

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



## Tuesday

### October 29, 2013

### Briefly

#### Booster club plans regular meeting

This week's Norton Blue Jay Booster Club meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday in the cafeteria of the Norton Community High School.

Speaking to the fans will be head football coach Lucas Melvin, head cross country coach George Rossi and head girls volleyball coach Christine Thompson.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are encouraged to attend these weekly meetings. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend the meetings.

#### Blood drive set for this Thursday

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday Oct. 31 at the Norton 4-H building from noon until 6 p.m. Walk ins are welcome.

#### Craft/Vendor fair to be in Alma

The 2013 Fall Craft /Vendor Fair will be held in Alma on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Alma Community Building. A lunch stand will be available.

#### Youth celebrate achievements

There will be a 4-H achievement night on Sunday Nov. 3 at the Norton 4-H Building. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. followed by the awards.

#### Arts Council to host jugglers

The Norton County Arts Council will host Something Ridiculous Jugglers on Sunday Nov. 3 at 4 p.m. The event will be held at the Norton East Campus auditorium.

#### Time to change over the weekend

It is that time of year to move your clocks back one hour Saturday night Nov. 2. This is a good time to also check the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

### Markets

Monday, October 28, 2013

Wheat.....	\$7.35
Milo.....	\$3.96
Soybeans.....	\$12.04
Corn.....	\$4.21

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Tuesday Night - 20 percent chance of rain. Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Wednesday Night - Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow and rain showers in the evening. Fog overnight. Thursday - Overcast with a high of 61. Thursday Night - Low of 37.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for hearing our prayers at all times of the day or night. Amen.



## Halloween parade a big success again

There were approximately 650 hot dogs served at this year's 46th annual Heller Halloween parade held last Thursday. "I think it was a bigger crowd than in years past due to the nicer weather and nothing going on that night," stated City Fire Chief Mitch Jones. He went on to say that he had about 15 volunteers helping serve and they couldn't do it without the local businesses that contribute and donate as well as for the Chamber lining up the parade and to the wives of the fire department personnel for helping.

After lining up behind Moffet Drug a very large group traveled down State Street to Washington Street and ended up in a line for hotdogs that they got to cook over an open fire like so many years before.

Great costumes, food and good times filled the air in preparation for Halloween.

## Toughest week yet for Pick-Em players

By DICK BOYD

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Football fans entering the Telegram's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest had their toughest week yet this season with only one person entering a perfect entry.

That one person and winner of the \$15 scrip first prize was Jasmine Covington, Alma.

Three fans missed just the Minnesota win over Nebraska and were in the running for the second and third prizes. Judges used the tiebreaker game won 35-12 by Kansas State over West Vir-

ginia to determine the next two winners. The three chose K-State on the tiebreaker and by different scores but the total difference in the two teams' scores turned out to be exactly the same. Niles Peterson, Shawnee, chose K-State by 35-28 or 16 points off. Kelli Alexander, Norton, picked the Cats by 28-21, also 16 points off and Charlotte Stephenson, Norton, picked the Wildcats by 24-17, also missing the actual score by a total of 16 points.

Judges had to go to a drawing again. Niles placed second and will receive the \$10 scrip second prize. Kelli's

name was drawn next so she will receive the \$5 scrip third prize.

Charlotte gets an "E for Effort".

Correct on all but two games were: Bob Covington, Linda Covington, both of Alma; Dalton Miller, Trey Millan, both of Hays; Lisa Musman, Phillipsburg; Brody McDowell, Aaron McDowell, Lexie McDowell, all of Hill City; Jacob Green, Rick Green, Ryan Hopkins, Doug Ray, Keely Millan, Nish Millan, Fig Millan, Tobi Boller, Jennifer Boller, Patrick Hall, Shelby Jones, Mary Ann Hager, Devon Gasper, Chad Gasper, Chase Rice,

Abby Rice, Bruce Rushton, Len Coady, Tom Davis, David Riemann, Steve Voltertsen, LeRoy Newell, all of Norton.

Missing three contests were: Haley Graham, Tiffany Compton, Ja'Nee Moore, Julie Hilburn, Alberta Geil, all of Alma; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Dorothy Becker, Logan; Tiffney Yeager, Chelle Millan, Virginia Carlton, Tom Baumann, Trent Alexander, Charlotte Gasper, Scott Kentfield, Andrew Ellis, Wilson Ellis, Regina Beikman, Taryn Graham, Darin Williams, Ken Gregoire, Lynn Nelson, Bill Nelson,

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## Upgrades and renovations cost a lot of money

By Cynthia Haynes

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Norton County commissioners decided that they would do what they can for the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas in its quest to upgrade its facilities in the county.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul told the commissioners at their meeting last Monday that the group is looking

to turn a garage into livable space and was wondering if they could help with the landfill fees involved.

County Clerk Robert Wyatt wanted to know if the property could be considered deteriorated since the intent of the policy allowing free or reduced landfill fees if removing or renovating structures in poor condition.

Mr. Sproul said that the group is looking to spend upwards of \$300,000

to renovate the property but he didn't know that it was in poor condition merely not ready for occupancy. The high cost, he said, is partially because the group takes care of handicapped people and making things accessible for them is more expensive.

County Attorney Doug Sebelius said he didn't think the property fell within the scope of the county's program to remove deteriorating structures and

place them with useable, livable space.

Mr. Sproul said that he didn't think the project is designed to create more jobs but that the group, while a business is a non profit and has helped the community by providing jobs and services.

"If it wasn't Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, you wouldn't be giving it a thought," Mr. Sebelius said adding that the county might want to

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## Procedures used will extend life of Norton Landfill

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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It looks like the Norton County landfill will last longer than originally thought. Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller told the county commissioners

during their meeting on Monday October 21.

The landfill gets about 400,000 pounds of trash a month, Mr. Miller said.

Since taking over as supervisor, Mr.

Miller said, he has used a trash compactor on almost everything that goes into the pit. Because of that there is less air space in the pit between articles of trash and therefore more is fitting into the space.

Mr. Miller said that he's sure upkeep, fuel and labor for the compactor is a lot less expensive than a new cell for the landfill will be and by swishing everything together, he feels that the life of the county's trash disposal area will be increased.

Also, he said, not covering each day's trash with a layer of dirt to keep it from blowing helps increase the lifespan. By compacting and not dumping when it is windy, the area stays cleaner than when there was dirt put on the area each night.

"We don't have trash strung all over because we've been doing a very good job of controlling and compacting that trash," Mr. Miller said.

"We chart the wind every day," he said, adding that if it is blowing more than 14 mph, the crew puts the trash into the buildings used for that.

"When the wind is not blowing," he said, "we work our tails off."

Mr. Miller said that the top wind speed, charted at the landfill, has been 72 mph.

However, he told the commissioners he is worried that the state and federal government are going to start tighten-

ing the rules on landfills.

"It's evident to me," he said, "they don't like unlined pits without a doubt."

Mr. Miller said that he thinks the state is pushing for large open pits like they have in Phillipsburg. However, he said, he doesn't like that type of pit mostly due to the large amount of water that collects in them.

When he visited the Phillipsburg landfill recently, he said, there were two large ponds in the pit.

Mr. Miller said that he sees a problem with the federal Environmental Protection Agency in the future with storm water rules. He thinks that this might be a problem for Norton and foresees an even bigger problem for the large, open pits like at Phillipsburg.

The county's construction and demolition pit is grandfathered in, he said, and when the debris comes up to ground level, the pit will become a mound and can go up to 20 feet into the air.

That pit should have 20 years left, he said, but there are people at the state looking to change the rules.

With the city-wide cleanup in Norton this week, Mr. Miller said he expects to bring in a lot of innerspring mattresses. These are a bit of a problem, he said. The crew runs over them until the bedding material is worn off then they go into the scrap metal pile. It's a process, he said, but usually it works.

### Steppin in time...



The Norton Community High School Choir, Norton Junior High School Choir and the Jay Singers held a vocal concert on Thursday evening at the East Campus Auditorium. (Pictured) The Jay Singers, under the direction of Tamra Cochran, opened the show with "Shim Sham Shimmy," "Cheek to Cheek," and "Gettin' In the Mood."

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

