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Briefly

Swimming pool is now open!

The Norton Aquatic Center is now open. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday noon to 8 p.m. and from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Day and season passes are available.

Senior Center has canned goods

Commodities can be picked up at the Norton Senior Citizen Community Center on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Lenora Jubilee starts this weekend

The Lenora Jubilee will take place this coming weekend. It all starts Friday night at 7 p.m. with a concert by Dean Alexander, James Wesley and Eric Paslay then on Saturday the garage sales start at 7 a.m. followed by the parade at 11 a.m. then a BMX show, trap shoot, creature races and more. Rounding out the day at 7 p.m. is a concert including the Wes Cossman Band and Lucas Maddy.

Carp shoot set at Park on Saturday

The Norton Archery Club is having its Carp Shoot at Prairie Dog State Park on Saturday. For more information please call 871-1615 or 877-5269.

Classes for water aerobics available

The Norton County Hospital will be offering water aerobics classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays June 17 through August 7 at the Norton Aquatic Center starting at 8 p.m. Both low and high impact classes will be offered.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.64
Milo.....	\$4.01
Soybeans.....	\$13.60
Corn.....	\$4.41

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Friday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, even though the future is not clear, may we find comfort in the knowledge that you are already there, lighting the way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Strong, damaging winds!



Norton County sustained 75 mile per hour winds and varying amounts of rain on Saturday night. Wind damage left the front of the Loves awning on the ground, multiple trees with broken limbs, and the town's power was out. Almaena, once again was hit much harder with numerous trees down, destroying many vehicles and property. Tornadoes were sighted in the Densmore, Logan and Stockton areas. Tornado sirens in Norton sounded at about 10 p.m. due to cloud rotation, but thankfully no tornadoes touched down which is hard to believe after seeing the devastation left behind.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

No fireworks display for Fourth of July

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There will be no fireworks display for this year's Fourth of July celebration, according to Norton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tara Vance.

In November 2013, the Chamber submitted a permit application to the Federal Bureau of Reclamation to hold

the event at Prairie Dog State Park, where its been held in the past.

The Bureau of Reclamation responded six months later, in May, denying the fireworks permit. Anticipating a potential problem acquiring the permit, the Chamber started looking for alternative sites prior to May for the display. This included private property adjacent to Prairie Dog State Park and the Norton City/County Airport. How-

ever, the Chamber determined that Elmwood Park Speedway was the best alternative location.

In April, Vance went before the City Council and requested the use of Elmwood Park for the Chamber's event. At its May 21 meeting the Council agreed to allow fireworks to be shot off the back straightaway at the racetrack in Elmwood Park, contingent upon the weather and approval from the city and

county fire chiefs.

At the council's Public Safety committee meeting on Thursday, Norton Fire Chief Mitch Jones and Rural Fire Chief Steve Otter determined the present conditions are unsafe to shoot fireworks.

"The location is safe by industry standards but you have to trust in your

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Interior demolition begins on the historic Heaton Building

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Established in 1906, the Heaton Building, located at 110-114 S. Kansas Ave., is undergoing a major interior demolition and renovation, and it's funded by the Norton County Community Foundation. There are no grants funding this project.

The contractor for the building is Schamber Historic Preservation, LLC out of Damar, Kan. Contractors Len and Linus Schamber are focusing their attention on the historic Heaton Building, following the completion of the Lyons House.

There will be two phases; demolition and re-construction. The demolition phase is expected to take three months and the re-construction phase one year. The tentative completion date is September 2015.

It was a year ago this month that the exterior work on the building and the

exterior concrete was completed. The building has six store fronts, three west side entrances and three east side entrances. The exterior upstairs windows were restored unless they were beyond repair, and were replaced with precise replicas.

"This building project has been an ongoing process over several years, and we are extremely excited to move to the interior phase of the project," Tara Vance, Norton County Community Foundation Executive Director said.

The roof has been completely removed and replaced with a new roof fabric that is ultra-modern. The cornices were restored and the infrastructure that holds the roof was rebuilt. All the joists were restored and straightened and new ones were put between each old one, and three inches of insulation was added. Also, new roof drains were installed, four on the east side and six

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Learning Center graduation is set for June 25 at East Campus

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U.S.D. 211 Learning Center graduation ceremonies will be held at the East Campus Auditorium at 7 p.m. on June 25. A reception will follow at the Learning Center at 126 S. State St.

Board of Education member Robert Wyatt will be the keynote speaker for the evening. The Center will have four graduates cross the stage, with a possibility of a fifth, according to Superintendent Greg Mann.

It will also be the first time in its seven years of existence that a father and daughter have both graduated from the Learning Center. Carla Jo Robinson will be among the 2014 graduates, and her father, James Long earned his Norton High School diploma in 2012.

Carla Jo said, "It's awesome. It's really cool to be the first father and daughter to graduate."

She works at Dairy Queen and is the mother of 16 month old Xavier Robinson. Carla Jo said she plans to further her education by taking on-line college classes and will take the H & R Block test.

"I'm so proud of her," said James. "She got her GED, but I wanted her to get her high school diploma. She was really serious, and towards the end, really motivated."

Earning a high school diploma has been life altering for James as well.

"It changed my life a lot. It's the second highlight of my life."

The other three graduates will be Rheanon Baker, Ashley Simants and Josh Stone.

Safari adventures in Africa; a once in a lifetime opportunity

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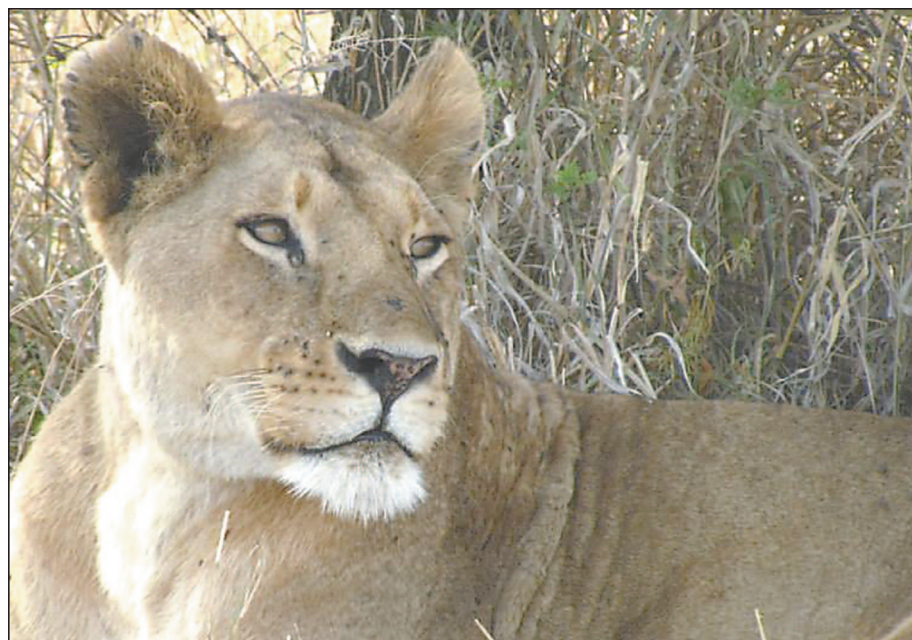
In the summer of 2012, I graduated from Norton Community High School, and from that day on I had looked forward to the trip of my dreams. My grandmother, Sue Sharp, had promised me the trip. Since I went straight into college after graduation my trip was postponed. After graduation from Pima Medical Institute in Colorado Springs, Colo. my grandmother and I spoke more of this trip and agreed on Eastern Africa. My grandmother was unable to go on the trip with me, but Ron and Georgia Briery of Norton were able to accompany me on this adventure. Now here I am a month after my trip and I still cannot believe what I just experienced.

The itinerary of the trip involved spending two to three days in different national parks, flying in little planes from one city to another, and immersing ourselves in the African culture by meeting different Maasai tribes.

The trip was just beginning when we made it to the Denver International Airport on the morning of May 1. After a long 22 hours in the air we made it to Tanzania! We had to wait a full day for the last member of our group to arrive so the first day was at our own leisure. We were able to go into town and experience the local market that only happens twice a week. The people walk miles with all of their products they are trying to sell whether it is food, clothes, shoes, bead work, or just knick-knacks, they would sit there from sunrise to sunset selling their products. After going through the market we stopped at a local school where the tour group we traveled with, Tauck, funds a project called "Save the Rain." Clean, fresh water is hard to come by so drain pipes catch the rain and fill up big concrete tanks where a filtration system is used for the school and locals to have clean water.

The morning of May 4 was when the tour actually started, we were headed to

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This lioness was seen on a safari game drive in the Serengeti. Shylo spotted this lioness relaxing under a tree trying to avoid the hot African sun.

–Telegram photo by Shylo Paxton

