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**Tuesday**

February 22, 2011

*Briefly*

**Norton blood drive will be Wednesday**

Norton Community Blood Drive is Wednesday, Feb. 23 at the National Guard Armory, 1200 N. State St. from noon to 6 p.m.

**Kindergarten**

**Roundup is Monday**

The Eisenhower Elementary school will be holding the annual Kindergarten Roundup on Monday, Feb. 28 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be a meeting in the school cafeteria, with the principal, kindergarten teachers and school nurse and should last 30-40 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.

**Total station**

**to get new pumps**

Norton's Total Station is having new gas and diesel pumps installed. Monday, Feb. 28, the new gasoline pumps will be installed. Tuesday, March 1, the new diesel pumps will be installed, no diesel on that day.

**Help for veterans**

**will be available**

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on March 1 at the Norton City Office. She will assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims. She can be contacted in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

*Markets*

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Wheat .....\$8.04  
Milo.....\$6.17  
Soybeans.....\$12.85  
Corn.....\$6.56  
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

*Weather*

**Tonight** - Mostly clear with a low around 22. **Wednesday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 53. **Wednesday Night** - A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy with a low around 24. **Thursday** - A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a high near 32. **Thursday Night** - A 10 percent chance of snow. **Friday** - Mostly cloudy with a high near 30.

*Kingham Report*

Friday, February 18 .....Low 23, High 57  
Saturday, February 19....Low 24, High 59  
Sunday, February 20.....High 36, Low 20  
Monday, February 21.....Low 7, High 29  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Dear Father, we thank you for all of the ordinary days in our lives. Teach us to live each of them for you. In Christ's name. Amen



## First lady speaks at library on Sunday

By HARRIETT GILL  
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Sunday afternoon Mary Todd Lincoln appeared in Norton Public Library's community room. Mrs. Lincoln gave a talk on the life she shared with Abraham Lincoln and their children. Her script was built around a photo album which she shared with the audience.

The audience was given insights into the life of being the president's wife and raising the family. She spoke on the trials of raising their sons and the sorrow that occurred with the death of two of the four sons that were born to her and Mr. Lincoln.

Mrs. Lincoln also spoke on the misconceptions that surrounded the president and are widely believed.

"You have heard that Mr. Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address on an envelope while traveling to the battlefield. That is incorrect, he spent hours composing and rewriting that speech," said Mrs. Lincoln. "I always thought that speech would go down in history, however, I never dreamed that school children would be taught to memorize it."

Mary Todd Lincoln was portrayed by Mary Lou Pennington of Bogue. Mary Lou has been an admirer of President Lincoln and his family for many years. She has spent many hours researching and studying the life of Mary and Abraham Lincoln. Several years ago she decided to write a monologue and present the talk to groups while impersonating Mary Todd Lincoln.



A step back in time as Mary Todd Lincoln, portrayed by Mary Lou Pennington, Bogue., presented an intimate and interesting talk about the life and times of President Lincoln to her audience on Sunday.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

## Ward One councilwoman resigns position

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The rescheduled Public Hearing regarding the Notice and Order issued for property located at 507, 509 and 511 N. Graves has been continued for the second time. Mayor Corns said that due to health reasons, Mr. Kevin Wiltfong, had requested another continuance. The hearing was originally set for Jan. 19, but was continued to Feb. 16 at the request of the property owner. A motion was made by Toby Kuhn and seconded by Donna Foley to grant the continuance, due to verified health reasons, and be rescheduled for March 2 at 5:45 p.m. and either Mr. Wiltfong or his designated agent should be present at that time to go forward with the hearing. This was approved by the council.

Mayor Corns said a letter of resignation was received from Council Member Kim McRoberts, who has moved out of Ward One.

"Since Jerry Jones is the only individual that filed for the Council position in Ward I in the upcoming election in April, I would like to appoint him to fill the vacant council seat," said Mayor Corns.

The appointment of Jerry Jones to fill the position was approved by the council and Mr. Jones was given the oath of office by the City Clerk, Darla Ellis, and was seated as council representative for Ward I.

"I have been on the Norton City Council before and Norton is a very progressive City and we need to be more positive than we have ever been to encourage the continued growth of the community," said Mr. Jones. Chief of Police, Pat Morel, said, "Jody Enfield has

been certified with the drug dog and is ready to roll."

In his report, City Administrator, Rob Lawson, said there had been a gas leak at the power plant on Feb. 15 on one of the 4 inch high pressure gas lines. Midwest Energy worked with the City to get the line replaced and pressure-tested and everything is up and running. He said this was a 50 pound line with a 700 pound line coming into the regulator. He reported that the utility relocation on Highway 36 has been approved and the crews will be out working there between now and July 1st.

Mr. Lawson said he has talked to Curt Archibald from the County about the tipping fees at the landfill and clean-up projects. He said the county is allowing 5 clean up projects per year and so far this year there have been 4 in Norton County. He said the Norton County Commissioners said they would discuss other projects on an as-needed basis about reducing tipping fees if the City demolishes a house and needs to haul it to the landfill.

Mr. Lawson reported that the Public Works crews are cleaning sewers and sweeping streets. The line crew will change out the electrical underground to the courthouse on Feb 19; Natoma Corporation's electrical project is finished; electrical transformer, underground wire and water line for the Sleep Inn Hotel has been installed; the property clean up on E. Woodfield Street is scheduled to begin March 14.

The Parks Committee has met with various groups and organizations that use Elmwood Park. Jeff Otter, Parks Committee Chairman, reported on the activities that had been discussed.

The Council approved the dates of Aug. 26 and 27 for

the 3rd Annual Smoking in the Barn Barbecue Contest; Custer County Mud Dragers "Mud Drag" on May 14; Don Mordecai's request for a Disc Golf Tournament on Aug. 7; 2011 Horse Council 2011 Calendar; 2011 Race schedule from the Norton Elmwood Park Racing Association to include a flat track motorcycle race scheduled for Aug. 13 and 9 auto race dates including the vintage race.

Mr. Otter said they also met with the Norton County Amusement Association and would like to have a new contract to renew Jan. 1 of each year instead of Sept. 1. This was approved and the City Attorney will prepare the new contract and also include in the agreement that proof of insurance must be provided in advance of the fair date.

The Council approved the sale of the City's porta-potties for \$100 to the Norton Elmwood Park Racing Association. Removal and dumping would not be the responsibility of the City. The porta-potties are to be removed from the racetrack area at the end of each event.

Other items for the Council from the Parks Committee were: Lots 1 through 5 in the Third Addition of the Norton Cemetery will be open for sale; approved the purchase of 6 doors for the new restrooms in Elmwood Park from All Partitions in the amount of \$2,279; Purchase a Grasshopper lawn mower from Engel's Sales and Service for \$9,976.50; ideas from the council members for a new swimming pool.

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## Mayoral primary set for next Tuesday

The City of Norton primary election for Mayor will be held on March 1, in the lobby of the Norton County Courthouse. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. for Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3.

Four persons have filed for the position of Mayor for the City of Norton. The candidates that will be on the ballot

in the primary are: David Corns, incumbent mayor; Ronnie Briery; Sarah Durham; and Allan Taylor.

A primary election is held if needed to reduce the number of candidates for each office in the general election to no more than three candidates.

The General Election will be held on April 5.

## Department to study traffic

The Kansas Department of Transportation wants to know how the new Ag Valley grain expansion will effect the traffic on U.S. 36 and surrounding roads in Norton County.

Today through Thursday, a representative with TranSystems from Kansas City will be obtaining data along U.S. 36 east of Norton for a traffic impact study.

The study is to determine how truck traffic to and from the new Ag Valley facility will affect U.S. 36 and surrounding roads. The storage and rail loading facility will be near county roads E1, E2, and L east of Norton.

The study will include traffic counter

tubes over the county roads and U.S. 36, visual traffic counts and measurements and photos of the area.

The Department of Transportation believes that traffic will not be stopped or slowed by the study.

TransSystems Engineering Technician Jake Good will be in charge of the study.

For information on the study, contact Transportation District Three Engineer Jeff Stewart at (785) 877-3315 or [jeff@ksdot.org](mailto:jeff@ksdot.org) or Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org).