

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Briefly

### Bazaar to be held this Saturday

The St. Joseph's Parish Annual New Almelo Bazaar will take place this Saturday. There will be a supper at 5 p.m. a quilt auction at 8 p.m. and a dance at 9 p.m.

### Fishing tourney at Sebelius Lake

The Pikes Peak Bass Club will be holding its bass tournament at Sebelius Reservoir on Saturday.

### 3-D shoot to take place this Sunday

The Norton Archery Club will be holding a 3-D shoot on Sunday at the northwest corner of Prairie Dog State Park. Park permits are required. Trickle start at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

### Back to school BBQ for teachers Tuesday

The USD 211 welcome back BBQ for the teaching staff will be on Tuesday at the 4-H building in Norton starting at 7 p.m.

### Open House set for next Thursday night

The Eisenhower Elementary School Open House will take place on Thursday starting at 5 p.m. Bring your school supplies, find out who your children's teacher will be and where their room is. Also at 5 p.m. is the fifth grade parent orientation meeting. Don't forget to enjoy one or two of Ruby's famous cinnamon rolls before you leave.

### Vets can get help with their claims

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commissions on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m. at the Norton Public Library to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, August 20. 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.

## Markets

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Wheat .....	\$7.02
Milo .....	\$5.18
Soybeans .....	\$11.93
Corn .....	\$6.03

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with fog early and a high of 75. Saturday Night - Chance of rain after midnight. Sunday - Partly cloudy and a chance of rain. Fog early with a high of 84. Sunday Night - Mostly cloudy in the evening. Monday - Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain.

## Prayer

Dear Lord, lead us today to someone who needs your strengthening word. Amen.

## Fun exercise...



Out of a large class, only five brave souls toughed it out for the last night for water aerobics despite the cool overcast weather. The classes were held all summer at the Norton swimming pool on Mon-

day and Wednesday nights. Pictured from the left are Rhees Carlson, Mary Walter, Denise Meyer, Jane Burton and instructor Connie Lacy. – Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Kansas bike bash coming to Lenora

By DANA PAXTON

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Lenora's Larrick Park will be host to the first Northwest Kansas Bike Bash August 16 through 18.

The charity event was organized by Joe Sweet and Tyler Burns in hopes of giving back to Children's Hospital and local organizations who give so much. Sweet's granddaughter is two years old and has spent over half of her life in hospitals fighting cancer, neuroblastoma. "It is my way of giving back," Sweet stated. His granddaughter's medical bills would be uncontrollable but thanks to Children's Hospital in Denver they covered most of the expense.

As stated prior, this is a charity event with the proceeds going to Children's Hospital, the Norton County Ministerial Alliance and the Norton County Legion Riders. Sweet said, "Everyone has been down on their luck from time to time and the two local organizations that we will be donating to have been there to help others so we decided that they were good places to divert some of the funds locally.

The event kicks off on Friday, August 16 with the gates and beer garden opening at 1 p.m. No identification no entry and the cost to attend is \$20 per person per day or \$30 per couple per day. At 6 p.m. a band from Nebraska, Slantpiece will entertain the audience.

Primitive camping is available to those wanting to stay the entire weekend.

Saturday starts at 10 a.m. with the bike rodeo and burn out pit. There will be prizes given away all day, raffles, a 50/50, door prizes and "Hey you" prizes. The first one hundred people in the gate will receive a door prize. At 6 p.m. another Nebraska band, Country Rebels will begin to play and after they are done a wet t-shirt contest will take place. Prizes will be given to the winners of this contest and the headline band Crazy Horse will take the stage at 8 p.m. and play until 11 p.m.

Not only will there be bikes, prizes, music and beer but good food, body painting and vendors selling their

goods. All of the vendors will be donating 20 percent of their proceeds to Children's Hospital. Some of the prizes being given away include a 30/30 lever action rifle, a diamond pendant, cash, car and bike stereos and leathers.

The weekend come to an end Sunday when tear down will take place. When planning the event the organizers spoke with the Lenora City Council and got it's approval as well as the Norton County Sheriff's Department. The event is covered by insurance, a tax ID and a malt beverage license.

Come enjoy a fun time for a great cause next weekend at Larrick Park in Lenora.

# Commissioners address county topics

By DANA PAXTON

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Norton County and City Economic Development Director Scott Sproul visited with the Norton County Commissioners at last Monday's meeting on fees and expenses associated with the closing of the Road L and E1 road project.

Schwab-Eaton presented a letter and billing to the county for the service and fees due to the date of closing of the project. There will also be some fees associated with the temporary note upon closing. Norton County Treasurer Robert Wyatt said that there was enough money to pay for the work that

had been completed. Wyatt reported that letters had gone out to all the businesses and landowners about closing of the project and had received no negative feedback.

Scott also gave the commission an update on the new housing project in the northwest part of the city of Norton. The curb, guttering and street work was to start this week and should be done by mid September. Scott will be working with the entities to oversee the grant work on this project.

Lastly Sproul mentioned a meeting he would be attending with Secretary Jordan on Wednesday to discuss project sales tax exemption. Sproul didn't

believe it would go anywhere this year but wanted to let the powers that be know how helpful the program was when in effect and wanting to see it up and running again.

Commissioner Posson asked how things were coming with imports of new residents to Norton County and the Rural Opportunity Zone project. Sproul reported that there are currently 29 approved applicants with four more on the waiting list. There have been 29 who have moved in to the county, younger people. Commissioner Peterson asked how many had moved out and Sproul said that he didn't have these numbers because you have to

take into consideration, deaths. "I will be excited to see this years school enrollment and how many new students we have," Sproul said.

Sproul said that there was something new to the Rural Opportunity Zone project this year, a business can sponsor an individual to recruit them to move to the Norton area.

The next commissioners meeting is set to take place Monday morning August 12 at 9 a.m. Walk ins are welcome and open to the public. Contact Robert Wyatt at the Norton County Treasurers office to be placed on the agenda.

# Farmer's market encourages more traffic



A Norton Farmer's Market vendor discusses his products with a customer. Everything from breads, jellies and jams to corn, watermelon and tomatoes can be found every Saturday morning at the Norton Veterans Memorial Park across from Shopko.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

The 2013 Norton Farmer's Market announces an updated 2013 season, intended to increase sales and sustainability within the Market.

#### Time and Place

The Farmer's Market is now located on Highway 36 across from Shopko. The location was chosen because Highway 36 carries 80 percent of Norton's thoroughfare traffic. The park area by the highway caters to the needs of both customers and vendors, with a small parking lot, vendor parking, trees, gazebo and bathrooms. The park provides a space where vendors can set up next to each other, allowing customers to compare prices and products easily.

While the Market used to be held on Thursday mornings, it is now held on Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. to allow vendors with a normal work week to participate. It will also encourage communities in a 90 mile radius to attend - and, hopefully, take full advantage of the shopping, dining and activities that Norton has to offer.

#### Fees and Advertising

The Farmer's Market is now charging stall fees: \$5 per Saturday or \$25 for the whole season. These fees pay for advertising, another effort to increase foot traffic and make the Market profitable. The Farmer's Market also received \$1,000 from the Norton Arts and Tourism Council, which was used for a new sign, and additional advertising.

"The Farmer's Market is a very simple and very effective organization for Norton area farmers and gardeners to sell the goods, and for customers to get high-quality, local produce," says Tara Vance, Executive Director of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. "It's a win-win situation for our community, and we hope to continue to help the Farmer's Market grow and thrive."

For more information, contact Vance at 785-877-2501 or email [nortoncc@ruraltel.net](mailto:nortoncc@ruraltel.net); or Market Manager Robin Somers at 785-874-8787 or email [rj-somers@ruraltel.net](mailto:rj-somers@ruraltel.net).

