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## Friday

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### Briefly

#### Valley Hope to host Alkathon Saturday

Valley Hope will celebrate its founding with the annual Alkathon on Saturday, August 17 at the St. Francis Parish Hall in Norton. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend.

#### Benefit Bike Bash is set for this weekend

The Northwest Kansas Bike Bash will be held August 16-18 at Larrick Park in Lenora. A bike rodeo and burnout pit will be among the many activities. All proceeds benefit the Children's Hospital, Ministerial Alliance and the American Legion Riders. For questions call Tyler Burns at 785-871-2401 or Joe Sweet at 785-874-8765.

#### Car races to take place on Saturday

Don't miss out on the racing action at the Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton Saturday night with the grandstands open at 5 p.m., hot laps at 6 p.m. and the racing to start at 7 p.m.

#### Elementary school screening next week

Eisenhower Elementary will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screen on Friday, August 23. To schedule an appointment, please call Eisenhower Elementary at 877-5113 by Thursday, August 22, and ask for Joan Hale.

#### Veterans receive help with claims

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commissions on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 until 11:45 at the Norton County Library to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, August 20. 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, August 15, 2013

Wheat	\$6.96
Milo	\$5.16
Soybeans	\$12.57
Corn	\$5.96

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with fog early. High of 82. Saturday Night - Fog overnight. Sunday - Partly cloudy with fog early and a high of 84. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with fog overnight. Monday - Clear with a high of 91. Monday Night - Clear with a low of 66. Tuesday - Clear with a 20 percent chance of rain and a high of 86. Tuesday Night - Clear with a low of 63. Wednesday - Clear with a high of 95. Wednesday Night - Clear with a low of 63. Thursday - Clear with a high of 86.

### Prayer

When trials come to us, O God, help us not to focus on our anger but on your love and strength that not only help us to endure but to grow in our faith. Amen.

## Bring on the rain...



A torrential downpour on Wednesday afternoon caused some minor street flooding in town that cars waded through, but despite that, the moisture is badly needed and welcomed by farmers. -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## Sheriff's department facing multiple issues

By CYNTHIA HAYNES  
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Norton Sheriff Troy Thomson isn't having a very good August but he's getting his problems worked out.

On Monday, Sheriff Thomson told the Norton County commissioners that he has had an attempted suicide in the jail, has had a deputy resign and has found out that he needs a new video security system for the jail.

The sheriff said that Deputy Scott Bohl has resigned but that part-time dispatcher Scott Kleinschmidt is taking law enforcement training on his own

time and money and plans to work part-time as a deputy when he is done so that no one new will be hired for the vacant position.

On Aug. 6, the sheriff said, one of the jail inmates tried to hang himself. However, another inmate saw what was going on and called for help so the suicide attempt was unsuccessful.

When the jail staff tried to download the security camera that should have been recording the whole thing, the system refused to co-operate and it looks like it is shot. The camera have been having some lens problems for

a while he said as sunlight has burned them over the past 10 years the system has been in place.

Sheriff Thomson said that he called Kevin Hansen with CEI Security and Sound out of Hastings, Neb., the technician for the system and he came down and got at least one camera up and running. However, the sheriff said the system is outdated and it looks like the programing in blown.

Mr. Hansen has given the county a bid of a little over \$24,000 to replace the system with a new digital one, the sheriff said, and he would like to take

that bid since no one in Norton County does anything like this, it would be difficult to get more bids and time is of the essence.

"I didn't plan on using my capital outlay for this," the sheriff said, but added that he doesn't feel that he has any choice but to replace the mostly dead system as quickly as possible.

He noted that the system put in 10 year ago cost the county \$22,000 so with inflation, the \$24,000 plus price tag isn't that bad.

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## Participants wanted for Leadership Challenge

By CYNTHIA HAYNES  
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The Norton City/County Economic Development group is looking for five to seven people to take the 2103 Northwest Kansas Regional Leadership Challenge, a series of four day-long classes.

Those who've completed the Leadership Norton County classes would be good candidate because this would increase their ability to help the community, said Economic

Development Director Scott Sproul and the group's monthly meeting on Tuesday.

The classes are being sponsored by Rural Telephone/NexTech, Midwest Energy and PrairieLand Electric, Mr. Sproul said. The energy companies will pay for the speakers, venue and meals for people from Norton, Russell, Smith and Phillips counties and possibly Osborne County, he said. The communities should pick up the cost of transportation for their attendees so

there should be no out-of-pocket costs for them.

Attendees should plan to go to all four classes, Mr. Sproul said. Classes will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10, in Russell, Tuesday; Oct. 8, in Norton; Wednesday, Nov. 20, in Smith Center; and Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Phillipsburg.

The classes will cover a wide range of subjects to help the participants diagnose and help solve community problems.

Information about the classes will be posted on the economic development web site, www.discovernorton.com.

Mr. Sproul said that he has talked to

a couple of people who are interested in purchasing the building, between Moffet Drug and Renew Chic Boutique, that the group is using as a business incubator.

"I'm happy to say the business incubator is doing very well," he told the group and added that he definitely wants to continue having such a space available although the present occupant is growing enough that they will probably have to move to a larger space.

Board member Curtis Eveleigh asked

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## The Rock gets upgrades..



The Rock Youth Center, 111 E. Main, is having an open house on Sunday, Aug. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. In the past year, The Rock has undergone over \$30,000 in improvements, according to Bill Johnson, president of The Rock, including a state of the art recreation room that has a surface to accommodate basketball, volleyball, badminton and tennis. Johnson said the recreation room is really impressive and is a must see during Sunday's open house.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## Local Jennings man publishes first book

A Jennings man, Daniel P. Coffman, has published his first full-length novel, "Four From Below."

Mr. Coffman said he grew up in Pennsylvania and spent his post-college years as a mechanic and freelance writer, working in Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Houston, Los Angeles and Poland and Columbus, Ohio.

Since becoming serious about writing, he has published works online.

"Four From Below" tells the tales of ordinary people—or so they seem—thrust into extraordinary circumstances.

Ray Deet lives a life of shame. His mother abandoned him, and the school bullies singled him out for abuse. A chance encounter with a denizen of the world below changed the timid boy, but are these changes for the better? Charlie Vos has a scoop. Aging

actress Victoria Manwell, his teen fantasy, is now a recluse. She has a tale to tell. But is Charlie ready to hear it?

Alexi Zachas has inherited his grandfather's mansion — and the hidden lab below. Aided by an eager young assistant, this practitioner of the "sideways sciences" hopes to turn back the clock on the human body.

Apri Saluzar has a problem. Several problems, in fact: a domineering mother, insomnia, an unsatisfying job. Oh, and the occasional body part appearing in her home."

Mr. Coffman lives in Jennings with his wife, Brenda Weis Coffman, also a writer, and two sons.

The book is available from amazon.com for \$2.99 as an e-book or \$9.99 in paperback.

