

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Briefly

Car races set for Saturday night

The Norton Elmwood Park Speedway will be having a race on Saturday, pits open at 4 p.m., grandstands at 5 p.m., hot laps at 6 p.m. and the race at 7 p.m. The classes that will be running are URSS 305 sprint cars, stock cars, hobby stock, sport mods and cruisers.

Veterans assistance at Norton library

Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs representative Jody Tubbs will be at the Norton Public Library on Tuesday to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims from 10:45-11:45 a.m., Ms. Tubbs can be reached in Colby on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

BB Gun Team to hold fundraiser

The Norton Rotary BB Gun Team will be holding a Wobble Trap Shoot Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Norton black powder range. Proceeds go toward team expenses for the trip to Nationals in July. Contact Jeff Elliott at 202-1170 for more information.

Deadline is Sunday for Choir Camp

The Norton Show Choir Camp is early this year and the deadline to register is Sunday. Camp runs June 16 through June 20 for ages four through 18. Call Cindy Mordecai at 877-5475

Driving class begins on Monday

The USD 211 Drivers Education Session 1 will begin on Monday.

Markets

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Wheat\$6.88
Milo\$4.12
Soybeans\$14.25
Corn\$4.51

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Winds out of the southeast 8 to 15 mph, otherwise a chance for scattered thunderstorms and a high of 87. Sunday - Highs level off around 88 under mainly cloudy skies with a chance for scattered thunderstorms. Monday - Chance for scattered thunderstorms, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs level off around 88.

Prayer

Dear God, help us to remember to show your love to others, especially when we ourselves are suffering. Amen

Norton tracksters to compete at State



The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club once again showed their support at the corner of Highway 36 and State Street in Norton with signage for the 10 Norton tracksters headed to the state meet this weekend.

It has been an exceptional season for the team and we wish them well.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Open house for historic Lyons House

By DANA PAXTON
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The Dr. E.A. Lyon House will be completed next week. There is an open house taking place today to reintroduce it to the community of Norton.

In 1888 Dr. E.A. Lyon had this brick home built and out of it he had his practice. One hundred and twenty six years later it has been brought back to life. The home is located at 212 S. Kansas in Norton and was donated to the Norton County Community Foundation in April of 2009 in hopes of preserving it. It is the only building in the City of Norton listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It took several years but the restora-

tion is the same as completed. Funding for this project came from the Norton County Community Foundation, a FHL Bank Jobs Grant and the Heritage Trust Fund Grant administered by the Kansas State Historical Society. The total restoration took from June of 2012 until now to complete.

"How do you make something new out of something old?" Lynn Schamber of Schamber Historic Preservation said. He and his brother Linus Schamber were the general contractors overseeing the project. The answer to Lynn's question is this, historic preservation. Historic preservation is made up of seven components, reconstruction, rehabilitation, renovation, repair,

redesign, remodeling and restoration. Most of these elements were used in preserving this historic home.

From the basement to the roof, work has been done in one form or another and the Schambers attribute most of it to Brian Luther, a sub-contractor out of Goodland who they have had the honor of working with for the last six and a half years.

"Brian is remarkably talented and does unbelievable work," the Schamber brothers said. "He refuses to take credit for the beautiful work he has done on the Lyon House but he deserves a lot recognition."

"If you can do it, it's not bragging." Linus said the entire cast of contractors

can do it and did it well.

This unique space is owned by the Norton County Community Foundation and is going to be rented to Charles E. Worden and Melissa M. Schoen, attorneys at law. The new tenants are scheduled to move in by July 1 of this year.

There are just a few very small touch up things that need to be completed along with the sprinkler system and sod for the yard and then it will be complete. If you missed the open house today feel free to stop in and see this charismatic property.

Commissioners updated on business projects

By DANA PAXTON
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Scott Sproul from the Norton City/County Economic Development office met with the commissioners at the last meeting held on Monday, May 19 to discuss funds that are sitting idle.

Sproul reported that when Diane Stiles held his position she had raised money for a project that failed and left \$650 setting in an account. He was requesting permission from the com-

missioners to move those funds so that they could be used. Sproul said that Tim Sprigg is starting a new business in town, Bullseye Media. It is a production company involving photography and song writing. Sproul wants to use the funds to help promote Norton and this new business on the website that promotes Norton County. Commissioner Charles Posson said that if the money was raised to promote Norton County and was just sitting there

it might as well go to something. The other commissioners agreed.

Commissioner R.A. Peterson inquired about the latest on the bowling alley. Sproul said that the equipment has been purchased and is currently being stored until a building has been determined. It is hoped that by June or July things will start moving along on this project.

Sproul said, "Things are going smoothly at the office, the Lyons

House will be done and an open house for the general public will be held on Friday, May 30." Another thing Sproul informed the commissioners about was that the contract had been signed to demo the inside of the Heaton building and that work should begin within the next few weeks with Schamber Historic Preservation overseeing the job. "I think it will be a great success," Sproul said.

Norton family assists with genetic research

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At first glance, Norton resident Lisa Herman appears to be a healthy, 32 year old young woman. But for more than half of her life she has struggled with chronic pelvic pain and has tried to live as normal of a life as possible. Diagnosed with interstitial cystitis (IC) at the age of 27, Herman's IC symptoms began at the tender age of 10 years old and it took 17 long and painful years to finally receive a proper diagnosis.

Interstitial cystitis is an extremely painful bladder disease for which there currently is no known cure. Once considered a rare condition, IC affects millions of men and women around the world. It destroys the inner layer of the bladder and excruciating pain is the hallmark symptom, particularly as the bladder fills with urine. Urinary frequency and urgency is also common. It severely affects quality of life. Most IC bladders look normal when a simple cystoscopy is performed. However, when closely examined during a hydrodistention with cystoscopy, physicians often find small, bleeding wounds, also known as petechial hemorrhages or glomerulations. During Herman's hydrodistention in 2010, petechial hemorrhages were found to be present.

When she was diagnosed with IC in 2010, Herman began documenting her life experiences while under-going treatment and also became involved in many online support groups. Months later, Herman began sharing her personal story with other IC patients as well as friends and family in hopes of educating others about the disease. Many IC patients began responding to Herman's personal account in a positive way and became inspired to share their own stories.

In April of 2011, Herman enrolled to participate in an IC research study that was being conducted by Dr. Louis Kunkel and his team of genetics researchers at Boston Children's Hospital / Harvard Medical School. Herman was one of 450 IC patients in North America who donated DNA samples to be used for genetic research. Dr. Kunkel's team is attempting to determine which genes are involved in causing the symptoms of IC by studying genetic material from individuals with IC. "I felt absolutely compelled to help with the study in any way that I could. I realized that even if a cure wasn't found during my lifetime, my efforts would possibly help to make the diagnosis and treatment of



Lisa Herman holds the kits sent by Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School for her parents' DNA samples.

—Courtesy photo

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