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vancement programs designed to lift skill and awareness levels across the community.

Sproul said he "anticipates that the objectives will expand and change as immediate issues are addressed and as new opportunities are identified."

"The committee is ready to move forward," said Sproul. "Since Norton County doesn't have issues with broadband speed or provisioning, the committee is ready to go into implementation, and they are working on identifying areas where technology tools can help businesses take advantage of broadband

and use it more effectively."

A few examples to be emphasized to businesses will be web-sites, web presence and on-line store connections. The Pilot Program could potentially benefit local government agencies with increased functionality.

The Program will provide tools and information, including an online Dashboard to support project management needs, a data console to provide transparent access to relevant information presented in a visually engaging manner, important insights on technology deployment/operational costs and related economic impacts, and a

variety of community technology planning and stakeholder engagement materials.

"People are looking online to see what they want to buy before they ever walk into a store," said Sproul. "It's our job to figure out how to give the local businesses the best advantage possible."

The ultimate purpose of the Kansas Statewide Broadband Initiative is to foster economic development and job creation. It's believed the local pilot projects will help other communities throughout the state be effective, strategic and sustainable in their efforts to improve economic prosperity.

# Officers

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cations submitted, "so that may work in our favor."

The Economic Development staff has been working on the Housing Assessment Tool for the Almena MIH Housing application, and it's almost complete. The Assessment Tool must be completed and submitted with the application, which Economic Development will do on the behalf of the City of Almena. If awarded, the funds could be used for infrastructure, construction, or the purchase of land. Almena has demolished seven dilapidated houses in the last year and will try to use those properties for new housing. The initial project will most likely be small,

according to Sproul. A meeting with Almena representatives is scheduled for June 18. The grant application is due in August.

The board renewed the contract with Pinegar, Smith & Associates, a consulting firm from Topeka. Sproul gave the board a brief summary of the services the firm had provided Norton County in the last four years. "They keep us well informed," said Sproul. The contract was renewed for another two years and will be paid from the Capital Outlay fund.

The Business Incubator subcommittee toured the space on May 19 and recommended a change to the lease agreement. The revision addressed finan-

cial responsibility for approved alterations or improvements to the property. The revision will be forwarded to the city attorney to be included in the agreement, and it will be reviewed again at the next board meeting. The board also approved the purchase of the walls and doors in the space for \$359, that were added at a cost of \$1,800 by the original tenant.

Sproul was selected as a representative for the Republican Basin Committee and attended a meeting in Colby on Wednesday. The committee is looking at water conservation and public water use issues to ensure water quality and resources for the future.

# Meals

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Property and Liability, Inland Marine, Blanket Bond, Automobile, Linebackers/Errors and Omissions, and Data Compromise Insurance as presented for a total cost of \$45,935 for the 2014-15 school year.

-accepted the low bid from Insurance Planning Inc. of Hays for the district's workman's compensation insurance and Treasurers Bond at a total cost of \$35,092 for the 2014-15 school year.

-renewed student accident insurance with K & K Insurance of Topeka at the same cost as 2013-14, which is a total cost of \$11,460.

-adopted the Student-Parent handbooks for Norton Community High School, Norton Junior High School and Eisenhower Elementary School for 2014-15.

-agree to participate in the Federal School Nutrition Program for the 2014-15 school year.

-approved USD 211's participation for 2014-15 in the Head Start Program through the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska.

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-approved the recommended student members of the appreciation plaque committee. The members will be Morgan Farber, Kylie Perez, Katie Bohl and Molly Maddy.

-directed the Superintendent to get three adults to serve on the plaque committee.

-approved the recommendations to hire Randy Perales as summer custodian at Eisenhower Elementary, William Harrington II as Norton Community High School language arts teacher, Ashlie Stewart as Norton Community High School dance team coach and Tynet Calhoun as Norton Junior High School assistant volleyball coach.

-approved the 2014-15 site council memberships.

-approved the May 19 PDC minutes as presented.

-accepted the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consists of the agenda for June 9; minutes of the May 12 regular meeting; and monthly bills.

# Dam lets go!



Heavy rains near the Edmond area this week caused an earthen dam to break just west of town. The Solomon River rose and fields had water standing in the terraces. Much needed and long overdue, the rains came a bit late but Norton County residents will take whatever moisture they can get!

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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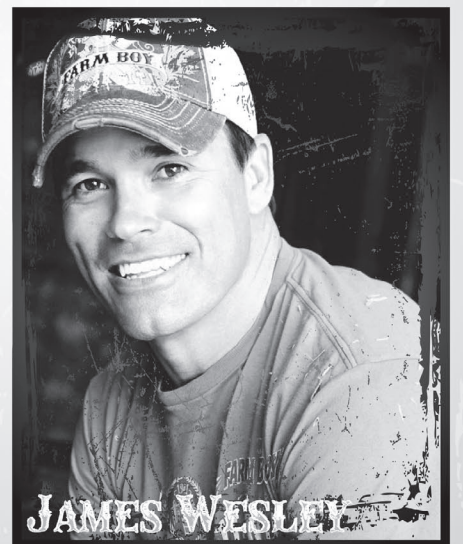


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Bring a lawn chair. No coolers or carry-in alcohol.



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## SCHEDULE

- Friday**
- 5:00pm - Beer Garden Opens
  - 7:00pm - Concert - Dean Alexander, James Wesley & Eric Paslay
- Saturday**
- 7:00am - City Wide Garage Sales
  - 9:00am - FCE Display
  - 11:00am - Parade followed by BMX Bicycle Stunt Show
  - 12:30pm - Richard Renner
  - 1:00pm - Lenora PRIDE Bingo, Trap Shoot, Pony Rides & Eagle Radio Pedal Power Pull
  - 2:00pm - BMX Bicycle Stunt Show
  - 3:00pm - Richard Renner
  - 4:00pm - Creature Races
  - 5:00pm - Inflatable Carnival with Rock Climbing Wall
  - 5:00pm - Beer Garden Opens
  - 6:00pm - BMX Bicycle Stunt Show
  - 6:30pm - Lenora PRIDE Patty Bingo Winner Announcement
  - 7:00pm - Concert - Wes Cassman Band, Lucas Maddy & Karaoke in the Garden by Times by DJ

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