



Marc Miller, left, and Steve Cummings listened intently to librarian Jane Burton as she asked the two questions in the final rounds of the Eisenhower Elementary National Geographic Geography Bee. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# School board supports county revitalization plan

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- Accepted a \$300.40 donation from the Knights of Columbus from their Tootsie Roll drive to use in the special education program.
- Heard a fine arts curriculum report from vocal instructor Valerie Leising.
- Heard from Cubmaster Tim Bashford that he would like to be able to pass out flyers promoting Cub Scouts during school hours. He said the district's policy is to not allow this, but heard the American Youth Soccer Organization had been doing so. He said he didn't want to make presentations during school hours, but didn't understand why they couldn't pass out flyers. Mr. Mann thanked him for bringing it to the board's attention that flyers had been passed out during school hours and said he would make sure policies were followed.
- Adopted board policies B303.9E and B302.1D, relating to a credit recovery program and holiday dismissal.
- Appointed Mr. Nielsen to serve on the calendar committee.
- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Accepted the resignation of Kevin Jilka as the assistant high school football coach.
- Terminated the employment of Coni Park as the in-school suspension teacher, effective Jan. 8.
- Extended Mr. Mann's contract through the 2009-10 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later.
- Held two closed sessions lasting a total of 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to employer/employee negotiations.

# Calling contest is set for Feb. 9

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Checks should be made payable to John Baker, 1005 Hartford, Norton, Kan. 67654.

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# Geography bee takes students around the world

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After advancing through fourth, fifth and sixth grade classroom competition, ten Eisenhower Elementary students were qualified

to face off for the final rounds in the National Geographic Geography Bee held Friday in the band room at the school.

Jane Burton, school librarian, explained the rules and conducted

the competition. She said the ten finalists drew numbers to determine the seating order. A student had to miss two questions before they were eliminated.

After several rounds of ques-

tions testing the student's knowledge of map reading, national and world geography, the field was narrowed down to three competitors: fifth graders Steve Cummings and Clay Vanover and sixth grader, Marc Miller. Clay was eliminated and claimed third place.

The final round consisted of Steve and Marc with Marc eventually winning the competition. He will have to take a written test to qualify for the state competition.

Marc is the son of Allan and Connie Miller, Norton.

Others competing in the Geography Bee were: Garret Otter, Valery Rostek, Marisa Maddy, Adrianna Ankenman, Kristen Burge, Hailey Branek and Christian Boser.

Mrs. Burton said she really appreciated all the parental support the students had received.

# Storms reveal which trees are survivors

MANHATTAN — The "poster child" for the extensive tree damage left in the wake of December's icy storms has to be the Siberian elm, according to a Kansas State University horticulturist.

"Often mistakenly called the Chinese elm, the Siberian suffered such extensive damage that many of the trees now need to be removed. The big, mature elms were the most at risk," said Ward Upham, who coordinates the Master Gardener program for K-State Research and Extension.

The damage would have been much worse, he said, if the storms had also brought high winds.

"Another thing we can be grateful for is that this kind of weather can teach us a lot about which trees are strong and which are not," Upham said. "Trees are a long-term investment. Choosing those that will stand up to the Plains' often-challenging conditions is vital to seeing that investment pay off."

December's weather created

exceptions to every rule of thumb, he cautioned.

Grouped as a variety or species, the ornamental trees that had the least damage were: bald cypress, crabapple, ginkgo, goldenrain-tree, honeylocust, Kentucky coffeetree, linden, amur maple, Autumn Blaze maple, red maple, Shantung maple, sugar maple, bur oak, swamp white oak, red oak, Osage orange, Aristocrat pear, Chanticleer pear, Austrian pine, Chinese pistache, London planetree, redbud, sweet gum, sycamore, and zelkova (Asian relative of the elm).

"The bald cypress is on the 'did well' list. Still, a few did end up with a broken central leader. The bald cypress is deciduous, but these had retained enough needles on their leader to collect ice," Upham said. "Retained foliage and previous health made a huge difference in individual trees' fate."

The tree groups that fared the worst were the river birch, Siberian elm, silver maple, Russian ol-

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## Norton Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Report

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**TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS

For the Period From October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

FUNDS	1 Old balances (last report)	2 Receipts	3 Disbursements (warrants paid)	4 Net treasury cash
GENERAL OPERATING	677,707.82	409,264.49	372,428.80	714,543.51
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	41,759.62	4,999.31	18,408.36	28,350.57
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	136,767.51	19,586.96	11,405.81	144,948.66
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	7,498.19	0.00	0.00	7,498.19
SPECIAL PARKS	6,143.10	1,261.20	0.00	7,404.30
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	86,566.06	1,610.57	0.00	88,176.63
TOURISM	0.00	5,566.62	5,566.62	0.00
LIBRARY	7,895.76	4,732.96	12,406.02	222.70
LIBRARY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	2,817.50	1,708.29	4,525.79	0.00
FIRE PROCEEDS CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL HEALTH	75,388.32	106,798.88	101,668.28	80,510.92
LIBRARY BOND FUND CASH	341,842.61	0.00	242,078.67	99,763.94
BOND & INTEREST	63,578.16	967.21	0.00	64,545.37
AIRPORT BOND & INTEREST	68.88	0.00	0.00	68.88
NORTHBRIDGE BOND & INT.	2,045.92	503.65	2,549.57	0.00
ELECTRIC	594,359.29	911,695.10	836,357.80	669,696.59
WATER	571,995.30	1,746,499.32	1,682,026.14	636,468.48
SEWER	281,857.20	623,684.91	503,678.86	401,863.25
REFUSE	18,851.11	52,468.04	62,160.85	9,158.30
REVOLVING LOAN	1,473.76	8,624.24	10,098.00	0.00
ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT	481,732.31	29,971.02	59,526.78	452,176.55
ELECTRIC DEPOSITS	60,438.94	6,119.32	6,192.62	60,365.64
WATER DEPOSITS	16,624.52	1,891.86	1,804.40	16,711.98
WATER REPLACEMENT	55,561.73	1,800.00	0.00	57,361.73
SEWER REPLACEMENT	15,016.60	1,800.00	0.00	16,816.60
REFUSE REPLACEMENT	73,324.92	1,500.00	0.00	74,824.92
PAYROLL	4,146.95	432,718.72	435,534.83	1,330.84
PRIOR YEAR	9,344.00	236,061.18	9,344.00	236,061.18
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,634,800.08</b>	<b>4,611,825.85</b>	<b>4,377,762.20</b>	<b>3,868,863.73</b>

LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS	
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT BOND ISSUE	\$ 330,000.00
NORTHBRIDGE HOUSING REFUNDING BOND (2003)	\$ 24,005.00
HI-RANGER BUCKET TRUCK	\$ 29,828.32
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 0.00
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 39,796.51
DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK	\$ 108,880.14
WASTEWATER PLANT KDHE REVOLVING LOAN	\$ 3,936,475.00
WATER PLANT KDHE REVOLVING LOAN	\$ 1,953,498.81
WASHINGTON SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 515,000.00
RESCUE TRUCK	\$ 131,874.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,069,357.78</b>

I, Patty Rowh do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Signed Patty Rowh City Treasurer

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## Public Hearing Resolution for Abatement Conditions

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RESOLUTION NO. 2-2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABATEMENT OF CONDITIONS IN VIOLATION OF THE DANGEROUS AND UNFIT STRUCTURE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KS AND FOR A HEARING ON THE ISSUE OF ANY FEASIBLE OR PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE TO ABATEMENT OR DEMOLITION AS TO PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTON, KS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS:

Section 1: Pursuant to Article 4, Section 4 of the Code of the City of Norton, Kansas, it is hereby deemed necessary to cause the abatement of buildings or portions thereof which have been determined to be substandard and/or dangerous as defined by the Dangerous and Unfit Structure Code. That these buildings have been declared to be in need of abatement and demolition and that in accordance with the procedures of Article 4, Chapter 4 of the City Code, they have been found to have a blight upon the neighborhood or surrounding properties; are hazardous and a danger due to fire or accidents; or have structural defects or other conditions which render them unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise inimical to the general welfare of the city.

Section 2: It is hereby recognized that the property owners listed below have been given notice of the violations, have been given the notice and opportunity to be heard, and have not alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violations. That the property owners have been given a notice and order of demolition, but said property owners have not demolished the property or had the condition abated,

within the specified deadlines.

Section 3: That the City will consider all relevant factors, and will hold a hearing to find if there is any feasible or prudent alternative to the order of abatement and demolition and the city will include all possible planning to minimize harm to any nearby history property, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2724.

Section 4: That a public hearing will be held on March 5th, 2008 at 5:45 p.m. to be held in the Council Room of City Hall at 301 E. Washington, Norton, Kansas. That the owners, owner's agents, any lien holders of record and any occupant of the structure may appear and show cause why said structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or removed and a hearing on any possible feasible or prudent alternatives to the order of abatement or demolition.

Section 5: That the owners of said premises are Roger Moffet of 315 Homestead Drive, Lawrence KS 66049-2001 and Michael Moffet of 1105 Oak Tree Drive, Lawrence KS 66049. The location of the property subject to the hearing is 205 South State Street, Norton, Norton County, Kansas.

Section 6: That this resolution shall become effective after its passage by the governing body. That this resolution shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks on the same day of each week. That a copy of this resolution shall be mailed by certified mail within three days after its first publication to each owner, agent, lienholder and occupant at the last known place of residence and shall be marked deliver to addressee only.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Norton, Kansas on this 16th day of January, 2008.

David N. Corns, Mayor

Attest:  
Darla Ellis, City Clerk

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOLORES FRANCES BALDWIN

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Monty J. Baldwin, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Dolores Frances Baldwin, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed; that the will be construed and the estate by assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that Monty J. Baldwin be released from further liability.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE your written defenses thereto on or before the 12th day of February, 2008, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Monty J. Baldwin, Executor

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEAN E. LAWSON

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Carol Lawson, as surviving spouse and one of the heirs of Dean E. Lawson, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the flowing described royalty mineral interest:

.0039062 Royalty interest under Lease Lawson A located in the N/W1/4 of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 24 West of the 6th P.M. and a .0039062 Royalty interest under lease Lawson B located in the S/W1/4 of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 24 West of the 6th P.M. in Norton County, Kansas.

and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 19, 2008, at 10:30 o'clock A.M. of said day in said court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Carol Lawson, Petitioner

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