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## Friday

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### Briefly

#### Dodgeball tourney set for Saturday

A dodgeball tournament will be held at the East Campus Gymnasium on Saturday at 10 a.m.

#### Casino night at the Eagles on Saturday

The Norton Eagles Club #3288 will be holding a Casino Night fund raiser for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetic Research Center at the University of Iowa on Saturday from 7-10 p.m. There will be fun and games for the whole family and an auction to follow to spend your funny money winnings on.

#### Easter musical set for Sunday

The Church of God choir will present the Easter musical "My Savior, My God" Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at the First Church of God in Norton. Then on Tuesday they will do it again at Whispering Pines at 7 p.m. The community is invited to attend both performances.

#### Chamber banquet scheduled Tuesday

The Annual Chamber Banquet will be held on March 26 in the Ballroom at the American Legion, featuring best selling author, singer and member of the Speakers Hall of Fame, LaDonna Gatlin. Social hour at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. Call 785-877-2501 for more information.

#### Kids get out early next Wednesday

There will be early school dismissal on Wednesday for USD 211. Students will get out of class at 1 p.m. and then there is no school on Good Friday.

### Markets

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Wheat .....	\$7.07
Milo .....	\$6.97
Soybeans .....	\$14.02
Corn .....	\$7.41

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## weather forecast

Friday Night - Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow in the evening. Saturday - Overcast with snow. Fog early with a high of 32. Chance of snow 90 percent with accumulations up to 2 inches possible. Saturday Night - Overcast with snow in the evening. Chance of snow 70 percent with accumulations up to 4 inches possible. Sunday - Chance of snow.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sometimes giving us big answers that we didn't have the courage to ask for. Please help us to trust you enough to make our requests as big as you are. Amen.

## What an honor...



Norton Community High School held their National Honor Society induction ceremonies on Wednesday. Seventeen new members were honored and former band instructor David Will gave

a speech on "What are you doing here and why?". The event was followed up with a small reception of cake and punch. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Decision made on purchase of new graders

Sandy Smith and Floyd Richard of the road department met with the County Commissioners on Monday to discuss the purchase of three new road graders.

The old ones have seen better days and the county has been looking at some from John Deere and some from CAT. Representatives from both companies have addressed the commissioners and let them know all the options.

Grader operators Joe Wray, James Sisk and Brad LeBeau attended the

meeting to give their feelings about the equipment after being given the chance to drive both the John Deere and the CAT graders. Joe said he thought the CAT had better visibility, more room and more horsepower. He seemed to really like the joy sticks to control it with, it was easier on his arms, not having to hold them up in the air. James also liked the CAT saying that it was more comfortable with more room and power than the John Deere. Lastly operator Brad was equally impressed

with both company's products. He liked the John Deere because it had the same set up as what he was used to but he did like the CAT joy sticks and more room. Floyd said, "If we get something the operators like and that they are comfortable in, they will take better care of them."

It was at this time that commissioner Peterson motioned to vote on which company from which to purchase the graders. He moved to go with the CAT over the John Deere, Posson seconded

and the motion passed.

A phone call was then made to the CAT dealer and four old graders were traded in for three 2013 120M graders at a total cost of \$349,354.00. They didn't have any in stock so it will be a few months before delivery.

## Agency working for a better Norton County

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul addressed the Norton County Commissioners on Monday about a project that is being worked on by the Western Kansas Economic Development Group to reinstate the project sales tax exemption.

This program stopped in 2011 and now may be reinstated if all goes as planned. This allows for a one time exemption for construction materials, mainly for manufacturing but also some for retail businesses. There is a new motivation to bring it back for the community to use as an incentive to start a business here in Norton County.

The verbiage is being worked on now and Mr. Sproul will report back to the commissioners on the progress.

Mr. Sproul then inquired about whether or not an engineer would need to be brought in to survey Road L and E1, US Highway 36 to KQNK road and Road L to the sale barn and cemetery. The commissioners saw no need to pay an engineer to survey either one. Commissioner R.A. Peterson informed Mr. Sproul that they already have a plan in mind for those improvements but nothing was set in stone at this time. Sproul said that if the shoulders were shortened the county may have to purchase the right of way but if they didn't have to get the right of way it would save money.

A third issue involved an iron bridge that was given to Norcatour by Norton County to use on their walking trail. They did not use it and no longer want it. The question at hand is what to do with it now. Mr. Sproul informed the commissioners that he would check into it to determine if it was a registered historical bridge or not. Once this information is known, then a decision will be made.

## Historic home gets second life

By Dana Paxton

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Schamber Historic Preservation employee Dave Turnbull works in the upstairs of the Lyons House in downtown Norton. Thanks to the Norton County Community Foundation, funds have given this 1888 brick home a second chance.

The Norton County Community Foundation is funding the restoration of some historic buildings in downtown Norton. Completion on one of the projects is expected by this fall.

The foundation hired Schamber Historic Preservation Company out of Damar, Kansas for the job at the 1888 Lyons House. The exterior was completed this winter and now with full approval by the Kansas State Historical Preservation Office the interior work has begun.

There are two steps left in the preservation process for the Lyons House. First is to do the interior, which involves restoring 50 percent of the wood floors, all the doors, the stairs, banister and all the trim, as well as insulating the walls, updating the bathrooms and some work in the basement to name a few. Garrett's Plumbing and Heating will be putting in all new heat, air, electric and plumbing. There will also be brand new gas lines run for the structure. The second step will be to restore all of the windows and window wells as well as the back porch which, when finished, will resemble the front porch but much smaller.

"The nature of the inside will remain the same with a few modifications to accommodate for better use of space and to maintain an environmentally controlled atmosphere. All of the infrastructure will be new." Len Schamber stated.

If anyone has a serious interest in renting the building they should contact Tara Vance at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

