

# \$1 THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Friday  
July 5, 2013

## Briefly

### Practice begins for Show Choir Camp

Show Choir camp will start on Monday and then the participants will perform on Friday, July 12 at the East Campus Auditorium at 7 p.m.

### Fun Night at the Norton Library

Fun Night at the Norton Public Library on Thursday, July 11 from 6:30-8 p.m., is 'Dirt Cup Night.' Come and make dirt cups and finish the night making duct tape book marks.

### Open meeting seminar offered

The Kansas attorney general's office will conduct a free seminar on the Kansas Open Meetings and Open Records laws from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 23, at the Student Union at Colby Community College. The seminar is designed for elected officials, reporters and the public, providing information on the basics of Kansas' open-government laws, the office said. It is open to the public, but space is limited and registration is first come, first served. Go to [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov) or call (785) 296-2215.

### Public invited to Health meeting

The Norton County Hospital and the Norton County Health Department invite community members to a Norton County community health needs assessment follow-up meeting on Wednesday, July 10 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Prairie Land Electric conference room. The public is invited to attend. Lunch will be available for those in attendance.

## Markets

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

Wheat .....\$6.76  
Milo.....\$6.12  
Soybeans.....\$14.93  
Corn.....\$6.56  
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms and rain. High of 95. Saturday Night - Mostly cloudy in the evening. Sunday - Partly cloudy in the morning with a high of 99. Sunday Night - Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Monday - Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms.

## Prayer

Dear God, help us to see you in all circumstances. When we face tough situations, help us to remember that the Holy Spirit is living and working in us as we pray, "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." Amen.

# Head on crash seriously injures two



**By MIKE STEPHENS**  
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The Kansas Highway Patrol responded to a violent head-on collision at 3:42 p.m. Monday on U.S. Highway 36, three and a half miles east of Norton, that sent four people to the hospital. According to the Highway Patrol, 16-year-old Sabrina D. Field-Pirotte of Phillipsburg was driving a 2003

Dodge Grand Caravan westbound, and Wayne Byler, 54 of Norton, was driving a 2004 Peterbilt semi-tractor trailer eastbound. For an unknown reason the van went left of center and struck the semi head-on. The van came to a rest facing north in the ditch and the semi jack-knifed and came to a rest facing north in the south ditch. Field-Pirotte and a two-year-old male passenger were trans-

ported by ambulance to Norton County Hospital. Field-Pirotte was then flown to Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City and the two-year-old was flown to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. The two other passengers injured were Brandy Field, age 36 of Phillipsburg, and a five-year-old female who were transported to Norton County Hospital. The truck driver, Byler, was

not injured and all parties were wearing seat belts or in child safety seats, according to the Highway Patrol. The highway was closed in both directions as emergency crews extricated the injured passengers with the "Jaws of Life." Debris from the vehicles covered both lanes of the highway and it remained closed for several hours.

# Highway to be closed all summer near Hoxie

**By STEVE HAYNES**  
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The highway between Selden and Hoxie will be closed next summer while the state rebuilds the road with wider pavement and better sight distances, Department of Transportation officials told a couple of dozen citizens at a public meeting in Hoxie on Thursday. The project is the department's answer to years of pleas from Sheridan County residents to do something about safety on K-23, a secondary route that

runs from the Selden junction with U.S. 83 and K-383 to the Oklahoma line. The road north of Hoxie hasn't been updated since it was built in the 1940s, but repeated asphalt overlays have built up and narrowed the driving lanes, leaving a sharp drop off along the road in many places. District Engineer Jeff Stewart and other officials explained that to save money and be sure the work is done safely, the road will be closed for about six months, from mid-March until at least mid-September. An "official" de-

tour will lead drivers 47 miles down U.S. 83 to the Nine Mile junction east of Colby, then back to Hoxie on U.S. 24. Realistically, Mr. Stewart said, the department expects most local drivers to use county roads to get around the work, especially the "Feed Lot" road, a

gravel road running south from the west edge of Selden. The state has promised to give county commissioners money and asphalt millings to build up the road. Mr. Stewart said the project is being done as a "practical improvement."

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## Decisions, decisions...



Nick and Zachary Esslinger check out the selection of fireworks offered at the Half Price Fireworks stand on Monday as business lady Kendra Baker straightens up the displays. John Baker, owner of the stand, stated that sales are up from last year and most locals have been respecting the restrictions the City of Norton has in place.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Norton School board plans for the next year

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The Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, held its year-end meeting on Friday, June 28 at the Alice Tweed Center. After a closed door session, the Board ratified the contract with certified staff, approved administrator bonuses of \$1,433 in lieu of salary increases, and approved increasing classified wages by \$0.25 per hour for the 2013-2014 school year.

Superintendent Greg Mann presented possible policy changes for 2013-2014 to the Board for its review. Any adoption of these changes will be considered at the July 15 meeting.

Mann also presented the personnel handbooks for 2013-2014 for the Board to study and review. The Board will consider approval of the handbooks at

its July 15 meeting as well. The Board also approved the consent agenda which consists of the agenda for June 28, the minutes of the June 10 regular meeting, payment of bills, payroll and encumbrances. Also, authority was given to the treasurer to pay 2012-2013 end-of-year bills as may yet be received on or before July 1. Authority was given to the Board Clerk, Treasurer and Superintendent to transfer any year-end funds according to State statute and/or Kansas State Department of Education guidelines. These positions were also given the authority to utilize Contingency Reserve Funds if necessary to pay final expenses for 2012-2013.

### Expenditures approved for payment total:

	PAYROLL	BILLS
General Fund	\$775,110.37	\$1,445.81
Vocational	\$26,636.01	\$663.41
Capital Outlay		\$1,170.36
Food Service	\$16,106.45	\$417.33
Drivers Education	\$1,798.20	\$270.30
Title I	\$24,850.35	\$844.97
Special Education	\$19,049.58	\$7,331.97
At-Risk	\$50,924.74	
Supplemental General	\$53,832.45	\$157,245.58
Summer School	\$7,320.57	\$179.31
Title II-A	\$3,238.74	\$454.97
Welter Scholarship		\$300.00
Steichen Scholarship		\$500.00
Tansill Scholarship		\$500.00
Total	\$978,867.46	\$171,324.01

