

Little red hen takes flight...



Representatives of the Kansas Wheat Commission were in northwest Kansas on Tuesday, April 30 for its annual Wheat Quality Tour and stopped at Eisenhower Elementary to inspect the wheat the students are growing for the Little Red Hen Project. (From left to right) Shawn Campbell, a farmer from Portland, Ore., Aaron Harries, Manhattan, of the Kansas Wheat Commission, Rob Hatchett, a commodity analyst from Memphis, Tenn., and Chris Tanner of the Norton Farm Bureau and a local farmer, measure and inspect the wheat. Effects of drought in western Kansas are severe, according to the April 22 Weekly Crop Report from Kansas Ag Statistics; the state's wheat crop is rated 37 percent poor to very poor, 33 percent fair and 30 percent good to excellent. According to Harries report, the wheat crop in western Kansas, largely from Highway 283 west, is abysmal. A majority of the fields will yield in the single digits; many will not even be harvested. The final results of the 2013 Winter Wheat Tour estimate Kansas wheat crops at 313 million bushels, well below last year's actual total of 360 million bushels. And the five year average of 341 million bushels.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

School board holds special meeting

By Mike Stephens
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The Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, held a special meeting on Monday, April 29 at the Alice Tweed Center. After unanimously voting to re-schedule the board's May meeting to Friday, May 10 at

7:30 p.m., the board went into closed session. When the board returned to the open meeting it voted, 7-0, to not renew the contract of Jordan Kinsey as ninth through 12th grade band instructor for the 2013-14 school year. The board also accepted the

resignations of Jason Jones as assistant junior class sponsor, Victoria Robison as head junior class sponsor and assistant Norton Community High School cheer sponsor, and Steve Vance as Norton Community High School math teacher and head forensics coach.

LYLE NEWS

First of all, thank you for making my birthday party so great.

Thanks to the grandchildren who were most instrumental in planning and making it go, and to everybody who came to help me celebrate. Ordinarily, I don't need that much attention, but once in 90 years, it should be all right. Ok, here are the numbers: there were five children, Carol Moye, Sandra McNames, David, Merlin and Dwight Wood; seven grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren. The book was signed by close to a hundred, [97].

I was happy for the ones who came, Merlin from Fort Pierce, Fla., Hester from Fort Collins, Colo., David and Hannah's family from Oklahoma to name a few. And I have had many

cards and phone calls. One call was from Howard Anderson, a schoolmate. We graduated from Norcatat High School in 1941. If anyone knows of any more of our classmates who are still living, we would like to know.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the funeral of Harry Hutchins at the Baptist Christian Church of Wilsonville. Lloyd and Harry were Marines together.

Toots Magers played pitch with the group at Norcatat on Friday, came to my birthday

dinner on Saturday, and the Lyle dinner on Sunday. Twelve ate dinner at the Community Building: Toots Magers, Jane Engelhardt, Judy and Charlie Easton, Gary, Cathy and Keith Anthony, Joyce Sumner, Joyce Price, Sheree Regal, Veda Wood and David Wood.

Amy Archer, Joyce Sumner's granddaughter, continues to have problems while waiting for a liver transplant, latest of which has been a blood clot that has moved. She is always on our prayer list

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS O. MELROY

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, April 30, Tuesday, May 7, Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS O. MELROY, Deceased Case No. 2012-PR-04 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed on April 26, 2013, in said Court by LeeAnn Nelson and James W. Anderson, co-executors of the estate of Thomas O. Melroy, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as co-executors, allowance for costs, fees and expenses, determination

of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of the decedent and the laws of Kansas.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 22, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

LeeAnn Nelson and James W. Anderson, Petitioners Mark C. Whitney, No. 9607 WHITNEY LAW OFFICE 109 East Main, Box 208 Norton, Kansas 67654 (785) 877-2661 Fax (785) 877-3868 Attorney for the Co-executors

Plans

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cost of the inspector is included in the price of the pool project.

All pool bids have to be received by June 12 at 2 p.m.

City Administrator Rob Lawson reported Corner Stone Contractors will begin securing the Gower Building the week of May 6. Code Inspector Jeff Wolf notified the owner and the tenant. Council member Jerry Jones questioned whether it was safe to have people working inside the building. Wolf said the building is condemned. City Attorney Karen Griffiths said she will issue the occupant a notice to quit and the City can proceed with the repairs.

Lawson also reported that Ashley Maybon accepted the pool manager position and will hire the assistant manager and pool guards for the season. He said that clean-up week was extended due to bad weather, but everything went well. And the electric distribution and power plant employees have started changing out the series lighting in downtown.

Jon Boxler of Boxler Insurance Agency and EMC Insurance presented a dividend check for \$6,591.27 to the City of Norton. This is the 30th year the policy has been written. The Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance program through EMC Insurance includes over 450 cities, and a proportionate share of the total group dividend is paid out to all participants.

Dennis Becking from Options, formerly the Northwest Kansas Domestic & Sexual Violence Services, requested funding from the City of Norton to help fund its services to Norton County. The council agreed to donate \$500 to Options, to be paid from the general fund. Options provides 24 hour service within the 18 northwest Kansas counties. In 2012, Options served nine domestic violence and five sexual assault victims in Norton County.

Mayor Corns reported the city sales tax receipts collected in March of 2013 totaled \$22,857.27, and the county sales tax receipts totaled \$14,643.63

for a total of \$37,500.90. The 2013 year to date sales tax receipts total \$153,849.44.

The council also adopted a resolution supporting the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, by a vote of 5-1, with Donna Foley voting no. Jones said he is not advocating the sale of guns, but rather support for the Constitution. Foley said it was unnecessary because the council agrees to uphold and defend the Constitution when they take the oath of office.

In other council news:
-adopted ordinance #1639, amending the zoning laws at 813 N. Grant, changing it from multiple dwelling to light industrial.

-adopted ordinance #1640, amending the zoning laws at 812 and 814 N. Second Street, changing it from multiple dwelling to light industrial.

-adopted ordinance #1641,

amending the zoning laws at 602 N. First Street, changing it from residential to multiple dwelling.

-approved the Geometric Improvement project on U.S. Highway 36, and authorize Mayor Corns to sign the agreement. This project is expected to start in 2014.

The following building permits were presented:

- Ag Valley Co-op - \$2,000, install carport east of scale house building at 314 W. North Street
- Jason Jones - \$15,000, construct addition to south side of house at 514 N. State Street
- First State Bank - \$45,425, roofing/re-roofing at 105 Main Street
- Don Jones - \$500, construct new porch at 708 W. Wilton
- Khosrow Sadeghian - \$200, re-roofing at 1013A and 1013B Kennedy Street
- Khosrow Sadeghian - \$850,

re-roofing at 1003A Kennedy Street

Ted Hadley - \$9,000, demolish and replace garage at 607 N. Jones

Sandi Hildebrand - \$5,800, re-roofing at 303 West Street

Jim Broeckelman - \$17,800, re-roofing at 210 W. Wilberforce

Jeremie Krehbiel - Application for water well permit at 910 West Street

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
NORTON SWIMMING POOL REPLACEMENT

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INVITATION TO BID
NORTON SWIMMING POOL REPLACEMENT

General Contractors are invited to submit an offer under seal to the City of Norton for replacement of their existing swimming pool facility located in Norton, Kansas.

Project Description: Replacement of the existing City of Norton swimming pool, bathhouse, and various site improvements.

Bid must be received by the City of Norton, Kansas at City Hall, 301 E. Washington Street, Norton, KS 67654 before 2:00 pm local standard time on the 12th day of June, 2013.

All equipment, materials, and workmanship must be in accordance with the plans, specifications, and project manual.

Pool Sub-Contractors are required to pre-qualify to the approval of the Owner no later than May 21st, 2013. Pool Sub-Contractors may request pre-qualification through completion and submission to the Engineer all related forms and bond documents required in the Project Manual. All General Contractors bidding the project must use one of the pre-qualified Pool Sub-Contractors for that portion of the work. A pre-qualified Pool Sub-Contractors list will be available to all plan holders via addendum prior to bidding.

Bid Documents, Plans, Specifications, Project Manual, and Soils Report may be obtained electronically as pdf files from the project engineer, Aquatic Design Consultants, Inc. General Contractors and potential Pool Sub-Contractors needing plans for bidding purposes may contact the engineer to request access to electronic plans by calling 913-937-0025, or by email request at bids@WaterParkTeam.com. A printed set of documents may be viewed at City Hall.

Bidders will be required to provide bid security in the form of a bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount.

Offers will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 45 days after submission.

The City of Norton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers.



Help us reach our goal of \$500 for the Norton County Relay For Life!

During the month of May, Nex-Tech is donating \$5 for every new Nex-Tech Phone, Internet, TV and Nex-Tech Wireless activation towards the Norton County Relay For Life.

Help us reach our goal of \$500 before the end of the month by signing up for Nex-Tech services!

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APRIL 2013 NORTON COUNTY VOUCHERS

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Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Norton County Courthouse April 30, 2013 to allow the following bills: K.S.A. 19-337. An itemized copy of this report is available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office.

Road and Bridge	\$58,808.50
Ambulance	\$49,020.38
Appraiser's Cost	\$13,877.79
County Health	\$42,355.13
Economic Development	\$12,609.40
Election	\$11,154.23
Employee Benefits	\$93,213.75
4-H Maintenance	\$668.38
Noxious Weed	\$62,162.45
Solid Waste	\$18,058.71
Solid Waste Cap Outlay	\$14,073.20
E 911 Fund	\$750.00

DISTRICT CORONER	\$200.00
Reg Deeds Tech Fund	\$216.32
911 Tax	\$6,873.87
Alcohol & Drug Test Fund	\$195.89
Co Attorney Diversion	\$478.49
Worthless Check Admin Fee	\$18.60
*Court Trustee - State	\$17,423.85
*Case Management	\$20,532.33
*JISP	\$27,405.39
*Diversion	\$10,006.99
*Juvenile Intake	\$8,115.24
Northwest BT Region	\$26,597.29

CLAIMS-GROSS PAYROLL	FUND TOTALS ONLY
County General	\$134,649.33



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