

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

May 28, 2013

Briefly

Legion baseball opener canceled

The Norton American Legion baseball team was scheduled to open their 2013 season with a double header hosting Bertrand-Loomis this Friday at John Ryan Field but the games have been canceled due to injuries to their players.

Norton's opener will now be a double header at Osborne on Tuesday, June 11.

Music Jam at the Norton Library

Randy's Music Jam will present entertaining and interactive music for children of all ages at the Norton Public Library on Thursday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m., as part of the library's "Dig Into Reading" summer reading program.

Church fund raiser set for this Friday

The Norton Christian Church will be holding "Date Night", a fundraiser for the CIY group on Friday in the church fellowship hall from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A babysitter will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted for the meal.

Golf shoot-out planned Friday

There will be a two man shootout at the Prairie Dog Golf Club on Friday. Contact Dave Schlegel or Bruce Rushton for information.

Chamber to hold a fundraiser June 6

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Fireworks Fundraiser on Thursday, June 6 at the Shopko parking lot from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hamburgers, chips and a drink are being offered for a free will donation.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$7.09
Milo.....	\$6.54
Soybeans.....	\$14.61
Corn.....	\$7.11

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-op

Weather

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms and a chance of rain. High of 86. Wednesday Night - Chance of rain. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain in the morning. High of 86. Thursday Night - Chance of rain. Friday - Clear with a high of 90.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for those who have loved us. Direct us to show others how to love sacrificially and unconditionally. Amen

Lest we forget...



Despite very windy conditions, area residents gathered at the Norton Cemetery to honor those who have served our country, past and present, in observance of Memorial Day. The Honor Guard fired a

salute, songs were sung by Stephanie Hager and Taps were played by Jeremy Wetter.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Landfill renovations discussed

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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It would cost a lot of money to do a huge expansion of the Norton County landfill but that might make the area's lifespan more than double, county commissioners were told at the meeting on May 20.

"You guys are getting close to running out of room in your C&D (construction and demolition) pit," Brian Foster with BG Consultants told the commissioners.

He went on to say, however, that because that pit doesn't cause a lot of litter, the county could mound it a little more. He did warn that when you go above ground, you have to watch the wind to avoid blowing refuse.

In order to mound the construction waste, however, the county will need to get the area re-permitted, he said.

"You don't have to go as high as you say," he said, "but, get it permitted. The height of a landfill is strictly a local concern for KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment)."

He said the state is more worried about the depth of trash pits and protecting the ground water.

Mr. Foster said that the trash pit probably has about a year of life left. He said that the cost of expanding that will be \$150,000 in construction and \$35,000 in engineering fees and construction should start in the fall because it would be a lot more expensive to dig in the winter.

The commissioners said they didn't know where they would get \$185,000 out of their budget. John Mapes, who is the county auditor, was at the meeting and the money could come out of the general fund if there was nowhere else to get it.

Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller said that he has long believed the county was not charging enough for use of the landfill. He said that he figured in the first four months of the year the cost to run the landfill was \$133.24 per ton and the county is bringing in \$83.34 per ton.

"We're not charging enough to cover

our costs," he told the commissioners.

Mr. Mapes said that next year would be better for putting money into the landfill. That way, he said, it could be put in the budget and planned for.

Since the county needs to get new permits anyway, Mr. Foster suggested that the county might want to look at taking the next three cells, which would each be 100-feet by 1,000 feet and combine them into one gigantic pit.

"It'd be a huge hole, don't get me wrong," he told the commissioners. "But it should extend the life of the landfill from a possible 33 years to maybe 100 years by going deeper and higher."

There are significant upfront construction costs with this plan, he said, and the county wouldn't see the benefit for 20 years or now.

One pit that is 300 to 400-feet wide and 1,000 feet long could be dug in three phases with the first costing \$1.4 million, the second \$1.2 million and the third \$800,000 in today's dollars, he said.

In any case, he said, the county should start the re-permitting process and give the higher and lower figures to the state because you can always go lower and shallower than you say.

Mr. Miller said that he didn't feel like it would be a good idea to open up such a large pit both for the money involved and because it would collect water and have to be pumped out all the time.

Mr. Mapes also noted that there could be a problem if the state or federal regulations change.

Mr. Miller said that he is planning to look at a demonstration of a machine

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Local men sentenced for turkey slaughter

By Mike Stephens

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Two Norton hunters have plead guilty to three charges stemming from an alleged slaughter of 12 turkeys on Nov. 9, 2012.

Dwight D. Sprigg and Timothy D. Sprigg plead guilty to charges of wanton waste, hunting without a legal permit and hunting from a vehicle. The charge of wanton waste carries a 90 day jail term and the charges of hunting without a legal permit and hunting from a vehicle, both carry six month jail terms, all to run concurrently.

Neither Dwight or Timothy Sprigg are expected to serve any jail time, however, provided they both meet the terms and conditions of their probation, according to Norton County Attorney Doug Sebelius.

Both Spriggs were assessed \$98 in court costs and each were ordered to make contributions of \$500 to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Public Land Restitution Fund and \$2,000 to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Access Wild Trust Account, which they have already paid.

Both parties had to forfeit all Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks licenses, and they will be unable to apply for any future licenses until May 15, 2014.

There are four other hunters involved in this case who are awaiting sentencing. They are Ervin Josenberger, Joseph Bailey, Jeffery L. Bailey, and Jeffery L. Bailey II, all of Kansas City.

Remembering...



Lyle Hutchens of Hendley and son, Mark Hutchens of Beaver City are part of the First Nebraska Artillery cannon brigade that shot their civil war cannon replica at the Hendley and Beaver City cemeteries for the Memorial Day observances.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Kids day set at lake

On Saturday June 1, 2013, Prairie Dog State Park will sponsor the 13th annual Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day. This is an incredible opportunity for youth to get out and enjoy the outdoors. For some it may be an introduction to the beauty and enjoyment of the outdoors, while for others, a reinforcement of the experiences and outdoor opportunities that are available in our community.

At Prairie Dog State Park, kids will have the chance to enjoy the following activities:

Fishing Clinic, Archery Shoot, Trap

Shoot- (ages 10-17), Laser Shooting and Hunting Simulator- (ages 10 and under), Jet Ski Simulator, KHP Seat Belt Convincer, Local Emergency Services Vehicles, KDWP K-9 Presentation, Skins and Skulls Program, Sternberg Museum Snakes of the Prairie exhibit, Bird Dog training, Mountain Man Demonstration, Norton County Solid Waste and Norton County Emergency Management displays.

All the guns, ammunition, fishing poles, and bait will be provided. All

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