



Friday  
November 2, 2012



Briefly

## Almena craft fair this Saturday

The City of Almena is having their Fall Craft and Vendor Fair at the Almena Community Building this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Achievement night set for Sunday

Norton County 4-H Achievement Night will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the 4-H Building with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. and program at 6:45 p.m.

## VA claims officer to be here Tuesday

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45-11:45 a.m. at the Senior Center to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, Nov. 6. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

## Make a difference and Vote Tuesday

Don't like the way things are now; vote for a real change. The General Election will be Tuesday, November 6 so go out and VOTE!

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$8.40
Milo .....	\$7.13
Soybeans .....	\$14.68
Corn .....	\$7.41

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high of 61. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high of 66.

## Kingham Report

Friday, Oct. 26 .....	Low 21, High 41
Saturday, Oct. 27 .....	Low 23, High 48
Sunday, Oct. 28 .....	Low 23, High 56
Monday, Oct. 29 .....	Low 34, High 72
Tuesday, Oct. 30 .....	Low 39, High 71
Wednesday, Oct. 31 .....	Low 35, High 71
Thursday, Nov. 1 .....	Low 37, High 72

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, awaken us to opportunities to speak your word to those around us. Make us instruments in spreading your good news. In the name of Jesus, the source of our Good News. Amen.



## Sewing seeds with love & care

Farm Bureau Financial Services in conjunction with USD 211 Elementary School plant a wheat crop every year. This is done so that the youth can see where their food comes from, from the seed to the table. The ground is disced up and then the children plant rows of seeds that they are responsible for throughout its life time. The students record moisture and growth throughout the process. When it is time to harvest the wheat it will be cut by the students and then taken and ground into flour. With the flour produced the students then make pretzels at the school and enjoy the fruits of their labor, learning the entire time. Pictured in the front row are Mason Hogan, Brooke Wiltfong, Tanna Breiner, Mia Brooks, Madeline Miller, Sammi Gallegos and Kaylie Gill. In the back are Patsy Maddy of Farm Bureau and Katie Gleason

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Landfill dangers that could be avoided

By Dana Paxton  
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Since recent changes at the Norton County Landfill, a new problem that needs to be addressed has come to the attention of the Norton County Commissioners.

John Miller contacted the Telegram in hopes of educating the public on a safety hazard that the sanitation workers are facing. Since January, two helium tanks have been run over by the equipment at the landfill and they have exploded. One busting up a wall and breaking some glass. "If someone had been standing in the path of this flying projectile they would be dead," Miller stated.

All too often things are hidden in the trash that can be potentially harm-

ful to workers that are sorting and moving trash. Propane bottles, helium tanks and needles to name a few. These things don't have to be a hazard at all if people dispose of them correctly.

With the propane and helium tanks all that needs to be done is to release the pressure first before taking them to the landfill. This is done by puncturing a hole at the top of the canister where there is an indented place to do it. If the owner doesn't choose to do that then all they have to do is take them out to the landfill and the staff will do it for them. Do not hide them in the trash or someone could really get hurt otherwise. Mr. Miller asks the citizens of Norton County to "just read and follow the warning labels on these type of canisters and these things won't happen."

As for the proper disposal of needles, people are asked to please bring them to the Norton County Hospital. They take them at no charge and get rid of them in the right way. People must think of those sorting through the trash when they are throwing their used needles away. If a worker gets a needle poke they have no idea what the needle was used for, by whom or what dangers they face. If this happens, and it has already, they then have to take the appropriate measures and be treated for a variety of things since the origins are unknown.

Another huge issue facing the staff at the landfill is that they are finding all sorts of things that don't belong in the recycling barrels, other than the needles and tanks. Aerosol cans, toilet paper, dirty diapers, styrofoam and

plastic hangers. These things are not recyclable. As for glass products they need to be in separate containers based on color, clear, brown, blue and green.

What the community doesn't realize is that it takes all day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and half of Thursday to sort through the recyclable items every week; that leaves a day and a half for the rest of the work that needs done at the landfill. If everyone just took a minute more time and the safety of others into consideration when recycling at home, it would be a win-win situation. The work would go faster at the recycling center and the safety of all those working there would be increased. Another key

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# Norton Theatre receives funds for upgrades

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The Norton Theatre Association has been awarded \$190,000 in Community Service Tax Credits by the Kansas Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce awarded \$4.13 million in Community Service Tax Credits to 27 non-profit organizations around the state, including the Norton Theatre Association.

The funds will be used to complete several improvement projects for the heavily used theater, including upgrading the equipment for digital movie formats because the production of prints is expected to end.

"This project has been a joint effort of many people in not only the Norton community, but nationally as well," said Norton Theatre Manager Jeremy Wetter.

"We have received generous support in cash donations, funeral memorials and summer fundraising events (including the 5K run/walk, Stanton Nelson's Concert, Poker Run, Norton Junior High KAYS fundraisers and others)."

"We are extremely grateful to those individuals and organizations that have donated in person or to the Community Service Tax Credit program," said Wetter.

These future Kansas income tax credits are a major fundraising tool for community organizations engaged in services for children and families, health care or crime prevention.

"Our fund-raising efforts began nearly two and a half years ago, when the need for digital cinema was really kicking off nationwide. At that time, approximately 50 percent of all movie prints were being produced digitally and the rest in 35 millimeter film," said

Wetter.

"As film prints decreased, we began looking for funds to assist us in transitioning to the digital age but the cost was astronomical. After applying for a couple of grants and being declined in our efforts, we began a public campaign for donations. Fortunately, the opportunity to apply for this tax credit came available in late summer and we were accepted," said Wetter.

Businesses and individuals who contribute to the awarded organizations are eligible for a 70 percent tax credit in rural areas or a 50 percent tax credit in urban areas.

For the past 20 years, the Norton Theatre has operated with volunteer workers, one paid manager, lots of community support and no government support.

"I want to congratulate these very deserving organizations and the work they do to make our state a better place to live," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George. "The Community Service Tax Credit Program helps attract investment in community improvement projects throughout the state."

In addition to the upgrade to a digital format, the Norton Theatre Association has several other projects on the horizon, including new neon lighting inside and out, replace the carpeting throughout the theatre and lobby areas, stucco work on the outside of the building, painting the inside and outside of the building and possibly new theatre seats.

"All donations that have been raised will be applied towards funding our transition to digital and 3-D cinema," said Wetter. "It is estimated to be up and running on Friday, Nov. 30."

The Community Service Tax Credit

Program is a way for charitable organizations and public health care entities to improve their ability to undertake major capital fund-raising drives for projects involving children and family services, non-governmental crime prevention and health care. Each year, non-profit community service organizations submit proposals to the Department. If the organization is awarded tax credits, it is then authorized to offer tax credits to donors making contributions to the approved fund-raising project.

Tax credits totaling \$4.13 million are allocated to these groups annually at a rate of 70 percent in rural areas and 50 percent in non-rural areas. For example, qualified donors who give \$1,000 to an approved project in a non-rural area would receive a 50 percent (or \$500) tax credit against their Kansas income tax liability. In addition, the donors would receive a federal tax benefit if they itemize, which would again decrease their tax liability.



The Norton Theatre Association will use the \$190,000 in tax credits to complete several improvements to the heavily used non-profit facility, including upgrading the equipment for digital formats. (Pictured) Norton Theatre Manager Jeremy Wetter inspects the equipment prior to playing a movie. Other improvement projects include new neon lighting, replace the carpet throughout the theatre and lobby areas, stucco work on the outside of the building, painting the inside and outside of the building and possibly new theatre seats.

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