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Briefly

Clean up days are extended

Due to inclement weather on Monday, the city and county-wide clean up has been extended to Thursday. If bad weather persists on Tuesday, the clean up could be extended to Friday.

Early dismissal for USD 211 students

USD 211 Schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Wednesday to allow for teacher training.

Blood drive set for this Wednesday

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Norton County 4-H Building.

Tag renewal set for Tuesday, April 30

The last day to purchase "C" and "D" tags from the Norton County Treasurer is April 30. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. For trailers, insurance is needed for the vehicle that will pull the trailer. The VIN number, policy number, and current expiration date will need to be verified.

Kindergarten screening on Friday

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding a kindergarten screening on Friday, April 26 at 9 a.m. for the children attending school for the 2013-14 school year.

Still looking for certified umpires

The Norton American Legion is seeking certified umpires for the upcoming American Legion baseball season. New this year, all Legion umpires must have a background check and be certified with the State of Kansas American Legion. Those interested should contact Joe Durham at (785)202-1040 or (785)877-5662.

Markets

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Wheat	\$XXX
Milo	\$XXX
Soybeans	\$XXX
Corn	\$XXX

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Clear in the morning then partly cloudy with a high of 54. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening then clear. Thursday - Clear with a high of 64. Chance of rain 20 percent. Thursday Night - Overcast with thunderstorms and a chance of rain.

Prayer

Dear God, help us to spread the good news of your love in words as well as deeds. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A royal evening...



The Norton Community High School held their prom on Saturday to the theme of "Somewhere Only We Know". This year's royalty are seen here right after being crowned. Queen is Kamilla Jones, King is Ryan Bainter, Princess is Samantha Gordon and this year's Prince is Cody Ellis.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

New Norton City Council seated

By Mike Stephens
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The Norton City Council meeting on Wednesday was one of transition. Jerry Moritz stepped down as council member for Ward III and newly elected member Jeff Urban was sworn-in to replace him. City Clerk Darla Ellis also gave the oath of office to re-elected Mayor David Corns, re-elected council members Jerry Jones of Ward I and Roberta Ryan of Ward II.

Mayor Corns presented Moritz with a plaque of appreciation for his service to the City as council member of Ward III from April 20, 2011 to April 17, 2013. Deena Wentz was also presented

a plaque for her service to the City as a reporter for KQNK-Radio from Nov. 16, 1987 to March 29, 2013.

Fellow council members unanimously voted Roberta Ryan as Council President.

The council also unanimously approved the appointment of several city positions except for City Attorney Karen Griffiths. The council was split, 3-3, with Jerry Jones, Jeff Urban and Ron Briery voting no. Mayor Corns broke the tie, voting yes to approve the appointment.

The council approved the following appointments:

Darla Ellis-Norton City Clerk

Patty Rowh-Norton City Treasurer
Pat Morel-Norton Chief of Police
Karen Griffiths-Norton City Attorney

Doug Sebelius-Norton City Prosecutor

Mitch Jones-Norton Fire Chief
Jerry Hawks-Norton Municipal Judge

Norton Telegram as the Official City Newspaper

KQNK-FM Radio as the Official City Radio Station

Dr. Jeff McKinley-City Health Officer

In other council news:
-approved Finance Chairman Ron Briery and City Administrator Rob Lawson be the contact representatives for the pool project with Aquatic Design and the contractors.

-Kevin McElyea from Aquatic Designs will attend the May 1 meeting to discuss the final pool design. He said bid packages are to be sent out to bidders the week of May 6. He has scheduled a pre-bidding meeting on May 21, and the bids are due back to him on June 6. If the council wants to change those dates, they need to let him know at the May 1 meeting.

-Mayor Corns stated he would like the City Attorney to conduct a new council training session to be held May

6 at 5:30 p.m.

-City Administrator Rob Lawson reported that a water drawdown test was conducted on the wells and they tested good. The City will flush the water system on May 8.

-approved changing the name of Roadside Park to Veteran's Memorial Park.

-approved the proposed enhancements to the Veteran's Memorial Park as presented by Gary and Carol Erlenbusch.

-approved spending \$5,000 from the Hansen Foundation funds for the Veteran's Memorial Park.

-offered the Pool Manager position to Ashley Smith-Maybon

The council approved the Mayor's Council Committee appointments for 2013-14 as follows: FINANCE-Ron Briery (Chairperson), Jerry Jones (Vice Chair), Roberta Ryan (member); UTILITY-Roberta Ryan, Harriett Gill, Ron Briery; PERSONNEL-Harriett Gill, Roberta Ryan, Donna Foley; PUBLIC SAFETY-Jerry Jones, Jeff Urban, Harriett Gill; PARKS/CEMETERY-Jeff Urban, Donna Foley, Jerry Jones; PUBLIC WORKS-Donna Foley, Ron Briery, Jeff Urban.

The council also approved the mayor's

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A look at history...



The car clubs of the Heart of America and the Rocky Mountain Regions held their annual KFOCI Spring Meet in Norton over the weekend. One stop on their adventure was a visit to Jeff Urban's Hot Wheels museum. Norton Mayor David Corns and his brother in law, Elvin Edgett are seen here inside the museum admiring Jeff's collection.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

The circus is coming to town this May 18th

IT'S COMING..... IT'S COMING
The Norton Rotary Club announces that Carson & Barnes Circus, the premier venue in the first class family entertainment with tented titans of yesterday, will be in Norton on Saturday, May 18.

The giant circus tent will be erected circus morning at Elmwood Park. Performances are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. that afternoon. Come out and watch your local fire department give the Carson & Barnes Circus elephants a bath at 11:30 a.m. It's a sight to be seen for all ages.

Tickets will be available soon. Look for future advertisements.

The circus is, in fact, the oldest form of entertainment on recorded history. In

North America, the circus has traditionally been a favorite of both young and old for many generations. Before the advent of television, circuses provided a unique form of entertainment that has made its coming to town a grand celebration.

Carson & Barnes is "The Real Circus" with everything patrons expect to see under the big top: clowns, acrobats, aerial daredevils, spectacular pageantry, and a cast of amazing performing animals led by the biggest stars of the show - the Carson & Barnes Asian elephants.

For more information, visit: www.bigtopshow.com or contact a local Rotarian.

