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**Tuesday**

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Briefly

## Red Cross planning Honor Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be conducting an Honor Blood Drive at the Jennings United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The blood drive is in honor of Lawrence Jennings. Contact person for this event is Marjorie Hartzog. She may be reached at 678-2664 (home phone) or 678-3010 (cell) for information. The event is sponsored by the Jennings United Methodist Church.

## No-till conference coming to Oberlin

The annual Cover Your Acres winter conference will be in Oberlin on Tuesday Jan. 18, and Wednesday, Jan. 19, at The Gateway. Early registration must be postmarked by Tuesday, Jan. 11. It will cost \$25 for Tuesday sessions, \$20 for Wednesday or \$35 for both days. After Jan. 11, registration will cost \$50 per day.

Mail registration with a check payable to KSU, Northwest Area Office, ATTN: Brian Olson, Box 786, Colby, Kan. 67701.

## Horse council to meet Monday

The Norton County Horse Council will be holding its annual meeting on Jan. 17 at the Norton municipal building at 7 p.m. All members and guests are welcome.

## Colby Community College enrollment

The Colby Community College outreach enrollment will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday night at the Norton Junior High cafeteria.

## Conservation District meeting

The Norton County Conservation District will hold a Local Work Group meeting Wed., Jan 26 at the USDA Service Office at 7 p.m.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$7.05
Milo .....	\$5.13
Soybeans .....	\$12.91
Corn .....	\$5.43

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Tonight** - Mostly clear with a low around -12. **Wednesday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 11. **Wednesday Night** - Partly cloudy with a low around 2.

## Kingham Report

Friday, January 7 .....	Low 34, High 43
Saturday, January 8 .....	Low 16, High 29
Sunday, January 9 .....	Low 18, High 23
Monday, January 10 .....	Low 8, High 18
Tuesday, January 11 .....	Low -8

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Our wise and loving heavenly Father, thank you for teaching us. Help us to learn well what you teach us through your wonderful creation. Amen.

# Council sets goals for 2011

By HARRIETT GILL  
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The Norton City Council had the first meeting of 2011 on Jan. 5. Mayor David Corns asked the council if there was anything in the upcoming year the council would like to see happen. He said his goal was to stay within the 2011 budget that had been approved by the council.

The council agreed it was nice to republish the budget at the end of the year showing they had been able to stay under budget in many departments and had increased some revenue in other departments such as Tourism.

Toby Kuhn said, "I would like to see the city explore pursuing more funds through available grants." He also said that staying within the budget was important to the city.

Roberta Ryan said she would like the city to show a more positive image to the community regarding business ventures. "The city needs to have a more open image to businesses," said Ryan.

Ryan also said she would like the city and its residents consider a one cent sales tax for the building of a new swimming pool.

Justina Smith said that she would like to continue with property upkeep and work on abandoned and dilapidated properties. Mayor Corns said that the paint program for the City will continue and he would like to see more volunteers work with the cleanup and paint program, especially for those residents who are unable to do the work for themselves.

Donna Foley said, "I would like to work more closely with the recreation center to provide more security to prevent any further vandalism."

Mayor Corns said the city sales tax receipts total for the year were \$427,815.24 which is comparable to the 2009 sales tax total of \$425,283.99.

There were two building permits presented to the Council; Norton Motel L.L.C. \$3,000,000 to construct a three story hotel at 201 E. Holme Street and Marvin Honas, \$25,000 to remodel property at 401 E. Main Street.

Police Chief Pat Morel said the drug dog will arrive in about one week and Officer Jody Enfield will be in charge of the dog.

Donna Foley reported that the Public Safety Committee discussed the dog bites of city employees and the number of dogs that each property owner is allowed to have. The city ordinance states that two dogs are allowed per property. They also discussed how long a dog is kept at the animal shelter before it is euthanized. Sherry Hickman, Animal Control Officer, was at the meeting and was able to provide information on the reporting of dog bites to her or the Norton police department.

Corey Urban, Meter Reader, will prepare a list of potential dog concerns when he is reading meters on his routes each month. He will work with the Animal Control Officer and the Police Chief on these concerns.

A Notice and Order regarding violations at the properties located at 507 N. Graves, 509 N. Graves and 511 N. Graves was issued and the property owner has requested a hearing regarding the Notice and Order. A motion was made and seconded to have a hearing on this matter. A hearing is set for Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 5:45 p.m. at the City Office.

The Public Safety committee also discussed the abatement status of a list of properties with the Code Inspector. The status of the bids on the fire truck need some clarification and the Fire Chief will get answers to those questions before presenting them to the council for approval.



## Snowstorm blankets Norton area

The winter snow storm brought people out to work and play. Since there was no school at USD 211 yesterday, kids of all ages were able to have some fun in the snow. Jessica Sorenson of Norton and her family enjoyed a day of play. Pictured here are Jessica and Cassi Brill ready to race Cody Sorenson down the hill at Elmwood park. Local mail carrier, Chris Noel made his rounds at 10 degrees above zero with the wind and snow blowing. Neither rain nor sleet nor snow can keep our local carriers from their duties. Thank your local carrier for all they go through to be sure the mail gets through.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## City is biggest landfill customer

By CYNTHIA HAYNES  
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The Norton County Commissioners got an accounting of what was taken in at the landfill in 2010 during their first meeting of 2011.

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald handed out a breakdown of payments.

The City of Norton was the largest user, paying the county \$60,056.66 to dispose of 860.97 tons of residential waste,

109.64 tons of recycling, 41.89 tons of construction and demolition material, four car tires, three light truck tires and three items that needed freon removal.

Rogers Disposal Service came in a close second with \$58,836.23 for 953.5 tons of residential waste, 143.51 tons of recycling and 9.9 tons of construction and demolition debris.

Almena paid \$9,597.52 to dispose of 151.4 tons of residential waste and 39.13 tons of recycling.

Lenora paid \$9,292.90 for 145.91 tons of residential waste, 32.87 tons of recycling and 2.82 tons of construction debris.

## Mayor, council positions on 2011 ballot

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The following City Council positions will be up for election in April of 2011. Mayor, Ward I, Ward II and Ward III.

Current holders of these positions are Mayor, David Corns; Ward I, Kim McRoberts; Ward II, Roberta Ryan; Ward III, Justina Smith.

The filing deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 25 at noon at the City Clerk's Office. The filing fee is \$5.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, April 5. Registration books will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 21.

A Primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 1 if more than three persons file for one position. Voter registration books will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14 for the primary election.

Ward I boundary is everything east of State Street to W. Woodfield then going west on W. Woodfield to N. Second Street, then south to W. Washington, then east again to State Street and South.

Ward II boundary is everything west of State Street, going south to W. Woodfield, then West to West Avenue, North to U.S. 36 and west.

Ward III boundary is everything south of State Street and west of Second Street, going west to West Avenue then North to U.S. 36, then west to the west city limit, then South to the south city limit, then east to State Street, then North on State Street to W. Washington, then West to S. Second Street and North to W. Woodfield.

