

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



## Friday

June 13, 2014

### Briefly

#### Speedway to host races on Saturday

The Norton Elmwood Park Speedway will host car races on Saturday, with hot laps at 6 p.m. and the race beginning at 7 p.m. The classes that will be running are URSS sprint car, IMCA stock car, IMCA northern sport mod and cruiser.

#### Sunflower Antique Show in Almena

This Saturday in Almena the Sunflower Pioneer Power Association Antique Show will be going on all day. Everyone is welcome to go and see all the antique machinery, threshing power and a car show!

#### Hope in Color run at Elmwood Park

The Norton Valley Hope 2nd Annual Hope in Color 5K and one mile fun run/walk will be held on Saturday morning at the Elmwood Park. Registration is at 7 a.m. and the run/walk starts at 8 a.m. with T-shirts, music, crazy fun and refreshments! Wear white and finish plastered in paint color!

#### Father's Day is this Sunday, June 15!

Reminder to all those with fathers, Father's Day is this Sunday! If you haven't gotten him anything you are running out of time!

#### Library to host movie night

Monday at the movies at the Norton Public Library begins on June 30 at 1:30 p.m. The movie will be "42-The Jackie Robinson Story". Everyone is welcome!

### Markets

JUNE 2014

Wheat .....	\$6.60
Milo .....	\$4.00
Soybeans .....	\$13.70
Corn .....	\$4.40

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Saturday - Mostly sunny in the morning with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Monday - Mostly sunny with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for sacrificing so much to open the way for us. Remind us to come boldly and thankfully into your presence. Amen.

## Significant rainfall, at last



Norton County received a significant amount of rainfall from the end of last week to the beginning of this week, and it's been long over due. Weather Underground.com reported Norton received .96 inches of rain on Thursday, and between Friday and Monday Norton received 3.3 inches of rain. Norton County Landfill Supervisor John Miller said 1.74 inches of rain fell at the landfill on Sunday and Monday. Like Norton, Lenora received .96 inches of rain on Thursday and nearly three inches (2.9) between Friday and Monday (Weather Underground). Norcatur's rain totals were 1.23 inches on Friday and 3.04 inches on Sunday and Monday (Weather Underground). And Edmond resident Tammy Kachel reported that throughout the weekend and on Monday they received around five inches of rainfall.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Norton chosen for broadband program

By MIKE STEPHENS  
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Norton has been chosen by the Kansas Department of Commerce to participate in its Statewide Broadband Initiative as one of four pilot communities that will identify long-term structural and service needs for broadband internet service.

The other three pilot communities are Dodge City, Fort Scott, Topeka and their counties.

The program is funded through a

federal grant and will provide access to tools, expertise and resources for communities to identify their broadband needs. The program involves identifying connectivity needs, stakeholders and how to expand access.

The Norton Local Technology Planning Pilot Committee has identified definite needs since mid-May, and is now working on solutions. The Pilot Committee members are Aaron Hale, Brad Hopkins, Chad Manning, Chris Tanner, Connie Green, Diana

Baumann, Gayle James, Gina Frack, Maggie Basgall, Mary Luehrs, Shawn Mortensen, Troy Thompson, Tara Vance and Scott Sproul.

Outlined below are the four strategies that make up the initial Norton technology plan.

-Build Sustainable Plan-to-Action Capacity. Build a sustainable local capacity to identify, inform and act on the economic opportunity of expanded broadband investment in Norton.

-Advance Local Economic Devel-

opment Capacity. Enhance economic development strategies, facilitate the city's digital leadership and promote local business through online applications.

-Encourage and Facilitate Business Engagement. Leverage local resources to design and promote local business awareness and engagement throughout the county.

-Build Community Digital Skills. Develop and promote digital skills ad-

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## Economic Development elects new officers

By MIKE STEPHENS  
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New officers were elected at the Norton City/County Economic Development board meeting on Tuesday. Brad Hopkins was re-elected as Chairman, Bud Posson was elected Vice-Chairman, Gayle James was re-elected Secretary, and Barb Brooks was re-elected Treasurer.

Scott Sproul, executive director, presented to Deena Wentz a Certificate of Appreciation for her time and service on the Economic Development Board from 2005 to 2014.

"It was a pleasure to serve on this board," said Wentz.

Sproul also welcomed new board members Gary Lacy, Norton City Council representative, and Mike Posson, an appointee for the City of Norton.

In his report to the board Sproul said the interior demolition of the Heaton Building had begun this week and would take around two months to complete, and that all the electrical and plumbing infrastructure will be removed as well as some walls and ceilings. He said Economic Development

is working with a business to move into the Sidles Building, and with the railroad to determine property lines so clean up on the south side of the property can begin.

The committee for Norton's Broadband Pilot Program is ready to move forward. Since Norton County doesn't have issues with broadband speed or provisioning, the committee is ready to go into the implementation phase, according to Sproul, and that they are working on identifying areas where technology tools can help businesses take advantage of broadband and use it

more effectively. A few examples to be emphasized to businesses will be websites, web presence and on-line store connections. Sproul said the Pilot Program could potentially benefit local government agencies with increased functionality.

The Downtown Historic Rehabilitation Grant for the Washington Street building was submitted May 30 by Northwest Kansas Planning and Development. Grant funds would be used for structural repairs for the building. Sproul said there were only five appli-

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## Student meal prices remain the same for 2014-15

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The Board of Education decided the cost of U.S.D. 211 student meals will be the same price for the upcoming school year as they were for 2013-14. Parents with students in kindergarten through third grade will pay \$2 for lunches, fourth through sixth grade \$2.10, seventh and eighth grade \$2.40, and ninth through 12th grade lunches will cost \$2.45.

Breakfast prices for kindergarten through sixth grade will cost \$1.30 and seventh through 12th grade will be

\$1.40.

Adult meal prices will be at least equal to the reimbursement rate, which has not been determined, and will be rounded up to the nearest nickel.

The Board did raise the price of a half pint carton of milk by a nickel, from 30 to 35 cents.

Students textbook rental fees and enrollment fees will also remain the same as last year for the 2014-15 school year. Early Childhood Development and kindergarten will be \$15, first through sixth grade \$25, seventh and eighth grade \$30, and ninth through

12th grade \$35.

Superintendent Greg Mann said the Learning Center will have four graduates, and possibly a fifth, for the June 25 ceremony. Board member Robert Wyatt will be the keynote speaker.

Mann will attend a budget workshop in Oakley on Friday. He said he and his staff will work to construct the 2014-15 budget on July 9 and 10, so it can be taken to Topeka on July 11 for state review and then be presented to the Board at the July 14 meeting for approval and publication.

The classes of 1994, 1999 and 2004

will hold reunions on July 25, according to Mann, and have requested school tours.

In other board news:

-adopted the Resolution to Levy Tax for Capital Outlay Fund with a five year maximum, not to exceed eight mills.

-discussed the results of the bond election survey and the 2014-15 budget, with several options, but no action was taken.

-accepted the low bid from Boxler Insurance Agency for the district's

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vancement programs designed to lift skill and awareness levels across the community.

Sproul said he "anticipates that the objectives will expand and change as immediate issues are addressed and as new opportunities are identified."

"The committee is ready to move forward," said Sproul. "Since Norton County doesn't have issues with broadband speed or provisioning, the committee is ready to go into implementation, and they are working on identifying areas where technology tools can help businesses take advantage of broadband

and use it more effectively."

A few examples to be emphasized to businesses will be websites, web presence and on-line store connections. The Pilot Program could potentially benefit local government agencies with increased functionality.

The Program will provide tools and information, including an online Dashboard to support project management needs, a data console to provide transparent access to relevant information presented in a visually engaging manner, important insights on technology deployment/operational costs and related economic impacts, and a

variety of community technology planning and stakeholder engagement materials.

"People are looking online to see what they want to buy before they ever walk into a store," said Sproul. "It's our job to figure out how to give the local businesses the best advantage possible."

The ultimate purpose of the Kansas Statewide Broadband Initiative is to foster economic development and job creation. It's believed the local pilot projects will help other communities throughout the state be effective, strategic and sustainable in their efforts to improve economic prosperity.

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cations submitted, "so that may work in our favor."

The Economic Development staff has been working on the Housing Assessment Tool for the Almena MIH Housing application, and it's almost complete. The Assessment Tool must be completed and submitted with the application, which Economic Development will do on the behalf of the City of Almena. If awarded, the funds could be used for infrastructure, construction, or the purchase of land. Almena has demolished seven dilapidated houses in the last year and will try to use those properties for new housing. The initial project will most likely be small,

according to Sproul. A meeting with Almena representatives is scheduled for June 18. The grant application is due in August.

The board renewed the contract with Pinegar, Smith & Associates, a consulting firm from Topeka. Sproul gave the board a brief summary of the services the firm had provided Norton County in the last four years. "They keep us well informed," said Sproul. The contract was renewed for another two years and will be paid from the Capital Outlay fund.

The Business Incubator subcommittee toured the space on May 19 and recommended a change to the lease agreement. The revision addressed finan-

cial responsibility for approved alterations or improvements to the property. The revision will be forwarded to the city attorney to be included in the agreement, and it will be reviewed again at the next board meeting. The board also approved the purchase of the walls and doors in the space for \$359, that were added at a cost of \$1,800 by the original tenant.

Sproul was selected as a representative for the Republican Basin Committee and attended a meeting in Colby on Wednesday. The committee is looking at water conservation and public water use issues to ensure water quality and resources for the future.

# Meals

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Property and Liability, Inland Marine, Blanket Bond, Automobile, Linebackers/Errors and Omissions, and Data Compromise Insurance as presented for a total cost of \$45,935 for the 2014-15 school year.

-accepted the low bid from Insurance Planning Inc. of Hays for the district's workman's compensation insurance and Treasurers Bond at a total cost of \$35,092 for the 2014-15 school year.

-renewed student accident insurance with K & K Insurance of Topeka at the same cost as 2013-14, which is a total cost of \$11,460.

-adopted the Student-Parent handbooks for Norton Community High School, Norton Junior High School and Eisenhower Elementary School for 2014-15.

-agree to participate in the Federal School Nutrition Program for the 2014-15 school year.

-approved USD 211's participation for 2014-15 in the Head Start Program through the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska.

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-approved the recommended student members of the appreciation plaque committee. The members will be Morgan Farber, Kylie Perez, Katie Bohl and Molly Maddy.

-directed the Superintendent to get three adults to serve on the plaque committee.

-approved the recommendations to hire Randy Perales as summer custodian at Eisenhower Elementary, William Harrington II as Norton Community High School language arts teacher, Ashlie Stewart as Norton Community High School dance team coach and Tynet Calhoun as Norton Junior High School assistant volleyball coach.

-approved the 2014-15 site council memberships.

-approved the May 19 PDC minutes as presented.

-accepted the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consists of the agenda for June 9; minutes of the May 12 regular meeting; and monthly bills.

# Dam lets go!



Heavy rains near the Edmond area this week caused an earthen dam to break just west of town. The Solomon River rose and fields had water standing in the terraces. Much needed and long overdue, the rains came a bit late but Norton County residents will take whatever moisture they can get!

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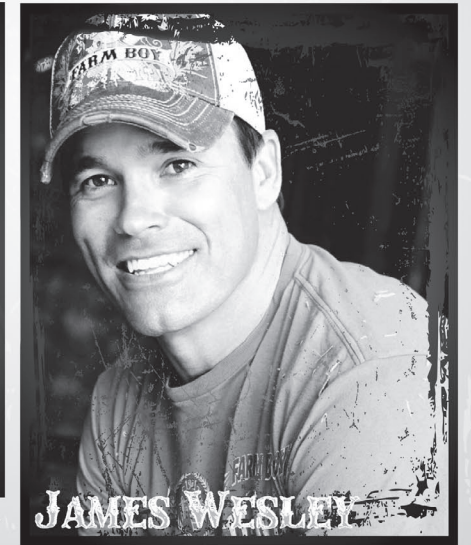
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## SCHEDULE

### Friday

5:00pm - Beer Garden Opens  
7:00pm - Concert - Dean Alexander, James Wesley & Eric Paslay

### Saturday

7:00am - City Wide Garage Sales  
9:00am - FCE Display  
11:00am - Parade followed by BMX Bicycle Stunt Show  
12:30pm - Richard Renner  
1:00pm - Lenora PRIDE Bingo, Trap Shoot, Pony Rides & Eagle Radio Pedal Power Pull  
2:00pm - BMX Bicycle Stunt Show  
3:00pm - Richard Renner  
4:00pm - Creature Races  
5:00pm - Inflatable Carnival with Rock Climbing Wall  
5:00pm - Beer Garden Opens  
6:00pm - BMX Bicycle Stunt Show  
6:30pm - Lenora PRIDE Patty Bingo Winner Announcement  
7:00pm - Concert - Wes Cassman Band, Lucas Maddy & Karaoke in the Garden by Times by DJ

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