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Briefly

June 30, last day for 'H' and 'I' tags

"H" and "I" tag renewals last day will be on June 30 at the Norton County Treasurers Office. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance. Kansas Parks Passports are available when renewing your tags. 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. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. for vehicle business.

There's still time to sign up for Fun Run

Details and registration forms for the Chamber of Commerce 5K Fun Run scheduled for July 4 are available under the Chamber tab- Chamber Events on www.discovernorton.com.

Farmers Market is open on Saturdays

Norton Farmers Market is open on Saturdays from 8-11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park on Highway 36, across from Shopko. Contact Market Manager Caryl Hale at 785-550-1627 to be a vendor.

Bricks are available for Veteran's park

Bricks are still available for Norton Veteran's Memorial. The Norton Veteran's Memorial, located on west Highway 36 in Water Tower Park, was dedicated in May, 2012. A granite memorial stone was erected and the memorial includes paving bricks etched with veteran's names, military branch and years of service. Bricks can still be purchased to honor Norton's Veterans. Contact Gary or Carol Erlenbusch at 785-877-5611, or email nca06@hotmail.com.

Markets

JUNE 2014

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| Wheat..... | \$6.71 |
| Milo..... | \$4.02 |
| Soybeans..... | \$13.68 |
| Corn..... | \$4.42 |

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Weather

Saturday - Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Sunday - Sunny with highs in the lower 90s. Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Monday - Sunny with highs in the upper 80s. Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Prayer

Dear God, help us look for your presence and your blessings in all of life. Amen.

Spontaneous combustion!



Early Wednesday morning, the Norton Rural Fire Department and emergency medical services were called out to the farm of Chris Harting south of Norton. For the second time this season, the Harting hay bales spontaneously burst into flames due to heat and moisture. Like a well oiled machine, fire crews and the Harting crew went to work fighting the quickly spreading fire. In a very impressive display, the Hartings got into their three New Holland loader tractors and a

skid steer and quickly danced around each other in what looked like a well choreographed number as they removed bales that had yet to catch fire while the burning bales were spread out and extinguished. All of this work along with the work of the fire department watering down the hay finally put the blaze to rest. Later in the evening, they caught fire again and crews were once again sent out.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

City completes storm clean up

By MIKE STEPHENS
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Public Works Supervisor Dan Bainter told the City Council, at its June 18 meeting, that the process of picking up all the broken tree limbs around town from the recent storm was going well and should be completed by Friday. Roberta Ryan said she had received numerous compliments on the city's handling of the numerous downed trees.

Ron Briery asked Bainter if it would help if the City advertised in the news media that residents can put out as many trash containers as they want, as long as each container meets the 35 gallon weight requirement for refuse pickup.

More discussions will be held at the next Utility Committee meeting regarding the new air conditioner to

be installed at New Age Industrial, according to Ryan. She also said that RMA Engineering met with the committee to discuss their proposal to review the City's electrical system.

Ryan reported on the Chamber of Commerce meeting as well. There will be no fireworks this year on the 4th of July, but she said they will have the Fun Run at Sebelius Reservoir and the normal activities at Elmwood Park, and a band is scheduled to play. The Chamber golf tournament was a success, netting a profit of approximately \$5,500 and the Chamber banquet had a net profit of \$744.

Jeff Urban reported on the Airport Board meeting, and said Delvis Miller will get bids, not to exceed \$1,500, for a 100-foot hose for the fueling station. The longer hose will accommodate

larger aircraft. Urban said Valley Hope may assist with the cost of the hose.

Briery asked Urban about the status of the lights that were to be installed on Dan Cropp's tower, because a grant was received for this. Jerry Jones said he had spoken to Cropp recently, and said he had not been contacted by anyone. Briery said a meter needs to be installed to monitor electric usage on the Cropp tower. Urban said the Board secretary in looking into the matter.

Briery also reported a bid of \$14,125 was received from Foreland Group for curb and gutter replacement at the swimming pool. Briery stated the City shouldn't have to pay anyone to redo the curb and gutter that was done unsatisfactorily. City Attorney Karen Griffiths said the engineer the City hired recommended that only part of

the curb and gutter be taken out and replaced, so it might not be possible to get reimbursed from anyone unless the engineer changes the recommendation. The council decided to have Jerol from Penco Engineering review the curb and gutter with Whitney Construction at the swimming pool.

The Norton Horse Council was represented by Sam Hager, Dave Donovan and Garrett Beydler at the meeting. They inquired about the City's intention to charge for electric hook-ups at Elmwood Park. The Council invited the representatives to attend the Parks Committee's Wednesday meeting. The 4-H Club was also invited.

In other council news:
-accepted the lift station generator

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Upgrades and budget discussed

By DANA PAXTON
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For the past two weeks, John Miller from the Norton County Landfill came to visit the commissioners about future upgrades and proposed budget plans.

For some time now the county has been considering purchasing a grinder to be used at the landfill and Miller reported that he had been researching and pricing them and found that Murphy was the company offering the best price on one, either old or new. They range from \$450,000 for a used one and up to \$675,000 for a new one.

Many things must be taken into consideration when buying a grinder, the cost and frequency of replacing the teeth as well as belts, wheels, engine, drive train, cost of fuel and separator screens.

"By having a grinder it would increase the life of the compactor," Miller said "And when looking at the wheels, CAT made a visit and committed to doing an exchange on wheels."

In dealing with numbers so large the budget must be looked at as well and

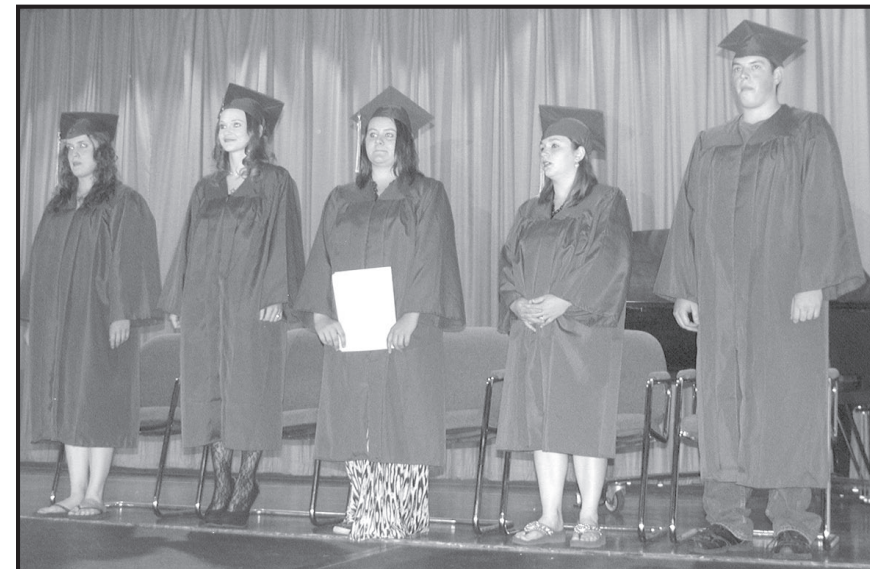
Miller reported that his department has cut \$10,000 out of the equipment and repair budget but registration fees have increased due to Brian Foster of BG Consultants attending more things. He also quoted expected yearly expenses for other things.

When going over basic costs for the landfill, Miller said that they will have money left at the end of the year, approximately \$70,000, and if the county wanted to they could put this towards the grinder. By grinding or shredding the material in the construction debris pit and then compacting it, the life of the pit would be extended so it would be a nice thing to have.

"I think we are in pretty good shape," said Miller. "We are currently working in sub cell number seven and that should hold until next spring, but sub cells eight and nine need dug and that is where the Kansas Department of Health and Environment comes in wanting repeat work done." Foster is working with the landfill as a go between with the Department of Health.

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Congratulations!



The U.S.D. 211 Learning Center graduation ceremony was held Thursday night at the East Campus Auditorium. Robert Wyatt, board of education vice-president, was the keynote speaker and there were five graduates, making it the Learning Center's largest graduating class. (Pictured) Rheanon Esther-Jean Baker, Cyndie Lee Milnes, Carla Jo Lorraine Robinson, Ashley Desiree Simants and Josh D. Stone.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

