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Briefly

Soccer sign up set for this weekend

Early registration for 2014 Norton AYSO Soccer will be tonight, from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, from 2-4 p.m., at the Norton Public Library community room. For more information call Nicole Rushton at (785) 567-4610 or Deena Wentz at (785) 871-0442.

Norton Landfill open on Saturdays

The Norton County Landfill will now be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays to better accommodate our customers.

Favorite Foods show on Sunday

The annual 4-H Favorite Food Show will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12 at the 4-H Building in Norton. Viewing and tasting is open to the public at 4 p.m.

Library hosts it's Mother Goose time

"Mother Goose Moments," an interactive story-time for babies through age 2, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 10:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for musical games, stories, exercises and snacks.

Computer classes free on Tuesdays

Mortensen Computer Services continue to hold their free classes every Tuesday night at 4:30. Bring your laptop and get your questions answered. Beginning February 4 new class hours will start at 4 p.m.



Saturday - A mainly sunny sky with a high of 52. Saturday Night - Mostly clear with a low of 35. Sunday - Mostly cloudy skies with a high of 53. Sunday Night - Low of 29. Monday - Mostly sunny skies with a high of 57. Monday Night - Clear skies with a low of 33. Tuesday - Sunshine with a high of 52. Wednesday - Sunshine and a high of 54. Wednesday Night - A few clouds overnight with a low of 31. Thursday - Sunshine and clouds mixed with a high near 50.

Markets

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Wheat\$6.11
Milo\$3.72
Soybeans\$12.09
Corn\$3.92
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us parts to play in your service. Open our eyes to opportunities each day to be a blessing for others. Amen.

Always more to do...



Repair on the Sidles Building, in downtown Norton, is currently underway to correct structural problems on the southeast corner. Norton County Community Foundation is in charge of the project.

Schamber Historic Preservation Company, working with the foundation, sub contracted Roy Construction Company of Plaineville to do the repairs.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Native sons and daughters banquet

By DICK BOYD

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The Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas invite everyone to attend the annual banquet on Friday, Jan. 24 to help them honor Steve Doocy, co-host of FOX News Channel's FOX & Friends, as the "Distinguished Kansan of the Year".

You do not have to be a member of the club to attend the banquet, which will be held at the Sunflower Ballroom, Maner Conference Center, Kansas Expocentre, 17th and Western, Topeka.

Social hour will be at 5:30 p.m. The

dinner and program will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Banquet tickets are \$75 per person and may be ordered from: Native Sons and Daughters, Box 546, Topeka, Kan. 66601-0546.

Tickets will be mailed for all ticket orders received by Thursday, Jan. 16. Ticket orders received after that date may be picked up after 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 at the banquet door. If you have any questions, call 785-235-6245. Individual ticket holders will have open seating.

The winners of the Olive Beech Pioneer Factual Story Contest, the Mamie

Boyd "Kansas! Say It Above A Whisper" High School Essay Contest and the "Kansas . . . As Talented as You Think!" High School Art Contest will be announced at the banquet.

Kansas State University will receive a citation for 150 years of education excellence and the Kansas University Medical Center will receive a citation for its National Cancer Institute designation.

The Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas is an organization for all Kansans.

It was formed to preserve Kansas history, uphold our pioneer ancestors,

encourage youth to embrace Kansas ideals and honor outstanding citizens.

The Native Sons of Kansas was organized on May 8, 1901 and the Native Daughters was organized on June 28, 1915. The combined organization has met annually to celebrate Kansas' birthday since its first joint session in 1918.

The Native Sons and Daughters is a non-partisan organization governed by its By-Laws and eight volunteer officers who serve as the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is

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Norton may be getting a bowling alley

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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Norton may again have a bowling alley because of work being done by its economic development people.

The Norton City/County Economic Development board got an update at its last meeting in mid-December on work being done to get a new bowling alley for the town.

A committee of Brad Hopkins, Donna Foley and Amber Nuttycomb have been working to put together a plan for a new facility.

The economic development board was told that equipment is available and the committee and Economic Development Director Scott Sproul and his staff are working on putting together a 501c3 application, which would set the facility up as a non profit, and are also looking at possible locations.

The economic board was told that the project is coming together nicely and a location will hopefully be finalized soon.

The economic development board also heard from Aaron Hale, who at-

tended the 2013 Northwest Kansas Leadership Challenge in the fall Mr. Hale said that the meetings were helpful and interesting, especially the ones on recruiting young families to move back to Northwest Kansas.

Norton County participants in the seminar have decided to create a business networking group, he said, to locate and work with young profession-

als and other young adults, who might be interested in moving home.

Mr. Sproul told the group that a Kansas Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement Program Grant could be used to improve the looks of downtown Norton.

Plans for the area would be to alleviate

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Meeting of minds...



The City of Almena held a community meeting on Wednesday night in the Community Center to discuss housing needs in Almena. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting. (Left to right) James Foster and Dan Steffen, Kansas Department of Commerce Field Representatives from Hays and Colby, explained how the Housing Assessment Tool (HAT) will help determine the housing needs in Almena and Norton County. The Assessment is also necessary for any grant applications.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

State law prohibits leaving unattended cars running

By MIKE STEPHENS

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It's safe to say that nobody likes to sit in their car in freezing temperatures while their car warms up. Many of us will start our car and then go back inside the house to stay warm while the car heats up. Or we leave the car running while we quickly run inside a convenience store for cigarettes, or whatever.

However, just before Christmas, an Oberlin man was ticketed for leaving his car running unattended with the keys in the ignition while he was inside the Dollar General store.

This has left some people wondering just what state traffic laws say about the issue, and to what extent police will enforce them.

This practice of leaving a car running unattended is a violation of Kansas State law. The City of Norton has an ordinance as well that prohibits this. Nonetheless, many of us are guilty of this practice (myself included), but rarely do the police enforce it.

"We haven't had any trouble or any stolen vehicles," said Norton Chief of Police Pat Morel. "We don't go out and

actively look for vehicles running unattended."

The same is true for Norton County according to Sheriff Troy Thomson.

"That's not something we've ever enforced. Its never been a problem, and we won't enforce it unless it becomes a problem," said Thomson, but he added, "be aware that you're taking a risk."

Below is the Kansas law regarding unattended running vehicles:

2012 Kansas Statutes 8-1573.

Unattended motor vehicle.

(a) No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

(b) For the purpose of this section, unattended shall not be construed to mean a motor vehicle with an engine that has been activated by a remote starter system, when the motor vehicle is locked and when the ignition keys are not in the motor vehicle.

