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## Tuesday

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Briefly

### Booster Club plans Wednesday meeting

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Speaking will be Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka, head boys basketball coach Doug Reusink and head wrestling coach Bill Johnson. They will update the fans on the latest competition by their teams. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend the meeting.

### County to hold primary election

A primary election will be held on March 1, in the lobby of the Norton County Courthouse. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Four persons have filed for the position of Mayor for the City of Norton. The candidates that will be on the ballot in the primary are: David Corns, incumbent mayor; Ronnie Briery; Sarah Durham; and Allan Taylor.

A primary election is held if needed to reduce the number of candidates for each office in the general election to no more than three candidates.

The General Election will be held on April 5.

### Norton Total to get new pumps

The Norton Total Station will soon be getting new pumps installed. This means that on Monday, February 28 the gas pumps will not be working so that the new ones can be installed. Then on Tuesday March 1, the diesel pumps will be getting switched out so no diesel on that day.

### Lincoln program will be on Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. is the rescheduled date for the impersonator of Mary Todd Lincoln to be at the community room of the Norton Public Library. The speech was canceled last Sunday as the actress had laryngitis. Refreshments will be served.

### Markets

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Wheat .....	\$8.47
Milo .....	\$5.99
Soybeans .....	\$13.11
Corn .....	\$6.34

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

**Tonight** - Mostly clear with a low around 32. **Wednesday** - Sunny with a high near 65. **Wednesday Night** - Mostly clear with a low around 37. **Thursday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 69.

### Kingham Report

Friday, February 11.....Low 15, High 41  
 Saturday, February 12....Low 25, High 52  
 Sunday, February 13.....Low 30, High 67  
 Monday, February 14.....Low 24, High 57  
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Living God, help us to hear in our minds and hearts the full meaning of your word, and give us the grace to live by your truth each minute of our lives. Amen.



Norton City Firemen responded to a house fire on Saturday evening. No fire spread quickly to the attic before it was extinguished. One was home when the blaze started in the rear of the residence. The  
 -Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

## Evening fire burns Norton home

By HARRIETT GILL  
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A Norton house was described as a "total loss" after a Saturday evening fire engulfed the rear rooms and attic.

At 7:37 p.m. Saturday, seventeen Norton City Firemen and 3 fire trucks were called to the residence of Barbara Bangle at 505 W. Waverly.

Norton Fire Chief Mitch Jones said the fire started in the laundry room. It had already engulfed the room in the rear of the house and spread to the attic when the

firefighters arrived at the scene. Smoke was pouring out of the eaves and under the roof of the porch in the front of the house.

Ms. Bangle was not at home when the fire started. "The house had several additions and the result made access to the fire in the attic a little hard to accomplish, there was a lot of electrical around the area," said Jones.

Norton City employees Dan Sisk and Brian Hickman were called out to disable the meter and shut off the electricity to the house.

"The house is a total loss," Jones said. "We were able to contain the fire and secure the area by 11 p.m."

"I want to thank the Norton Sheriff's Department, Norton Police, and the Kansas Highway Patrol for their help in securing the area and doing traffic control. The Norton County EMS being on standby is always a great help."

Rod Oldrige, fire investigator, and Chief Jones checked the burned area of the house on Sunday. They were able to determine where the fire started, however, the cause remains undetermined.

## Calling contest draws biggest crowd in history

By DANA PAXTON  
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The Norton Archery Club for Youth Shooting Sports held their annual Calling Contest this weekend. They had the best turnout ever since starting the event over 12 years ago; 54 teams entered and competed for prizes and the chance to win a DPMS Model A-15 .223 caliber rifle.

Teams came from all around the area, some from Colorado, McPherson, Goodland, Jetmore and Hays to name a few in addition to the local teams. The competition was a coyote, bobcat and crow calling contest. They could call a half an hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturday and they had to be back to the check in station by 7 p.m. that night with their kill. All callers could use any legal means to call and shoot the game as allowed by the state hunting regulations.

A point system determined the winner. Ten points for every coyote, twelve for a bobcat and three for a crow. A total of 43 coyotes were checked in, 5 bobcats and 22 crows. Prizes were given for first through fifth as well as for the most crow and the largest coyote.

First place went to the team of Gary

and Terry Niblock with four coyotes and five crows. Second place winners were Matt Armconet and Lon Ninemire of Hays with four coyotes and one crow. Third were Jason and Sage Dinkel with two bobcat and one coyote. Fourth place went to Johnny Howard and Doug Wagoner with two bobcats and one coyote but checked in later then the third place team. Fifth place went to Jeremie Krehbiel and Levi Getz with three coyotes. The winner for the most crows also went to the first place team of Niblock and Niblock and the big dog award went to the team of Guy Runion and Tim Behrens with a coyote weighing in at 35.88 pounds. The winner of the gun was Troy Meyers of Norton.

Coordinator John Baker wanted to say thanks to all of the businesses who donated door prizes.

"The local businesses are always so generous when we ask for donations," he said. "I also want to thank T.R. Richard for donating the first place trophy and Brandon McChesney and Chase Braun for donating the knives and leather sheaths that were also given as prizes for the most crow and the big dog winners."



A calling contest took place this weekend with the most ever, 54 teams entered. Hunters competed to see who could call in the biggest and most coyotes, bobcats and crows for a chance to win prizes and be entered for a gun drawing. Featured here are Rusty Goss who took part in the contest and Brett McChesney, official, weighing in one of the coyotes taken.  
 -Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## County road crews find lots of auction items

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Norton County is finding more and more things to put on an auction to be held next month to get rid of excess equipment and stuff.

Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Sandy Smith told the county commissioners on Monday that cleanup at the county shop is going well and the crew is finding quite a bit of "stuff" the county no longer needs,

including some large equipment, to put on the sale.

The larger items are being cleaned up and photographed for the auction flyer, she said.

The crews are checking all the trucks and equipment, Smith said, to make sure everything is in compliance with state and federal standards. Some of the items to be sold, Commissioner John Miller noted, would be fine for farmers but no longer can be used by the county because of new regulations.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Are collecting applications for an equipment operator for the Road and Bridge department.
- Heard that the piles of trash from the Federal Emergency Management road work have been burned. If everything doesn't burn, it will be buried, Smith said.
- Mentioned that back in the mid90s, the road and bridge crew had 20 full-time people. Today, the crew has only 12 full-time employees.

