

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

January 17, 2014

Briefly

Conceal carry class offered Saturday

There will be a conceal carry class on Saturday at the Norton American Legion starting at noon. Contact Scott Kleinschmidt for more information.

Soup supper set for Saturday night

The Norton Community Center is holding a fundraising soup supper on Saturday, from 5 to 7 p.m. Free will offerings accepted.

USD 211 to hold Java Jive Sunday

The Norton Community High School will hold Java Jive on Sunday at the Norton Junior High Gymnasium starting at 7 p.m.

No school for the students Monday

There will be no school for USD 211 students on Monday due to a teachers inservice day.

Meeting set for the Almena fire crews

The Almena Fire Department will hold their annual meeting on Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Almena Community Building.

Lenora to host fire meeting Monday

The Solomon Valley Rural Fire Department will hold their annual meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Lenora Community Building.

Spelling Bee set for next Wednesday

Eisenhower Elementary School will have a Spelling Bee at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$5.98
Milo.....	\$3.92
Soybeans.....	\$12.58
Corn.....	\$4.12

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Sunshine with a high of 55. Saturday Night - Clear skies with a low of 31. Sunday - Sunny with a high of 62. Sunday Night - Mostly clear sky with a low around 30. Monday - Sunshine and clouds mixed with a high of 51. Monday Night - Generally fair with a low of 24.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to appreciate our differences. Help us to work together in unity and peace in order to bring your light to this world. Amen.

Home fires kept burning...



The Norton Rural Fire Department was called out at 2:10 p.m. Monday to a small fire at the Dennis Brooks residence on KQNK road. When they reached the scene firefighters found a sidehill next to the creek and a building on fire. Fire Chief Steve Otter said, "My guess would be that it started due to dumping of fireplace ashes.

The building next to the flames was saved since it was concrete." Setting next to the creek made this a dangerous situation as it could have gotten out of control but the local fire department contained the fire very quickly.

- Photo by Dana Paxton

School audit and bond discussed

By MIKE STEPHENS

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John Mapes of Mapes & Miller C.P.A.'s, presented to the Board of Education U.S.D. 211, at its Monday meeting, the financial audit report for 2012-13. Mapes said U.S.D. 211 received highest marks and was in compliance with all requirements and statutes.

The board unanimously accepted the financial audit as presented by Mapes

and authorized him to make the necessary filings with the State of Kansas as required by statute.

A discussion was held on the bond issue that will go before voters in the April election. Superintendent Greg Mann informed the Board of Education of the financial implications of going forward with the bond issue in relationship to the current funding climate in Kansas. No action by the board was taken.

Also, Mann recommended that only

computer replacement and roof repairs at the junior/senior high school be made from capital outlay expenditures above the funds that have already been allocated. The board approved the roof repairs by Roofmasters Roofing of Colby for \$36,925 and action on purchasing computers was tabled until February.

Mann reported there was a one car accident at the high school that damaged the shop building. The damage is considered minor and is expected to

be repaired and paid for by the driver's insurance.

In other board news:

-accepted the resignation from Melodie Bock as Norton Community High School Life Science Teacher, Dance Team Coach and KAYS Sponsor at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

-approved motion to name April Karnopp, Chris Harting, and Craig Renner as the negotiating team for the

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Sheriff pleased with new camera system

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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Drugs and alcohol are involved with most crimes according to an informal survey conducted by Sheriff Troy Thomson.

Sheriff Thomson told the Norton County commissioners during their meeting on Monday that a while back, he did a survey of everyone who was arrested for anything. Most of those people were up on bad check charges, he said. At that time, he asked them if they had been under the influence of

drugs or alcohol when they committed their crime. He promised them immunity from prosecution on the drug or alcohol part so that he could get some straight answers, he said.

His informal survey came back with 89 percent of those questioned admitting to being under the influence, he said, and again noted that those people had mostly written bad checks.

He guessed the percentage would be higher for bigger crimes.

He told the commissioners that, on Monday, he had five prisoners in the

jail with another one expected that night.

Over the weekend, he said, he ran into a problem because he had six prisoners and three of them were women. The jail is set up with eight beds - six on one side and two on the other. Women have to be segregated from men so if he had two men and three or more women, he could move the women to the larger side. With three and three, however, it was a problem, he said.

He noted that his highest inmate count last year was 16. At that time,

they had to break out the portable bunk beds used when there are more prisoners than beds, he said.

Sheriff Thomson said that the highest number of prisoners was several years ago when he had 24. However, he noted, 15 of those people had been removed from one van and he didn't have to house them for long.

He told the commissioners that the new camera system recently installed was working great.

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Norton Library offers new displays for viewing

By Beverly Kindler

A New Year - 2014, features new exhibits in the display cases and art gallery at the Norton Public Library.

Kay Snodgrass is sharing a display of weaving that she has done. She started doing weaving by attending Mountain Man Rendezvous with her husband, Michael. She wanted to make clothes for them to wear, so her first loom was an inkle loom that Michael made for her. Then she found a 52-inch loom and after that it was non-stop in acquiring looms. Now she has 13 looms of all sizes, all shapes, as well as a spinning wheel which provides her with the spun wool that she weaves.

The snowman display is by the Norton Public Library staff. Each of the staff members has enjoyed collecting snowmen through the years. A few were gifts and some of the snowmen represent grandchildren. Staff members enjoyed displaying them in their homes during the cold winter months,

and are pleased to share them for this display.

Erma Hackney is sharing her collection of Valentines which were mostly from school mates and teachers. Erma attended Allison School, west of Lenora. The Valentines date from 1922 to 1930. Erma said she saved them because she "thought they were all so pretty."

Erma lives at home in Norton and likes to bake. She cooked at the American Legion for nearly 40 years, and at one time was noted to be the oldest cook in Kansas.

Erma will celebrate the century mark in April with 100 candles on her birthday cake!

Tradition, Tradition, Tradition, is the theme for the current display of quilts in the Art Gallery. Those on display feature traditional concepts of quilt making - Log Cabin, Ohio Star, Double Wedding Ring and Basket block de-

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