



Friday

November 16, 2012

Briefly

Hospital meeting date changed

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Norton County Hospital has scheduled its board meeting for Monday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Denver trip fundraiser Saturday

The Norton County 4-H Council and the Denver Trip Committee are sponsoring a 4-H Denver Trip Benefit Meal on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Tickets are \$6 at the door. Proceeds from the benefit will go towards the cost of the 4-Hers trip to Denver in late January.

Veteran bricks are still available

Bricks for the Norton Veterans Memorial can still be purchased for \$35 each by contacting Carol Erlenbusch at First State Bank (877-3341).

Arts Council lighting contest

Norton County Arts Council’s Christmas Lighting Contest will be Wednesday, Dec. 14. If you wish to participate in the contest, send your name, address of the display, and your contact information to: Norton County Arts Council, P.O. Box 225, Norton, KS or call Nancy at (785) 577-4940. Deadline for entries is November 30 and ballots must be received by December 14.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$8.26
Milo.....	\$6.85
Soybeans.....	\$13.12
Corn.....	\$7.13

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with fog early. High of 61. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with fog early. Low of 32. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high of 64. Breezy. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with fog overnight. Low of 27. Winds from the south at 10 to 15 mph. Monday - Partly cloudy with fog early. High of 64. Monday Night - Partly cloudy with fog overnight. Low of 28.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Nov. 13	Low 20, High 57
Wednesday, Nov. 14	Low 20, High 59
Thursday, Nov. 15	Low 34, High 58

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

Prayer

Loving Father, we realize that you love us more than we can imagine and that you long to be a part of our life every day. We welcome you. Amen



Tyson Callaway, Kortney Cunningham, Staci Montgomery, Speer, Eli Lowry all receive their Krispy Kreme hats to wear as they were out selling the product for a KAY fundraiser. – Courtesy photo.

Krispy Kreme sales exceed KAYS goal

The Northern Valley KAYS had an extremely successful fund raising campaign this fall. The 36 members of KAY hoped to pre-sell 725 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts, and far exceeded this goal! Monte Montgomery pulled into the parking lot on Friday, November 9, with 850 boxes, all but 25 dozen already sold! That is 10,200 donuts!!! The money raised will be used for service projects such as their annual Veteran’s Day Program, the Community Christmas Movie and soup supper, Heifer International and to send two members to KAYS Camp. The club wants to say a very big THANK YOU to all who supported this fundraiser!

Economic Development seeks grant money

By Cynthia Haynes c.haynes@nwkansas.com

Grants, grants, grants. Economic Development Executive Director Scott Sproul told his board on Tuesday that he feels that the organization should try for every grant it can make work for the area. “We’d better be applying for everything we can now,” he said. “Because, you don’t know what’s down the line.” And grants were the major part of the Norton City/County Economic Development meeting The board authorized Mr. Sproul and administrative coordinator Verla Grysch to go after any simple grants that are given out regularly without getting special permission and approved their

requests to pursue some major, time-consuming specialty grants as well. One of the simple ones is given out by Monsanto. A farmer fills out a simple form, Mr. Sproul said, and asks that the grant, if awarded, go to a community project. The \$2,500 grant could be used by the Horse Council for new bleachers that are handicapped accessible, Mr. Sproul said. The board agreed that a farmer could probably be found to apply for the grant. Dupont Pioneer also offers a grant. This year the Solomon Valley Rural Fire Department received \$5,240 for radio upgrades from a grant the economic development group got through Dupont.

Mr. Sproul said that he was planning to apply next for a grant from Dupont for the Norton Rural Fire Department for radio upgrades. The group also gave permission to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for historic preservation and a housing pilot program and a Kansas Health Foundation Planning Grant. The historic preservation grant would help with downtown revitalization, Mr. Sproul said. The grant, which would be administered by Northwest Kansas Planning and Development of Hill City and can be for up to \$250,000. The money could be used for outside work on a business building that has been deemed a slum, blighted or unsafe. The building he is thinking about,

he said, has a back corner falling off. “We will have to work with the city,” he noted to get the building deemed unsafe, but he didn’t think that would be a problem with the structural damage. The money from the grant cannot be used for any interior work, he said, and the business needs to put up a 25 percent match for the exterior work. The housing pilot program is also a Community Development Block Grant for up to \$500,000 with a 50 percent match. It would also be administered by Northwest Kansas Planning. This money could be used to rehabilitate an existing housing development, he said. It can not be used for building

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Norton joins with other counties on job website

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The Norton City/County Economic Development group voted to pay to join Ellis and Russell counties on a national job website. The total cost of the project is \$30,000 Executive Director Scott Sproul told his board at its monthly meeting on Tuesday. But the cost is divided by population. Ellis would pay a little over \$20,000, Russell, a little over \$5,000 and Norton’s cost would be the rest, something over \$4,000. The site, called nationjob.com, would post jobs available in the area in hopes

of pulling more workers into Norton, which has a jobless rate of less than 4 percent, Mr. Sproul said. If more counties go in on the project, which both Osborne and Thomas are looking at, the cost would go down, he added. The county or economic development group submits the jobs and they are placed on a web site by category with others from Northwest Kansas, he said. The company that sponsors the website is willing to sell space on it and that would help defray the expense, he said. The companies seeking workers would then help to pay for the cost.

County commissioner and board member Carolyn Applegate suggested that the group try the site for a year, which is the contract period, before asking anyone else to invest. Mr. Sproul said that jobs could be posted as often as needed or could be downloaded off the economic development website by calling the company. “It might work. It might not,” he said. “But, we’ve got to try something.” Curtis Eveleigh agreed. “Employees are a serious problem,” he said. The company running the service has been in business for 20 years, he noted, and on the web for 10 years.

Board president Aaron Herman suggested that the board vote on whether to do it or not and then decide on whether to ask for advertising. In the end the group decided to try the service for a year without any advertising. “If it works, it would be easy enough to sell it next year,” Mr. Eveleigh said. Mr. Sproul noted that the discover-norton web site will probably not be finished until March 1. He said that he had hoped to have it up by now, then pushed the date back. Because there are three major grants to be applied for due in January and February, he said, there will probably be no time to

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Larry Cooper and his English setter Suzi wind up a day of pheasant hunting Wednesday night. Larry and his friends drove from Marysville, Tennessee as usual to hunt some birds in the Norton area. After a full day of hunting and never seeing a bird, they decided to move on to better hunting grounds. – Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Only one perfect entry in Pigskin/Pick-Em contest

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Brenda Husted, Almena, was the only football fan to turn in a perfect entry, including winner of the tiebreaker, in last week’s Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and will receive the \$15 scrip money first prize for her accurate prognostications. Entries were not graded until after Tuesday’s Telegram since no mail was received on Monday due to the Veterans’ Day holiday. Rick Green, Norton was also correct on all nine games but chose the wrong winner of the tiebreaker contest between Missouri and Tennessee, which was won by Missouri by the whopping score of 51-48 in four overtimes! Rick will receive \$10 in scrip money for his guessing genius. A total of 21 fans missed just one game so were in the running for the \$5 scrip money third prize. Only nine of them picked Missouri to beat Tennessee. Judges went to the tiebreaker to determine the winner, who is Tiffney Yeager, Norton, who came the closest to the scores of each team but was still

a total of 37 points off. Tiffney’s only miss was the Texas A&M upset of No.1 Alabama. The others with one miss who picked Missouri to win the tiebreaker and their points off on actual scores of the two teams were: Jennifer Boller, Norton, 39; Jim Springer, Long Island, 47; Fig Millan, Norton, 48; Chelle Millan, Norton, 50; Nathan Morse, Norton, 51; Steve Vollertsen, Norton, 55; Baylee Miller, Norton, 59; Barbara Brooks, Clayton, 64. The other fans who missed just one game but chose Tennessee to beat Missouri in the tiebreaker were: Bob Covington, Sandi Winchell, both of Almena; Kenney Leiker, Ellis; Dalton Miller, Jeris Norman, Heather Simmons, Regina Beikman, Ken Gregoire, Abby Rice, Chase Rice, Amanda Ray, Wilson Ellis, all of Norton. Incorrect on two contests were: Brenda Lenker, Phillipsburg; Tiffany Compton, Jim Winchell, both of Almena; Ann Becker, Lenora; Dorothy

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