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Briefly

Horse fun day set for this Saturday

The Fun Day Horse Show is this Saturday with entry check-in at 8 a.m. and the show begins at 9 a.m. at the Equine Facility Arena in Elmwood Park in Norton. The show is open to youth and adults of Norton and other counties. The riding events will be held at 7 p.m.

Andbe Home hosts cat and dog show

The Norton County 4-H Pet, Cat and Dog Show will be held at the Norton Andbe Home Monday with the dog show starting at 6:30 p.m. and the pet and cat show to begin at 7:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Fashion revue to be held on Tuesday

The Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday, July 16, beginning with Clothing Construction at 1 p.m., followed by Clothing Buymanship at 5:30 p.m. All judging will be held at the 4-H Building in Norton.

School is asking for new addresses

Enrollment information for Norton's 2013-14 school year is being prepared and addresses are being requested. If you have moved in USD 211 since the end of school or if you are new to Norton, please contact the USD 211 office with your new address. You can call @ 877-3386, email to cglennemeier@usd211.org or fax it to 877-2030. Enrollment packets are scheduled to be available the week of July 22.

Markets

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Wheat\$6.99
Milo\$6.34
Soybeans\$15.18
Corn\$6.91

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

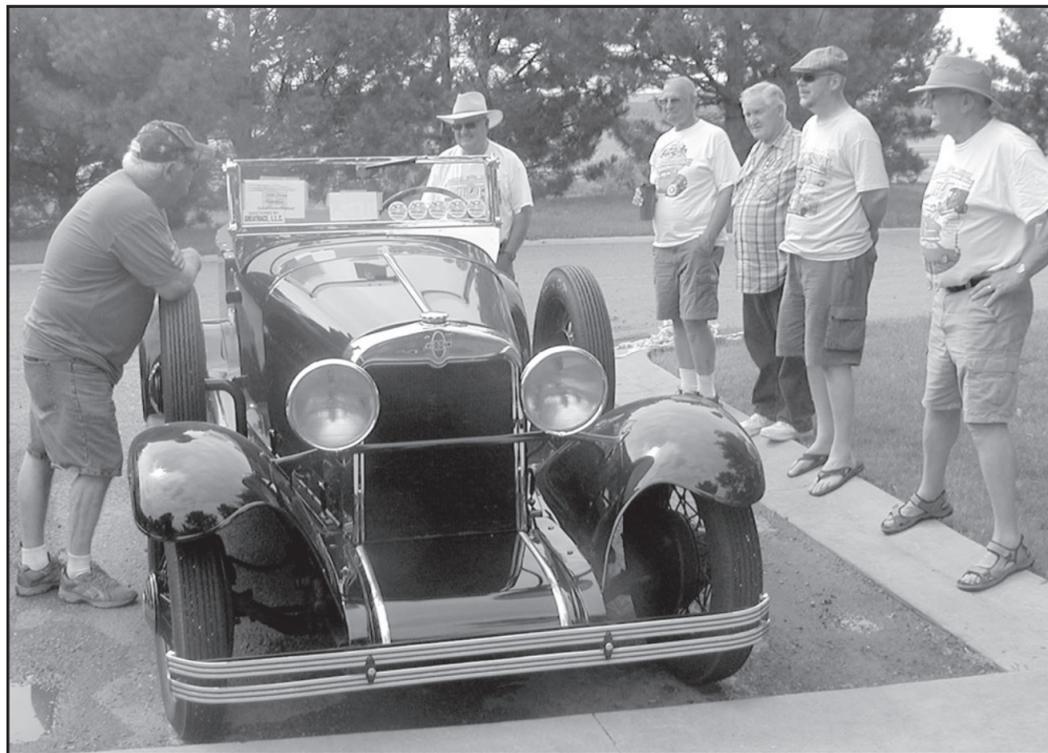
weather forecast

Saturday - Clear with a high of 104. Saturday Night - Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy with a low of 75. Sunday - Clear in the morning then partly cloudy with a high of 102. Monday - Partly cloudy with a high of 91. Monday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 61. Tuesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 90. Tuesday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 64. Wednesday - Clear with a high of 99. Wednesday Night - Clear with a low of 72.

Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for moments we share with those we love who live far away. Help us feel your peace when it's time to leave them, and allow us to live with gratitude. Amen.

The good ole' days...



Several members of the Norton County Cruisers held an impromptu car show for the residents at Whispering Pines on Wednesday afternoon. (From left to right) Lynn Menagh, J.D. Daffer, Cris McDiffett, Bob Sproul, Mike Posson and Earl Hansen hang out by McDiffett's custom Chevy Roadster. This weekend's Norton Car Show will be in honor of longtime Norton residents Beverly and Dave Posson, both of whom died last year.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Pre-Fair events will be taking place very soon

Participants interested in the Norton County Fair events will want to take notice of the date for these events.

This year's Fun Day Horse Show will take place this Saturday with entry check in at 8 a.m. and the show begins at 9 a.m. This will be held at the Equine Facility Arena in Elmwood Park in Norton. The show is open to youth and adults of Norton and other counties. The events include showmanship, western horsemanship, trail, reining, poles, barrels and pair sack racing. Final riding events such as barrels, poles and roping will be held at 7 p.m.

The 4-H and FFA Youth Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 22, with entry and check-in at 8 a.m.. The show will begin with the halter, showmanship and pleasure classes. The youth 4-H/FFA portion of timed events will be held at 7 p.m. The 4-H and FFA horses will be stalled through Thursday of the Fair at the Equine Facility. The Youth Team Penning event will be Tuesday, July 23, after the swine show which is at about 8 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Norton County Saddle Club. The 'Ranch Rodeo' will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 and the Jackpot Team Roping, sponsored by the Norton County Horse Council, will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 25.

4-H members enrolled in the sewing project this year have completed most of their project work. Judging of exhibits of 4-H Sewing and Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday, July 16, beginning with Clothing Construction at 1 p.m., followed by Clothing Buymanship at 5:30 p.m. All judging will be held at the 4-H Building in Norton.

In the construction phase, 4-Hers will exhibit garments and articles they have constructed and also model outfits and accessories they have made. The 4-H Clothing project also includes two Buymanship phases. These 4-Hers select outfits from the ready-to-wear market for their clothing wardrobe.

These outfits will then be modeled at the 4-H Public Fashion Revue on Saturday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Norton. 4-H members invite you to be present for their fashion revue.

The garments and articles that the 4-Hers have made and modeled will be on display at the 4-H Building during fair week.

Fair time is drawing near

The Norton County Fair Association, 2013 Fair Premium Books, are now available. Fair Board members and 4-H leaders have delivered some copies to local businesses. Copies are also available at the Twin Creeks Extension, Norton Office, 107 S. State, downtown Norton.

The dates for the 2013 Norton County Fair are July 20th to 27th with the kick-off of the Open Class Fun Day Horse Show which will be held Saturday, July 13th at the Elmwood Park Horse Arena starting at 9 a.m. Superintendents are Travis Smith and Garrett Beydler. The Dog, Cat and Hand Pet Show will be another pre-fair activity on Monday, July 15th. The Dog, Pet and Cat show is for 4-H youth only. The 4-H Fashion Revue will be at 7 p.m.

The Fair board is urging all entrants of 4-H & Open class Poultry, Rabbits, Livestock, and 4-H & FFA Horse to bring tri section entry cards into the Extension Office by Thursday, July 18th.

Open class and youth breeding livestock: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats and youth Horse entrants will need to pay a \$2 fee per animal for a veterinarian health check. Only youth animals eligible for auction such as the Market Beef Steer, Lambs, Meat Goats, and Swine pay a \$3 fee including the veterinary check and ID tag for the sale.

The 4-H Youth Photography will be entered and judged from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th with a break for lunch from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. No club schedule, just come and go. Open Class Photography will be entered at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will be judged from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th. The photo mat mount boards are available at the Norton County Extension Office located at 107 S. State Street in downtown Norton.

The 4-H/FFA Horse Show will be held as usual, Monday, July 22nd. There is a section entitled models for youth

and adults who work with model crafts. Models will be entered from noon until 2 p.m. and judged at 2:30 p.m. on Monday. Monday's entries include 4-H Rockets (4:30 - 5 p.m.), 4-H and Open Class Art, Sketches, and Drawings (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.). 4-H Woodworking will be entered and judged at 4 p.m.

The 4-H Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. Monday and the Club Booths set up in the 4-H Building must be in place by 9 p.m. All Horses, Sheep, Hogs and Poultry need to use wood shavings for their bedding in all the barns.

Entry day for most Open Class exhibits in the 4-H Building is Tuesday, July 23rd, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4-H and Open Class livestock are entered on Tuesday by noon with a health check-in (Swine 8 - 9:30 a.m., Beef

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Landfill sets budget

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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The county landfill will be running with less money next year, according to the budget turned in to Norton County commissioners on Monday by Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller.

Mr. Miller said that many things in the 2013 budget including salaries were misfigured and that he has looked back to see what the landfill will need in the future.

His budget for 2014 is asking for \$70,000 less than this year. The 2013 budget for the landfill and recycling center is \$299,135. The 2014 budget is for \$229,000.

"I went through a nine-year average to find out the real cost of what we're doing," Mr. Miller told the commissioners.

He said that his capital outlay budget took a hit this year because there was a lot of deferred maintenance on machinery that got done.

The county makes a profit on the more than 2,000 tons of municipal waste the landfill takes in, he said but almost none on the recycling center and the construction and demolition area.

However, he noted recycling saves space in the landfill and that's a big benefit to the county.

In the household hazardous waste

area, he said, latex-based paint can be mixed with the topcoat and it helps the stuff stick to the trash in the pit. He said that the county has already used 200 to 300 gallons of old latex paint for this.

However, he said, the landfill will not take any marine paint used for boats because many of that type of paint products have toxic chemicals that can cause lots of problem.

Oil-based paint goes into the household hazardous waste barrels and aerosol cans get pierced and put in a 55-gallon drum.

"It's amazing the old cans of paint we get," he said.

Mr. Miller said that he has gotten two loads of topcoat this year and shouldn't need any more until after the first of the year. The second load came before he needed it, he said, because the hauler offered him a good price to bring it back from Wellsville, where the county gets it and he thought it was a good deal.

He said that they have started to use a dye in the topcoat so that its easier to see where they stopped spraying each day.

Mr. Miller told the commissioners that he has had some requests to purchase the crushed concrete at the landfill. He said it cost \$8 a ton to get crushed and he is selling it for \$10 a ton with the \$2 extra as a handling fee.

More than a handshake and a promise is required when dealing with politics

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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While a handshake agreement probably seemed like a good idea at the time, changes in personnel and a lack of billing got the Norton city and county officials in a bind.

Several months ago, Norton city fire rescue people realized that they were not getting any help from the county to run an emergency rescue vehicle even though it was working in both the town and the county.

Fire officials visited with the Norton County commissioners, who were amazed to find out how much it costs to run the rescue vehicle and surprised that they had not been paying for part of it.

Apparently a gentlemen's agreement of years before had not been put in writing and no one had remembered to send the county a bill. A bill for \$10,000 a year.

The commissioners agreed that the rescue service was valuable to the county and said that they would like to continue it and would pay the back bills but maybe not all at once.

On Monday, City Attorney Karen

Griffiths brought an agreement to the county commission meeting to set out what the county would pay and when and what the city would provide.

In the agreement, the city is obligated to provide 24-hour emergency coverage for the county with manpower and a rescue vehicle whenever asked by dispatch. The city will pay all the costs of the vehicle and personnel and will provide the county a yearly report of operations and expenses of the rescue unit.

In return, the county will pay the city \$10,000 each year on or before July 1 for the service. It will pay \$20,000 in back billing for the years 2009 and 2010 and agrees to budget \$10,000 for 2013 to be paid in 2014 along with that year's payment.

The city is using a 2008 Ford Mini Rescue Pumper.

The commissioners signed the contract and returned it to Mrs. Griffiths so that the Norton City mayor and city clerk could sign it.

All agreed that the handshake agreement, which seemed good at the time, was not a great idea for a government entity.

