currently 5,600 geese and 800 ducks occupying the lake. Several Canadian Geese are seen here lifting into the air near the waters edge. A lot of the lake is currently frozen over allowing for some ice fishing but the open areas are perfect for the multiple water fowl that winter here.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Rates to go up soon at the Norton County Landfill

By Cynthia Haynes
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Taking out the trash is going to get a little more expensive for Norton County residents and businesses.

The county's new solid waste supervisor John Miller told commissioners last week that he felt the landfill should pay its own way and to do that fees would have to go up.

Mr. Miller said that he has reviewed seven years of landfill expenses and income as well as checked with what other county's are charging.

He said that it has been a tough job because expenses and income have not been uniformly charged.

"What may have been posted to one account one day may be posted differently the next day with no documentation on the change as to why it changed," he said in a note to the commissioners.

The county has three major equipment payments for the landfill, he said, with one more coming. This is costing about \$49,000 a year now and will jump to \$62,000 with the new equipment.

A second concern is the county is

looking at digging a new pit. The county had hoped to make the pits last 15 years but the current one will only last about 10 because it has not been properly handled.

The county must also decide if it wants to stay with its old plan, which would give the landfill 30 more years or go with a new plan, which was suggested by its engineering firm. The new plan would be expensive but could extend the life of the landfill from 45 to 90 years.

Mr. Miller said that out landfills are charging between \$10 and \$15 per ton for concrete. It would be great to rent a crusher to get rid of what the county has now. The landfill has a pile, he said, Lenora has a pile and Almena probably does also.

Mr. Miller said that he understands that Ag Valley is planning to take down the old Co-op elevator and that the company could bring in a crusher if it does that. He suggested that if that happens, the county could ask that the

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