

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



**Tuesday**

April 2, 2013

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*Briefly*

## Tax rate changed in Norton on Monday

Effective April 1, 2013, the combined state and local sales and use tax rates changed.

The City of Norton sales tax rate has changed to 8.30 percent.

## Booster club will meet on Wednesday

The first meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club for the golf and track and field 2013 seasons will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Speaking about the prospects for their team's seasons will be head golf coach David Stover and head track and field coach Jason Jones.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the meetings.

You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

## Norton track meet will be on Friday

On Friday, the annual NCHS Invitational Track Meet will be held starting at 3:30 p.m. It will not be necessary to dismiss any of the school early so they will all dismiss at the normal time and buses will run like normal.

## FFA banquet is set for Saturday night

The 2012-13 Norton FFA Chapter Banquet will be held on Saturday in the junior high gymnasium in Norton. Everyone is invited to view the ag shop projects from 6-6:30 p.m. The banquet meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program featuring the 2012-13 State FFA Secretary Chelsey Smith as the keynote speaker, presentation of chapter awards, recognition of chapter sponsors and installation of new chapter officers.

## Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.65
Milo.....	\$6.11
Soybeans.....	\$13.60
Corn.....	\$6.54

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tuesday Night - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain in the evening, then overcast with a chance of snow. Wednesday - Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain in the morning. Wednesday Night - Overcast in the evening, then partly cloudy. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a high of 66.

## Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for your love. May our love for and devotion to you be obvious to those around us. Amen

## The thrill and excitement of Easter...



The warm weather brought people out in droves for the Norton Child Study Club annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday. There was a scavenger hunt for the fourth through sixth graders followed by an egg hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny. To the left little Allason Alstrom checks out all the eggs in her bucket as Jessy and Nicholas Karnes look on hoping that maybe she will share her goodies. Above, Sophia Lafollett gets the chance to sit on the Easter Bunny's lap (Morgan Farber) and get her picture taken.

- Telegram photos by Dana Paxton

## Commissioners see many at last meeting

By Dana Paxton  
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The county commissioners had several appointments at their last meeting of the month last Thursday.

The morning started when Reggie Beckman for the noxious weeds department reported briefly on where his department currently stood. Beckman stated that the county currently charged \$20 an hour and \$17.50 a load to spray for weeds but that he was hop-

ing to change that rate. His hope was to increase the cost to \$12 an hour and \$30 a load but keep the private rates the same. This would be a five percent income on any chemicals used to spray for noxious weeds in the county. Commissioner Charles Posson asked if they had started spraying yet and if not when would be the best time. Beckman said, "Anytime is a good time and right now it would be great to start spraying for Muskthistle and Canada thistle.

We did get enough moisture in that the plants will take the chemicals and it should do a great deal of good."

The next visitors to the commissioners were Ed Witt and Tom Thomas from the Norton Community Center. Mr. Witt started by saying, "We want to thank the commissioners, past and present for their concern and help with transportation at the senior center. We do appreciate it." The commissioners had recently helped the center with

funds to make up for the loss of their transportation bus allowing them to purchase a used Dodge van.

Thomas said, "The state doesn't recognize cost for repairs on the new van unless the bus is reported as being out of commission. We only get partial reimbursement. We have to come up with 35 percent of it ourselves for repairs, gas, and so on so it has helped to have the extra funds to keep us going."

County Treasurer Cindy Linner, reported to the commissioners on the recent sales tax numbers. She reported that they were up from last year as well as the year before. There was \$30,362.58 collected and the county paid \$43,466.17 to the state.

Mrs. Linner also reported that Deena

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## Jump Rope For Heart exceeds expectations

By Joan Bolt

2013 Jump Rope For Heart Coordinator Eisenhower Elementary Students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope For Heart. The students raised an incredible \$11,957.84 for the American Heart Association, which funds research, programs and education to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. For a community the size of Norton that is an incredible amount.

"This year was an unexpected surprise as the students worked hard to reach their goals. Highlighting the program was having a former student (Jonathan White) come in and be a special guest speaker. His motivational speech included the importance of appreciating a healthy heart and keeping your body fit. Jonathan was born with a heart defect leaving his left ventricle incapacitated and because of the defect

he lost the use of his left lung when he was ten. He has had five open-heart surgeries and does not qualify for a heart transplant. His doctors did not expect him to live a few days and then to be a toddler, then through is first growth spurt, then puberty but he is still around and is thankful for every day he is given to enjoy life. Jonathan is a sophomore in high school near Wichita with future plans like any other high school student. He was an inspiration to the students and they felt motivated to help people like Jonathan as well as family members and friends that suffer from heart disease and strokes. They rose to the challenge and I am so proud of them!

"We had a lot of fun incorporating group jumping and challenges in PE. The students also enjoyed the morning 'heart facts' as well as learning the importance of physical activity and how they can play a role in saving lives."

Although all the students did an outstanding job I would like to recognize Mason Schulze, son of Mary and Tim Schulze, for turning in the largest total of an individual student with \$525.

I want to give a big THANK YOU to the families, friends, businesses and patrons for their support. I am so overwhelmingly proud to be in a community that supports such causes as well as the students of the Norton Community Schools. Between the Jump Rope for Heart Program and the RED OUT event held in February the total donation to the American Heart Association was an outstanding \$15,401.84.

Jump Rope For Heart is a program that promotes physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

## Chamber announces winners selected by members

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce implemented a new program at the 2013 annual banquet designed to honor our businesses and citizens who work hard to promote and encourage the business community of Norton county. There were three categories with multiple nominees in each category. The nominations were received from Chamber members and the selection committee was comprised of two Board members and three additional Chamber members.

In the Business of the Year category, the following businesses were nominated: Boxler Insurance,

eleven, First State Bank, KQNK Radio, Mortensen Computer Services, New Age Industrial, Nex-Tech, Norton Housing Authority, ReNew Chic Boutique, Stitch Up a Storm, Studio 111 @ Here's Your Sign and Twice Sold Treasures.

NEW Business of the Year Nominees had to be a new business or an existing business under new ownership during the year 2012. The nominees were: Cole Family Eyecare, Dairy Queen, Elements of Massage, Norton Chiropractic Center and Norton Sheet Metal.

The Citizen of the Year award was designed to go to a citizen who helps promote Norton county and who is a strong advocate of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. The nominees were: David Will, Gale Hays, Rose Garrison, Scott Sproul and Sue Ann Stutheit.

The winner of the Citizen of the Year Award was Scott Sproul, Norton City/County Economic Development Director. The NEW Business of the Year winner was Dairy Queen. And the 2013 Business of the Year was KQNK Radio. Congratulations to all winners and thank you for all that you do for the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce!

## Oberlin man found guilty of murder

An Oberlin man was found guilty of intentional second-degree murder, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said.

A Decatur County jury found Dylan R. Coryell, 25, guilty on charges of intentional second-degree murder and aggravated battery. The charges stemmed from the October, 2011 death of Corey Cook, 22, also of Oberlin, and a related injury to a woman. The jury also found two aggravating factors in the case which will be taken into account during sentencing.

Judge Preston Pratt scheduled sentencing for June 17 at 10 a.m.

Assistant Attorney General Nicole Romine of Schmidt's office and Assistant Decatur County Attorney Margaret P. Mahoney prosecuted the case. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation worked with local law enforcement officers from the Oberlin Police Department and Decatur County Sheriff's Office in the investigation. Schmidt commended the investigators and prosecution team for their work and thanked the jury for their service.

