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Briefly

Enrollment packets are now available

USD 211 enrollment packets for the 2013-2014 school year may be picked up in the USD 211 Office from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They can also be picked up at First Security Bank of Lenora and The Bank in Norcatgur during normal business hours. Enrollment will take place the week of August 5. Check out the website www.usd211.org.

Disc Golf clinic to be held next week

The Norton Recreation Commission and the Norton Disc Golf Club will hold a disc golf clinic for children on Thursday, Aug. 1, from 7-8 p.m. at the Elmwood Park Disc Golf Course. The event is free and the first 20 registered participants (ages 6-12) will receive a free disc. Contact Don Mordecai at 877-5475.

Learn about Israel at the library

On July 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Norton Public Library, Destry Jackson will be sharing about an archaeological dig in the ancient city of Ai, Israel. She was part of this dig in May of this year. Destry is the daughter of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatgur. Refreshments will be served.

Tag renewals due by next Wednesday

July 31 is the last day to purchase "J", "K", or "L" tags at the Norton County Treasurers office. Bring current proof of insurance for all vehicles. You can now get your Kansas Parks Passports when renewing your tags for \$15.50 per vehicle. For trailers, include current insurance for the vehicle that will pull the trailer. Office staff will verify VIN number, policy number and current expiration date. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Drivers license renewals can be done Tuesdays through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You need to have your drivers license and a current utility bill or current bank statement with your name and address for proof of residency. CDL renewals must be done at Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

Markets

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Wheat	\$6.95
Milo	\$5.77
Soybeans	\$12.84
Corn	\$6.52

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high of 82. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Sunday - Overcast with a chance of rain and a high of 82. Sunday Night - Mostly cloudy with a 70 percent chance of rain. Monday - Overcast with fog early and a high of 86.

Prayer

Help us, Lord, to show your love in the difficult relationships in our lives. Amen

Just horsing around...



The Horse Show Showmanship and timed events for the 4-H/FFA Horse Show were just a few of the many events that took place at the Norton County Fair on Monday. This year's fair will conclude on

Saturday night with the car races at Elmwood Park Speedway. Races begin Saturday at 7 p.m. and then on Sunday they begin at 6 p.m. -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

School board budget discussed

By Mike Stephens

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Superintendent Greg Mann presented the proposed 2013-14 budget to the Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, at its regular meeting on Monday at the Alice Tweed Center. The Board approved the budget for publication with an increase in the capital outlay mill levy to five mills and an increase in the Local Option Budget to 21.4 mills. The budget was approved by a 5-1 vote, with Bill Jones voting no. Steve Berry requested that the minutes reflect that the increases are necessary due to the fact that the Kansas State Legislature is not appropriating enough funds to pay for all state aid owed to schools according to state statutes. The Board will hold a budget hearing on Aug. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

in the U.S.D. 211 board room.

The Board also appointed a new president and vice president for the 2013-14 school year. Chris Harting was appointed president by a vote of 5-1 (Harting abstained) and Robert Wyatt was unanimously chosen as vice president.

The Board accepted the resignation of Gregg Ankenman, who has decided to retire after 27-plus years as Assistant Maintenance Director effective as of July 15. The Board thanked Ankenman for his service to U.S.D. 211.

Norton Community High School has a new assistant football coach for the upcoming season. The Board unanimously approved Terrell Land to the position.

The Board made the following ap-

pointments:

-appointed April Karnopp as the board representative to the NCKSEC Board of Directors.

-appointed Craig Renner as the board representative on the Professional Development Council for the 2013-14 school year.

-appointed Robert Wyatt as the board representative to the Curriculum Coordinating Council.

-appointed Chris Harting as the board representative on the KASB Governmental Relations Board.

In other board news: -Superintendent Mann reported the school calendars have arrived and enrollment cards were mailed on Monday.

-Mann also reported that no one has

contacted him with regards to the open board position and he will continue to advertise the position.

-approved the Classified Employee handbook, Eisenhower Elementary School faculty handbook and the junior/high school faculty handbook as presented.

-approved the proposed Board of Education policy additions and changes as presented.

-accepted the proposal from K & K Insurance, Topeka, for student accident insurance for a cost of \$11,460 for 2013-14, by a 4-2 vote. Craig Renner and Bill Jones voted no.

-approved participation in the Decatur County Neighborhood Revitaliza-

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Dressed up to go dancing and to raise the roof

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

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Flappers in "shimmy" dresses, gangsters in zoot suits, girls in 1980s leg warmers and mini-skirts and '50s guys in James Dean blue jeans and T-shirts converged on the Norcatgur City Building the night of July 13 for an "Era Dance" to raise money for the completion of the new metal roof on the former school building.

Temperatures hit three-digits that day, but the newly installed air conditioning unit kept the all-purpose room comfortable while about 50 people modeled their dance attire, ate popcorn and generally had a good time.

Full Throttle DJ Service of Oberlin provided the dance music and played a wide variety of music that appealed to dancers of all ages. Casey and Justine Tuttle, Norcatgur, won the \$50

grand prize for having the best "Era Costume." The young couple looked like they had just stepped out of "The Roaring Twenties." Their two-year old daughter, Jade, wore a mini-flapper dress of her own.

The benefit, sponsored by the Norcatgur City Council, raised \$303 to be applied toward the roof project. Construction of the roof is being done by Allan and Deanne Langness of Good-

land. The couple have been living in their camper parked in the shade behind the former school building while working on the roof. This project is the final phase of a three-year plan to roof the entire wing of what was once the Norcatgur Grade School.

Norcatgur City Clerk Deb Marshall said, "The roof is almost done. It looks so nice and it will be wonderful to no longer have any leaks."



Traveling on trust, learning about small town America

By DANA PAXTON

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On June 20th of this year, a twenty two year old man and college graduate from Calvin College of Grand Rapids, Michigan left Mt. Vernon, Washington on an adventure of a lifetime.

Josh DeLacy is from Port Orchard Washington and after he graduated from college he didn't feel like he wanted to jump right into the workforce but rather he chose to get some life lessons on the road from the people of rural America. Traveling on foot hitchhiking only the smaller highways he plans to reach Sante Fe, New Mexico by July 28 for a writing class and then hopes to be back home in Washington by August 17 to attend a wedding.

Josh has been on other hiking trips

before so he started planning this one six months ago. He said that his parents were not surprised at all that he would do something like this but didn't expect it to be so extreme.

He carries a 55 pound backpack with a bible, some books, a tent, sleeping bag, a pad, three changes of clothes, some water, a small amount of food and a small cook stove, which he has yet to use after twenty days on the road. He also has his iPad and a cell phone but carries no money or weapons. Knowing that he needs to be visible he also totes along his hunter orange Winchester ball cap. He is solely dependent on the kindness of strangers for food, rides, showers and a place to sleep from time to time.

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