

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



**Tuesday**  
July 29, 2014

## Briefly

### Two programs at the library on Thursday

At the Norton Public Library, there will be two programs held for your children to attend on Thursday. The first program is "Our Big Backyard" for preschoolers - 1st graders at 10:30 a.m. The second program held at 2 p.m. for 2nd - 6th graders will be "Wombat Stew." Bring your kids to come have some fun!

### New Almelo auction set for this Saturday

There will be an auction held on Saturday in New Almelo starting at 9:30 a.m. The sale will be conducted by Weimer Auction Service.

### Disc Golf Tourney at Elmwood Park

The Norton Disc Golf Club will hold its annual Open Disc Golf Tournament this Sunday at Elmwood Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., players meeting at 9:45 a.m., and tee off at 10 a.m. For any questions or to pre-register call Don Mordecai at 877-5475.

### Biggest Rodeo this weekend in P-burg

Kansas Biggest Rodeo will be in Phillipsburg this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be a free barbecue, parade and musical entertainment by Country Highway. Tickets are available at Heritage Insurance, Phillipsburg or call (785) 543-2448.

### New Almelo Bazaar scheduled for Aug. 9

St. Joseph's Parish Annual New Almelo Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9, starting at 5 p.m. Events included are: a pork and beef buffet supper, bake sale, bingo, quilt auction, and games with a dance starting at 9 p.m. Come one - come all! Come early, stay late!

## Markets

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Wheat.....	\$5.78
Milo.....	\$3.25
Soybeans.....	\$11.93
Corn.....	\$3.67

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Tuesday night:** Mostly cloudy with 50% chance of rain and a low in lower 60's with a Southeast wind at 10 mph. **Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of rain. Highs in the lower 80's with a East wind of 10 mph. **Wednesday night:** Mostly clear with low of 60. **Thursday:** Mostly sunny with a 20% chance of rain and highs in the mid 80's. **Thursday night:** Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 60's. **Friday:** Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 60's and highs in the upper 80's.

## Prayer

Good Shepherd, when we hear you calling us by name, we know to come running to you for everything we need. Amen.

## Early morning fire destroys apartment



A fire completely gutted a residence at the Sunflower Apartments early Friday morning, according to Norton City Fire Chief Mitch Jones. Two city fire trucks and 13 crew responded to the fire at 6:22 a.m., and were on the scene until 8 a.m. The apartment was a complete loss but no other apartments were damaged, and there were

no injuries. The cause of the fire has not been determined and is under investigation, which according to Jones is standard operating procedure.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## Fastpitch softball comes to Norton

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A new teacher at Norton Community High School for the upcoming school year is hoping to establish four youth fastpitch traveling softball teams.

Laura Fugate will teach biology and anatomy/physiology at the high school this year, but she's also passionate about softball and teaching the fundamentals to youngsters. So much so, she, in cooperation with the Norton Recreation Center, is holding tryouts to establish four girls fastpitch softball teams.

The Heartland Tigers Fastpitch Softball tryouts will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Blue Jay Field. The teams will be comprised of youngsters ages 12 and under, 14 and under, 16

and under, and 18 and under. The travel teams will compete in the spring and summer of 2015.

"We need at least 10 kids at each age level to make up a team," Fugate said.

The community supports the idea of fastpitch softball teams in Norton, according to Fugate, and the feed back has been positive.

"I've heard a lot of great things. Everybody's excited to build up softball in the community to a more competitive level."

Fugate has extensive experience and knowledge in the game. She's been coaching softball for eight years, including four years at the college level, the past two years as an assistant coach at Doane College in Crete, Neb. Her expertise being hitting and infield de-

fense. She has taken four courses with the National Fastpitch Coaches College and is considered a 2-Star Master Coach by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

As a player, she earned a 4-year scholarship to Concordia University in Seward, Neb., and played second base. During her freshman and sophomore year, Concordia University won two conference titles, and she had a batting average over .400, both her junior and senior years.

"I love everything about softball. I've spent my entire life in softball and after college it was like what do I do now?," Fugate said.

Coaching was the natural transition for her and she said teaching and coaching are similar in most respects.

"Coaching is teaching, but you're teaching a sport instead of an academic subject."

Fugate said the fastpitch teams will be an extension of the current youth baseball programs, but the level of competition and expectations will be high.

"The level of competition is not recreational league. The teams will be very organized and we will work at developing their skill level, and we will travel to a lot of spring and summer tournaments."

For additional information or if you are interested in being on a team but are unable to attend tryouts, call Laura Fugate at (308) 520-4131 or at heartlandtigers@gmail.com.

## Vaccinating on time is key

Parents agree that feeding and sleep schedules are important to help keep their children healthy. The same goes for childhood immunizations. Vaccinating children on time is the best way to protect them from 14 serious and potentially deadly diseases before their second birthday.

"The recommended immunization schedule is designed to offer protection early in life," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, Assistant Surgeon General and Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "When babies are vulnerable and before it's likely they will be exposed to diseases."

Public health and medical experts base their vaccine recommendations on many factors. They study information about diseases and vaccines very carefully to decide which vaccines kids should get and when they should get them for best protection.

Although the number of vaccines a child needs in the first two years may seem like a lot, doctors know a great deal about the human immune system, and they know that a healthy baby's immune system can handle getting all vaccines when they are recommended.

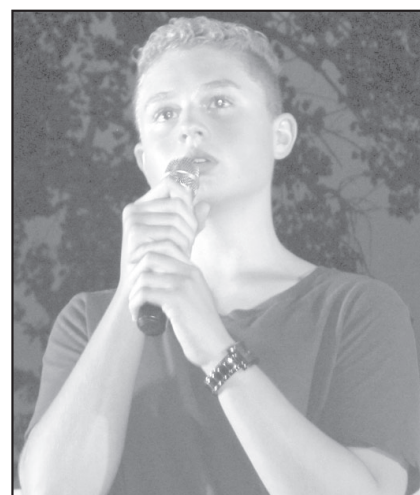
Dr. Schuchat cautions against parents delaying vaccination. "There is no known benefit to delaying vaccination. In fact, it puts babies at risk of getting sick because they are left vulnerable to catch serious diseases during the time they are not protected by vaccines." When parents choose not to vaccinate or to follow a delayed schedule, children are left unprotected against diseases that still circulate in this country, like measles and whooping cough.

For example, more than 48,000 cases of whooping cough were reported in the U.S. in 2012. During this time, 20 deaths were reported—the majority of these deaths were in children younger than 3 months of age.

From Jan. 1 through July 3, 2014, 554 confirmed measles cases have been reported in 20 states. Five total measles cases have been reported in Kansas during this time period. Jenda Jones, local health department nurse, relates "If your child is twelve months of age and has not had an MMR vaccine or has turned four and has not received their second MMR vaccine, I would highly encourage you to make this a priority to protect your loved one against this potentially deadly disease." In 2014, the

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## Norton Idol winners!



The Norton County Fair was host to the 2014 Norton Idol again this year. This year's youth division winner was Ryan Maikell from Falcon, Colo. and he sang You Haven't Seen The Last Of Me. This year's adult division winner was Kendra Gooder of Smith Center and her first song was The House That Built Me and then in the finals she sang Come As Close As You Want to win the top honor of Norton Idol for 2014. Ryan won \$75 and Kendra won \$500 cash, a photo and a recording session as well as two tickets to a concert of

her choosing. There were 13 entered in the youth division and 12 in the adult division. This event was sponsored by the Norton County Farm Bureau Association, Cargill, Mapes and Miller, LLP, Nex-Tech, First State Bank, KQNK, Clean and Safe Storage, Moffet Drug, Hushed Salon and Boutique, R.W. Yeager, Craig L. Krizek, DDS, Natoma Corporation and Wesco Feed Transport, Inc.

For all those of you wanting the title, give it a try again next year at the Norton County Fair.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

