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Briefly

Booster club drive set for tonight

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will begin its annual Membership Drive on Friday during Norton's football game with Goodland at Travis Field.

Route change for weekend 5-K event

Due to repairs being done on KQNK road, the 5-K Color Run hosted by Valley Hope will be having a route change. The new route will be around Elmwood Park. Park Street and streets running through the park will be blocked for runners and walkers only.

Las Canteras to hold patio opening

Las Canteras Mexican Restaurant will hold a Grand Opening of their new patio all day Monday. Be sure to stop in for food and drink specials and good old fresh air while you enjoy your meal.

Chess club meets every Monday

The Chess Club meets Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Norton Public Library for students looking for an after school activity. Snacks are served as well.

Mother Goose Moments Tuesday

The Norton Public Library holds Mother Goose Moments on Tuesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. This is an interactive story time program for babies up to two years old, which includes reading and music.

Sophomores set to order class rings

At 5:30 p.m. Wednesday the Sophomores, along with their parents, will be at the Norton High School cafeteria to view and order their class rings

Markets

Thursday, September 12, 2013
Wheat\$6.83
Milo.....\$4.55
Soybeans.....\$13.06
Corn.....\$5.05
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. High of 82. Saturday Night - Overcast with a 70 percent chance of rain. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Sunday Night - Overcast with a 60 percent chance of rain and fog. Monday - Partly cloudy with fog early. High of 88. Monday Night - 60 percent chance of rain.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the promise of your presence through the Holy Spirit, even when our days seem dark and troublesome. Amen.



Remembering those that gave their all

The flags at the Veterans Memorial Park were at half mast on Wednesday in honor of Patriots Day. In remembrance of all the innocent men, women and children that died in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and in the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. It has been twelve years since that fateful day and flags were seen flying all over Norton in remembrance.

Also on Wednesday, over two million patriot motorcycle riders ascended on Washington D.C. to honor those that died that day. They were denied permits to assemble but yet the Million Muslim March was allowed permits to gather. Being the true Americans they are, they rode on. Remember September 11, 2001.

I Remember

I remembered you today, all of those that went running in anyway.

I remember all of those scared, fearing for their lives, those calling their children, parents, friends, husbands and wives.

I remember those that got that call, they knew this was it, the end of it all.

I remember those in the stairwells terrified and alone, thinking of their loved ones wishing they were home.

I remember the children that will never know, the heroes that we were forced to let go.

I remember all of those who suffered and lost, all of those that paid the cost.

I pray for all of these people it is true. I pray for America, the red, white and the blue.

- By Dana Paxton

Commissioners get update on Ryan project

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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The Norton County commissioners weren't expecting visitors on Monday as they had no one on their agenda.

However at the last minute, Norton Economic Development Director Scott Sproul and Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Director Tara Vance

dropped by to brief them on a few things happening in the community.

Mr. Sproul said that the streets are done in the Ryan Addition and that things are going well for the upcoming Governor's Pheasant Hunt, which Norton and Graham County are sponsoring.

Ms. Vance told the commissioners

how work is going on both the Lyons House and the Heaton Building.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Held a hearing on redemption of a temporary note which was used until bonds could be issued to pay for improvements to Road L. This is part of the county's economic development

help for the Ag Valley project.

- Agreed to continue as members of the e-waste coalition and pay the \$1,000 fee required. Trego, Graham, Ellis, Cloud, Rooks, Phillips, Osborne, Republic and Lincoln counties are also part of the coalition, which deals with getting rid of old electronic equipment.

School board looks at some changes for new year

By Mike Stephens

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The Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, held eight closed door sessions, lasting nearly two hours, at its Monday meeting to discuss a complicated personnel matter, according to Superintendent Greg Mann. The board utilizes closed door sessions for the purpose of discussing matters relating to non-elected personnel, and in this case, according to Mann, required the presence of the board's attorney because of the numerous angles that needed to be examined, which raised more questions by the

board. However, no action was taken by the board as a result of the closed sessions.

In other business, the board approved two evaluation systems for teachers in U.S.D. 211 for the 2013-14 school year. The Kansas Educators Evaluation Protocol or KEEP system will be used for special education staff and selected teachers, and the current U.S.D. 211 evaluation tool will be used for all others who are up for evaluation.

The board also revised the U.S.D. 211 evaluation tool, with input from the Norton Teacher's Association and U.S.D. 211 professional staff, in order

to meet the Kansas State Department of Education requirements and submit it to the Department for consideration for the 2014-15 school year.

In other board news:
-the facility steering committee will be Monday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m., in the high school/junior high library.

-board member Robert Wyatt was appointed delegate to the Kansas Association of School Boards convention to be held Dec. 6-8, in Wichita.

-Trudy Stockham, Language Arts Chairperson, presented to the board a revised language arts curriculum, which will be considered for adoption

at the October meeting.

-approved the 2013-14 activity guidelines and regulations as presented.

-approved the work agreement with Devon Oejidaj as the Thursday evening weight room supervisor.

-accepted the consent agenda which included the agenda for Sept. 9, the minutes of the regular meeting on Aug. 19, and approval of bills as presented.

-approved the minutes of the Professional Development Committee Council for Aug. 26.

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Norton County Arts Council presents the Tour of Homes

By DANA PAXTON

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Rose Garrison lives at 1026 N. Truman Street in a 1970's one-story brick home built for Bill Rouse by Glen Tweed based on Mr. Rouse's plans. The home looks very simple on the outside but since Rose and her late husband Duaine bought the home in 2010 there have been many changes to the interior. Let it be known that Rose, her husband and their children did all of the work themselves.

carpeting, comfortable furniture and a fireplace. Beautiful wood beams adorn the ceiling in this room as well as most of the other rooms. Off the living room one can enter the sun room, it has tile floors and blinds covering the windows. This is where Rose prefers to spend most of her time. When leaving the sun room you enter the formal dining area beautifully decorated and it has wood flooring. Off the dining area is the laundry room and a bathroom. Toward the back of the house, off the dining room, is what Rose calls the garage, since they only have an attached car port it



This is the exterior view of Rose Garrison's home located at 1026 Truman. Be sure to stop in on September 22 between 2 and 4 p.m. when the Norton County Arts Council will be holding it's annual membership drive at the Homes Tour.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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