

# \$1 THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Briefly

## Sign up for this year's swim lessons

Registration for Red Cross certified swimming lessons will be held on Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the park shelter west of the pool. Must be 4 years of age or older. Each session is \$15 and there is a \$5 fee for late enrollments.

## Visiting doctors at Norton Hospital

Nelson Johnson, M.D. and Shi-Han, M.D., OB/GYN's are providing obstetrical service coverage at the Norton County Hospital from June 8 to June 17. Clinic consultations with these physicians may be made during this time by calling the Norton Medical Clinic at 785-877-3305.

## Church of God to host church camp

The First Church of God, 1010 Churchill Drive, will host Vacation Bible School on June 10-14, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call Cindy Voss at 785-871-0594 or Brenda Dole at 785-871-0244. For ages 4 through sixth grade.

## Beef clinic hosted by 4-H Council

The Norton County 4-H Council will host a Beef Fitting and Showing Clinic on Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m., at the livestock barn in Elmwood Park. Everyone is welcome.

## Wheat plot tour set for this Tuesday

The Norton County Wheat Plot Tour will be on Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. The plot is located on the north side of U.S. Highway 36 near mile-marker 110. Wheat signs are up in front of the plots and are able to be viewed. The public is invited.

## Markets

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Wheat .....	\$7.06
Milo .....	\$6.50
Soybeans .....	\$14.71
Corn .....	\$7.07

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op



Friday Night - Partly cloudy with thunderstorms and rain showers. Low of 59. Saturday - Partly cloudy with thunderstorms and rain showers. High of 88. Chance of rain 30 percent. Saturday Night - Rain showers. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high of 90. Sunday Night - Clear with a low of 61. Monday - Partly cloudy with a high of 95.

## Prayer

Loving God, show us how to reach out to people in ordinary and simple ways. Amen



## Hurry up and wait...



As everyone knows there is a lot of road construction going on east of Norton. Flaggers and pilot cars direct the traffic and sometimes this causes long delays so commuters need to keep this in mind if they are heading east of town. Melissa Nisbeth, a

Venture Corporation employee, is seen here on her second day of work. The widening of US Highway 36 has been a long time coming so putting up with a wait will be worth it in the end.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Norton's Relay For Life begins tonight

Teams of Norton County residents will gather at the Norton County Courthouse Square tonight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for an overnight relay against cancer.

Relay For Life is a fun filled event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer), remember loved ones and raise money for the fight against cancer.

There will be pizza and snacks for the survivors and caregivers at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Norton Courthouse Square, prior to the Relay. At 6:45 p.m., Survivors are asked to be seated on the

bleachers for a group photo.

The opening ceremony will commence at 7 p.m. with a welcoming from Karen Wright and Lee Russell, Event Co-Chairman and guest speaker, Lizzie Parkinson from Scott City. Following the opening ceremony is the always moving, Survivor Lap with a cancer survivors celebrating those who have survived cancer or who are currently battling cancer. Games and live entertainment by The Three Jacks encourage people all through the night. Some teams also hold creative fundraisers and silent auctions at their camp sites during Relay. Emceeding the Relay

will be Marvin Matchett from KQNK Radio.

At 9 p.m., on the courthouse steps, a "Fight Back" ceremony will inspire Relay participants with his or her own commitment and will challenge them to take a personal pledge of action (e.g., stop smoking, eat more healthy, exercise regularly etc.) in fighting back.

Just after sundown, at 10 p.m. one of the most emotional ceremonies of the evening will take place. The "Luminaria" ceremony will honor cancer survivors and remember those lost to the disease. Participants will circle a track that is surrounded with glowing

luminaria that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer, while the names are read out loud. Luminaria may be purchased until 8:30 p.m. at the Relay for \$10 each.

The Norton Theatre will be showing a free movie at Midnight, during the Relay For Life. This year's movie will be "Epic."

This year's theme is "A Summer Full Of Hope." For information on Relay For Life of Norton County call Karen Wright at 785-877-2707 or Lee Russell at 785-877-2383.

# County won't have to buy any land for upgrades

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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It looks like Norton County won't have to buy any right-of-way land for its improvements to Road L for the Ag Valley grain loadout facility.

The county is planning to upgrade the road leading to the facility to concrete to help handle the many tracks that will be using that road.

Kenzel Lynn with Schwab-Eaton, the engineering firm working with the county on the road, said that he is specifying that the two 12-foot lanes of the road will have nine inches of concrete with a six-inch base of soil mixed with fly-ash. The intersection on the road will have 10-inch concrete, he said.

The intersection won't have the fly-ash in the base, however, because he wants work on it to be done in a couple of days and it takes several days for fly-ash to set before concrete can be poured.

The drainage will be below the road, he said. And, he suggested, the ditches

by the sale barn be concrete lined to get rid of any waste that might wash out of the pens there.

There will be field entrances along the road, he said, and the road will be built to the same grade it is now. To do this, two to three inches of gravel will be removed from the road and stored for other county projects.

Mr. Lynn passed out a sheet of probable costs, the biggest would be the nine inches of concrete, which should cost about \$678,000. The whole project including a 25 percent contingency override would come to \$1,160,500. This does not include engineering fees, which have already been worked out, he told the commissioners.

While the project is coming in under budget and the county has authorized a \$3 million bond for the road, the commissioners noted that they still have to fix Road E1, which feeds into Road L.

Mr. Lynn said that he is looking at a four-inch asphalt overlay on that section of E1 that would have heavy truck

traffic.

Commissioners Charles Posson and Richard Thompson both voiced concerns that E1 has some soft spots in the base and said that they thought that needs to be fixed or the road will not hold up.

"Do it right the first time," Mr. Posson said. "It'll be a headache and you'll have to go back and do it again if you don't."

County Clerk Robert Wyatt said that Ag Valley wants the trucks to use E1 rather than Road E2 because there is a bridge on E2 and if trucks use that road they will not be lined up correctly to use the scale at the facility.

"They want them to hit the scale right," Mr. Wyatt said.

The commissioners said they would like the road to be 24 feet wide if that much can be fit in the existing roadway, however, they really don't want to have to buy any right-of-way for E1 either.

"Not if we can help it," Mr. Posson said.

# Concrete transformed into useful gravel

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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The cement at the Norton County landfill has been reduced to piles of gravel but it has cost the county \$55,000.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Sandy Smith said that the county has come up with 800 tons of three-inch gravel, 1,000 ton of one and one-half-inch gravel, both of which will be used at the landfill and 5,500 tons of three-quarter-inch gravel, which will be used on road projects throughout the county.

She also said that projects on roads Q and D2 will cost the county \$59,457 but the county should recoup \$64,000 in aid from the state and federal government on the projects.

The county also has received a request by Greg Sumner, who farms in the area to close Lane W15 from Road C to D, she told the commissioners.

"They farm the ground around and

want to farm straight through," she told the commissioners.

County Road Foreman Floyd Richard said that the so-called road is overgrown with trees and almost impassible in spots.

Commissioner Charles Posson wanted to know if the county would get a lot of complaints if the road is closed. The last time the county was asked to close a road, it received complaints and that has still not been resolved.

Mr. Richard said that there is no way of knowing but the neighboring landowners must be notified and the closing has to be advertised in the paper.

"It would just be closed for county maintenance," he said. "They could still have a lane."

The commissioners decided to go ahead with the road closure proceedings.

The commissioners also discussed the electrical system at the county shop, which is in need of work.

Ms. Smith said that she had asked for bids from six places but only received two. One from Bailey Electric out of Norcatour is for repair work, she said. The other, more expensive bid, is from Garrett Plumbing and Heating. Of Norton and is for a complete first-class redo of the system.

The commissioners said that they have only budgeted \$15,000 for the maintenance on the building but would like to see the electrical work brought up to modern day code.

"We need something in between," Commissioner Richard Thompson said.

The commissioner, decided to put off a decision right now and contact Norton City/County Economic Director Scott Sproul to see if he could find any money to help update the circa 1939 WPA-built facility.

"He has a knack for finding help," County Clerk Robert Wyatt said.

## Annual antique machinery show in Almena Sat., Sun.

The Sunflower Pioneer Power Association's 33rd Annual Antique Machinery, Threshing, Power & Car Show will be on June 8 and 9, in Almena. The show will feature John Deere equipment and a variety of machinery from days gone by. Admission to the show for both days is \$5 for adults and free for kids 12 and under. The event will be on West Brockton Street in Almena.

Breakfast will be served both days and events will start with the 2 p.m. parade. The car show and swap meet will be going on all day long both days as well.

The Power Pedal Pull will follow the parade Saturday afternoon and this is for children from the ages five to ten.

Church services are set for 8:30 a.m. on Sunday with more great events to follow.