

# Fireworks

(Continued From Page 1) emergency professionals, which are the fire chiefs in this case," said Vance.

The decision to not allow fireworks this year came right after the Chamber held its annual fireworks fundraiser. The free will donation event held at the Shopko parking lot offered hamburgers, chips and a drink at lunch and dinner time, and was considered a success.

"The Chamber Board will make the decision, but most likely the funds will be held over for 2015. We had a fantastic day and raised over \$2,000, and we

very much appreciate the community's support," said Vance. "We look forward to continuing this tradition in future years."

The events that will be scheduled:

The Chamber's Fourth of July 5K Fun Run will still be held at Prairie Dog State Park. Registration begins at 6:15 a.m. and the run will start at 7 a.m. Kids, adults, pets, walkers, runners, strollers, rollerbladers and bikes are all welcome. Runners will be timed. Medals will be given to the top male and female runners, and to the kids run winners. Bicyclists and rollerbladers will

be released before the runners to avoid congestion. Pre-registration forms are available at the Norton Chamber of Commerce office and at [www.discovernorton.com](http://www.discovernorton.com).

Norton Trails will host a Mud Volleyball Tournament at Elmwood Park Speedway starting at 10 a.m. There will be two mud pits inside the racetrack pits. The field is limited to 12 teams and you must be 18 years old and over to participate, and there will be prizes for the winners. All proceeds go towards Norton Trails Committee. For more information, contact Kris at (785) 871-1771.

# Africa

(Continued from Page 1) the Ngorongoro Crater. Our hotel was right on the edge of the crater with the view of the crater floor. On the way to the crater we had our first game drive, we saw monkeys, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, gazelles, buffalo, elephants and two black rhinoceros off in the distance. To top off an already amazing day we received radio communication of three male lions. They were sleeping peacefully, not giving a care to the world, or that we were all watching them in their natural habitats. What an awesome way to end such a wonderful day! We had already seen four of the Big Five, the buffalo, elephant, rhino and lion, all we were missing was the leopard.

Before moving on to our next destination, we visited a school near the hotel. It was chilly and rainy with the school located at the top of hill miles from any villages. The children walk miles in one direction to make it to school, all carrying their own firewood, so they had a way to cook their lunches that day. The children WANTED to be in school, education is precious to them, so they will do what they have to just to make it there. School supplies are hard to come across so many of the people from our group brought different supplies for the principle to distribute. After visiting the school we were headed for Oldupai Gorge, or better known as Olduvai Gorge. On the drive we saw around 22 giraffe all walking over a hill! Once we reached the gorge we learned the history of where they believe mankind started and saw the duplicate foot prints that were found there. Once we were finished at the gorge off we went to the Serengeti!

In the beginning of the Serengeti all we saw were gazelles due to the fact that they can go up to six months without water. The further we drove into the Serengeti the more wild life we saw, including two more lions and to finish off the Big Five, a leopard! Entering into our hotel we came across a family of elephants. Once in my room I sat on my deck watching the wildlife 30 feet away from me at a watering hole. While we stayed in the Serengeti we only had planned activities in the morning since a majority of the animals are nocturnal and it is much cooler then. While on a game drive we saw two more male lions and a female all on the move, along with another lioness relaxing in the shade. We stopped at a hippopotamus pool where there had to be over 200 hippos in one small area. After the game drive I walked into my room ready to fall into bed I looked out my window to see at least 30 elephants all at the watering hole! No longer exhausted I sat outside and watched the elephants drink, bathe, and play.

Half the way through our trip and we were headed into Kenya! We were right at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest free standing mountain peak in Africa. The next morning we went into a Maasai village. The Maasai people are the tribe that mainly occupies this area of Africa. Their homes are huts made out of sticks, mud and cow dung. They believe that they own all cows and they base their lives around the need of the cows, meaning that starting at a very young age they start to heard the

cattle from the village to water and back, it is an all-day process due to the fact that water is scarce in this area. They also believe in the marriage to multiple women, as long as the male is able to care for all of his families equally. The males parents usually choose who the first wife is, she must come from a different village, then give the woman's father cattle for the trade of her.

Our last real hotel was The Mount Kenya Safari Club, it was the former retreat of actor William Holden. The property is located right on the equator with so much land to explore, from an animal orphanage to a golf course. After arriving at the beautiful property we all danced over the equator then visited the orphanage. The orphanage was filled with all different species of animals including a few rare species. The next few days were full of game drives, visiting the Jane Goodall Chimp Sanctuary, and Spinners and Weavers. Spinners and Weavers is a program developed by the Presbyterian Church of East Africa for a women's self-help project. The program was started with the goal of training poor, widowed and single women living in the villages to teach them the craft of spinning, knitting and weaving with the main objective of making them self-reliant. After leaving Spinners and Weavers we went and visited a children's rescue home. This rescue home is not funded by anyone, so the help is all volunteers. We had a small party full of ice cream, pop and chips along with soccer, Frisbee and painting the kids nails. Then to end such a wonderful day we had an outdoor supper with bon fires and roasting of marshmallows.

Our final stop on this wonderful adventure was at the Maasai Mara where we stayed in a won-

derful tented camp. The start of our game drive was a stop at the rangers station where we walked right up to two rhinos and even got to touch one of them! Talk about an exhilarating experience. Once back in our jeeps, we came up on a leopard walking around and two male cheetahs. After an awesome day we sat in our open jeeps and watched the most beautiful sunset!

This was the last full day we had to take in all the beauty Africa had to offer us, we woke up ready to go on a hot air balloon ride at sunrise! On the drive to our launch site we saw the beautiful full moon disappear into the Maasai Mara just as the hot air balloon was being set up for us to all crawl into. While in the air we saw the sun come up on the beautiful landscape and all the gazelle, wildebeest and zebra. Our tour guide gave us rose petals to drop down. It was the perfect way to start the last full day in Africa. Since it was so early, once we landed we went off to our breakfast, set right in the middle of the beautiful landscape surrounded by the animals. Later that day, we went on our final game drive that ended with a bon fire and watched the sunset.

There is no way I could ever thank my grandmother enough for giving me such a wonderful opportunity and the Briery's for joining me and making my memories even better! This was seriously the trip of my dreams and I could not have dreamt it to be any better.



## • PUBLIC NOTICE •

### Resolution to Levy Tax for Capital Outlay Fund

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#### RESOLUTION TO LEVY TAX FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 211, Norton County, State of Kansas, is authorized by K.S.A. 72-8801, to make an annual tax levy at a mill rate not exceeding the statutorily-prescribed mill rate for a period of time as determined by the Board of Education upon the taxable tangible property in the district for the purpose specified in said law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined to exercise the authority vested in it by said law;

NOW, THEREFORE,

#### RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that:

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy for a period not to exceed FIVE (5) years in an amount not to exceed EIGHT (8) mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing, maintaining and equipping of school district property and equipment necessary for school district purposes, including (1) Acquisition of computer software; (2) acquisition of performance uniforms; (3) housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board; (4) architectural expenses; (5) acquisition of building sites; (6) undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects; (7) acquisition of school buses; and (8) acquisition of other fixed assets, and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 calendar days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for that purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of the above school district.

#### CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 211, Norton County, Kansas, on the 9th day of June, 2014.

Janice Russell

Clerk of the above Board of Education

# Hamburger feed!



The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored a hamburger feed on Thursday in the Shopko parking lot. (Pictured) Evie Vance, Brock, Jennifer, Erica, Ellie and Emily Miller prepare their hamburgers. The free will donation event raised over \$2,000, according to the Chamber. Since this year's fireworks display has been cancelled the funds will be held over for the 2015 Fourth of July celebration.

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# Heaton

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on the west side. The building has new infrastructure as well, all new power, gas, water and sewer lines have been installed. A majority of the foundations were rebuilt to prevent its collapse, which would have left a big hole in downtown.

New roof drains were installed because the old drains had been plugged for many years, which is why the roof was failing. The new roof drain is a self-contained system with an overflow drain that prevents leaking and exits into the street drain.

Installation of temporary power is planned in all three sections of the building before the new power system can get up and running.

The building's steam boilers

and asbestos have been removed and will be replaced with modern electrical heating and air condition units.

In the atrium area the interior doors, including the screen doors, windows and stairs, which have 26 steps, will be restored. An elevator will be installed that is key because it will make the basement and second floor accessible from the inside. Len said they will restore everything possible to maintain the original character of the rooms.

A new addition to the building will be the glass floor that will be installed in the middle building's first floor to bring natural light into the basement.

"The significant categories in historic preservation are rehabilitation and restoration, it de-

finer how you solve problems," said Len. "We had to submit the scope of our work, what and how, to the Kansas Historical Society. We don't feel restricted. Those are our guidelines. That's what we're here for."

The Norton County Community Foundation wants to have an artifact area of original pieces on each floor of the building and the main steam register found in the basement will be among the collection.

The Norton County Community Foundation owns this collection of buildings and plans to retain ownership of the buildings and eventually house businesses in this unique space. Significant interest has been shown in these properties for commercial space upon completion.

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