

# \$1 THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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**Tuesday**  
April 19, 2011

## Briefly

### Norton boosters to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited. Speaking about recent competition will be Norton head track coach Jason Jones and Norton head golf coach David Stover.

The Booster Club meets every first and third Wednesdays through May at the same time and location.

### Sixth grade parents to meet on Monday

There will be a meeting for the parents of all Norton sixth graders at the Norton Junior High Music Room on Monday, April 25 at 7p.m. The meeting will be about the transition from elementary school to junior high school. Topics will include: enrollment, rules, expectations and more. If you have any questions please call Shelby Cade at 877-5851.

### Economic group looking for members

Norton County is looking for people to serve on the Economic Development Board. Applications are available at the county clerk's office and at the economic development board office. Applications must be at the clerk's office in the courthouse by Thursday, April 28, to be considered.

### Annual egg hunt will be Saturday

Norton's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday at the Norton County Courthouse. Pictures with the Easter Bunny at 1 p.m. Scavenger Hunt at 1:30, fourth through sixth grade and at 2 p.m. the Easter Egg Hunt for infant through third grade. Sponsored by the Norton Child Study Club.

## Markets

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Wheat	\$7.94
Milo	\$6.54
Soybeans	\$12.51
Corn	\$6.96

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Tonight** - A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 a.m. **Wednesday** - Partly sunny with a high near 54. **Wednesday Night** - A chance of rain showers before 1 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow showers. **Thursday** - A chance of rain and snow showers before 1 p.m.

## Kingham Report

Friday, April 15	Low 31, High 47
	.30 Rain
Saturday, April 16	Low 27, High 70
Sunday, April 17	Low 34, High 76
Monday, April 18	Low 38, High 59
Tuesday, April 19	Low 35, .90 Rain

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

## Prayer

Loving God, help us keep in touch with you, the source of our spiritual life. Amen



Chanda's Dance Illusions held the annual dance recital this weekend. The dance troupe ranges in age from 3 to 52 and there were 89 students enrolled this year. This year's recital theme was "One Hit Wonders", songs from well known artists, most of whom, only had a one big hit. There were a few songs

thrown in just for fun. Seen here is Dance instructor, Chanda Bush, playing an angel who is saving one of her dance students, Kelsey Mordecai from the evil clutches of Satan portrayed by volunteer, Phil Black.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Undersheriff and deputy trained on new illegal drugs

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In mid-March Norton County Deputy Bobby Annon and Undersheriff Rich Wenzl attended a Kansas Narcotic Officers Association training sponsored by the Salina Police Department. The topic was on two new and extremely dangerous drugs, K-2 and Bath Salts.

Undersheriff Wenzl said, "This is very scary stuff and people need to be aware of what these drugs are doing to people."

Kansas has seen a rise in Synthetic drugs in the last few years. The latest are K-2 and Bath Salts. K-2 is a "street name" for a synthetic drug compound known as JWH. Bath Salts are also a "street name" and have nothing to do with a relaxing bath. Bath Salts are a synthetic drug called Mephedrone.

K-2 or JWH got its beginnings in the 1990's for research purposes at Clemson University with a goal of synthesizing the THC in marijuana. Over 200 experiments were attempted and all failed so the project shut down. The compounds were

never tested on humans. Somehow, the information obtained while doing the experiments, such as recipes, was stolen and now the very dangerous drug is on the streets. Even here in Kansas. This stuff can be easily obtained due to all but five of the 200 varieties still being legal.

JWH is being marketed to people as "new and safe marijuana," called K-2 or Spice. It is not safe. The effects or high from JWH is more like LSD or PCP. The side effects can be severe, including agitation (which can be severe and require sedation), anxiety, elevated blood pressure, hallucinations (which can be intense), numbness, pallor, tachycardia, tingling, vomiting and, in some cases, tremors and seizures, even death. Last year there were nine suspected deaths due to use of this product.

JWH is made from dried plant material, potpourri or some sort of spice that is laced or sprayed with one or more of the JWH compounds. It is packaged to look like pot and users typically

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# Health department eyes new vehicle

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The Norton County Health Department may be getting a "new" used vehicle in the near future.

Health Nurse Gina Frack told the Norton County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday that one of the oldest of the health department's three vehicles, a 1999 Chevrolet with 125,000 miles, is getting unreliable and the staff no longer takes it out of town.

Frack said that she thought getting a newer vehicle to replace the Chevy would be cheaper than paying mileage. She said it would be good to trade it off now while it still has some resale value rather than wait until it is worth nothing and the dealer won't even take it.

"It's a typical higher mileage vehicle," she said. "We drive it every day but if it's in the shop, we drive our own vehicles."

She said that she thought she could get a newer low mileage car for about \$18,000, which she could do within her budget.

She told the commissioners that a new car is not within her budget and since Norton has no new car dealers, she wants to get a used vehicle so she can buy locally.

The commissioners told her to go ahead and get bids on a "new" used vehicle. Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archi-

bald stopped in to tell the commissioners that he had gotten a bid for crushing the county's used cement and recovering the gravel.

The company, Rubble Inc., out of Goodland, gave the county an estimate of \$41,000 he said to do the old cement chunks at the landfill.

"That's a lot of crushed cement," Commissioner Carolyn Applegate noted.

The company would crush the used cement, taken from old road and building projects, and recover the gravel. The cost is about \$10 a ton to crush, he said. However, the county could sell the gravel for \$15 a ton if it had buyers for it.

"That would offset the cost some," Archibald said. "We would make money if we sold it all."

Some of the recovered gravel could also be used on the county's roads, he said.

However, he noted that the amount is just an estimate made by eyeballing the cement pile.

"It's something to look at down the road," he suggested

In other business, the commissioners:

- Canvassed the ballots from last Tuesday's election. There were two provisional ballots, from people who had moved, but both were counted as acceptable because, although the voters had moved, they still lived in the correct

voting districts.

- Said that they would pay mid-month bills this time but asked that department heads attach a memo to future bills saying why they should be paid at a different time than the normal end-of-the-month time.

- Received a request from Curtis Eveleigh for reappointment to the Norton Economic Development board.

- Heard from Archibald that he had received a call from China from someone interested in buying recycling from the county. He said that the connection was bad but he told the person what the county does with its recycling.

- Went to visit the Road and Bridge Department at 8 a.m. to look over the shop and talk to the employees.

- Learned that the Solid Waste Department didn't think it would need any help from the Road and Bridge crew for the annual spring cleanup. However, an inmate crew is available if needed to help.

- Received an update on a fire truck, being purchased for the Solomon Valley Fire District. The money for the truck is coming from Community Development Block Grant funds. The \$116,000 truck will be paid for with a little over \$97,000 from the grant and just under \$19,000 from the county. The Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission is working on the purchase and grant.

# Staff praised for successful 2011 prom

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Mrs. Robison and Mr. Jones were praised by Superintendent Greg Mann for their excellent job with the Norton Community High School prom at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, April 11. The prom was held on Saturday, April 9 at the Norton Junior High Gym.

Superintendent Mann reported that the newly purchased school bus was scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday, April 12. The purchase of the bus was approved in a special meeting of the board after learning that the regular route bus and the spare or "back up bus" had several mechanical problems. The "new" used bus was purchased from American Bus Sales of Owasso, Okla. for the purchase price of \$64,750.

Cheri Brooks, representing the Eisenhower Site Council, gave a report on the various activities of the site council for the 2010-2011 school year.

Bill Johnson, representing the social studies curriculum committee, presented information on the Kids Voting Kansas program that he has implemented.

The fourth and sixth grade science fair will be held on May 20, in the Eisenhower Elementary cafeteria. Belinda Thalheim, Kristen Fahnenbruch and Teresa Schulze presented the board with information on the fair. Mr. Mann and Robert Wyatt will be judges at the fair.

The 360 Performance Grade Audit results were presented by Joe Hurla and Scott McVey. They presented to the board estimated costs and savings amounts. Mr. Mann will prepare a priority grid for the board to rank the projects and to get an idea of projects the board would like to proceed with. A special meeting of the board will be held on Monday, April 25 to discuss priorities and expenses.

The board elected not to participate

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