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**Tuesday**  
May 17, 2011

*Briefly*

## Wednesday's council agenda

Norton City Council Agenda for May 18 at 5:30 p.m. Norton City Building  
Approval of May 4 City Council minutes, Building/Demolition Permits, Consider appointment for Economic Development At-Large Positions, City Administrator's Report, Economic Development Meeting Report, Utility Committee Meeting Report, Pay Bills.  
Upcoming Meetings: May 18, City Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m.; May 23, Parks Committee meeting at 5 p.m.; May 30, Memorial Day City Offices closed; June 1, City Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

## Blue Jay Boosters to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. 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.

## Elementary school science fair is Friday

The Third Annual Eisenhower Science Fair will be held on Friday, May 20. The fourth and sixth grade Science classes will be participating. The judging will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## Fundraising afghan for Lenora Library

The Lenora Friends of the Library are selling afghan raffle tickets. The drawing will be held on Memorial Weekend.

Mariette Smith was the afghan creator and tickets can be purchased from a Friend of the Library member, at First Security Bank or at the Country Corner. The cost of the tickets is \$1 each or six for \$5.

Proceeds go to the Lenora Library.

## Markets

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Wheat .....\$7.70  
Milo.....\$6.07  
Soybeans.....\$12.57  
Corn.....\$6.60  
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Tonight** - Windy with thunderstorms in the evening. **Wednesday** - Mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of light rain showers in the morning. **Wednesday Evening** - Isolated thunderstorms. **Thursday** - Warmer and windy with a chance of rain.

## Kingham Report

Friday, May 13.....Low 42, High 58  
.20 Rain  
Saturday, May 14.....Low 35, High 57  
Sunday, May 15.....Low 35, High 54  
Monday, May 16.....Low 32, High 71  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Loving God, remind us that we don't tread the path of life alone. Help us to be ready to help our fellow travelers. Amen



## Relay goes all night at courthouse

The Relay for Life was held at Norton County Courthouse square on the evening of May 13. Relay teams circled the courthouse until 7 a.m. on May 14. Luminaries lit with candles lined the walk way. The Luminaries marked remembrance of those who had lost the battle with cancer.

The featured speaker, Dr. Glenda Mauer, addressed the crowd gathered on the courthouse lawn before the first lap. She said that she thought of cancer cells as unruly members of society.

"They don't behave themselves," said Dr. Mauer. "They are like gang members that take over an area."

"I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3 verse 4, 'A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.' I think today is a time to mourn and also to dance," said Mauer.

The first group to walk around the courthouse square were the survivors of cancer. Before starting off on their lap the survivors announced their name and the length of time they had been free of cancer.

Funds raised for Norton's Relay for Life, 2011, was \$25,000.

-Telegram photos by Harriett Gill

## District renews membership in legal fund

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The subject of Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Membership and Kansas Association of School Board Legal Defense Fund was discussed at the regular meeting of Unified School District 211 Board of Education on May 9. The membership dues for 2011-12 have an increase of \$550 (3 percent) over the school year of 2010-11. Background information provided to the board showed that the membership dues had increased 56 percent since 2001-02. The dues structure is based on the district's general fund as of March 1. The dues structure was changed prior to 2006-07.

Membership dues of the Legal Defense Fund would remain the same as last year which is \$1,400. A district can be a member of the Legal Defense Fund only if they are also a member of Kansas Association of School Boards. It was brought to the attention of the board that this was a relatively inexpensive legal services insurance policy.

The Legal Defense Fund provides supportive assistance to boards of education in cases or controversies pertaining to the classification, organization, regulation, maintenance, operation, financing and management of school districts in the State of Kansas. Participating boards of education receive reports on recent state and federal legal decisions, legislation and administrative

rules and regulation, together with analysis of their operational impact. The Fund acts as a repository of legal decision affecting the operation of the school districts of Kansas.

The Kansas Association of School Boards Legal Defense Fund is one of the few programs of its type in existence in the nation.

The board approved the motion to join the Kansas Association of School Boards for the 2011-12 school year. Membership dues will be \$7,558. The board also approved the motion to join the Legal Assistance Fund for the school year 2011-12 with an annual contract fee of \$1,400.

## County gives farmer concrete scraps

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A farmer will get a couple of loads of old broken-up concrete to help fill a washout in a pasture, Norton County Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the county commissioners at the meeting last Monday.

"As long as he doesn't put it on the county right-of-way, it's fine," Commissioner John Miller said.

The other commissioners agreed that the farmer could get the fill at no cost.

Archibald also told the commissioners that he was looking for someone who would recycle the grain sacks that look like giant white worms stretching along the ground.

He said he had thought that the sacks would be reused each season, but found out that they weren't.

"They don't reuse them," he said. "They just slit them down the middle and throw them away."

Right now the empties are coming to the landfill but it would be great to find someone to recycle them, he said.

And speaking of which, he said, there is a recycler planning to visit Norton on Thursday to pick up the plastics that have been saved from the landfill.

Archibald also reminded the commissioners that the landfill is open from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that the top-coat machine is being used at the landfill.
- Were told that the landfill has received its current household hazardous waste permit from the state.
- Talked about various upcoming county and state meetings and which they could attend and which no one would be able to go to.
- Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Looked over the overdue accounts for the landfill.

## Board hears site council, technology class reports

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The Unified School District 211's Board of Education held their regular meeting on May 9.

Erin Manning reported on the 2010-11 activities of the Norton Junior High School Site Council and Charlotte Stephenson reported on the Norton Community High School Site Council.

Buzz Palmer, Applied Technology Representative, provided the board with information regarding the classes taught in the Tech Department and various activities he is using in the classroom.

The 2011-12 Student-Parent Handbook changes were distributed to the board by the school Principals. Adoption of the handbooks will be considered at the June meeting.

In his report, Superintendent Greg Mann said Scott Ellis had been elected to the Kansas State High School Athletic Association Board of Directors.

Mr. Mann said Jeff Wallingford, Prin-

icipal of Norton Junior High School, has been named the Area V KASSP Middle School Principal of the Year.

Mann reported there were no retirements this year and the district and Eisenhower Elementary School may not make AYP on the state assessment test in Special Education Reading.

Superintendent Mann asked the board to give him authority to accept a bid for the fire code compliance work that needs to be done in the Norton Community High School chemistry classroom. His request was in view of the number of special meetings held this year and yet to be held. He said he had made an executive decision to extend the deadline for submitting bids to May 18. This would allow potential bidders more time.

The change in bid opening means the Board would either need to schedule a special meeting or give the superintendent, with the advice of the architect, the authority to accept a bid so long as it does not exceed the statutory dollar limit of \$20,000.

He said if no bids are received or accepted, the project will be re-advertised for the June 13 meeting. If a low bid is more than the statutory limit, a special meeting would be necessary.

The Board approved giving Superintendent Mann the authority to accept a bid for the chemistry room fire code compliance project if the bid does not exceed \$20,000.

Bus number 17 will be declared surplus property when school is out for the 2010-11 year. It will be sold by sealed bid.

The end of the year meeting will be Monday, June 27 at 7 a.m. at the Unified Office in the board room.

April Karnopp presented the report on the NCKSEC April meeting.

The board went into an executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to non-elected personnel, returning to the open session at 8:40 p.m. A second executive meeting for the same reason was called with the board returning

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## County roads in need of pavement resurfacing

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Norton County has several roads in need of overlays.

Eastern District Road Foreman Floyd Richard gave the Norton County commissioners a list of the three worst roads and the costs of sealing and/or overlaying them.

The Lenora Cemetery Road is the worst, he said. It will cost \$14,850 to seal (5,050 feet) and oil (5,000 gallons at \$2.97/gallon)

The Eagles Road is the second on the list. It will cost \$11,880 to seal (4,074 feet), overlay (890 feet) and oil (4,000 feet).

The E1 Road from Goodyear to the landfill will cost \$8,316 to seal (3,550 feet) and oil (2,800 gallons).

Overall, Richard said, the cost will be \$61,308 including the 300 tons of cold mix at \$77.84/ton for \$23,352 and sand at 600 tons at \$4.85/ton for \$2,910.

"We don't have to do them all at one sitting," Richard said.

The commissioners agreed adding that the Road and Bridge Department should decide the how and when of doing the projects.

"Floyd, you guys figure that out," Commissioner John Miller said.

"It's going to kick the budget, anyway you look at it," Richard noted.

He also said that timing is important.

"We want to do it in the hottest part of the year," he said. "July and August would be best, but you have harvest then too."

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