

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday
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Veterans Memorial Park gets face lift



Improvements have been made to the Norton Veterans Memorial. Financial assistance for these improvements was provided by a grant from Norton Travel and Tourism and from a Dane G. Hansen grant given to the City of Norton who in turn gave the funds to the Memorial. The grants also funded the sign made by Rawhide Iron Works. Landscaping was done by Earl May Nursery and Garden

Center, Kearney, Neb. There are currently 369 pavers in place and are still available to purchase by contacting Gary or Carol Erlenbusch at 785-877-5611 or forms are available at the picnic area next to the Memorial. Any donations for upkeep and replacement of flags are gratefully accepted.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



Congratulations to the State Track Participants
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Briefly

OK Kids Day set for Saturday at Park

Prairie Dog State Park will hold the annual OK Kids Day on Saturday with registration at 8 a.m. and the day concluding at 2 p.m. No vehicle or fishing permits are required.

Carwash fundraiser for Lady Thunder

The Norton Lady Thunder team will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday at the Downtown Carwash from 9 a.m. to noon. Their first game will be on Tuesday at Busch Field against Atwood starting at 6:30 p.m.

Eagles Club to host Coffey fundraiser

A fundraiser will be held for Michael Coffey at the Norton Eagles Club from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday.

Archery scramble is set for Sunday

The Norton Archery Club is having its Two Person Scramble on Sunday at the northwest corner of Prairie Dog State Park. Trickle start from 9 - 10 a.m., it is \$10 for two rounds. For more information please call 871-1615 or 877-5269.



Weather

Saturday - Cooler and mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Sunday - Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Monday - Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.67
Milo	\$4.03
Soybeans	\$14.01
Corn	\$4.43

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

Dear God of past, present, and future, we thank you for all that you have done for us, and we ask that you help us to always remember your goodness and love. Amen.

Hospital offers water aerobics classes

By MIKE STEPHENS
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Low and high impact water aerobics classes will once again be offered this summer, and are sponsored by the Physical Therapy Department at Norton County Hospital.

The classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting, once the new Norton Aquatic Center opens for business, and will run for eight weeks. Both the low and high impact classes will be held at 8 p.m. (after the pool closes), but in separate areas

of the pool.

Jan Volgamore, certified physical therapist assistant, has worked at the hospital for 34 years and recognized that there was a need for this type of program.

"About 15 years ago (Norton resident) Reva Benien and I started the program because there was a need and an interest, not only for our community, but everywhere," said Volgamore. "Kearney and Hays had just built their orthopedic pools and we saw a real need here for the classes, so we offered

it. Now we have people from Long Island, Almena and Norcatour coming here for the classes."

Volgamore is the instructor for the low impact class and it's a half hour long. The high impact class will be taught by Shawn Peters, contract occupational therapist, and it will be an hour in length.

The classes focus on three areas; stretching, toning and aerobic activity.

There are other benefits as well.

"There's less impact on the joints and it's much cooler to exercise in the

pool," said Volgamore.

She also said that all ages are welcome and you don't have to know how to swim to participate.

"We have people in their 80's, men and women, in the low impact classes. Once you are in the water, it's easier to do the motions,"

There will be lifeguards on duty, and with the new pool's zero entry participants can choose the depth of water they are comfortable with.

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County Treasurer addresses Commissioners

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The Norton County Commissioners had two visitors at the last meeting which was held on May 30. The Norton County Treasurer, Cynthia Linner reported in as well as Reggie Beckman from the noxious weeds department.

Linner reported that the county collected \$30,192.92 in taxes and paid \$45,592.18 in to the state. She also reported that as far as the vouchers go, the year end transfer back to the Coun-

ty General fund was \$35,000. This was about the same amount as this time last year.

Another topic was in reference to motorcycle licensing. She received a call from the Phillipsburg office saying that they were no longer doing licenses for motorcycles. She sent out an email to the state about it and was informed that Phillipsburg was still providing the service. Her biggest concern was that there needs to be more communication between the agencies so that everyone

is on the same page with the same information.

Linner reported that the Phillipsburg office is open two days a week, Thursdays and Fridays for licenses since there is only one staff member. In order to get a CDL license it is only being offered on Thursday morning and she will only do one a day due to the shortage in staff. The office is still offering the written test for CDLs but will only do the driving test on the set day.

The second visitor to the commis-

sioners was Reggie Beckman from the noxious weeds department. The reason for his visit was to bring forward one bid he got to replace the overhead door at his department office. It came from Hi-Plains Door Systems Inc. out of Colby, the company the county normally uses. The bid totaled with tax, \$5,364.24. Beckman said, "It is a cheap insurance policy considering the cost of chemicals that are stored behind the

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Norton Correctional Facility garden produces big results

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The Norton Correctional Facility is growing a very large vegetable garden this summer and the hope is that it will produce big results, weather permitting of course.

The Facility has turned a one and one half acre plot of land in the field southwest of the Administration Building into a potential Farmer's Market when it's harvested in July.

Corrections Specialist I Floyd Maulding is the work crew supervisor for the three inmates that began work on the garden back in mid-March.

The variety of vegetables being grown is quite impressive. According to Maulding, the inmates have planted potatoes, onions, bell and green peppers, tomatoes, corn, pumpkins, watermelon, cantaloupe, carrots, gourds, bush beans, green beans and five varieties of rad-

ishes.

He also said, Aramark, the prison's food service contractor purchased the seeds for the garden and that all produce will be used for the inmates' meals.

"A lot of the inmates would like fresher foods and more of it," Maulding said.

An electric fence was installed to keep deer and other vegetable-eating critters out. The inmates also put in an irrigation system and home garden sprinklers are used for watering. Also of note, the garden is watered with well water, according to Maulding, and not treated water from the prison.

The potatoes, tomatoes and peppers were started in the prison's greenhouse and transplanted to the field, and there are lots of signs that the hard work is paying off.

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The prison's 1.5 acre garden was planted back in mid-March by three of the inmates. Aramark, the prison's food service provider, purchased the seeds and all the produce will be used for the inmates' meals.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

