

The unborn child



Today the bells of St. Francis Assisi Catholic Church tolled to observe the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. Each toll represented 1 million abortions in the United States since 1973. —Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Mentoring month celebrated

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County is joining mentor provider programs across the country in celebration of National Mentoring Month this January. As part of the celebration, the agency is calling on the community to provide support for youth who need mentors. Big Brothers Big Sisters is the nation's oldest mentoring program and matches caring adult mentors with youth to provide a positive one-on-one mentoring relationship. Together, Bigs and Littles spend time enjoying their favorite activities, such as playing sports, baking cookies or reading books, to name a few.

National Mentoring Month is spearheaded by the Harvard Mentoring Project of the Harvard School of Public Health, MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership and the Corporation for National and Community Service. Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is a lead partner. "Big Brothers Big Sisters' priority is our commitment to providing long-term mentoring relationships with positive educational and social experiences that improve children's chances to succeed," said Lisa Mussman, community director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County.

Independent research of Big Brothers Big Sisters programs finds youth matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister are more likely than their peers to have better school attendance and improvements in behavior -- avoiding violence and illegal activities -- and are more likely to have stronger relationships at home and elsewhere. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County is challenging the community to celebrate National Mentoring Month by becoming a Big. For more information on the program, contact the agency at 785-874-4200 or visit www.norton.kansasbigs.org.

Council

(Continued from Page 1) sented information about the last public works committee meeting. She said a new refuse truck will need to be purchased. There are two trucks but one is a 1985 truck and one is a 1996. "This is a truck that is used everyday," Snyder said. She said there is \$40,000 for a down payment. "We've got the down payment as well as one payment," said Rob Lawson, city administrator. Snyder also reported on repairs needed to the motor grader. A motion was made to approve the repairs for the motor grader at an estimated cost of \$2,500. Vote taken, motion passed. In other council business: • Police Chief Pat Morel presented Officer Wesley DuBois with an appreciation award for completing the basic training class at Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. • Lawson reported on the last airport board meeting. The land leases with Denny Lofgreen and Marvin Stutheit were renewed for five years. He also reported the values on the airport buildings were increased by the insurance carrier and the board approved the changes. The Airport Board approved a bid from Gosselin Construction

for \$793 to pour concrete on the taxiway. This cost will be split between Natoma Corporation, Valley Hope and the Airport Board. Lawson said Don Mordecai has requested the use of the disc golf course in Elmwood Park on Feb. 6 for the "Ice Bowl," and on Aug. 8 for the annual disc golf tournament. A motion was made to approve these dates for the disc golf course. Vote taken, motion passed. He said he has prepared a budget preparation schedule which could be followed to keep everyone up to date on the 2011 budget process. Lawson said the electric recorder has been installed at the power plant. • Donna Foley reported on the last utility committee meeting. The committee reviewed Miller and Associates' request to move the water rights of well 24 to well 23. A motion was made to approve the transfer of water rights from well 24 to 23. Vote taken, motion passed. A motion was made to approve the 2009 utility write-offs and start the collection process through the city attorney. The total unpaid utility bills amount to \$7,290.57. Vote taken, motion passed.

Foley said Utility Plant Supervisor Chris Frack presented a possible solution for the digester ice problem they have been experiencing. Frack will bring more information at the next utility meeting. She also reported on the In Our Hands Census meeting. The council discussed the money lost for each person who does not fill the census out, amounting to \$1,254 per person for ten years. The council encouraged everyone to fill the survey out. • Kuhn said the finance committee will meet Jan 25 at 5:30 p.m. to review cash carryovers from 2009. At 6 p.m. the committee will meet with the mayor of Atwood, who will present information on their inmate work crews. • Snyder reported on complaints about the sign on east Highway 36. She said the sign does not belong to the city. Other entities are working to repair it. The next finance committee meeting will be Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m., the next utility meeting will be held Feb. 8 at 5:30 p.m. and the next public works committee meeting will be Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. The next city council meeting will be held Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are held in the city office, 301 E. Washington.

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Swine profitability conference scheduled

Kansas State University's 2010 Swine Profitability Conference will be Feb. 2, at Forum Hall in the K-State Union. With the theme "Staying Competitive in the Swine Industry," the program's purpose is to provide producers and allied industry members with information on the production management, marketing, and business decisions that relate to capital investment and profitability in the swine industry.

The conference sponsors are K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas Pork Association, and the National Pork Board. Dr. Joe Connor of Carthage Veterinary Service in Carthage, Ill., will present the Jack and Pat Anderson Lecture on Swine Health Management. He will discuss "Right-Sizing the U.S. Swine Industry—What I've Done with My Clients During These Challenging Times." Other scheduled presentations and presenters include: • Risk Management - A Producer Perspective - Rob Breneman, pork producer, Washington, Iowa; • What Does the Industry Hold

for the U.S. Swine Industry? - Steve Meyer, Paragon Economics, Des Moines, Iowa; • Recent Breakthroughs in Lowering Cost of Production and Improving Margin Over Feed - the K-State Swine Team; and • Restoring Confidence After a Stressful Period - John Currie, athletic director, Kansas State University. The fee for the conference is

\$25 per person if paid by Jan. 25 and \$50 after that date. The fee includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and conference materials. More information and registration forms are available by accessing the Web at <http://www.kswine.org> or contacting Lois Schreiner at 785-532-1267 or lschrein@ksu.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

•PUBLIC NOTICE• NORTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

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The Norton Housing Authority has developed its 5 year Agency and Action Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's Office located at 215 Horace Greeley Ave., Norton, Kansas 67654. The Authority's hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, a public hearing will be held on March 9, 2010 at the Authority's office at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

•PUBLIC NOTICE• IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LONNY E. WHEELER

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of LONNY E. WHEELER, deceased
No. 2010 PR1
NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on January 5, 2010, a Petition was filed in this Court by Lelia M. Hall-Wheeler, heir, devisee, legatee and Executrix named in the Last Will and Testament of Lonny E. Wheeler, deceased, dated May 1, 2009, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; that Petitioner be appointed as Executrix, without bond, and that she be granted Letters Testamentary. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 2, 2010, at 9:00 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 the Petition. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
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Schools

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members from each board will meet to discuss the various issues and will present information to each board. Mann hopes to have everything finalized by July 1. "The two boards of education have a plan in place to discuss issues related to disorganization of USD 213 and attachment to USD 211," Mann said. West Solomon Valley School Superintendent/Lenora Elementary School Principal Gary Baxter could not be reached for comment.

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