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Briefly

Huskies celebrate Homecoming

Northern Valley High School will celebrate Homecoming this Friday at 2:45 p.m., with a parade down Main Street, followed by a pep rally in front of the school. Kickoff for the football game is 7 p.m. with the Huskies taking on the Natoma Tigers, and at halftime the Homecoming King and Queen Coronation ceremony will be held.

Church bazaar this coming Sunday

The St. Francis of Assisi Church Bazaar will be this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, starting with a turkey and noodle dinner, followed by an auction that will include quilts and other art and crafts items.

BB Gun team to meet Monday

The Norton Rotary BB Gun Team will hold its first meeting on Monday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m., in the former Sidles Building at the corner of State and Washington streets in Norton. Girls and boys between the ages of 8 and 14 years old are invited to attend. Call Jeff at 785-202-1170 or 785-874-4382 for more information.

Vocal concert set for Tuesday night

Third and fourth graders from Eisenhower Elementary School will perform a vocal concert on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m., at the East Campus Auditorium

Walk to school...



Wednesday was International Walk To School Day. Eisenhower Elementary School had 321 students participate, 375 total walkers participated including: Eisenhower students, parents, high school walking buddies and two dogs. Seven class rooms at Eisenhower had 100 percent participation so Pizza Hut is donating 14 pizzas for

these rooms to celebrate. "We really did have a good turn out. This helps to teach healthy habits, pedestrian rules and environmental safety," School Nurse Joan Streck said. There are elementary schools in 40 countries that participate in this day.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

WIC clinics closed due to federal shutdown

Wednesday, Oct. 9, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment directed local WIC offices to limit the issuance of WIC checks to only those checks dated October 2013 and to withhold checks dated November and December until further notice. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is able to fund WIC purchases made with October checks; however, the agency cannot at this time guarantee its backing of grocery purchases made with checks dated November and December because it cannot predict the end of the federal gov-

ernment shutdown. Beginning today (Thursday) WIC participants will receive a check for only one month, instead of three months," said Jenda Jones, Norton County Health Department LPN. "We don't know where we will be in a month. We don't know when the government shutdown will end, and until then we will get checks month to month," said Jones. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will keep authorized WIC grocery stores informed regarding the current situation including specific

instructions if restrictions are placed on the redemption of WIC checks. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a federally funded program administered in Kansas by Department of Health and Environment through contracts with county health departments. Currently, all Kansas WIC clinics are fully operational and serving clients. Printed on each WIC check is a date labeled: "Do not use before this date." WIC checks are valid for 30 days from that date. For instance, October

checks issued today are valid from Oct. 9 through Nov. 9; the October checks issued tomorrow are valid from Oct. 10 through Nov. 10, and so on. All checks with a "Do not use before this date" in October or September may be redeemed by participants and grocery stores will be reimbursed for purchases made with those checks. "Limiting the issuance of WIC checks is the appropriate response at this time," said Dave Thomason, Kansas WIC Director within the Bureau of

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Hospital updates commissioners on audit and numbers

By DANA PAXTON
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Norton County Hospital Director, Richard Miller, Chief Financial Officer, Ryan Stover and several hospital board members met with the Norton County Commissioners on Monday to discuss the audit report and current operational status.

Miller started by stating, "We appreciate you working us in, we are here to update you on the audit report and status of the hospital." Miller then turned it over to Stover to highlight the audit

findings, financials and numbers. BKD LLP, CPA and Advisors did the audit for the hospital. Included in this report was a management report addressing new things for the hospital to deal with when it comes to the Affordable Care Act. There were no issues in the audit findings that were of major concern. There is a concern however for the hospital with this new act. They are not only an employer but also a medicare provider so they will be affected in more than one way when everything goes into effect.

Some of the new things with the affordable care act will include how Medicare and KEPEERS are handled, huge deductibles of about \$6,000 per person and the already changing of international classification of diseases to over 70,000 codes, in other words, it will be harder and harder to get paid. "Documentation is a must and come

October 1 of 2014, I expect that we will have it figured out," Stover said. Stover mentioned the article that recently ran in the Telegram about the possible closings of Critical Care Hospitals in Kansas. "I don't think it will come about, it is a warning shot that

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Norton Rotary BB Gun team to hold first meeting of season

By DICK BOYD
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Interested girls and boys between the ages of 8 and 14 years are invited to attend the first meeting of the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14 in the former Sidles Building at the corner of State and Washington Streets in Norton.

It will be an informational meeting. During the meeting, youth will have a chance to shoot some BBs in addition to learning about the program. "The most important thing is that we teach gun safety," said second year head coach Jeff Elliott. "All of the youngsters will have to pass a written test on gun safety before they will be allowed to start shooting on the range." On Monday, Oct. 21, the team members will begin the first of three consecutive Monday evenings spent only in classroom education. After that, each Monday evening will involve equal amounts of classroom review and shooting practice. Practice will start at 6:30 p.m. and will last about one and one-half to two hours, depending on the number of shooters and coaches. "Family members of shooters can be

involved as coaches, scorers and also any other help that is needed," said coach Elliott. "Families are important to our team. "Sometimes, past team members who have aged out come back as coaches. Sometimes they have younger siblings on the team. "This year I am in need of coaches and scorers." The young marksmen will have the opportunity to shoot in a number of regional and state shoots with the goal of qualifying for the national competition in Rogers, Ark. Norton shooters have qualified many times for this shoot, which was an international shoot at one time. Norton teams have won this shoot eight different years, more than any other team in the nation! In fact, the format of the shooting education program is based on the ideas of the late Duane Winder, a Norton Jaycee. Valerie Elliott will be the classroom instructor this year. Those with questions can call Jeff at (785) 202-1170 or (785) 874-4382.

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Friday evening - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high of 68. Saturday Night - Clear with a low of 43. Sunday - Clear in the morning then partly cloudy with a high of 68. Sunday Night - Overcast with a chance of rain. Monday - Overcast with a chance of thunderstorms. Chance of rain 50 percent.

Markets

Thursday, September 11, 2013
Wheat\$7.43
Milo\$3.98
Soybeans\$12.22
Corn\$4.31
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

O God, your works are amazing. We want to be a part of all you are doing to care for the people of your world. Help us. Amen.



A gift of health...



Tri Valley Health System in Cambridge, Neb., is excited to announce that a 24 ft. two-lane lap pool was generously donated to Tri Valley Medical Foundation for the benefit of Tri Valley Health System by Cindy and Gail Boller of Norton, Kansas. Featured in the photo are: Vice President, Todd Boller, Natoma Corporation; President, Gail Boller, Natoma Corporation; President, Beth Siegfried, Tri Valley Medical Foundation Director; and Roger Steinkruger, CEO of Tri Valley Health System. — Courtesy photo