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Briefly

Enrollment for many students set

Enrollment for USD 211 Seniors will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7 from 9 until noon. Enrollment for Juniors will also be that day but from 1 to 4 p.m. The enrollment for 8th grade is also this day from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

USD 211 to enroll more on Thursday

Enrollment for USD 211 Sophomores will be on Thursday, August 8 from 9 to noon. Enrollment for Freshman will also be that day but from 1 to 4 p.m. Enrollment for 7th graders will also be held this day from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Library to host speaker Thursday

Patsy Maddy from the Norton County Farm Bureau will be at the Norton Public Library this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and then again at 2 p.m. She will be discussing things that correlate with the Library's summer theme of Dig Into Reading.

Final chance to enroll at USD 211

Enrollment for USD 211 new students will be on Friday, August 9 from 9 to noon. Make up registration will also be that day at the same time.

Archery club to hold 3-D shoot

The Norton Archery Club will hold a 3-D Shoot on Sunday, August 11 at the northwest corner of Prairie Dog State Park. Trickle start from 9-10 a.m. For more information call 877-3253 or 877-5269.

Markets

Monday, August 5, 2013

Wheat.....	\$7.02
Milo.....	\$5.09
Soybeans.....	\$11.88
Corn.....	\$5.94

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. High of 77. Wednesday Night - Chance of rain and fog overnight. Thursday - Overcast with fog and a high of 79. Thursday Night - 40 percent chance of rain. Friday - Partly cloudy with fog early. High of 82. Friday Night - Clear with fog overnight. Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. High of 88. Saturday Night - Fog overnight with a 80 percent chance of rain with rainfall amounts near 1.5 inches possible.

Prayer

Dear God, help us to understand how our attitudes and choices affect what happens in the world around us. Amen.

Up in smoke...



The Norton Rural Fire Department was called to a house fire at approximately 6:35 a.m. Saturday morning. The home is located at 16566 PDRA Road just south of Norton. The home is currently owned by Jeana Cozad of Norton. Ten rural and six city fire fighters

responded to the scene. Rural Fire Chief Steve Otter was unable to give any more information as he said, "The case is still under investigation."

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Welcoming new county staff and questions

By DANA PAXTON
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The Norton County Commissioners met on Monday. County Clerk Robert Wyatt, Commissioners Charles Posson, R.A. Peterson and Richard Thompson were in attendance. County Attorney Doug Sebelius was not present due to being on vacation.

The first thing on the agenda was a meeting with the newly hired Road and Bridge Department office manager Becky Wilson. She comes to the department from Kensington and Monday was her first day to report to work.

The commissioners informed her that Floyd Mulding was on vacation and Herman Pfannensteil would also be out of the office today so she was to call Robert Wyatt with any questions.

An unexpected visitor also met with the commissioners. Darla Engel from the District Court clerk's office stopped in to discuss two things. The first issue was to see if the commissioners would consider purchasing planter pots to match the other pots being placed around town for the beautification project. Commissioner Posson asked where they would be placed and Engel

said they would be further away from the building since they do drain and that she would care for them. Four pots would need to be purchased at a cost of anywhere between \$195 to \$275 each. Wyatt suggested getting the funds from the parks and recreation fund. Engel was asked to report back with a final cost and the decision would be made at that time.

The second topic Engel brought up was to see if the county would consider purchasing a valance to go over the projector screen located in the Norton County Court Room. She is wanting

it to match the existing woodwork in the court room. After the commissioners visited the court room to see exactly what she was talking about they returned and Mr. Wyatt informed them that the clerk of the district court capital outlay fund contained enough funds to purchase the valance. Commissioner Peterson moved to have the valance purchased through the clerk of the district court capital outlay fund and commissioner Posson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioners cover many topics at last meeting

By DANA PAXTON
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Kathy Carlin of the Norton County Treasurer's Office visited with the commissioners Monday representing Cindy Linner who was on vacation.

Carlin was there to see if their office could close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, August 21 to attend a training session on the changes in heavy truck transactions in Colby. Commissioner Posson said he was in favor of the entire staff going

so that one person wouldn't have to try and train the others and this way they would all receive the same information at the same time and would have time to discuss it on their way back from Colby after the meeting. Commissioner Peterson said, "I have one word about this, Go!"

In other business during Monday's meeting; the minutes from the July 29 meeting were approved and passed, dates for upcoming meetings were dis-

cussed, and Resolution 2013-07 was adopted and signed.

The next meetings to be held will be on normal Mondays, Aug. 12 and 19 and then the last week of the month they will not meet on Monday, Aug. 26 but instead meet on Thursday, Aug. 29. After that, the first meeting in September will be on Sept. 9, no meeting the week of Sept. 2 due to Labor Day.

Resolution 2013-07 states that since Norton County is in need of an Emer-

gency Management Coordinator and since Justina Smith is qualified to fill this position then it should be resolved that the Board of the Norton County Commissioners appoint her to the position effective Aug. 1, 2013 and that she will have any and all duties and powers that come with the position. This resolution was signed and passed.

The Korean War as remembered by an Air Force wife

By Fleta Hanlon

I married Lewis Howell in Norton on Aug. 16, 1949. Mr. Howell was inducted into the U.S. Air Force on our first anniversary. He was one of about five from Norton County who were "inactive reserve" and called to duty for the Korean War. His was considered a critical Mo., as he was a remote control turret specialist, and he was very experienced with the job. During World War II, he was with the B-29's in the same position as a staff sergeant, in charge of the guns and gunners. The gunners were the turret gunner, left and right wing gunners and the tail gunner. On the 29 there was a pilot, co-pilot, bombardier, and flight engineer, I can't think of any others.

After he was back in the Air Force, he was stationed at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Wash. as a permanent station, and sent to McDill AFB, Tampa, Fla., and Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Ariz. for training on a temporary basis.

The 29's had been mothballed (stored) in Arizona and had to be repaired and made ready for combat. There was an acute shortage of ammunition, plus repairs and no one was trained to fly them. The only planes they had to train on were the ones that weren't able to fly.



Veterans of Foreign Wars led the Veterans Day Parade down Main Street in Norton in 1963. (Pictured from left to right) Lewis Howell, Maynard Wendel, Keith Murphy and Glenn Bowman.

—Photo courtesy of Fleta Hanlon

Staff Sgt. Howell was the only one on his crew who had ever been in a 29. Most were experienced in 24's or ground crew.

Remember, what I am writing is what was told to me and some others

I experienced myself. I tried twice to go to Washington, but he only stayed a few weeks before he was sent, temporarily, to Florida or Arizona or overseas for combat. The reserves had been told they wouldn't be sent to combat for an-

other war, but would serve as trainers or ground crew. The U.S. was totally unprepared for another war. Guys were called up who had disabilities, five kids or more, and no hardships were honored or the part about no combat was crossed out. Our next door neighbor had a bleeding bowel condition and couldn't get into the hospital because it was full of mothers delivering babies. Oh well? Life goes on.

Meanwhile back home again, after Lewis went to be stationed at Yokota Air Base in Tokyo, Japan, no one cared or remembered there was a war on.

I was blessed to get back on my old job and waited every day for the military to come to my door. One morning, after my night shift with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, I heard about an airplane down in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Tokyo. Nothing more was heard about that and I waited two weeks before I heard that it was one of theirs that was down and they were searching, on their time off before flights, for survivors and didn't have time to write. That wasn't the best two weeks of my life.

The same thing is going on right now and has been for some time. We all need to remember the families waiting for

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