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**Friday**  
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## Briefly

### Football camp starts Monday

The Collin Klein Football Camp for 1st-12th graders will be on July 14 at the Norton High Practice Field. 1st-6th graders registration starts at 8 a.m. with the camp lasting from 9 a.m.-noon. 7th-12th graders registration starts at noon with the camp lasting from 1-4 p.m. Payment and registration is required on the day of the camp. For more information go to [collinkleinpassingacademy.com](http://collinkleinpassingacademy.com).

### Deadline nears for Norton Idol contest

The deadline to enter into the 2014 Norton Idol competition is Friday. You can get your entry form and release form off of [www.discovernorton.com](http://www.discovernorton.com).

### Free movie at the Norton Theatre

The Chamber of Commerce and the Classic Cruisers Car Club is sponsoring a free movie at the Norton Theatre on Saturday at 12:30 p.m., with the doors opening at 11:15 a.m. Maleficent and Frozen, both rated pg, will be the featured movies.

### Ice cream social at Senior Center

An ice cream social will be held at the Norton Senior Citizen Center on Sunday from 4-7 p.m. There will be homemade ice cream and cake, served by donation. The donations will go to The Haven.

## Norton Classic Cruisers!



The Norton Classic Cruisers stopped at Whispering Pines on Wednesday to visit with the residents and to show off their 'sweet rides.' The cars at Whispering Pines were just a small sample of the classic cars that will be on display at the 11th Annual Norton Classic Cruisers Car Show on Saturday at the Norton County Courthouse. Regis-

tration for the event will be Friday from 6-8 p.m., with a cruise-in around town to follow. Registration on Saturday is from 8 a.m.-noon. The car show will run until 2:30 p.m., with an awards ceremony to follow.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## Stockton National Bank acquires local bank

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The Stockton National Bank has officially acquired First Security Bank and Trust of Norton and Lenora. At the close of business on August 1, the bank's conversion process will begin. The branches will re-open on August 4 as The Stockton National Bank.

"We are excited to welcome the First Security Bank and Trust customers and employees to The Stockton National Bank family," President Dale Winklepleck said.

He said the acquisition will provide

expanded and enhanced services and greater capacity to support its customers growth.

"While our banks' financial condition is strong, our true strength lies in our commitment to our communities, our customers, and our employees," Winklepleck said. "Most importantly our loyal customers are truly the reason for our success. It is our customers who have influenced our style of personal community banking, and who have come to expect the best products with the highest level of customer service in the banking industry."

First Security Bank and Trust Vice-President Doug Ray said a new sign will be up at the bank by August 4, and the sign at the ATM on Highway 36 has already been removed and a new sign will be installed soon.

"There're going to be changes but very minimal changes for the customer," Ray said.

The week of July 28, customers will receive their new The Stockton National Bank debit card, and pin numbers for the debit cards will be sent that same week in a separate mailing. Customers current First Security Bank debit cards

will be shut off at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, and the new The Stockton National Bank debit cards will not be activated until midnight on Sunday, Aug. 3. In other words, customers won't be able to utilize either card from 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1 until midnight on Sunday, Aug. 3. The bank offers a fully interactive website for on-line banking, and Winklepleck said a new bank app will be available in late September.

"The acquisition will allow all branches of the bank the ability to streamline many of their processes."

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## Broadband program on fast track to implementation

By MIKE STEPHENS  
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The local broadband pilot program for Norton County is progressing quicker than expected, according to Economic Development Executive Director Scott Sproul. He told the board, at its Tuesday meeting, that because the major provider in Norton County, Nex-Tech, already offers high speed broadband that the Kansas Local Technology Planning Pilot committee is ready to move to the implementation

phase of the plan.

"The goal is to recruit a web developer/designer to Norton County to help our businesses create their web presence through a variety of venues, including websites, on-line stores and social media," Sproul said.

The committee is also considering creating a web-based business from this program. A subcommittee will look at possible funding options and resources, write a business plan, and recruit a skilled individual to Norton

County. The committee expects these issues to be resolved by Oct. 1.

The E-Community Group is also working to develop additional technology business opportunities that are identified in the Local Technology Planning Pilot program. E-Community would like to assist in creating a for-profit business that fulfills the needs of local businesses and sustains itself. The group is looking into several possibilities that would include entrepreneurial businesses and business mod-

els already developed that could be recruited to Norton County, with the primary focus of marketing and sales to enhance the business model. Sproul said it will take several months to get the project off the ground, but they are working with an organization that develops these types of models.

The E-Community Leadership Team has hired Jon Schallert to present a one-day workshop, "Increasing Sales and Profits as a Destination Business."

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## Commissioners told District Court needs more storage

By DANA PAXTON  
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The Norton County Commissioners had several short visits at this week's meeting.

First, Darla Engel from the District Court spoke with commissioners about finding more storage space. She and her staff have no more room for past and current files so the commissioners toured the fourth floor and basement of the courthouse looking for some. Engel was asking that a temporary wall be put in place on the fourth floor to provide a secure storage area. All the county offices seem to be running out of space so the commissioners were looking at alternative avenues such as off sight secure storage areas. After the tour, it was clear that the basement could be cleaned out and some space could be utilized there but no decisions were made. It was agreed that space is needed but has yet to be found and the issue would be looked into and dealt with at a later date.

Sheriff Troy Thomson also visited with the commissioners to inform them about a repeater box needing to be moved from the damaged Reager Elevator to another location. This box allows for communication between the officers and the main office. Winds damaged the elevator that the current repeater sits on and it is soon to be torn down. Thomson said he was trying to locate another place in that area to put one up. It needs to be high off the ground on a silo, tower or something of the sort would work best. The unit includes a box, a generator and a battery along with an outhouse looking type building to contain it all. He plans on keeping the commissioners informed as to how his search is going.

Thomson reported that Officer Bobby Annon will be retiring and that he has received several good applications from near and far. He also reported that one of his officers will be having back

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## Moran visits Norton



U.S. Senator Jerry Moran held a town hall meeting in Norton on July 3. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting in the Norton County Hospital conference room. Veterans affairs was one of the more discussed topics.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## weather forecast

### Weather

Saturday - Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and a high around 90. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms with a high in the lower 90s. Monday - Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high in the lower 90s.

## Markets

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Wheat	\$6.11
Milo	\$3.49
Soybeans	\$12.43
Corn	\$3.89

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for always providing for us. Even when we don't understand, help us to be obedient to your will and your way. Amen.

