

Battle of the Badges scheduled

Dedicated men and women in uniform serve the public every day by responding to local emergencies and keeping the community safe. Now, they are joining forces to help save lives in a different way.

The Norton Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services and Police Department will "battle" to see who can bring in the most blood donors. Community members who present to donate blood can vote for their favorite group. The winning agency gets bragging rights for the year as well as a trophy.

"The Battle of the Badges Blood Drive is an opportunity for our local heroes to engage in a fun competition for bragging rights, all while helping save lives," said Tricia Quinn, Chief Executive Officer, Central Plains Blood Services Region. "The Battle of the Badges Blood

Drive will help the Red Cross maintain a sufficient blood supply for patients in need during the summer months."

Vacations and summer activities often result in a decline in blood donations during the summer. In fact, during the months of June, July and August, about two fewer donors give blood at each Red Cross blood drive than what patients need.

Norton Community Battle of the Badges Blood Drive:

July 10 from noon to 6 p.m. at Norton County 4-H Building, 126 E. Park St., Norton, KS.

You don't have to wear a badge to be a hero. The Red Cross invites area residents to join the heroes and donate blood during the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. Walk-ins are welcome, but donors are encouraged to call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or

visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

How to donate blood

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in Kansas), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Program to fix deficient bridges

A Kansas Department of Transportation program designed to reduce the number of deficient bridges on local road systems will also benefit the state's agriculture industry.

The new \$10 million program, announced Wednesday in Hutchinson by Transportation Secretary Mike King, will provide up to \$120,000 to local jurisdictions - primarily counties - to replace small bridges that are rated deficient. Bridges that qualify must have a daily vehicle count of less than 100

and be 20 to 50 feet in length.

"While qualifying bridges under the program have relatively low traffic numbers, they are important routes for farmers to get their equipment to fields and their crops to market," said Secretary King.

"Many of these bridges have a low load rating and it isn't legal or safe for some of today's large farm equipment to cross."

There are approximately 20,000 bridges on Kansas' local road systems and about 18 percent of those are structurally de-

ficient. Of those, about 1,800 to 1,900 would qualify for funding under program guidelines.

Local jurisdictions awarded funds must provide a 10 percent match.

Applications will be accepted through mid-September and project selections will follow in early October. More information about the application process will soon be posted on the Kansas Department of Transportation's website on the Local Projects page.

Clean up

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bids from Prairie Land Electric at a cost of \$20,976, each including labor to install, with a one-year warranty.

-will solicit bids to silicone seal the joints in the pool deck area and parking lot at the swimming pool.

-will contribute \$2,000 for the curb replacement project at the Norton Homestore at 111 W. Lincoln, contingent upon the work being completed by July 4.

-approved the Norton American Legion Riders use of the grandstand area for consumption of cereal malt beverages on July 4, as per Section 3-103(e) of the Norton City Code, and approved the cereal malt beverage special event license for the American Legion Riders to have a beer garden in the grandstand area in Elmwood Park on July 4.

-authorized the Electric Distribution department to help Craig Knapp on June 20 to remove an antenna on the roof of his building in the 100 block of N. State St., to prevent it from falling on the City's power lines.

-adopted Resolution #10-2014, making additions and amendments to the City of Norton employee handbook and Norton Personnel Rules. This changes the second paragraph of Article 5-6, relating to the personal use of City vehicles effective July 1, and also changes the third paragraph relating to city issued cell phones. Ryan said the Electric Distribution and Public Works supervisors should be able to take their vehicles home. Motion carried 5-1, with Ryan voting no.

-adopted Resolution #9-2014, fixing the time and place and providing for notice of a hearing before the governing body of the City of Norton, at which the owner, his or her agent, lien holders of record, occupants and other parties in interest of structures located within said city and described herein may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished as an unsafe or dangerous structure.

-waived the formal second

reading of Ordinance #1659, requiring the registration and licensure of scrap metal dealers, establishing an application process and registration fee; and providing for the suspension or revocation of the registration.

-approved Appropriating Ordinance #12. Motion carried 5-0, with Jerry Jones abstaining.

-approved the June 4, 2014 council meeting minutes as written.

The following building permits were presented:

McMulkin Trust - \$3,000, re-roofing at 315 N. Brown.

Jason Dial - \$2,500, construct garage at 509 W. Main.

First Church of God - \$3,600, remove steeple and roof where steeple was.

Bobby Peterson - \$9,480, application of roofing materials on front and back porch.

UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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Dodge City 300 Motorcycle Race

July 1-6, Dodge City
Centennial celebration for the historic race. Motorcycle racing, bike shows, blues concerts, vendors & western history. (620) 408-6877, dodgecity300.org

World of Outlaws - Boot Hill Showdown

July 4-5, Dodge City
Dodge City Raceway Park hosts the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series. The Greatest Show on Dirt! (620) 225-3277, dodgecityraceway.com

Kansas Wheat Festival

July 9-13, Wellington
Five days of fun in the Wheat Capital of the World! Wheatcakes, wheat beer tasting, Wheat Parade, street dances and more! wellingtonks.org

3i Farm & Ag Show

July 10-12, Dodge City
A salute to industry, implements & irrigation. A show place for product manufacturers in Western Kansas. (620) 227-8082, 3ishow.com

Ladies' Night Out

July 11, Council Grove
An evening of food, fun, shopping & giveaways. Drawings, exclusive discounts & specials, live music. councilgrove.com

Paola Art & Wine Stroll

July 12, Paola
Sample/Purchase Kansas wines & art. Enjoy live band performances. 6-9 PM Downtown Square. Tickets & Info: paolatourism.org/Art-and-Wine-Stroll



Lights out...



Brian Hickman, Norton City employee, is seen here trying to get Norton's power up and running again. Just before lunch Monday afternoon, a bull snake got into the power plant and left the entire town without power. It took about three hours to restore service to the city.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Political signs not allowed on highways

It's a sign of the season - campaigning to support your favorite political candidate. However, if your plans involve placing a political sign, the Kansas Department of Transportation reminds you to make sure it's not located on highway right of way.

By law, all right of way on state highways is to be used exclusively for public highway purposes. Only regulatory, guide signs and warning signs are allowed on the state highway system. The Department

of Transportation has jurisdiction over all interstate, Kansas and United States routes on the state's 9,500-mile system.

The public should be aware that all political campaign signs or billboards are prohibited on the state right of way.

When Kansas Department of Transportation maintenance crews find political or business advertising on state right of way, the signs will be removed immediately without notice. All such signs will then be taken to the closest Kansas Department

of Transportation subarea office where they can be picked up by the owner with the agreement they will not be placed on state right of way again. All political campaign signs not picked up will be disposed of after the election.

Political campaign advertising is allowed on private property bordering state right of way. However, people erecting signs on private property must first obtain permission from the property owner.

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

It was cloudy outside this morning. We received only a sprinkle of rain.

Farmers are getting combines ready for harvest. Some of the wheat looks average and other fields are poor.

Playing cards at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Diane Morel, Doreen Zimmerman, Louise Cressler,

Stan and Ramona Shaw. Arlene Sharp was ill so unable to attend. We would welcome anyone of any age to come play cards at the center on Wednesday afternoon.

If you have some news, please give me a call or e-mail me .



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Upgrades

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Mike Selm of the Department of Health is requesting many things be redone, so Foster is trying to make the process as simple as possible so that the county doesn't have to keep repeating things they have already done when it comes to upgrades for the landfill itself.

This past Monday, Miller who was joined by Foster, met with commissioners again for an update. Foster reported that Mr. Selm passed the plans submitted by the county for the municipal trash pit. The Department of Health has given permission to put the work on sub cell 8 and 9 up for bid. A bid date of July 28 was set but since the commissioners won't meet that day the date was changed to July 31

at 10 a.m. Advertising was approved and will start immediately. By getting the contractor bids in by July, work could start on the pits as soon as August or September. The anticipated cost for this job is \$130,000.

At the end of this weeks' meeting, Miller reported that he was wanting to purchase two more cameras to put in the trash building due to blind spots and since inmates from the prison are working there it would be a good idea to do this. The cost for this would be \$3,100. It was suggested to go ahead and get the cameras for safety sake.

Miller also reported that 211,380 pounds of trees had been brought in since last Friday and he expects there to be over a one-half million pounds of trees brought in before it is

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The City of Medicine Lodge, Kansas is seeking a qualified leader to be its next City Administrator. Bachelor's degree in Public Administration or related field is required. Master's degree is preferred but not required. Minimum of three (3) years' experience as a City Administrator, Manager, Department Head or related experience is required. Proven administrative, financial, operational and organizational skills are preferred. Salary range is \$56,000 to \$80,000 annually with an excellent benefit package, including vacation, sick leave, KPEPS, medical and dental insurance and utility benefit. Employment contract available. EOE. Resumes can be e-mailed to City Clerk Kandi Williams at kandi@medicinelodge.ks.gov. Initial review of resumes and applications will be Friday, July 18, 2014.

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