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Briefly

Nebraska author coming to Oberlin

“Heaven Is for Real” author Todd Burpo will present a program at the Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin on Sunday, July 10 at 6 p.m. The cost of admission is \$5 plus a non-perishable food item. Proceeds from the event go to Oberlin’s Teens For Christ. RSVP is required and can be made at 785-505-7395. Leave a message with your name, contact information and requested number of tickets.

Ice cream social planned for Sunday

There will be an Ice Cream Social on July 10 from 4-6 p.m. at the Norton Community Center, 208 W. Main. Free will offering. Sponsored by Norton CARES.

Junior golf to start Monday, July 11

Golfers ages seven to fourteen are invited to attend Junior Golf. It starts Monday with registration at 5:30. Golf will be from 6-8 p.m. every Monday until August 1. The season will end with a pizza party, golf tournament and swimming.

Norton Car Show planned for Friday

The eighth annual Norton Car Show will take place Friday, July 8 and Saturday July 9. Registration will be Friday night at the Norton County Courthouse lobby from 6-8 p.m. Photos can be taken in front of the theatre at dusk.

Registration Saturday at the courthouse lobby from 8-noon. Awards to be given out at 3 p.m. Drag Races at the airport at 4:30 p.m.

Farmers Market open on Thursdays

The Norton County Farmer’s Market will be held 7-9 a.m. and also from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Please note the location for the market will be the main entrance to Elmwood Park, south side of the entrance row of cotton trees. It will be held every Thursday morning and evening until the first killing frost in the fall.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.39
Milo	\$5.60
Soybeans	\$12.79
Corn	\$6.34

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Saturday -Partly cloudy with a high of 94. Sunday -Partly cloudy with a high of 97. Monday -Partly cloudy with a high of 95.

Kingham Report

Wednesday, July 6Low 62, High 89
.80 Rain
Thursday, July 7.....Low 63, High 95
.70 Rain

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Father, help us each day to pray for others and to express our love for them and for you. Amen.

The Fair is coming!

The Norton County Fair Association has received the 2011 Fair Premium Books and they are available at the Twin Creeks Extension on State Street. The dates for the 2011 Norton County Fair are July 25-30 with the kick-off of the Fun Day Horse Show and 4-H Clothing Fashion Revue on Saturday, July 23 and highlights include Fair Exhibits, the Home Owned Carnival, the Norton Idol, Legislative Meet and Greet, Horse Arena Events and Car Races held Saturday, July 30.

The Fair Board is urging all entrants of 4-H and Open class Poultry, Rabbits, Livestock, and Horses to bring in tri-section entry cards into the Extension Office by Thursday, July 21. Open class and youth breeding Livestock: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats and youth Horse entrants will need to pay a \$2 fee per animal for a veterinarian health check. Only youth animals eligible for the auction such as the Market Beef Steer, Lambs, Meat Goats, and Swine pay a \$3 fee for the veterinary check and ID tag for the sale.

The Dog, Cat and Hand Pet Show will be an early pre-fair activity on Monday, July 18. On Saturday, July 23, the Fun Day Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. and the 4-H Fashion Revue will be at 7 p.m.

On Monday, July 26, the 4-H Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. and the Club Booths set up in the 4-H Building must be in place by 9 p.m. Pre-entries are needed for 4-H and Open Class Poultry, Rabbits, Livestock and Horses by Thursday, July 21 in the Extension Office. This year, all Horses, Sheep, Hogs



Several home-owned rides are put up and taken down every year by the City of Norton employees for the Norton County Fair. The Norton City Crew of Jason Dial, Chris Frack, Ed Lively, Dan Sisk and Brian Hickman worked on putting the fair rides together this week. The County Fair is scheduled for the week of July 25-July 30.

— Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

and Poultry need to use wood shavings for their bedding in all the barns. The Exotic Animal educational exhibit and petting zoo is set for Wednesday, July 28. Pre-entries are needed by July 21 for this exhibition.

There is a section entitled Models for

youth and adults who work with model crafts. Models will be entered from noon until 2 p.m. and judged at 2:30 p.m. on Monday. Monday’s entries include 4-H Rockets (4:30 - 5 p.m.), 4-H and Open Class Art, Sketches, and Drawings (10 a.m.-noon), 4-H Photography will be en-

tered and judged by 4-H Clubs scheduled at noon. Open Class Photography will be entered from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and be judged at 5:30 p.m.

4-H Woodworking will be entered

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Zweygartd plea set for Monday

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After a preliminary hearing Thursday morning, former Norton police officer Ryan L. Zweygartd faces four charges related to an alleged sexual assault that occurred on April 10.

The hearing in Norton County District Court, with Judge Barbara Stites presiding, included testimony from a 19-year-old Norton woman who claims that Zweygartd raped her at his home in April.

The alleged victim recounted the events leading up to the sexual assault and claims to have been forced to engage in sexual activities against her will.

Zweygartd was originally arrested on April 21 and has been held in the Graham County Jail pending legal proceedings.

The case was bound over to Monday, July 11 where Zweygartd is scheduled to enter his pleas to the pending charges. The arraignment is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Norton County District Court.

Zweygartd is represented by attorney Dan Walter.

County considers landfill expansion

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As the current space in the facility comes close to filling up, the Norton County landfill may soon see an expansion with the use of another 200 feet of fill space.

Brian Foster of BG Consultants met

with the Norton County Commissioners on June 30 to explain that the solid waste management facility for Norton County is nearing capacity, but an additional 200 feet of space is ready to be prepared for use.

The Norton County Landfill is set
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City approves water plant renovation bid

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The Norton City Council awarded a bid Wednesday evening for the completion of the second phase of improvements at the city’s water system/wastewater treatment facility.

Chris Miller of Miller and Associates reported to the council Wednesday evening that three contractors submitted bids for the project with the lowest bid coming in from Walter-Morgan of Manhattan. The company’s base bid came in at \$1,576,000, which Miller reported leaves just under \$40,000 for contingency funds in case of budget over-runs. Though the project came in under budget, it will still be more costly than the original

estimates, a trend that Miller attributes to rising prices of copper and equipment for the facility.

Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson explained that the latest water distribution facility renovation is the final phase of a 15-year project to bring the plant into compliance with state environmental regulations. The final phase will include tying up loose ends from the first two phases of the project, including a service elevator replacement, fiberglass covers over the clarifier tanks, roof construction over the bulk chemical tanks, valve and piping replacement and the installation of a backup generator system.

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Clinic renovation will cost \$350,000

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After deciding to renovate the former Doctors Clinic building for Colby Community College, Norton County Hospital officials reported recently that the cost of the renovation has been estimated at just over \$350,000.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller reported to the Norton County Board of Commissioners Thursday morning that hospital officials solicited bids for the renovation of the former Doctors Clinic to be able to house the Colby Community College Norton Campus. While the facility will house all of the campus programs, the primary purpose will be a home for the school’s nursing program.

Miller reported that the bid opening was held last Tuesday and three companies submitted bids for the project. “We had three contractors show up to the pre-bid conference in June,” Miller said. “Those same three contractors submitted bids, which doesn’t always happen, but in this case, all three went ahead with the

bidding process.”

Though all three companies submitted similar bids, the lowest bidder was Deines Construction with a base bid of \$353,000. Deines Construction is based in Trego County.

Along with the base bid, hospital officials solicited some alternate bids that could include some optional projects, like parking lot expansion.

Now that the bids have been received and the cost of the project is more predictable, hospital leaders are working with Norton County Economic Development to secure financing for the project. Prior to receiving bids, Director Scott Sproul explained that the details of financing haven’t yet been hammered out, but that he and hospital leaders would be actively seeking potential funding sources for the project.

Construction is expected to begin later this summer for the renovation and Miller reported in late June that the renovation could be finished as soon as February, though April is a more likely estimate.



The former Doctors Medical Clinic is slated to be renovated this winter and open next spring as the Colby Community College Norton Campus to house the school’s Nursing program.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

