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**Friday**  
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## Briefly

### Dance camp set for this Saturday

The little kids dance camp will be held at the East Campus gymnasium on Saturday starting at 10 a.m. with performance for the parents at noon.

### Christian concert will be on Saturday

The Norton Church of God and other sponsors will be hosting a Seventh Day Slumber Concert at the Norton National Guard Armory this Saturday starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

### Conservation meeting Saturday

The Norton County Conservation District 68th Annual Meeting and free supper will take place Saturday night at the Norton American Legion starting at 6:30 p.m. So if you made your reservations, don't forget to go. The Norton Jay Singers will perform and the bankers awards will be presented.

### High school band concert on Sunday

The Norton High School band will hold their Winter Concert on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Stull Gymnasium

### Library to host a morning movie

"Monday at the Movies" will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m., in the library community room. The featured movie this month is "What If..." starring Kevin Sorbo, Kristy Swanson, and Debby Ryan. Refreshments will be served.



Saturday - Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High of 58. Saturday Night - A mostly clear sky with a low around 35. Sunday - Mostly sunny skies with a high of 52. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy skies during the evening with a low of 17. Monday - Cloudy with a high of 27. Monday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 9.

## Markets

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Wheat .....	\$6.11
Milo .....	\$3.94
Soybeans .....	\$12.24
Corn .....	\$4.14

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to be your children. Help us to forgive those who hurt and disappoint us. Amen

## Everyone is a buzz for this Bee...



Fourth, fifth and sixth graders competed in the 2014 Eisenhower School Spelling Bee on Wednesday afternoon in the cafeteria. (Pictured) Counselor Jennifer Hauser was the moderator and Sydney Kleinschmidt was one of the many competitors. Third place went to fifth grader Serenity Ridley, second place to fourth grader Matt Wil-

lour and first place went to fifth grader Sarah David. These students will represent Eisenhower in the County Spelling Bee. Fifth grader Tessa Hauser finished in fourth place and will be the alternate.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## New screens requested to battle wind

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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The Norton County landfill needs more screens to keep the trash from blowing.

Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller visited with the county commissioners during their meeting on Monday and told them, that although the landfill has some screens, they are needed on the west end but 20 to 25 screens are also needed on the east side.

After the bad winds on Thursday, he said, the landfill and prison crews spent all day Friday just picking up trash and no recycling was done. The winds got to 57 mph at the landfill on Thursday, Mr. Miller said, and then on Saturday, the winds gusted up to 53 mph.

The screens they have, he said, are built of pipe and are 20-foot wide by 20-foot tall and are set so they lean in a little to keep the trash from "walking" up the screen and escaping over the top

in the wind.

He told the commissioners that he is estimating that it will cost about \$7,000 to build the new screens. He said he would get a bid for pipe and then find someone to build them. He said that he hopes to get better braces to reinforce the new screens because the old ones tend to break at the welds when they are moved.

He said that during one gust on Thursday, he thought the roof was going to come off the building he was in and he couldn't see a trailer house, which is in the construction and demolishing pit because the dust was so thick.

He also gave the commissioners a letter he had received from the state saying that the county needed to fill out a form. However, he said, the Northwest Kansas Waste Authority did not get a copy of the letter and they are supposed to get the form taken care of.

He said that the waste authority is supposed to talk to the state and get together with Norton County and other county landfills in the area.

"We have until April 20 to file this report with the state," Mr. Miller said. "If we don't do this the state can come down on every one of our counties very hard for not filing this report."

Mr. Miller said that he had searched the commission files for old copies of the reports that were supposed to be filed with the state but could only come up with one from 1994, which said that Norton County was considering an incinerator to burn its trash.

He said that he did not remember ever seeing any reports while he was a commissioner.

Mr. Miller said that while the report is required, the information in it is already given to the state in other reports that the county files.

In other business, the commission-

ers:

- Heard from Mr. Miller that he worked at the landfill on Saturday and had pretty good business. Everyone who came out, he said, was appreciative that the landfill was open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

- Talked about the cement being removed from the old pool. It is being used as road material and at the landfill.

- Decided to authorize a cash drawer with up to \$150 for the landfill. This will be used for making change. The landfill has had an unauthorized petty cash fund of \$60 for a long time, Mr. Miller said, but he thought it should be on the county's audit.

## Register of Deeds reports to county

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Mortgage registration fees brought in \$58,500 in 2013 for Norton County, Register of Deeds Wanda Vincent told the commissioners at their meeting on Monday.

Mrs. Vincent showed the commissioners what her office has made in fees, most of it for mortgages on homes and business property.

Last year, her report showed, the register's office recorded 364 deeds, 214 mortgages and 937 other documents. The total fees on the recordings added up to \$23,827. In addition, the office brought in \$5,569 from copies, faxes e-mails and certifications it did for the public.

The bulk of the money was in mortgage registration fees, however.

In the final analysis, the report showed, the register's office added \$96,548 to the county coffers. That was up from the \$78,677 it put in in 2012 and \$71,453 in 2011.

Besides Mrs. Vincent, the commissioners also talked to Jim Showers, a landowner with a road problem.

Mr. Showers said that more than 20

years ago, the commissioners closed a road near his place because the bridges had become bad. The land eventually went back to the landowners on each side he said, and all was good for many years.

However, his neighbor decided to get the road surveyed and it was found that there were a couple of kinks in it. After the survey, the neighbor put up a fence and gate on his side. Because of the fence, Mr. Showers said, he can no longer get to all of his land and since he has an oil company ready to drill in the area, that will be a serious problem.

He asked if the commissioners could look at re-opening the road taking 15 feet from his land and 15 from his neighbor to make a 30-foot road.

County Attorney Doug Sebelius told Mr. Showers that he needed to have his attorney draw up a petition to get the road re-opened. He said that the commissioners would need to accept the petition, send out notices to all interested parties and hold a public meeting on the issue.

He asked if it wouldn't be possible for Mr. Showers and his neighbor to just work it out between themselves

but Mr. Showers said that they were not on good terms and that he would look into the petition.

"I just want a road to my property," he told the commissioners. "This road thing is going to kill this oil deal."

In other business, the commissioners:

- Passed a resolution that would allow up to \$550 to help pay for funeral assistance for indigent Norton County residents.

- Agreed to pay the annual dues to the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission.

- Heard from Mrs. Vincent that the state Register of Deeds Association is trying to get two bills through the legislature. One would give a definition of mortgage, she said, and the other would require that lenders record assignments of mortgages so that borrowers can more easily know who to go to get a release on their mortgages, when they pay them off.

- Decided to not meet next Monday but meet on the last day of the month instead.

## Youth hunt set for this Saturday

Prairie Dog State Park still has openings for the Annual Youth Pheasant Hunt which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 8 a.m. The hunt is limited to youth hunters ages 10 to 15. All participants must wear blaze orange during the special hunt and each youth must be accompanied by an adult. In addition to the hunt, participants will be treated to lunch and a trap shoot (weather permitting) sponsored by the Norton Longspur Chapter of Pheasants Forever.

In cooperation with the Norton Longspur Pheasants Forever, the annual youth hunt is held as part of the Kansas Hunter Recruitment and Retention Program called "Pass It On." This program addresses the need to recruit new hunters and retain existing hunters in order to ensure future hunting in Kansas. The Prairie Dog State Park Youth Hunt is designed to encourage young hunters and should offer a quality experience with a better than average chance of success.

All participants are asked to meet at the Prairie Dog State Park office at 8 a.m.

