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Briefly

Two showings of the big-top circus

The world's biggest big top circus is coming to town. The Carson and Barnes Circus will be setting up at 9 a.m. on Saturday and the Norton City Fire Department will be washing an elephant. The two showings start at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Advanced tickets are available at Jamboree, Nex Tech and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Elephant wash set for this Saturday

The Norton City Fire Department will be providing a shower to the Carson and Barnes circus elephants with a shower on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Elmwood Park. The public is invited to come out and watch.

Norton to hold its Graduation Sunday

The Norton USD 211 High School graduation ceremonies will be held Sunday at Stull Gymnasium at 2:30 p.m.

No veterans help in Norton during May

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs will not be visiting in Norton during the month of May. Her next visit will be on Tuesday, June 4. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Markets

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Wheat	\$7.08
Milo	\$6.31
Soybeans	\$14.25
Corn	\$6.84

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op



THUNDERSTORMS Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms and a chance of rain in the afternoon. High of 93. Saturday Night - Overcast with a chance of thunderstorms and a chance of rain in the evening. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high of 99. Sunday Night - Chance of rain after midnight.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to follow you whenever and wherever you call us. Fill us with overflowing love for those in need. Amen.

The rewards of good music...



The Norton Choirs Awards Concert was held Monday night at the East Campus Auditorium. (Pictured) The Jay Singers performed several songs including "I Will Survive" and "Disco Fever." The junior

high and high school choirs also performed. Director Tamra Cochran also handed out awards the students earned for their singing performances throughout the year.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Personnel decisions made

By Mike Stephens
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The Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, made several personnel decisions after four closed door sessions at its regular meeting on Friday, May 10 at the Alice Tweed Center. Two of the closed door sessions were for personnel decisions and the other two were for negotiation purposes.

The board voted 6-0 in favor of the following personnel decisions:

- adopted the resolution of non-renewal for Mr. Jordan Kinsey as 9-12 instrumental music instructor.

- accepted the resignation of Doug Reusink, for retirement purposes, as teacher and coach effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

- re-hired Doug Reusink as a part-

time teacher subject to the terms and conditions agreed to as a KPERS retired teacher, and that he also be re-appointed as the Norton Community High School head basketball coach and assistant track coach.

- accepted the resignation of Cristina Sander as Eisenhower Elementary School secretary, effective May 17, 2013.

- approved the summer employment of Candace Gay to assist with the annual computer maintenance.

- approved the hiring of Lori Shields as Eisenhower Elementary secretary.

- approved the request of Vicki Robison to rescind her resignation as Junior Class sponsor.

- approved the request of Steve Vance to rescind his resignation as high school

math teacher and head forensics coach. -decided U.S.D. 211 will employ only one instrumental music instructor for grades 5-12.

- accepted the supplemental assignments for 2013-14, as presented.

- offered contracts to all current certified staff who have not resigned or been non-renewed for the 2013-14 school year, with pay and benefits to be determined.

- offered work agreements to all current U.S.D. 211 classified employees who have not resigned for the 2013-14 school year, with pay and benefits to be determined.

Superintendent Greg Mann reported to the board that the retirement reception honoring Mr. Kevin Jilka, and all those

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Several Norton families win circus tickets

As you well know, the circus is coming to town tomorrow and three sites sponsored by the Norton Rotary Club held contests for people to win the chance for free circus tickets.

The Norton Library had a jar of peanuts and whoever guessed closest to the actual number in the jar won a family pack to the circus. This included tickets for two adults and four children. The Norton Telegram held two contests, first, a guess the weight of Isa the elephant, the winner also got a family pack and second, a coloring contest for one free ticket. The third place for your chance to win a family pack was at KQNK radio station by calling in when prompted to win tickets.

Amazingly enough the same person won the peanut contest at the library and the guess Isa's weight at the Telegram, Kama Mandl won both so I guess she now gets to pay it forward and offer her extra family pass to someone else. No coloring contest pictures were returned in time for judging so there were no winners there. The four KQNK winners were Janelle Matzek, Cory Roy, Marty Harington and Tammy Maddy.

Don't forget to go down and watch the big-top be put up Saturday morning at 9 a.m. followed by the elephant wash by the Norton City fire Department at 11:30 a.m. The first show will take place at 2 p.m. and a second show will start at 5 p.m. if you are unable to make it to the first one. Come see the elephants, camels, trapeze artists and much more under the World's Biggest Big-Top Circus of Carson and Barnes.

Sheriff meets with commissioners

By Dana Paxton
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At last week's county commissioners meeting, Sheriff Troy Thomson addressed several department issues.

The first topic the sheriff brought up was that dispatcher Sheila Swisher would be leaving the department and that they were currently advertising for a new employee to cover her midnight to eight shift. Currently, Scott Kleinschmidt, has been working part time at the office and showed an interest in the position but nothing has been decided on at this time.

The second thing Mr. Thomson had for the commissioners was that of a felony warrant case. A former Norton resident who has a protection order

against him was picked up in Seattle, Washington and the state of Washington wants him extradited back to Kansas. The cost to transfer him back to Kansas would be approximately \$2000. Where this is not a victimless crime, Norton County Attorney Doug Sebelius will have to file for extradition through the governor to get this done.

The third item for discussion was that of purchasing a new pick up for the department since one was damaged. New Look Body Shop is fixing the one that will be replaced and the department is looking at giving the fixed truck to the Almena Fire Department like they have done in the past with other old vehicles. Mr. Thomson reported that the department currently has five vehicles, two

pick ups and three cars. They use the money buy back plan to rotate out the vehicles on a regular basis so the budget doesn't change. They are wanting another pick up because they last longer and have a better resale price.

The truck Mr. Thomas is wanting to purchase to replace with wrecked pick up is a 2012 Dodge Ram four door 4X4 super crew with 16,000 miles for \$24,900 from Engel's Sales and Service. "The warranty will transfer and it would be good to do business with a local dealer," stated Mr. Thomson. After discussion with Engel's it could be set up on a three year payment plan, a lease purchase agreement with the financial help of First Security Bank of Norton.

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Don McClelland got his morning surprise while White Fields owner Amanda Burns serves him some coffee and Credit Union employee Kendra Baker gives him the good news that it is on them.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Norton Credit Union pays it forward to all

The United Northwest Federal Credit Union surprised the town of Norton Monday morning at White Fields Cafe by buying everyone's coffee, doughnuts and breakfast. The Credit Union showed that the power of one can make a difference by people helping people.

The United Northwest Federal Credit Union of Norton, along with ten other credit unions in five other Kansas communities, paid it forward on this day.

The Credit Union wanted to put a smile on the faces of the citizens of Norton and they did just that when they hung out at White Fields Cafe and picked up the tab for everyone who

visited that morning. Their philosophy is "People helping people". This is one way they chose to illustrate that. Something as simple as paying for coffee can brighten a person's day and maybe inspire them to pay it forward.

Each participating credit union was given \$1000 to do this and they put smiles on people's faces until the money ran out. This is the second in a series of "Make a Difference" events, which are part of the Kansas Credit Union Association's statewide awareness campaign. The first event took place last year in the form of a gas giveaway. A third event is being planned for October, 2013.

