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Salute to Norton and Northern Valley FFA Section B 1-4

Briefly

School schedules Roundup meeting

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding the annual Kindergarten Roundup on March 1. It will be from 4-6 p.m. At 5 p.m., there will be a meeting in the school cafeteria, with Mr. Roy, the kindergarten teachers and the school nurse. This meeting will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes. At this meeting we will discuss what is required for school attendance. Students must have turned five on or before Aug. 31 to be eligible for Kindergarten. Parents can come between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to visit the classrooms and the school with their child. If there are any questions, please contact the school at 877-5113.

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
February 19, 2010

CORN
\$3.23

SOYBEANS
\$8.80

WHEAT
\$3.95

MILO
\$2.83

Ag Valley
314 W. North Street
Norton, Kansas
785-877-5188

weather forecast

Tonight - A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Cloudy with a low around 18. Saturday - A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly after noon. Cloudy with a high near 29. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible. Saturday Night - Snow likely. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, February 16..... Low 9, High 39
Wed., February 17..... Low 15, High 52
Thursday, February 18.. Low 21, High 50
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for the life you are breathing into this world. Help us remember to thank others for the kindness they show us. Amen



City approves purchase

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The City of Norton has voted to fill a vacancy in the public works department and purchase a new refuse truck.

At Wednesday's city council meeting, Public Works Committee chair Kim Snyder made a motion to advertise for the maintenance I position. The motion passed.

"We have no choice. We need to get it done," she said.

The position had been vacant for five months.

Purchasing a new refuse truck for the public works department was also discussed.

A motion was made to waive the purchasing policy and proceed with buying a refuse truck from Elliott Equipment, of Lincoln, Neb. at a cost not to exceed \$123,632. The truck will be financed with a \$40,000 down payment. The motion passed.

The council discussed bids for the refuse truck. The low bid was from Almena State Bank for a three year lease purchase agreement with a fixed interest rate of 4 percent and three annual payments of \$30,138.74. A motion was made to accept the low bid. The motion passed.

In other council business:

- Robert Bowman thanked the city for cutting down the two trees after he made the request.

- Mayor David Corns discussed getting a quote from Nex-Tech regarding a security system at the library. He will discuss it with the library board at their next meeting.

- City Attorney Karen Griffiths reported on a conversation she had with Tommy Finklea from the Texas Truck Store in Longview, Texas. Finklea had advertised a 3,500 gallon sludge truck which was purchased by the city in 2009. The truck only has a 2,000 gallon tank. The city will discuss their options after Griffiths talks with Finklea again.

- Jeff Otter reported on the last safety committee meeting. Fire Chief Mitch Jones is working on bids for the SCBA air compressor. He has checked with fire apparatus companies regarding financing. **(Council - Continued on Page 5)**

Attorney General vote should be based on experience

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Ralph De Zago, a Herington Republican, is seeking the Republican nomination for state attorney general, a position he says should be based on experience instead of philosophy.

De Zago said there are two types of offices: philosophical and executive. Examples of philosophical offices include senators, while an executive office includes the attorney general.

De Zago said the attorney general has to make executive decisions, unlike a senator who has to build a consensus in order to pass legislation.

He thinks four kinds of experience are necessary for filling the attorney general's position: a lawyer who has worked in the attorney general's office, handled criminal cases, run a large organization and run an office full of lawyers.

De Zago said he has the experience he thinks is necessary. He worked for the attorney general's office from 2003 to 2007 as assistant attorney general, worked as a trial lawyer for 28 years where he served as a prosecutor and a defense lawyer, ran an office of 10 lawyers and a support staff for 16 years while serving as the chief public defender of north-central Kansas and he held leadership positions while serving in the U.S. Army.

He has been practicing criminal law for 28 years and handled the first DNA case in Kansas and the fourth in the country in 1988. He has served on the Herington



State Sen. Tim Huelskamp visited with residents on Feb. 13 at Town and Country Kitchen. Huelskamp is running for the First District seat currently held by Jerry Moran.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Congressional candidate visits Norton to discuss campaign

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Tim Huelskamp, Republican candidate for the First Congressional District seat, made a stop in Norton on Saturday to talk with residents after the town hall meeting held by Rep. John Faber and State Sen. Ralph Ostmeier.

Huelskamp said he is running because many people don't agree with Washington's policies.

"Many people are upset with the values of Washington," he said.

Huelskamp said most lawmakers are from urban areas, and they do not under-

stand rural issues. Rural America faces unique challenges, where economic development is often about keeping the local grocery store in town. He said Fowler is currently dealing with that challenge.

Healthcare, cap and trade, federal bailouts and the deficit are issues Huelskamp hopes to change.

"These are devastating proposals, not only for Kansas but for America," he said. Huelskamp is concerned with the federal deficit.

"It's been Democrats and Republicans. I'm a Republican and have been embarrassed by the deficit," he said.

Huelskamp has a strong conservative voting record.

According to his Web site, he has been active in efforts to outlaw partial-birth abortion and euthanasia, pass parental notification laws and voted to protect unborn children under the same criminal code as other people.

He has also led efforts to defund Planned Parenthood of their state funding.

Huelskamp is a fourth generation farmer from Fowler. He and his wife Angela have four adopted children.

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Ralph De Zago

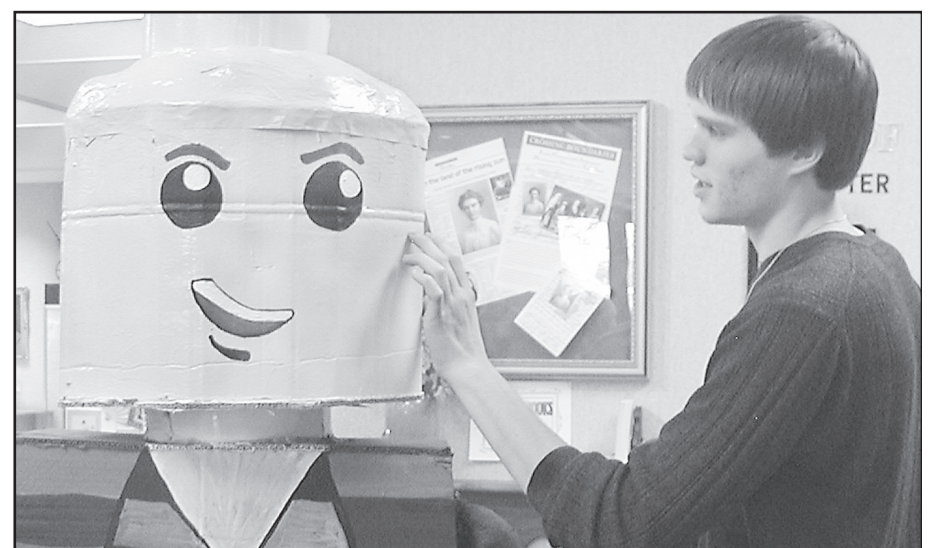
city commission and as mayor.

"I have tried everything from murder cases to misdemeanors," he said.

De Zago said the attorney general's job is to enforce laws, not create them. He said the attorney general cannot interfere in county matters unless they are invited by the county commissioners.

De Zago was the first to enter the attorney general race. He will be running against Derek Schmidt, senate majority leader from Independence, in the primary. Democratic incumbent Steve Six is expected to run but has not officially filed.

While other candidates focus on fundraising and getting their name out through advertising, De Zago's campaign focuses on grassroots organization and speaking with the media.



Jacob Mizell consoled his Leggo man after the awards ceremony at the 33rd Annual High School Art Exhibit that was held at Dane G. Hansen Museum on Feb. 14. Jacob was one of the Norton students that participated in the show.

Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Students participate in art show

By HARRIETT GILL
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The 33rd Annual High School Art Show presentation of awards was held at the Dane G. Hansen museum on Feb. 14. Participating in this year's exhibit were high schools from Osborne, Trego, Phillipsburg, Norton, Ellis, Plainville, Smith Center, Hill City, Logan and Palco.

The Norton Community High School art students of Victoria Robison were the recipients of many awards.

In the category of Painting Acrylic/Oil: David Mizell received a best in show and Shaylyn Boteler, received an honorable mention; Drawing/Pencil: Cole Archer received best in show; Ink/Scratch Board: Justin Chandler, received best in show and Landon Keiswetter received an

honorable mention; Printmaking: Zoey Meyers received best in show; Colored Pencil: David Mizell and Jacob Mizell won best in show and Jacob Mizell received an honorable mention; 3D Design/Sculpture: David Mizell received an honorable mention, Ceramics: Kelsey Nuzum received honorable mention, Graphic Design/Photography: Brae Bigge received best in show and Kelsie Griffith received honorable mention; Pastel/Crayon: Anna Cummings received honorable mention; Charcoal: Brae Bigge received honorable mention.

Each school was able to submit five entries in each of the categories and the result was 460 pieces of art. The art exhibit will be at the museum until March 14.