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Briefly

Horse council to hold BBQ Boogie

The fifth annual Norton County Horse Council BBQ and Boogie beef brisket dinner will take place on Saturday at the Norton American Legion starting at 6 p.m. and will run until midnight. A silent auction will be held.

Bible Trivia night set for Sunday

The First Church of God is sponsoring a trivia night on Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m., at The Rock. Teams of eight will compete to see which team has the best knowledge of the Bible among other categories. Free will donations accepted. Proceeds will benefit Norton Relay for Life. For more information contact Gary Lockhart at 871-7818.

Early dismissal and round up at schools

The Norton Junior and Senior high school will dismiss school on Monday at .m. The teachers will still be on duty. Norton Eisenhower Elementary school will hold Kindergarten Round Up on Monday starting at 5 p.m.

Veterans receive help with claims

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs will be at the Norton Public Library on Tuesday, March 5 from 10:45-11:45 a.m., to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims.

Markets

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Wheat\$6.92
Milo\$6.71
Soybeans\$13.91
Corn\$7.15

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high of 50.
Saturday Night - Clear with a low of 28.
Sunday - Partly cloudy with fog early and a high of 61.
Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with fog overnight. Low of 34.
Monday - Partly cloudy with a high of 48.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Feb. 26Low 9, High 32
Wednesday, Feb. 27Low 18, High 38
Thursday, Feb. 28Low 17, High 36
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for your transforming love that brings us out of the despair of weakness and gives us strength to overcome adversity. Amen.



Ten shooters from the Norton County Rotary BB Gun team traveled to Oakley, Kansas last Saturday to compete in the 4-H Regional shoot. Overall the team placed second which qualified them for the State 4-H shoot that will take place April 13 in Alma. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

BB Gun team takes second at 4-H Regionals

By Dick Boyd

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team opened their 2013 season with a runner-up finish in the Logan County 4-H Regional BB Gun Shoot held Saturday, Feb. 23 in Oakley.

The Phillips/Rooks County Team won the championship with a total score of 1448 by their top four shooters in the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions.

Norton had a total score of 1375, followed by Golden Prairie, 1347; Thomas County, 1299; Rawlins County, 1058; Ellis County, 651; Edwards County, 648.

Team scores were comprised of the top four shooting scores for each team. Leading shooter for Norton was Trenton Sprague with a 93 prone, 92 standing, 93 sitting and 90 kneeling for a 368.

He was followed by Stacie Elliott with a 78 in prone, 86 in standing, 88 in sitting and 89 in kneeling for a 341.

Nick Davis was third best Norton shooter. He shot an 88 in prone, 75 in standing, 91 in sitting and 83 in kneeling for a 337.

Fourth best Norton shooter was Scott Samson with a 79 in prone, 86 in standing, 83 in sitting and 81 in kneeling for a 329.

Ten marksmen from Norton competed and seven qualified for the State 4-H BB Gun Shoot on April 13.

The other Norton state qualifiers and (BB Gun - Continued on Page 5)

City administrator gets a new contract

By Mike Stephens

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After an executive session, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, to discuss a non-elected employees job performance evaluation the Norton City Council passed a motion to offer City Administrator Rob Lawson a five year employment contract. The contract will take effect on March 25.

The Council also approved the re-appointment of Aaron Herman to the Economic Development Board. Herman's present term on the board will expire in May.

Mayor David Corns said the City's indebtedness was discussed at a recent work session. The City owes \$4.56 million on the water plant and \$3.16 on the wastewater plant, plus the new pool

bonds and various other projects and lease purchase agreements for a total debt of \$12.86 million.

The Mayor also reported the city collected \$21,213.66 in sales tax receipts for January, and the county sales tax collected was \$11,704.71, for a total of \$32,918.37 for the month and for the year to date \$78,260.24 has been collected in sales tax receipts.

The Council butted heads over a motion from the Feb. 6 council meeting, regarding snow removal around the downtown pods and the handicap parking spaces. Council member Harriett Gill made a motion, that was seconded by Donna Foley, to clarify that after it snows, the City will remove the snow around the pods only and not the sidewalks. Gill said the City shouldn't

be clearing snow for some businesses unless it is willing to do the same for every business in town. Jerry Jones argued that the intent of the motion was to include cleaning the sidewalks because it is a safety concern and there are areas that are not being cleared of snow. Ron Briery, supporting Jones, said the City right-of-way is 30 feet from the center of the street, which normally will fall somewhere on the sidewalk. Jerry Moritz stated the pod extends into the street and is part of city property, therefore the City should clean the curb, gutter and pods, but not the sidewalks. Jones reiterated that he thought it was clear that the motion was to include cleaning the sidewalks. The motion failed by a 2-4 vote with Harriett Gill and Donna Foley voting yes, and Ron

Briery, Jerry Jones, Roberta Ryan and Jerry Moritz voting no.

The Council proceeded to approve the Feb. 6 council meeting minutes as written by a 5-1 vote, with Harriett Gill being the lone dissenter.

Council member Jones then made a motion, seconded by Ron Briery, to direct city employees to remove snow from the downtown area from Washington Street to Lincoln Street and from First Street to Kansas Street, from the sidewalks to the curb to the gutter to the street. The motion was amended to include snow removal from the sidewalks from the front of the buildings to the curb, and if there is no building, it will be removed from the open space. Gill

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Norton veteran returns to work after injury



By Todd Fertig

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Probably no one was ever happier to walk through a prison gate than Corrections Officer Jeffery Burton was last month.

Burton was happy to go to work at his job at Norton Correctional Facility because, frankly, he wasn't sure he'd ever be able to work at the facility again.

While serving in the National Guard, Burton was badly injured in 2010 when a truck he was driving in Iraq was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED). It took him about three

years to recover from injuries sustained in the attack.

At the time of the attack, Burton had been working at NCF as a corrections officer, having started employment at the prison in 2007. He had just recently separated from the Army, for which he had served seven years that included deployments in Egypt and Afghanistan. However, in addition to joining the staff at NCF, Burton also joined the National Guard. In 2009, after about a year and a half working at the prison, Burton's unit was deployed to Iraq.

Work in a prison was not new to Burton. After working as a law enforcement officer while stationed at Ft. Riley, as well as providing security at the Pentagon, Burton received training in prison special reaction teams. In Afghanistan, he worked in a maximum security prison, holding up to 450 terrorists.

It was in this type of job in Iraq that Burton suffered his life-threatening injuries.

On February 18, 2010, his truck was struck by a triple ray EFP, a new type of IED that is made up of three shape charges that have a copper plate approximately 14" to 18" in diameter in front of a C-4 charge. One of the projectiles entered the vehicle through the floorboard and struck Burton. The worst of his injuries, which included burns, broken bones and shrapnel wounds, were

to his left arm.

Burton immediately underwent two surgeries at Bagdad and then went to Germany for additional treatment.

Within a week following the attack, Burton was at Walter Reed Hospital in

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Wreck takes one life

By Mike Stephens

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A head-on collision four miles west of Long Island, in Phillips County, claimed the life of a Nebraska man on Wednesday morning.

The accident occurred at approximately 8:35 a.m. Austin R. Shaw, 20, of Stamford, Neb., was pronounced dead at the scene and Jessica L. Eshbaugh, 22, of Logan was seriously injured and was airlifted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., according to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Shaw was traveling northbound and Eshbaugh was southbound on W 1500 Rd. when their vehicles collided head-on. Both vehicles were left of center, according to the Patrol's accident report.

Shaw's 1990 Oldsmobile Delta 88 rolled into the east ditch and Eshbaugh's 2001 Chevrolet Silverado came to a stop in the roadway. Shaw was not wearing his seatbelt.

Shaw was recently hired at the Norton Correctional Facility as a Corrections Officer I. He began work there in December and had just completed officer basic training a few weeks earlier, according to the Kansas Department of Corrections.

"We are shocked and saddened by the news of Officer Shaw's death," said Warden Jay Shelton. "We can't begin to express our sympathy for Officer Shaw's family and friends."

News of Shaw's death quickly spread throughout the corrections community.

"A loss like this is felt by the entire agency," said Corrections Secretary Ray Roberts. "For anyone, especially such a young person, to lose their life is tragic. We extend our condolences to the family of Officer Shaw and all of those who knew him."

No further information on Eshbaugh's condition was available at time of publication.

