

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

August 2, 2013

Briefly

## Disc golf tourney set for Sunday

The Norton open disc golf tournament will take place on Sunday at the Elmwood park disc golf course in Norton. There will be a meeting at 9:30 at the Elmwood Park by basket three and the tournament will begin at 10 a.m.

## Elementary kids to enroll on Tuesday

USD 211 elementary school enrollment early childhood through 6th will be held on August 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Eisenhower band room.

## Juniors and Seniors enroll on Wednesday

Enrollment for USD 211 Seniors will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7 from 9 until noon. Enrollment for Juniors will also be that day but from 1 to 4 p.m. The enrollment for 8th grade is also this day from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

## Enrollment to be held on Thursday

Enrollment for USD 211 Sophomores will be on Thursday, August 8 from 9 to noon. Enrollment for Freshman will also be that day but from 1 to 4 p.m. Enrollment for 7th graders will also be held this day from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

## Enrollment for new students set

Enrollment for USD 211 new students will be on Friday, August 9 from 9 to noon. Make up registration will also be that day at the same time.

## Markets

Thursday, August 1, 2013

Wheat .....	\$7.06
Milo .....	\$5.27
Soybeans .....	\$12.09
Corn .....	\$6.12

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## weather forecast

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. High of 77. Saturday Night - Overcast with a chance of rain, then thunderstorms after midnight. Fog overnight. Sunday - Overcast with a 50 percent chance of rain and fog early. High of 84. Sunday Night - Overcast with fog overnight. Monday - Overcast with fog early and a high of 81 and 60 percent chance of rain.

## Prayer

Dear steadfast and loving God, may we learn to trust you in every circumstance. Amen.



## Streering malfunction causes wreck

On or about 3:21 p.m. the afternoon of July 30, Lane Bigge of Norton was driving his 2000 red Dodge Intrepid west on KQNK road when his steering failed, causing him to lose control of his vehicle. He then traveled off the road into the north shoulder, striking a wooden post and steel cable. The vehicle entered the north ditch and continued to travel west in the drainage ditch, coming to a rest on its wheels facing west. Mr. Bigge suffered no injuries but the vehicle suffered damages to the front end and both sides as well as the undercarriage. New Look Body Shop extracted the vehicle from the drainage ditch.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Commissioners get recent updates

The Norton County Commissioners met on Monday morning for their end of the month meeting.

Vouchers and payroll for the month of July were presented for signatures and approval, which they received.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson addressed the commissioners to report that the county had to take custody action on four horses last week. He told them that the animals had been moved to a location where they will be fed and watered. This location is temporary for now but the county will need to find a

new location for them this week.

Mr. Thomson also spoke about the Emergency Preparedness' position. He asked the commissioners to consider a salary for this position if he were to maintain the position. The commissioners said they would discuss it and report back to him at a later date.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director, Scott Sproul, addressed the commissioners next and wanted to get clarification on the transferability of NRP property if sold. No decision has been made at this time

concerning this issue due to Norton County Attorney Doug Sebelius being absent during the discussion. This topic will be brought back up when Mr. Sebelius is present.

Mr. Sproul also spoke to the commissioners on the termination of the Road L project. By terminating it, the county would owe Swab-Eaton for their time spent on the contract and for the interest on the temporary note that was issued for the county. The estimated cost to terminate the contracts and to pay interest will be around \$100,000. Mr.

Sproul will visit with Central States to see about the temporary note payment and conversion and report back to the commissioners. Scott also asked the commission if at a later date, Ag Valley proceeds with the expansion plans, would the county consider re-visiting the plan. The commissioners agreed to consider it again if need be.

The next meeting is set for 9 a.m. on August 5.

# The Battle of the Badges set for August

The Battle of the Badges is a community wide blood drive where law enforcement competes with the fire department and EMS to see who can bring in the most blood donors.

This is a fun event for everyone in our community. The idea is to increase the amount of blood donated during the summer months, traditionally a time of year when blood donations are seriously low. This helps the American Red Cross maintain a steady blood supply for people who need it. Anyone can participate, and vote for their favorite civil servant. Currently there is a National Emergency Appeal throughout the United States for blood donors of all types to donate blood. Donations are down more than 10 percent across the country.

The Battle is on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from Noon–6 p.m. at the Norton County 4-H Building. It is best to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are always welcome. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment.

The Red Cross hopes to collect 104 pints of whole blood. The ALYX machine will be available for those wanting to donate 2 pints and have a blood type of O+, O-, A- or B-.

The winner gets bragging rights for a year and a big trophy. But it doesn't matter who wins, LAW, FIRE, or EMS because hospital patients throughout Kansas are the real winners.

This is the fourth year for Battle of the Badges in the Norton community. The fire department won in 2012 and

2011, and law enforcement won in 2010, but this year, who knows? Maybe EMS will rally back to win!

Only 38 percent of people in this country are able to donate blood, but approximately only about 5 percent give blood. It is very important for

the Red Cross to continually gain new donors to make sure blood is available when people need it. You never know when it might be you, your family member or friend, who needs that life-saving blood.

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# Norcatur library is closed for the present

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The Norcatur Public Library has experienced a temporary set-back. For the time being, the library is closed and all activities have been suspended.

Long-time board member, Deb Marshall, said, "It's sad we had to do this (close the library), but we want to get it right."

Getting it right involves the appointment of a new library board. In May Librarian, Betsy Jakowski, advised the board that it was operating in error because it (the board) should have been appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council. Several area people volunteered to serve and at the June 3 council meeting, Mayor Carl Lyon made the appointments and the council approved them.

On June 26, Mrs. Jakowski gave her verbal resignation to the board. Soon after that, it was learned that Norcatur has an ordinance on its books that only allows residents of the city to serve as city officers. Five of the seven volunteer board members lived outside the city limits. It was back to square one and instead of operating illegally, it was decided to close the library until a new board of Norcatur city residents could be appointed.

Mrs. Marshall said, "Our mistakes were done in innocence. (Now) We're just trying to operate our library within the legal bounds the state has set."

Because she lives in the country, Mrs. Marshall is no longer eligible to serve on the board, but she remains a staunch supporter of the library and its programs.

She said, "The library has been a big part of our family's lives. The kids all took part in the summer reading programs. We aren't going to let Norcatur lose its library."

The good news is that a number of Norcatur citizens have willingly stepped forward to serve on the library board. All that remains is for Mayor Lyon to choose the board members and make the appointment with the council's approval. This will happen no later than Aug. 5 during the regular council meeting. It could be sooner if the council would call a special meeting just for that purpose.

In the mean time, if anyone checked out an item from the library, it may be returned to the Norcatur city office from 8 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday.

Mrs. Marshall added, "We appreciate all the hard work Betsy Jakowski did for the library. She created a wonderful children's library and started the popular Story Time. It is hoped the new board can build on those successes and add more activities at the library. There has been talk of having extended hours, staffed by library volunteers. New ideas and more volunteers are always welcome."



Closed for now, but not for long. When the Norcatur Public Library board learned it had to be made up of only Norcatur City residents, it was decided to close until a new board could be appointed. Deb Marshall, former board member and Norcatur City Clerk, hung a closed sign on the library's door. Mayor Carl Lyon will appoint a new board as early as Aug. 5.

– Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

