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**Friday**

**April 25, 2014**

*Briefly*

**Agency will hold an informational meeting**

The Norton County Farm Service Agency office will hold an informational meeting to discuss the Livestock Forage Program that was implemented by the 2014 Farm Bill. The meeting will take place on Monday at 10 a.m. in the basement meeting room at Prairie Land Electric. All livestock producers are encouraged to attend.

**Genealogy Society to host guest speaker**

The Norton County Genealogy Society will host Joan Hanlon as its featured speaker on Monday at the Norton Public Library Community Room at 7 p.m. She will speak about ancestry.com.

**Vocal concert at East Campus on Tuesday**

The Norton Community High School and Junior High will have a vocal concert on Tuesday in the East Campus Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

**Kindergarteners will sing at Eisenhower**

The kindergarten students at Eisenhower Elementary School will have a vocal concert on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

**Alzheimer's program at library on Tuesday**

Dr. Michael Breiner will be presenting an informational program on Alzheimer's disease at the Norton Public Library on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free presentation.

**Almena Housing meeting set for Wednesday at 7 p.m.**

The Almena Housing meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at the Almena Community Center. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

*Markets*

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Wheat .....	\$7.10
Milo .....	\$4.50
Soybeans .....	\$13.81
Corn .....	\$4.87

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

*Weather*

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high of 88. Saturday Night - A few clouds with a low of 61. Sunday - Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals and a high of 74. Monday - Windy with showers developing later in the day and a high of 62. Tuesday - Windy with periods of light rain and a high of 50.

*Prayer*

Dear Lord, thank you for the freedom that comes with confession. Give us the strength to rise above our insecurity and to admit when we are wrong. Amen

## City and County Spring Cleaning



City and County wide clean up took place this week in Norton. The city crew is seen here removing a large pile of stuff on State Street. This event takes place twice a year, in the spring and again in the

fall. It is free and provides a great service to the citizens of Norton County.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## New equipment to aid emergency services

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The Norton County Emergency Medical Services will be better able to take care of heart patients after it gets new equipment this summer.

Emergency Services Director Jane Wyatt visited with the Norton County commissioners at their April 14 meeting and told them that she has been successful in getting a \$54,284 state grant, from the Kansas Revolving and Assistants Fund, to buy new equipment for the ambulances. The equipment

will mostly be for cardiac care, she said. It will include a monitor that can track heart beats, vital signs and measure carbon dioxide levels in the blood and an autotune machine, which does cardiopulmonary compressions during rescue CPR, to allow medical staff to administer medication and monitor the patient better.

The county will have to pay 5 to 10 percent of the cost of the equipment as its portion of the grant, County Clerk Robert Wyatt said. The money will come out of Emergency Medical Ser-

vice funds.

Mrs. Wyatt told the commissioners that the Emergency Medical Building, which was just built in 2009, has had a continuing problem of water getting into the building.

The water comes in the door, she said, and runs into the hall and through the front offices. This happens frequently and has caused problems with the wall board and carpeting although a wetvac usually will remove most of the moisture from the carpets.

Mr. Wyatt said that the problem has

been looked at many times but no permanent solution has been found to stop the problem.

"It's been a problem since Day 1," he said.

With recent changes in health care laws, the Emergency Medical Service policy manual also needs updating, Mrs. Wyatt told the commissioners. She said that she would meet with County Attorney Doug Sebelius to get the manual updated and will bring it to the commission for approval when that has been finished.

## Wiring at Solid Waste facility needs updating

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The wiring in the main building at the Norton County Solid Waste facility needs updating.

Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller visited the Norton County commissioners at their April 14 meeting and brought them two bids for the rewiring and some electrical repair work.

The commissioners accepted a \$3,340 bid from Hawks Electric of Almena to do the work. The other bid for \$8,241 was from Garrett Plumbing and

Heating of Norton.

Mr. Miller noted that the Spring city-county cleanup campaign would run from Wednesday through Friday of this week. During this time, large items can be left at the curb to be picked up at no cost.

During this time, it is normal for people to "swap" things, Mr. Miller said, as one person's junk becomes another's treasure. And that means less to go in the landfill, so all is good.

Mr. Miller also asked for permission to install some speed bumps at the landfill to slow down the traffic out

there.

He said that he has concerns about the traffic patterns and speed of vehicle using the landfill and would like to slow things down a bit.

Used road material will probably be used to make the bumps, Mr. Miller said.

Mr. Miller told the commissioners that he was planning to be open Good

Friday afternoon even though the county offices and other departments were planning to be closed during that time. The landfill would be open, he said, as a service to the public because if it was nice a lot of people could be doing yard work that day.

Mr. Miller also said that he is working with Here's Your Sign to make

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## Norton County to replace traffic signs over the next few years

New signs around Norton County are going to cost a lot of money over the next several year, but the county will not have to pay the whole bill.

Kansas is requiring that road signs be super reflective and most counties in the state don't have that type of sign. So over the next three to four years, Norton County is planning to replace its road signs with the new, fancier, more expensive models.

However, the state is willing to help the county by reimbursing it for the cost of putting up new signs on the highways including U.S. 36, highways 383 and 283 and K-9.

The Kansas Department of Transportation will reimburse the county \$132,344 under a federal-aid projects program, Road and Bridge Office Manager Becky Wilson told the commissioners at their meeting on April 14.

The commissioners agreed that this

would be a good deal and signed the contract with the state to get the reimbursement on the sign costs.

Road and Bridge Foreman Floyd Richard told the commissioners that an oil company has requested that the county elevate road W4 and put sand on it so that the company could more easily access a tank battery.

The commissioners agreed with Mr. Richard that the county could and should elevate the road but that any new sand would have to be paid for by the oil company.

The commissioners also voted to vacate Road W15 between Sections 17 and 18., Township 1 South, Range 25 West.

Since the road is not in good shape and had a bridge problem and because it could end up being a liability to the county, the commissioners decided to agree to the closure.

## Booming business!



New Age Industrial held an appreciation luncheon for its employees on April 16. They enjoyed a meal of burgers and brats which was catered by Big Belly BBQ. New Age is experiencing an increase in business, in large part, due to its developing relationship with Amazon.com. New Age is designing and building warehouse carts and equipment for Amazon's growing number of Fulfillment Centers, and as a result they've hired many new employees and are looking to add more.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

