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Briefly

Boosters to meet on Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Speaking will be Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka, head boys basketball coach Doug Reusink and head wrestling coach Bill Johnson. They will update the fans on the latest competition by their teams. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend the meeting.

Free wellness event at Norton library

The Norton County Hospital and Doctors Clinic will be holding a free Wellness Program on Wednesday Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norton Public Library Community Room. The topic will be Hypertension (High Blood Pressure). To reserve your place or for more information, please call the Doctor's Clinic at 785-877-3305 or 800-436-4101.

Join the search for next Mr. NCHS

Come to the East Campus on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. and enjoy the Fourth Annual, Mr. NCHS.

Watch and enjoy the fun as eight Norton Community High School senior boys compete for the title of Mr. NCHS. They will entertain with the following competitions; Beach Wear, Formal Wear, Question and Answer, and Talent.

Donations will be accepted for the Nan Smith Scholarship fund.

Disc golf tourney Saturday at the park

The Norton Disc Golf Club tournament will be on Saturday, Feb. 5, no matter what the weather is doing. Cost is \$20 for two rounds of singles for a payout and other prizes! Players meet at 9:45 a.m. in Elmwood Park. Registration, lunch and the awards ceremony will be in the basement of the Norton City building. For more information contact Don Mordecai at 785-877-5475.

Markets

Monday, January 31, 2011

Wheat	\$7.89
Milo	\$5.63
Soybeans	\$13.22
Corn	\$5.94

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of light snow in the evening then flurries after midnight. Lows around 7 below. **Wednesday** - Partly sunny in the morning then clearing. **Wednesday Night** - Mostly clear with lows around 2 below. **Thursday** - sunny and not as cold. Highs around 30.

Kingham Report

Friday, January 28.....Low 28, High 65
Saturday, January 29.....Low 27, High 50
Sunday, January 30.....Low 20, High 36
Monday, January 31.....Low 17, High 4
.....and 1 inch snow
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, mighty Lord, for equipping each of us uniquely. Give us courage to be ourselves as we serve you. Amen



Band celebrates state's birthday



The Norton Senior High School band held a concert Sunday afternoon in honor of the 150th birthday for the state of Kansas. Seven Kansas related songs were played. Director David Will even got the audience involved in singing Home on the Range. Pictured, from left in the front row are Melinda Becker, Dustyna Sprigg and partially hidden Abbie Smith. Second row; Julia Kent, Katelyn Engelbert, Hannah Goss Cristine Nelson and partially hidden Johnnye Ruder. In the back percussion row are Gun Lee, Cassius Dole, Ty Burns and Andrew Otter.

- Telegram photo by Dana

Speech team takes first at Hill City

On Saturday, Jan. 29, the Norton High School Forensics team traveled to Hill City for their first tournament of the season. The team had a successful day as they placed first out of sixteen teams. Colby placed second and Quinter placed third.

Those participating for the team were Seniors: Melinda Becker, Kyra Fulton, Caleb Goss, Justin Griffith, Epiphany Grubbs, Deidre Kramer, David Mizell, Jacob Mizell, Tanner Morel, Andrew Otter, Katie Scott, Bekah Streck; Juniors: Eric Becker, Mariah Farber; Sophomores: Ruth Kendall, Wyatt Wentz; Freshmen: Hannah Goss, Jared Shelton.

Placing individually for the team were Melinda Becker, first in Oratorical and second in Informative Speech; Bekah Streck, first in Informative Speech and sixth in Humorous Solo; Kyra Fulton, second in Prose and fourth in Poetry; Tanner Morel, seventh in Poetry; Eric Becker, seventh in Extemporaneous Speech; Katie Scott, fifth in Extemporaneous Speech; Deidre Kramer, first in Humorous Solo; Epiphany Grubbs and Andrew Otter, sixth in

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Road department wants to shift crews

With a lot of spring and summer work coming up, the Norton County Road and Bridge Department would like a little more help, or at least the ability to switch people into different jobs.

"Our spring list is a full-size sheet of paper most of it dirt work," Administrative Assistant Sandy Smith told the county commissioners during their Monday meeting.

Smith said that foreman Brent "Topper" Cook is the best person on the crew to do that sort of thing but that since he is a supervisor there are some problems.

She said it would be great to have him work full-time moving dirt for bridges, back filling and road work.

"He has the skill to do the major dirt

work," she told the commissioners.

Cook, who also attended the meeting, agreed with her saying that he's been so busy doing the dirt work that he hasn't had a lot of time for his supervisor work.

"I just want to be in the dirt," he told the commissioners.

The commissioners agreed that the dirt work he is doing is important but didn't know if the county could afford to have someone else do the supervising job.

"We know what you're asking," said Commissioner Carolyn Applegate. "You're good at it (dirt work) and that's the ideal situation."

"We'll need to see what we'll lose in state funding," said Commissioner John Miller. "If they whack us, we're going

to be short.

"Right now we're in a game of Peter robbing Paul. Are we going to be Peter or Paul," Miller said about how the state budget is being revamped.

Miller suggested that the road crew supervisors should work out how they get things done and the commissioners would like keep an eye on how much money might be available for more help.

Smith also brought the commissioners some suggested job descriptions for the road and bridge department for foreman/equipment operator, equipment operator, administrator, shop foreman, heavy equipment operator and bridge foreman.

The commissioners discussed the sec-

tion requiring yearly eye exams, which would be taken care of by the county.

The county's eye insurance does not have a contract with a local doctor so personnel would have to take at least part of a day off to get the exam.

The commissioners said they understood the problem but felt that the exam is important.

"(We need to know,) yes, this person can see. They're not going to run over mail boxes," Commissioner Applegate said.

In other business, the commissioners: Received a thank you note from the former Secretary of Revenue Joan Wa-

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County plans late party for workers

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Norton County employees will get to enjoy a late Christmas party.

The commissioners are planning an employee-appreciation dinner for county employees and using a local supplier to help with the meal.

Brad Hopkins from Husky Hogs talked to the commissioners at their regular meeting on Jan. 24, about the proposed meal for an estimated 75 people.

County Commissioner Carolyn Applegate said that the commissioners had hoped to have ground hog for Ground Hogs Day but it doesn't look like that will be feasible.

Hopkins said that his proposal, which will be within the commissioners' budget for the event, would include smoked pork chops, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

County Clerk Robert Wyatt, who has been working with Hopkins to plan the event, told the commissioners that the menu was in their price range.

The meal will be a buffet with people coming and going as it suits their lunch break, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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Eisenhower Elementary students that scored EXAMPLARY on 2010 state assessments were honored on Jan. 25 between Norton and Goodland Girls basketball games. USD 211 Superintendent Greg Mann offered his congratulations to Jessica Ambrosier. Students waiting their turn are left to right Dallas Gosselin, Dustin Hartin, Brianna Johns, Cale Patterson, Tevin Petrie and Jace Ruder.

- Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

High-flying Blue Jays given awards

By HARRIETT GILL
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Eisenhower Elementary students that are currently in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades were recognized for scoring EXAMPLARY on their State Assessments last year. The ceremony took place between the Norton Lady Jays Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball games with Goodland on Jan. 25.

Students in the third grade took the test in Reading and Math. The students that are currently in the fourth grade are: Sylence Auker, Math and Reading; Eden Combs, Reading; Nicholas David, Math and Reading; Anastasia Elliot, Math and Reading; Allison Engelbert, Math and Reading; Matthew Gordon, Math; Tucker Gosselin, Math; Miles Harrington, Math; Hadley Hauser, Math and Reading; Isaiah Hughes, Math; Ashley Karnopp, Reading; Taryn Kuhn, Math; Christopher Long, Reading; Zachary McKinley, Math; Regan Musquiz, Math and Reading;

Lena Shelton, Reading; Raelynn Slipke, Math; Hayden Wiltfong, Math and Reading; Emily Woodyard, Math.

Students in the fourth grade took tests in Reading, Math and Science. The students that are currently in the fifth grade are: Jessica Ambrosier, Math, Reading and Science; Collyn Auker, Math; Anna Burge, Math, Reading, and Science; Zachary Coffey, Math; Dallas Gosselin, Reading; Dustin Harting, Math, Reading and Science; Brianna Johns, Math and Reading; Dalaina Karnes, Reading; Raye Kasson, Science; Seth Otter, Reading; Cale Patterson, Math, Reading and Science; Tevin Petrie, Math; Justis Posson, Math, Reading and Science; Jace Ruder, Math, Reading and Science; Piper Smith, Math and Reading; Jace Smothers, Reading.

Students in the fifth grade took assessments in Reading and Math. The students that are currently in the sixth grade are:

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