

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Briefly

### Library hours for the holidays

The Norton Public Library resume their regular hours today. On Monday they will host “Monday at the Movies” starting at 1:30 p.m. On Tuesday, at noon the Library will close and they will remain closed all day Wednesday, January 1. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, January 2.

### Basketball games set in Hill City

The Norton and Northern Valley boys basketball C-teams will play in the Joe Green Tournament in Hill City on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Games will be played at 1 p.m. each day.

### Telegram closed for New Year’s Day

The Norton Telegram will be closed all day Wednesday January 1 for New Year’s.

### City office to be closed for holiday

The Norton City offices will be closed on Tuesday December 31 and then again on Wednesday January 1 for the New Year’s holiday. Trash routes for these days will be on Thursday January 2.

## weather forecast

Friday Night - Clear with a low of 29 and a SW wind of 5 to 10. Saturday - Plentiful sunshine with a high of 55 and W wind at 15 to 25. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy becoming cloudy overnight with a low of 14 and N winds at 25 to 35. Sunday - A few clouds early but mostly sunny with a high of 27 and N winds at 15-25. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 16 and SSW wind at 5 to 10. Monday - Intervals of clouds and sunshine with a high of 44 and W winds at 10 to 15.

## Markets

Thursday, September 5, 2013	
Wheat.....	\$6.21
Milo.....	\$3.89
Soybeans.....	\$12.47
Corn.....	\$4.09
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op	

## Prayer

God of all times, give us wisdom to serve in your kingdom. Teach us to love others as you love us. Amen.



## Winter royalty...



Logan High School held their 2013 Winter Formal on Saturday, Dec. 21. A dance followed the coronation. The 2013 Winter Formal Royal Court: Front row: Libby Schneider, Miss LHS Cynthia Bressler, Michaela Girard and attendant KensLy Blank; second row: Brett Pinkerton, Mr. LHS Chad Becker, Kyle Pakkebieer and attendant Caleb Sparks.

– Photo by Shannon Kats

# Company pays county for new Bobcat

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A new Bobcat will cost the company that sold it to Norton County \$2 when all the discounts and trade in are figured up.

Neil Coleman of Fairbanks International, a heavy equipment company out of North Platte, Neb., said that he was not happy that he missed the last bid the county did on equipment and was going to give the commissioners a great deal.

The 2014 Bobcat, he bid, cost \$66,547 plus freight and other charg-

es. However, he took off \$43,229 for a trade in on the old Bobcat and the county gets a \$23,957 government discount. The final bill came to a minus \$2.

Mr. Coleman said that it makes no sense for the county to get a 2013 machine since the new ones will be better and they will be available in February.

The county will, however, equip the machine with two features that County Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller says will help his crew a great deal. He said that he would like a back-up camera and a root grapple, which will

be handy when moving large pieces of broken concrete and other construction material around.

“Road and Bridge has one,” Mr. Miller said referring to the grapple. “But every time we borrow it, they want it back.”

As for the camera, Mr. Miller said that the machine has to work in close quarters in the landfill pit.

“We haven’t run into anything and damaged anything yet,” Mr. Miller said but noted that there have been some close calls.

The other company bidding on the

Bobcat purchase during the last commission meeting on Dec. 16 was Larry Briand with White Star out of Garden City.

He wanted to do a double swap with the county and offered one free upgrade per year on the new machine.

The price offered by Fairbanks was accepted, however, the commissioners decided not to order either the camera or the grapple until after the first of the year to help the budget.

In other business, the commissioners:

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Norton Lions Club members Dale Carlson and Roy Skrdlant have a little fun while they pack the Lions Club Christmas baskets that were delivered to those in need. Roy thinks this frog needs a bit of milk to wash that fly down. This club does so much for Norton County and always with a smile on their faces.

– Courtesy photo

## Lions Club does it again

With the help of multiple volunteers and donations, the Norton Lions Club delivered Christmas baskets to 90 needy families for the Christmas season.

Tom Baumann of the Norton Lions Club reported that about 25 Lions participated in the project, along with help from the Legion Riders. “They were a huge help to us,” Baumann stated

The volunteers collected donations to put together baskets for low-income families throughout Norton County. The baskets consisted of enough food for a traditional Christmas dinner including a ham, potatoes, fruit, milk, bread and other things. The baskets also included sex and age appropriate toys for each of the children living in the homes.

The baskets were assembled at the Valley Hope garage and delivered on Saturday, Dec. 21. The project, Bau-

mann said, extends beyond the city of Norton and baskets were delivered to families throughout the county in the towns of Alma, Edmond, New Alamo, Lenora, Norcat and Norton.

The annual project started in 1956, led by Dale Brunson, and since then, the club has delivered thousands of baskets to needy families throughout the county. Baumann attributed the program’s success to contributions from many people volunteers throughout the community.

“We get a lot of support from grocery stores, schools, clubs and individuals who make donations,” he said. “Without that support, we wouldn’t be able to have this program and make Christmas a little easier for many families, so we want those that helped in any way to know how much the Lions appreciate it”

**CITY OFFERS  
SAFE RIDE HOME**

Individuals in the City of Norton may request a free ride home from local establishments serving alcohol on New Year’s Eve. Individuals are encouraged to use this program to allow a safe ride home without incident or harm to themselves or others. **For a Safe Ride Home, call 871-7798 or 874-8870.**