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## Testing, band saw top board agenda

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Superintendent Greg Mann reported to the USD 211 Board of Education at the regular meeting on Feb. 14 that Dr. Clauset would be in the district on Feb. 24 to discuss PLC's and he would like the board to meet with him at noon. The board approved a special meeting at noon on Feb. 24 for the purpose of meeting with Dr. Clauset. A light lunch will be served at the noon meeting.

Mr. Mann told the board that the regular meeting scheduled for March will fall during the school district's spring break. Two of the members said they plan on being gone during spring break. It was approved by the board to move the regular meeting to Monday, March

21 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Mann said the window for the district to take the Math and Reading State Assessments had been extended until May 2 by the Kansas State Board of Education.

The district has received \$750 from Pamida's Back to School promotion. In the past, the money has been put in a special account and is used to purchase school supplies for Eisenhower students that are in need of supplies. It was approved by the board to accept the donation and use it to purchase supplies for Eisenhower students.

A 14 inch Powermatic band saw is no longer being used in the woodworking classes and Mr. Mann asked the board to consider it surplus property and allow it to be sold by sealed bid.

Mr. Mann reported on the work that will be neces-

sary after the Fire Marshall's compliance visit to the district.

Steve Vance, Language Arts Department Representative, presented information concerning his Speech and Forensics classes.

Corey Roy, Eisenhower Elementary Principal, presented information to the board about a proposed change in the summer school format. Action to be taken at the March meeting.

Shane Miller, Norton Community High School Counselor, presented the changes that had been made in the Kansas Board of Regents qualified Admissions requirements beginning 2014-15.

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### Briefly Lincoln program set for Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. is the rescheduled date for the impersonator of Mary Todd Lincoln to be at the community room of the Norton Public Library. The speech was canceled last Sunday as the actress had laryngitis. Refreshments will be served.

### Norton blood drive will be Wednesday

The Norton Community Blood Drive, Wednesday, February 23 is to be held at the National Guard Armory, 1200 N State St., from Noon to 6 p.m. The goal for the blood drive is 115 donations and the Red Cross is hoping to go over that goal by at least ten percent.

### Renew truck tags starting February 28

February 28 is the deadline at the Norton County Treasurer's Office for renewal of heavy truck, 16M or larger, trailer tags and people whose names begin with "A". Don't forget your proof of insurance. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Driver's license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your license, social security card or something with your number on it as well as a utility bill with name and address. CDL licenses must be renewed at the Phillipsburg office, Hays or Colby.

### Craft business expo at armory Saturday

The Sweetheart Home Base Craft Business Expo will take place tomorrow at the Norton National Guard Armory from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Many vendors will be there. Door prizes and free samples as well as up to 50% off deals.

### Arts council puts on jazz trio program

The Norton County Arts Council will be hosting the Jeremy Gregoire Jazz Trio tomorrow night at the East campus auditorium at 7 p.m.

### Markets

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Wheat .....\$8.23  
Milo.....\$6.16  
Soybeans.....\$13.13  
Corn.....\$6.51  
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

**Tonight** - Mostly cloudy with a low around 32. **Saturday** - Partly sunny with a high near 59. **Saturday Night** - A 30 percent chance of rain. **Sunday** - A 20 percent chance of rain.

### Kingham Report

Tuesday, February 15 ...Low 26, High 66  
Wednesday, Feb. 16.....Low 32, High 73  
Thursday, February 17..Low 35, High 59  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm  
9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

O God, thank you for being with us wherever we dwell. Hold close those who grieve, and change their pain to joy. Amen

## County to put up stop signs

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If you use roads S or E in Norton County, be prepared to stop.

Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Sandy Smith asked the commissioners on Monday if it would be OK to put a stop sign on the east/west sides of Road S at the intersection of E2.

The commissioners checked with County Attorney Doug Sebelius to see if they needed to do anything more than OK the sign and were told that it needs to be noted on the county's traffic map.

The commissioners also requested that the road and bridge department put up Stop Ahead signs, at least temporarily to help drivers get used to always stopping at the intersection.

Road and Bridge Foreman Floyd Richard was the high bidder for a used D-5 Cat the county was disposing of.

The commissioners opened sealed bids for the machine at their meeting on Monday and found that the four bids were for \$877, \$2,725, \$3,333 and \$5,700 with Richard having the high bid.

Richard, who was at the meeting for the road and bridge department, said that he thought he could put the machine to good use.

"I think it's worth it to me," he said.

Smith and Richard told the commissioners that the crew had discussed acquiring a 16-foot lift trailer to move the county Bobcat and some of them really wanted the piece of equipment.

However, they said, with the budget so tight this year, they thought the department could do without and use what it has to move the Bobcat, even if that isn't quite as good a choice.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Visited with Twin Creek Extension board members Patsy Maddy, Deena Wente, Dave Donovan and Stuart Brooks; Norton County Extension Agent Keith Van Skike and Decatur County Extension Agent Byron Hale about the extension budget and where the service will move once it leaves the courthouse. So far, the board said, it has not made any decision on whether to take the county up on its offer to move to the 4-H Building or to find private office space in Norton.

- Passed a resolution asking the state to keep paying for the Local Environmental Protection Program, which helps health departments test septic systems in rural areas.

- Was told that the road and bridge department has received all but one agreement, on parking county equipment, from landowners.

- Learned that scrap iron found in the cleanup of the county shop sold to F&F Iron has netted the county \$1,930 so far.

- Told Smith and Richard that there is no guarantee that the county will be able to hire someone to help out with mowing this summer but it isn't out of the question.

- Heard from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald that he is still worrying about e-waste but there is no immediate problem. Mr. Archibald also said that he would have a cost study on the landfill ready for the commissioners next week.

- Prepared to leave for Topeka to speak with legislators and state leaders with other members of the Kansas Legislative Policy Group.



Ryan Blecha, Norton FFA president, looks on as Mayor David Corns signs a proclamation declaring the week of February 19 through 26, as National FFA Week.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## National FFA Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, the FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of the food, fiber and natural resources systems; and

WHEREAS, the FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth and career success among its members; and

WHEREAS, agricultural education and the FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing demands in the science, business and technology of agriculture and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto - "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve" - gives direction of purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, the FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation.

Therefore, I do hereby designate the week  
of February 19 through 26, 2011, as FFA Week.

David N. Corns, Mayor - 2/14/11

## Cytoplasm, reticulated are winning words

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After thirteen rounds there were two spellers left to determine the county Spelling Bee winner. Hailey Branek, seventh grader from Norton Junior High, misspelled her word oscillation to put her in second place if Steve Cummings, an eighth grader from Norton Junior High School, missed one of his two words. He correctly spelled his first word, reticulated. His second was cytoplasm and without any hesitation he correctly spelled the word to win the Norton County Spelling Bee. Trey Hall, seventh grader from Northern Valley Junior High, won third place.

Steve will represent Norton County in the Sunflower (State) Spelling Bee that will take place on March 12 in Great Bend.

Steve received a dictionary from Prairie Land Electric. The first, second and third place winners were presented with engraved plaques from The Norton Telegram.

There were twelve students participating in the Norton County Spelling Bee. Each had won their schools bees.

Northern Valley Junior High: Brant Cox, eighth grade, Trey Hall, seventh grade, Macy Kasson seventh and Camden Cox, alternate, seventh grade.

Northern Valley Elementary: Riley Sides, fourth grade, Chaylee Lowry, fifth grade, Carson Wallace, sixth grade, and Ethan Hale, alternate, fifth grade.

Norton Junior High: Steve Cummings, eighth grade, Hailey Branek, seventh grade, Audrie Burge, seventh grade and Kristin Stewart, alternate, seventh grade.

Eisenhower Elementary: Layton Miller, sixth grade, Will Ellis, sixth grade, John Stanton, fourth grade and Cale Pat-



Pictured in the center is Steve Cummings, this year's winner of the Norton County Spelling Bee, Norton Junior High School. He will represent Norton County in the State Sunflower Spelling Bee in March. On the left is Trey Hall, Northern Valley Junior High, third place winner. On the right is Hailey Branek, Norton Junior High, second place winner. Each of the finalist were presented a plaque by The Norton Telegram, a sponsor of the Norton County Spelling Bee.

- Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

