

# Board picks project

## District selects five things to do with scarce cash

By VERONICA MONIER  
The Norton School Board has decided which capital outlay projects it wants Superintendent Greg Mann to check out.

Mr. Mann said the district needed to keep its capital outlay expenditures below \$100,000 in 2005. Preferably, he said, they should be kept to around \$80,000.

At the last school board meeting, Mr. Mann asked board members to rank which projects were most important.

The top five choices were replacing two copy machines, one at the junior high and the other at the high school; replacing a 31-passenger bus that has over 180,000 miles on it; repairing/resurfacing the blacktop at Eisenhower Elementary; replacing the air conditioning/heating unit, and possibly replacing another air conditioning unit at the East Campus auditorium; and sealing or replacing the concrete sidewalk south of the memorial gym.

Mr. Mann said he spoke to the Goodland School District about passenger busses. Goodland, he said, has been buying nothing but used busses from Master's Transportation in Kearney for the past three years.

He said they are getting the busses for 50 percent of the cost with less than 50,000 miles on them.

Mr. Mann said the Norton School District has bought busses from Master's.

"Master's has been wonderful to work with," he said. "Goodland is saying the busses look brand new and drive like they are brand new."

Mr. Mann said that doing all five projects would put the district over its budget.

Board member Elaine Lofgreen suggested getting bids to see how much things will cost and said Mr. Mann should look into the used busses.

In other business, the board:

- Extended contracts for High School Principal Lary Stull, Junior High Principal Larry Mills and Eisenhower Elementary Principal Larry Hillman through the 2006-'07 school year.
- Hired Bill Manning as an assistant track coach for this year to replace Lindsey Bailey, who resigned.
- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss employer-employee negotiations.
- Heard a presentation on the science curriculum from teachers Jim Green, Jennie Patterson and Teresa Schulze.



Lenora's Jim Ninemire was three for three when one of his cows birthed triplets. The 6-year-old Angus cow, which was bred to an Angus bull, gave birth to her triplets on Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. Two of the three calves are red, while the biggest calf is black. Mr. Ninemire has been on a roll this year. He said of his 25 cows that calved, there were six sets of twins in addition to the triplets. This was the first set of triplet calves he's seen in 30 years, he said.

— Photo by Jim Ninemire

# Ag schools to help farmers

Farmers and ag workers have an upcoming opportunity to attend an in-depth management school for either soils and nutrients or insects and diseases.

The soils and nutrient management school will be held at the Hoxie 4-H building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Dale Leikam, Kansas State University nutrient management specialist, will discuss soil cation exchange capacity, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and secondary nutrient management and fertility recommendations from K-State.

Continuing education credits will be available for certified crop advisors.

Cost for the program is \$25, which will be collected at the door. Registration includes lunch and a notebook on soil and nutrient management.

Please make a reservation by 10 a.m. Monday at (785) 462-6281. A minimum of eight is needed to have the school.

There will be insect and disease management schools from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Norton 4-H building or Friday, Feb. 25, at the Grainfield 4-H building.

Phil Sloderbeck and J.P. Michaud, K-State entomologist, will discuss insect management in corn, grain sorghum, sunflowers, alfalfa and wheat.

Jim Stack, K-State plant pathologist, will discuss disease management in soybean, corn, grain sorghum, sunflower and wheat.

Commercial pesticide applica-

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70 industry and university personnel.

Farmers had positive comments on the quality of information presented.

Managing changing weed populations brought on by glyphosate, nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer in no-till systems, corn versus grain sorghum production, drill vs. planted grain sorghum and soybeans, and dryland strip-till, along with a discussion of the results from a 10-year no-till study, were some of the topics discussed.

The success of this year's conference may be hard to duplicate next year, but I look forward to the challenge.

For a flier with the agenda for the in-depth management schools, download a copy at [www.oznet-ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet-ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) or visit your county extension office.

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On another note, the second annual Cover Your Acres Winter Conference Feb. 3 at the Gateway in Oberlin was a rousing success.

The conference is a partnership between K-State and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance.

Attendance was high, with 450 farmers from western Kansas and

# Airport board meetings to move

By VERONICA MONIER  
The Norton City/County Airport Board is going to have to find a new meeting place.

At Wednesday's Norton City Council meeting, it was decided that the airport board meeting needed to be held someplace other than the city council room.

Councilman Jerry Jones brought the issue up, saying that the city administrator is having to stay late when the 5:30 p.m. meetings are held to make sure the office gets locked after the meeting, even though he isn't on the board.

He suggested the board can meet in the city building basement or at the airport, where they were once held.

Councilman Ron Briery said Mondays are also big committee meeting days. The committees are having to be scheduled around the board meeting. He said sometimes the committees are being rushed to get through with their business to get done before the airport meeting.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said the board meetings are held in the city building because that is where the records are. Also, it gives better access to the public. She said she would prefer the meetings be held in the basement rather than at the airport so the public has more of a chance to attend.

The council decided to ask the board to meet in the city building basement.

In other business, the council:

- Went into a 15-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.
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# Racing season almost here

The calendar is full of races for the spring and summer at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton.

The season starts on Saturday, March 12, at 3 p.m. with a practice. Other racing dates are:

- Sunday, March 13, (Frost Fest) 3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 2, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 21, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 11, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 25, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, July 9, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, July 30 (Fair) 7 p.m.  
Sunday, July 31 (Fair) 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, August 20, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.

On regular race dates there will be four classes of races — IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars, IMCA Hobby Stocks and Cruisers.

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- JD Model 200 32' Bale Elevator
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- Kan-Am 14' Blade
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