

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday
May 14, 2013

Briefly

Booster Club will meet on Wednesday

The fourth 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 their team's recent results 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 and you do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

Junior high to hold exhibit on Thursday

The Norton Junior High School will hold Exhibit and Band Concert night Thursday with exhibit night starting at 6:30 p.m. throughout the art room cafeteria and hallways and the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the junior high gymnasium.

Carson and Barnes Circus on Saturday

The world's biggest big top circus is coming to town. The Carson and Barnes Circus will be setting up at 9 a.m. on Saturday and the Norton City Fire Department will be washing an elephant. The two showings start at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Advanced tickets are available at Jamboree, Nex Tech and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Norton graduation set for this Sunday

The Norton USD 211 High School graduation ceremonies will be held Sunday at Stull Gymnasium at 2:30 p.m.

Veterans affairs will not be here in May

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs will not be visiting in Norton during the month of May. Her next visit will be on Tuesday, June 4. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Markets

Monday, May 13, 2013

Wheat	\$7.24
Milo	\$6.41
Soybeans	\$14.21
Corn	\$6.90

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tuesday Night - Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain. Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 86. Wednesday Night - Overcast in the evening, then mostly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. Thursday - Chance of thunderstorm and rain.

Prayer

Dear God, give us humility and patience to withstand the difficulties and sufferings that others inflict on us. Amen

The rest is still unwritten...



Logan High School's class of 2013 graduation ceremony was Sunday, May 12 in a packed auditorium. The class of 2013 had 14 graduates. (Front row, from left to right) Lane D. Archer, Lane S. Archer, Katie Becker, Melanie Cotton, Marcy Gaines, Brandon Kats and Coy

Leggett. (Back row, from left to right) Samantha Pakkebie, Destiny Reiter-Shaw, Dalton Schneider, Albert Tello, Gage LeRoux, Fidencio Martinez and Whitney Mulder.

- Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Commissioners get a landfill update

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Seagulls and turkey vultures are not welcome visitors at the Norton County landfill.

"Believe it or not, they do a lot of damage," Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller told the county commissioners last Monday, adding that there are up to 1,000 gulls and 10-12 vultures at the landfill at a time but the crews keep shooing them away.

Mr. Miller also told the commissioners that he had a technician out to fix some sensors on the compactor. He said he had some time last week and just ran

the machine himself and noticed several things that needed adjustment.

He also said that he would like to hire a part-time person to work on Saturdays at the landfill.

"We're mainly doing grass and trees and a little cd (construction and demolition trash) on Saturday," he said. "We're not putting any trash in the pit."

The part-time person wouldn't be eligible for benefits or overtime, he pointed out, and would probably save the county money on a regular employee out there, who would get overtime.

The landfill has also modified its policy on prisoners after an unfortunate

incident, he said.

A prisoner, who had been tearing down boxes late in the day, accidentally got back on the bus with a box cutter in his pocket.

"It was as much my fault as anybody's" Mr. Miller said.

This prisoner has never had any demerits.

However, there is a zero tolerance policy for weapons of any kind at the prison and that mistake could have kept him in jail for several more years, Mr. Miller told the commissioners.

Mr. Miller said that he spoke up for the man with the prison officials since

he truly believed that the incident was caused by hurrying. He said that the charges were dropped but there will be no more hurrying to get done and get back on the bus from now on.

The landfill crew is also looking at ways to reset the screens that keep trash from blowing out of the area. By moving some of the screens out some, the topcoat that is sprayed on the trash to keep it in place can be better applied, he said. He said that he also is planning some dirt work so that the screens tip in a little to keep the trash

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Crushed concrete to be utilized by county

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The concrete crusher at the Norton County landfill had ground up 6,200 tons of material as of Monday morning and there were still 800 to 1,000 tons left to grind.

County Road and Bridge Foreman Floyd Richard told the commissioners at their meeting last Monday that the county can use all the material that is crushed.

"I told him (the operator) to keep on going this morning until you tell him to stop," Mr. Richard told the commis-

sioners adding that the cost is \$7.20 a ton.

"We can't truck gravel in for that," Commissioner Charles Posson noted. "They are already asking for gravel on the roads."

The total project will be more expensive than originally thought, Mr. Richard said, and added that the gravel from the concrete is too dusty to use as chip seal material.

"If we've got the money, I say we do it," Commissioner R.A. Peterson said.

"John (Miller, county solid waste supervisor) had people out there wanting

to buy the gravel," Mr. Posson said. "If we don't use it, we can sell it."

Mr. Richard said that the county will need 5,200 tons for roads it is planning to gravel.

"We better keep on crushing," Commission Posson said.

Mr. Richard told the commissioners that he had had a request to chip seal Road L from the Norton Cemetery to E1 but that it would cost \$17,000 just for oil for it and that price did not include the gravel needed for the top.

Constituent Ruth Burd, who attended the meeting to talk about the road, said

that she didn't feel that that was a reasonable price for a temporary fix.

"We're back to where we were," she said.

Ms. Burd said that she's been talking to the commissioners for five years about the road and so far there hasn't

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Little kids, big fun...



The Norton Flyers track team, coached by Bill Manning, practiced at Travis Field on Friday. Approximately 140 girls and boys, from kindergarten through the sixth grade, are learning the fundamentals of track and field events.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

The Telegram wants to add a slice of history

We here at the Norton Telegram would like to do something with our newspaper that hasn't been done for some time now. We're talking about a look at the history of Norton County.

In order to do this we want to enlist the help of our readers. Once a month we want to print your old photos and the stories that go with them on a page or more. We haven't decided what to call it yet or exactly what day of the month it will run. So very many people find our history interesting so we thought why not share some of it with each other and our youth.

So as you are thumbing through Mom and Dad's, Grandma and Grandpa's old photo albums keep us in mind. Scan the photo and write up a short story and email it to us at nortontelegram@nwkansas.com or feel free to bring the photos in and we can scan them and re-type your story.

The only photos and stories that will be accepted must be Norton County related, so get digging.

