

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

July 1, 2011

Briefly

Tubbs to visit Norton Tuesday

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m. at the City Office to assist Veterans and their dependents with Veterans Affairs claims work on Tuesday, July 5. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Car Show planned for Friday, July 8

The eighth annual Norton Car Show will take place Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9. See your Tuesday Telegram issue, which will be available Wednesday, for a schedule of events.

Watermelon and fireworks planned

Be sure to attend the watermelon feed at 7:30 p.m. and fireworks display at dusk at the Prairie Dog State Park Monday evening.

Farmer's Market open Thursdays

The Norton County Farmer's Market will be held 7-9 a.m. and also from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Please note the location for the market will be the main entrance to Elmwood Park, south side of the entrance row of cotton trees. It will be held every Thursday morning and evening until the first killing frost in the fall.

Lenora Gym now open for members

Annual memberships to the Lenora Gymnasium are now available at cost of \$25 for individuals or \$50 for a family. Magnetic key entry is available, and you are encouraged to call 877-567-7872 for more details.

The gym is also available for private and community events.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.16
Milo	\$5.32
Soybeans	\$12.42
Corn	\$5.93

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Chance of thunderstorms. Saturday - Highs in the 90's with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high in the lower 90's. Monday - Clear with a high of 99. Tuesday - Clear with a high of 94.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, June 28.....Low 52, High 95
Wednesday, June 29.....Low 58, High 108
Thursday, June 30.....Low 68, High 108
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for your wonderful love. In times of persecution, help us to trust you for strength and courage. Amen.

Heat brings on harvest



Harvest is finally underway. Nine year old Hunter Hogan drives the tractor pulling the grain cart for his grandfather who is cutting the wheat. The wheat field is owned and farmed by Justin and Debbie Hogan and is located south of Norton. The moisture was 9.5 with a test weight of 60. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Former clinic slated to house the college nursing program

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With the recent opening of a new Norton Medical Clinic, leaders of the Norton County Hospital announced recently that the former Doctors Medical Clinic will become the site of the Colby Community College Norton Campus.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller reported that the former Doctors Medical Clinic will become the new home of the college's outreach programs in Norton, but will primarily house the school's nursing program.

Miller explained that to accommodate the needs of the program, hospital and college leaders are working on a plan to renovate the clinic building to fit the

needs of the college programming. The details of that renovation, however, are yet to be finalized.

"We are developing a plan to secure financing once we know what the cost of the project is going to be," said Scott Sproul, Norton's Economic Development Director. "We're planning to actively seek funding once we get the bids back to know how much funding we need."

Miller reported that a portion of the clinic building will undergo extensive renovation to include three classroom spaces and the newer wing of the building will only undergo some slight changes.

"The goal is to enlarge the nursing program enrollment from 18 to about 30

students," Miller said. "Having a use for that building was very important for (the hospital), and having the college there is an excellent alternative for everyone involved."

Renovation on the building is expected to begin later this summer and if everything goes as planned, Miller said, construction should be finished by next spring.

The current nursing program is housed in space on the top level of the Norton County Hospital and Miller said the collaboration between the college and the hospital has been beneficial for both entities.

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Song-writer to perform in Norton on July 14

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As part of the Norton Public Library's summer reading program, a Norton native and musician will be bringing his kid-friendly act to Norton this month.

Randy Sauer will perform at the Norton Public Library on July 14 as part of the library's summer reading program. Randy's Music Jam is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

Sauer grew up in Norton and graduated from Norton High School in 1985. Now a resident of Hays, the Elementary Music teacher spends his summers traveling around Nebraska and Kansas, sharing his original compositions intended to teach children about the technical aspects of music.

"I started writing music as an education tool to use in my classrooms," Sauer said. "The kids really enjoyed what I was writing and people told me I should start putting on shows to perform the music I was writing."

After deciding to take his show on the road, Sauer puts on music programs for children across Nebraska and Kansas.

The shows include interactive music with motions and actions to help the children learn about musical elements like rhythm and notes. "I write a lot of songs with actions and easy words for the kids to sing along with," Sauer said. "I like to get the kids involved because that helps them learn about music through music."

A recent addition to Sauer's act has been a "trashcan" band and in his shows, the songwriter likes to get the kids involved in creating music with him. He uses a collection of trashcans and other household items, like wooden spoons, to teach musical concepts.

In addition to the live shows, Sauer has created and produced three musical albums targeted to elementary-age children. In addition, he is working on a DVD for children. "A lot of my music includes actions and interactive elements," he said. "Those elements lend themselves well to a DVD because they are visual as well as musical."

For more information about Sauer or his programs, visit www.randysmusic-jam.com.



4K for Cancer riders rode in small groups into Norton late Wednesday morning, about half way through their 4,000-mile bike ride to promote cancer awareness and research.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

4K for Cancer ride passes through Norton

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Determined to raise awareness about the trials that come with a cancer diagnosis, a group of students and college graduates passed through Norton Wednesday and Thursday on a bike tour across the nation.

The group of about 25 adventurers are cycling from Baltimore, Md. to San Francisco, Calif. to raise awareness and funding for cancer research through a non-profit group called 4K for Cancer. The organized ride began 10 years ago and over the past decade, has grown into a registered non-profit organization to raise money for cancer research.

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Have a great holiday weekend!

