

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



## Friday

## Bucking the snow...

February 21, 2014

### Briefly

#### Bond meeting set for this Sunday

USD 211 will hold a school bond issue meeting on Sunday, February 23 at 4 p.m. at East Campus. The public is highly encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

#### Blood screening to be held Tuesday

The Norton County Health Department will be holding a blood screening on Tuesday, February 25 from 7 a.m. to noon at the health department. No appointment needed but one must be fasting from midnight until before the testing. (No food or drink)

#### Concert to take place on Tuesday

The Norton Junior High band and vocal students will hold a concert on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the junior high gymnasium.

#### Kindergarten roundup March 3

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding its annual Kindergarten Roundup on Monday, March 3, at 5 p.m. The meeting will be in the school cafeteria and will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes. Students must have turned five on or before August 31 to be eligible for Kindergarten. This meeting is for parents only.

### Markets

FEBRUARY, 2014

Wheat.....	\$6.56
Milo.....	\$4.18
Soybeans.....	\$12.68
Corn.....	\$4.33

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high around 45. Saturday Night - Cloudy with some light snow and a low of 22. Chance of snow 50 percent. Snow accumulations less than one inch. Sunday - Sunshine along with cloudy intervals and a high of 38. Sunday Night - Mainly clear early with a low of 23. Monday - Partly cloudy with a high around 45.

### Prayer

Dear God, may our faith be strong enough to move mountains. Sustain us as we move them according to your plan. Amen.



Norton woke to a very wet snow covered ground Thursday morning. The snow attached itself to anything it could but thankfully it quickly melted off the streets and sidewalks, but for a short bit it was a beautiful winter wonderland. The Fredrick Remington statue "Wicked Pony" at the Norton Public Library was a stunning sight that morning.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Local thrift store reaches far and wide

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The Thrift Shop in Norton has a long-rich history of philanthropic endeavors, from local needs to global needs, the volunteers at the Shop are always willing to help. Located at 206 N. 2nd, it was established in 1974 by the United Methodist Women of Norton.

Lynn Nelson is the treasurer for the Thrift Shop and has been volunteering at the Shop since its beginning, some

40 years ago.

"We went from having rummage sales to opening a thrift shop, because it was a better way to do it," said Nelson.

What they do, is serve their community by donating to those in need. For the past two years Pam Menagh has managed the shop. She said the Thrift Shop donates goods and money not only to local, but to state, national and world charity organizations as well. The Thrift Shop didn't keep track of

donated money until 1976, but since that time the Shop has donated over \$638,000, according to Menagh.

Locally, the Thrift Shop donates to numerous organizations, like the Lions Club, God's Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Andbe Home, Chamber of Commerce fireworks, Norton Cares, Norton Public Library, The Rock, and post prom, just to name a few. They've also purchased magazine subscriptions for Whispering Pines, Norton Correctional Facility, and Norton Manor.

At the state, national, and world level, the Thrift Shop's list of donation recipients is very impressive, including The Lighthouse in Kansas City, The Henderson Settlement in Kentucky, the Mercy Ship, and sponsorship of two children through Compassion International, which Nelson said, "is one of our favorites."

The Thrift Shop operates on donations only and there are no paid workers, volunteers only. There are approximately 100 volunteers. (Thrift - Continued on Page 5)

## Commercial vehicle owners get needed information

The Norton County Treasurer's office hosted a meeting for Farm Vehicle and Commercial Vehicle owners on Monday, February 10, 2014 at the Community Room of the Norton Public Library. A large crowd attended this meeting with Presenters Penny Fryback, Kansas Corporation Commission Special Investigator; Trooper Rice and Trooper Werth, Kansas Motor Carriers Inspectors.

The definition of a commercial vehicle is not changing; the federal rules have been in place since July 2000. The new system will help ensure that all commercial vehicles are properly

registered and comply with existing Federal and state laws. Currently, commercial vehicles should be operating under a U.S. Department of Transportation number; that Department of Transportation number will be used to set up the new intrastate commercial vehicle registration account.

A commercial vehicle is a non-farm vehicle used to transport property or passengers and:

- Has a gross vehicle weight or gross combination vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more.
- Is designed or used to transport 15 or more passengers, including the

driver or,

- Is used to transport hazardous material in a quantity requiring placarding.

If a vehicle meets any one of the three criteria, it is considered a commercial vehicle. More information is available in the commercial vehicle registration section of [www.truckingks.org](http://www.truckingks.org), there operators can also check if their county treasurer's office offers commercial vehicle registration or to register for a Department of Transportation number.

Farm registered vehicles that cross the State lines that carry products to or from market, i.e. grains, livestock, etc; will need to register for a U.S. Department of Transportation number. Mike Hoeme, Director of Kansas Corporation Commission has advised the Norton Treasurer's office that when new applicants apply for a U.S. Department of Transportation number, they are receiving calls from private businesses that are trying to pressure the new applicants into using their services. Please call the Kansas Corporation Commission office at (785) 271-3145 or (785) 271-3151 or (785) 271-3333 or the county treasurer's office before doing anything with these private busi-

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## Norton County Arts Council to present Cowboy Poet

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The Norton County Arts Council is bringing another show to Norton. "Tumbleweed" Phil Crawford, cowboy poet and musician, was born in a little house on the prairie in NW Sherman Co. Nebraska during the Dirty Thirties and will be performing at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the East Campus auditorium.

In the spring of 1938 at the age of Four, Crawford made his debut to the stage; playing a little colored boy, in a

skit with his parents. With that he was hooked and has been on stage in one form or another ever since.

During his stay in the hospital due to amputation of his foot, one of the nurses that stayed with him, would sing and play the guitar and tried to teach Phil to play. Later, while his mother was working, she let it slip she was looking for an old guitar for her son. A couple of weeks later, a lady brought one in and left it for him. "As I recall, it wasn't much and had a cracked back but I was able to practice on it." Crawford said.

At the age of ten he let some older kids bully him into something that could have landed him in the State Reform School for Boys. The lady that caught him didn't call the law, she gave him an ultimatum. Two weeks later this same woman, took him by the arm and to her car we went. She opened the back door and there lay a brand new guitar, and said, if he would agree to her terms it was his. "I would have agreed to anything at that moment," he said.

Her terms included living life a certain way. There were three things that

stood out in his mind: First, always be courteous and help the elderly when ever possible. Second, whenever he was asked, if at all possible, he was to play and sing for any one who asked, charities and local service clubs, etc., and thirdly, to someday pass the torch. It was nearly 65 years later that he found some one in nearly the same position he had been in, and passed the torch (a new guitar went to a youngster in Moorcroft Wyo).

His first big moment as an entertainer (Poet - Continued on Page 5)

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