

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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May 27, 2014

Briefly

Tag renewals due this Saturday

“E”, “F” and “G” tag renewals, last day will be on May 31 at the Norton County Treasurer’s Office. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance. Kansas Parks Passports are available when renewing your tags. For trailers, you need the current insurance of the vehicle that will pull the trailer. The office will need to verify the VIN number, policy number and current expiration date. For driver license renewals you need to have your driver license and a current utility bill, vehicle registration or auto insurance card with your name and address for proof of residency. CDL licenses must be renewed at a full service office.

Car races Saturday at Elmwood Park

The Norton Elmwood Park Speedway will be having a race on May 31, hot laps at 6 p.m. and the race at 7 p.m. The classes that will be running are URSS sprint car, IMCA stock car, IMCA northern sport mod and cruiser.

Bob Dole to visit American Legion

Former United States Senator Bob Dole will be visiting at the Norton American Legion on Thursday from 1:45-2:45 p.m. The public is invited.

‘Jammin with Randy,’ is set for Thursday

“Jammin’ with Randy,” will be presented by award-winning Norton native Randy Sauer on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Norton Public Library. Children of all ages are welcome. There will be no afternoon program at the library that day.

Lyons House open house this Friday

The Norton County Community Foundation would like to invite everyone to the Open House to be held for the Lyons House this Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.96
Milo.....	\$4.11
Soybeans.....	\$14.15
Corn.....	\$4.51

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Thursday - Sunshine with a high of 88.
Friday - Scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon with a high of 86. Chance of rain 50 percent. Saturday - Intervals of clouds and sunshine with a high of 87.
Sunday - Sunny with a high of 92. Monday - Sunny skies with a high of 88.

Prayer

Dear Lord, when our hearts are broken in tragedy, help us to feel your love. Amen

Honoring service to the country



A large crowd gathered Monday at the Norton Cemetery for Memorial Day services to honor the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. The Norton American Legion Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute, the Ladies Auxiliary laid a wreath to honor the fallen, Dr. Sue Ann Stutheit sang The National

Anthem and America the Beautiful, Jeremy Wetter played taps on the trumpet, Pastor Terry Worthington gave the invocation, and the guest speaker was State Representative Travis Couture-Lovelady.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

City to allow fireworks at race track

By MIKE STEPHENS
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The city council agreed, at its Wednesday meeting, to allow fireworks to be shot off the back straightaway at Elmwood Park Race Track for the Chamber of Commerce 4th of July fireworks event.

The annual event is usually held at Sebelius Reservoir but the Federal Bureau of Reclamation denied the Chamber’s permit approval. Chamber Director Tara Vance had asked the council at a previous meeting if the race track could be used as an alternative location for the fireworks.

The council said approval was contingent upon the weather and the approval of the city and county fire chiefs.

Council member Jerry Jones asked Police Chief Pat Morel to figure out parking options and traffic controls for the fireworks display in Elmwood Park, in case the

event is allowed.

Jones said, “The City is currently under a burn ban, but if it rains enough, the City supports the event.”

Council member Gary Lacy said the water line replacement on the 300 block of Kansas Street is done, and that the city crew “did a good job.”

City crews are currently filling potholes and will be starting on the water line replacement on N. Jones and Wilton in the near future.

The council has decided to put up temporary ‘no parking’ signs on the north side of the 800 block of W. Wilton until the new pool

parking lot is opened, because of the additional traffic expected in June for the baseball games at Ward Field.

Dennis Becking from Options, formerly the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, received \$500 in funding from the new pool

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Extension agents meet with commissioners

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The Norton County Commissioners received a visit from the Kansas State University Extension agents Keith VanSike and Patsy Maddy of Norton, Bryon Hale

of Oberlin and Julianne Shoup of Hoxie at the Monday, May 19 weekly meeting.

Mr. Hale started by thanking the commissioners for making time for them and stated that they were there to inform

the commissioners of what was going on with the extension office and that he hoped to do a better job of this by keeping them in the loop. He then introduced each agent. Keith VanSike is in charge of agriculture

and natural resources, Julianne is in charge of family and consumer science, Byron is the administrator for livestock and horticulture and Patsy is in charge of 4-H recruitment, development and retention.

Maddy reported that there will soon be some changes in the way 4-H will look. They will be doing new and different things and she said that she is looking for volunteers to help with these activities.

Her goal is to get new staff in each county to facilitate the new events. When working with 4-H development she looks at the number of youth in a county and special interest clubs. She wants

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Employees update commissioners

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Three county employees met with the commissioners at last Monday’s meeting to update them on recent activity.

Reggie Beckman from the noxious weed department reported that they will be spraying the highways for weeds and that he recently found Horycrest in two locations in the area. Horycrest is also called Snow on the Mountain and is like a bindweed that must be treated before getting out of control.

The first patch was found at the north end of the dam on the east side and the other is located on Highway 36 east of Norton.

The chemical used for getting rid of this noxious weed is Escort in combination with Milestone. These chemicals are currently being used to fight Canada thistle and Musk-thistle.

The second county employee to report to the commissioners was Herman Pfanenstiel from the road department.

He informed the commissioners that he had a broken down 1986 international truck that needed some work. He pulled the driveshaft and found that both the front and rear differential were

shot so asked if he could purchase the \$3,090 parts to fix it. He inquired about it and found they no longer make parts but could get good used parts.

The commissioners agreed to get it fixed correctly and to go ahead and get the parts ordered.

The third county employee to speak with the commissioners was John Miller from solid waste.

Miller reported that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment engineer was requesting the landfill to submit a new plan which will require the landfill to do several things, most of which is already done or is being done now. B&G employee Brian Foster is working with both the landfill and state agency to keep the cost to a minimal to meet the requirements that must be met. Miller said the plan must be submitted by June 1 and that they would make that deadline.

Miller also reported that approximately four million pounds of raw trash and one million pounds of recycling were brought into the land fill last year. This was down from last year’s numbers.

A salute to veterans



The First Nebraska Artillery shot their civil war cannon replica at both the Hendley and Beaver City cemeteries for Memorial Day. Seen here are from the left; Robert Vorhies, Delbert Beins, Lyle Hutchens and Mark Hutchens.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

