

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

January 14, 2014

Briefly

Almena forensics meeting Wednesday

There will be a forensics meeting on Wednesday in the Almena High School conference room starting at 7:45 a.m.w

Well works training offered this week

Under a unique health initiative, area business leaders will have an opportunity to undergo in-depth training on January 16 and 17 at the Sleep Inn and Suites in Norton.

Leaders will be learning how to build successful worksite wellness strategies within their organizations to better the health of employees and residents of Norton County, Kan.

Soup supper set for Saturday evening

The Norton Community Center is holding a fundraising soup supper on Saturday, from 5 to 7 p.m. Free will offerings accepted.

Norton FFA to visit Denver Stock show

The FFA will travel to Denver for the stock show and will be there Saturday, January 18 through Monday, January 20th.

Credit Union to hold annual meeting

The United Northwest Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on Monday, January 20 starting at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Francis Parish Hall in Norton.

Java Jive set for Sunday night

The Norton Community High School will hold Java Jive on Sunday at the Norton Junior High Gymnasium starting at 7 p.m.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.02
Milo.....	\$3.94
Soybeans.....	\$12.15
Corn.....	\$4.14

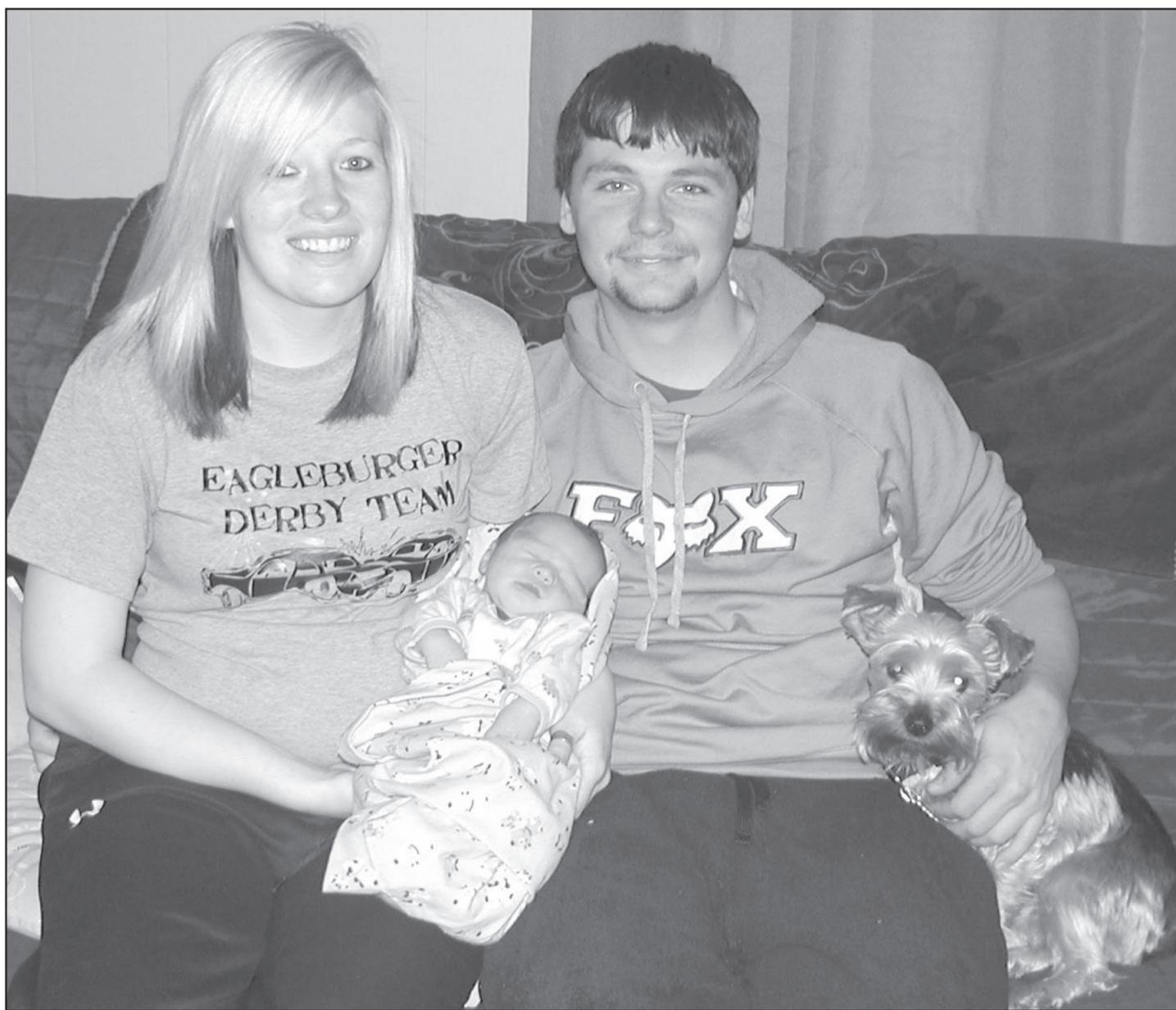
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 54. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear skies with a low of 32. Thursday - Partly cloudy early with sunny skies with gusty winds and a high of 45. Thursday Night - Mostly clear with a low of 23. Friday - Intervals of clouds and sunshine and a high of 48.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to remain hopeful and encouraged during tough times, knowing that you are still with us. Amen.



Proud new parents Stephanie Eagleburger and Bryer Simmons show off their new son and first baby of the new year Tatum Allynn Simmons. Furry sibling Anna also joins the family photo. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Norton County welcomes newest resident

By DANA PAXTON
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Tatum Allyn Simmons is the first Norton County baby of the New Year, born at the Norton County Hospital. Proud parents, Bryer Simmons and Stephanie Engleburger, welcomed him into the world on Wednesday, January 8 at 10:08 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

The grandparents are T.C. and Wes Eagleburger of Norton and Steve and Judy Simmons also of Norton. There

were no siblings to greet Tatum other than his furry sister Anna, a yorkie terrier dog who seems very interested in her new brother and maybe even a bit jealous, say Tatum's parents.

Stephanie works for Valley Hope and recently got a promotion in the insurance department. Bryer works as a welder at New Age Industrial.

Stephanie said, "It is hard to believe and is still kind of shocking that he is here; he came a week early. He is a very good baby unless he is mad or hungry."

Bryer said that it feels pretty good to be a dad and admits to being the one who has changed the most diapers so far so that Stephanie has more time to rest.

Tatum is the first grandchild on both sides so the couple expects him to be extremely spoiled and there is nothing wrong with that.

Stephanie intends on taking her full six weeks maternity leave while Bryer will continue to work.

Through a Norton Telegram promotion, several sponsors donated

items to the new family: Moffet Drug, Kowpoke Supply, Sander Furniture, Stitch Up A Storm, The United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Fit To Go, Downtown Car Wash, Studio One 11 and Destination Baby, Pfonz, Jamboree Foods, Norton Chiropractic Center and the Norton Telegram. The couple is invited to see each sponsor and pick up their gifts.

Welcome to Norton, Tatum; we are glad that you are here.

New Year's explosion injures Almena woman

By DANA PAXTON
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One Almena woman was critically burned in a New Year's Eve incident in Kearney, Nebraska and three arrests have been made.

The Kearney Police Department was called to the 800 block of Avenue C at about 5:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve on the report of an explosion of some sort. Upon arriving at the scene they spoke with a witness who told them they heard the explosion and when they entered the alley they found Jayme Horacek, 26, of Almena

on fire and witnessed Horacek's 1998 Ford Taurus fleeing the scene with two occupants.

The Kearney Hub reported that due to evidence found at the scene, the Kearney Police Department investigators believed the explosion was caused by a rolling, meth lab called a "one pot meth lab". This method for making meth is mobile and the chemicals used for making meth are placed in a bottle and shaken which is very dangerous with the likelihood of explosion.

After locating the Taurus abandoned in Phillipsburg, three arrests have

been made in connection to this case. 24 year old Kearney resident, Levi Sanderson, who was in the vehicle law enforcement allege, said he saw Horacek in the passenger seat holding the bottle as it exploded. He then allegedly removed her from the car and helped to put the fire out. He was taken into custody on Thursday, January 2, and charged in Buffalo County Court with felony manufacturing of meth and is being held on \$200,000 bond.

On Monday, January 6, Heidi Dunning, 31, of Almena was arrested in Rooks County Kansas on a warrant for

manufacturing a controlled substance. The third arrest came on Tuesday, January 7, when 31 year old Billy Smith originally of Hastings, Nebraska but believed to have been living in Kansas for some time was also arrested in Phillipsburg on a warrant for manufacturing of a controlled substance. Both now faces returning to Nebraska to face charges of felony manufacturing of a controlled substance.

Horacek's condition has recently been upgraded to fair but she too will be facing charges for this incident.

New Norton County pet policies are put in place

The City of Norton has recently adopted new policies that apply to dog and cat owners.

Every dog and cat owner must register all of their animals (over six months of age) with the City. Each owner must pay a registration fee which must be done by February 1st of each year. The fee for registering a spayed or neutered dog or cat is \$5.00; the fee for registering an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat is \$25.00. The deadline this year will be extended to Monday, February 3rd, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. as February 1st

falls on a Saturday.

The City has also passed an ordinance setting a limit on the number of dogs and cats that a person or groups of persons may have at the same residence. Effective February 3rd, 2014, no one is allowed to keep more than three cats and/or three dogs at the same residence who are over six months of age.

All dogs and cats that are registered or get registered by February 3rd, 2014 will be in compliance with the City ordinance, even if they exceed the three

dog and/or three cat limit. The owners must register the dogs and cats each year in order to stay in compliance and to reduce their dog and/or cat ownership number to three or less when the dog or cat passes on or no longer resides in the city limits.

All pet owners will be allowed until February 3rd, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. to register their dog or a cat, and to be in compliance with the registration and excess pet policy. If pet owners fail to register the cat or dog, or keep more than three dogs and/or three cats that

have not been registered by February 3rd, this could result in a ticket being issued for a violation of the new ordinance.

The City encourages all pet owners to stop by the City office, with proof of vaccination, and to get all their favorite animals registered by February 3rd, 2014. If a dog or cat is not vaccinated, or if your animal has not been spayed or neutered, please contact your local veterinarian to get the job done. Should you have questions, please contact the City Office at 877-5000.

