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Grain from elevators finds buyers

By VERONICA MONIER

Farmers found out how much they would get back on the grain they had stored in Brady Grain on Monday at the Norton County Courthouse.

The elevator operator Shane Brady turned the operation over to the state in early September. Since then farmers, with grain in the elevators at Norton, Edmond and Stuttgart have had to wait and worry.

On Monday, however, District Judge Bill Elliott approved bid prices.

Receiver Terry Criss told the judge that the grain stored at Brady Grain had been divided into lots and bid requests had been sent out with a deadline of last Wednesday. He said nine bids were returned and that each of the lots had at least one bidder with most having more than one.

Mr. Criss said when they were looking at the submitted bids they took into consideration six discount factors — insect damage, total damage, infestation, musty, sour, and test weight.

He recommended that the following grain bids be accepted:

Lot 1, wheat — Scoular Grain of Salina, \$3.58 per bushel

Lot 2, wheat — Scoular Grain of Salina, \$3.58 per bushel

Lot 3, hard white winter wheat — ADM/Farmland, Hutchinson, \$3.63 per bushel

Lot 4, milo — ADM/Farmland of Hutchinson, \$2.351/4 per bushel

Lot 5, mixed grain — John Kats of Prai-

rie View, \$1.68 per bushel

Lot 6, oats — Beyerlein Farms of Phillipsburg, \$1.10 per bushel

Lot 7, milo — ADM/Farmland of Hutchinson, \$2.351/4 per bushel

Lot 8, heavily damaged grain — Maksbak of Ellis, \$1 per bushel

Lot 9, heavily damaged grain — Maksbak of Ellis, \$1 per bushel

Lot 10, corn — ADM/Farmland of Hutchinson, \$2.291/4 per bushel

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Norton, Kansas Home of Mary Keith

Briefly

Churches plan holiday service

The Norton County Ministerial Alliance is again hosting a county-wide Thanksgiving service. It is planned for Sunday at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Norton.

There will be scripture readings and congregational singing, music and testimony. An offering will be taken for the Ministerial Alliance's transient fund. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted for God's Pantry.

The ministers of Norton County urge everyone to come together to pray and sing and participate in this service for people in need.

Northern Valley to hold tourney

The Northern Valley Junior High School will be hosting the Junior High Huskies Christmas Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 6, in Almena. The tournament will begin at noon.

Admission prices will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Cheyenne Conference League, Northern Valley, and Senior Citizen passes will not be honored.

Annual meeting set for Dec. 3

The Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development will hold its 27th annual meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the Elks Club in Hill City.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m.

For reservations, contact Kathie Terry at the Northwest Planning Commission office at (785) 421-2151 or email nwkpcd@ruraltel.net by Dec. 1.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 30s. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. **Thursday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 30s. **Friday** — Partly cloudy and much colder with highs in the lower 50s. **Friday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 30s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow in the afternoon.

Howell report:

Monday High 68, Low 41
Tuesday High 57, Low 38
Week ago High 65, Low 40
Month ago High 90, Low 51
Year ago High 59, Low 34
November precipitation21 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 18.83 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

If we believe, we will see God working in our world. Amen

Deck the halls, streets and sidewalks



As the holidays approach, Norton's city crews pick up the pace, trying to get all the decorations hung. Steve Cole, Brian Hickman and Dale Henry have been hanging the decorations along State Street. Mr. Hickman attaches a tree to its fixture above the street. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Lenora helps school buy computers

By VERONICA MONIER

Students from Lenora are helping to upgrade the technology in the Norton Community High School.

The Norton School District decided during its meeting on Monday to spend some of the money it receives from its contract with Lenora on new computers.

Superintendent Greg Mann said there were two things he would like to buy for the school. The first is a mobile computer lab, which would include 25 wireless Apple laptops for \$25,181. He said the district needed the lab because computers used for instruction could not be used for the assessment tests.

The second, he said, is 24 eMacs, which would total around \$40,000. He said, if purchased, the computers would go into Linda Burge's classroom, with the computers already in her room going into a station in the school's library.

The board also decided to setup a "Kids Voting Kansas" program.

This is a private program designed to get kids in the mode of voting. Mr. Mann said the district would sign a two-year contract and the cost is 25 cents per student per year, but if the district signed-up before Dec. 1, then the cost is 40 cents per student for the two years. He said money for the program, besides the cost per student, was secured at the meeting held by

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Long Island man wins this week

By DICK BOYD

Jim Cole of Long Island finished on top of the stack of entries in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in the Norton Telegram with only one miss and will receive the \$15 cash first prize.

Jim's only miss was the Hesston play-off victory over Smith Center.

Six fans were correct on all but two games but only four of them picked the correct winner of the tiebreaker game between Iowa and Minnesota. Iowa won the contest by a 40-22 score. Second place money of \$10 in cash goes to Aaron Overlease of Norton, who has already won the weekly first prize twice. Aaron chose Iowa over Minnesota by 35-21 or just six points off the actual score of each team. Aaron miscued on the West Virginia win over Pittsburgh and Norton's loss to Conway Springs.

Lexie McDowell, Hill City, won third place cash of \$5. Lexie selected Iowa over Minnesota by a score of 31-24 or 11 points off. Lexie missed the Hesston win over Smith Center and Oregon's win over UCLA.

The other two fans who missed just two games and chose Iowa to win the tiebreaker and points off were: Kirsten Baird, Long Island, 14 and Tim Moore, Hoisington, 15.

Missing two games but picking Minnesota to win the tiebreaker were Aaron

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County helps airport out of money trouble

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Norton County Commissioners decided to help the city/county airport out of a financial bind during their meeting of Nov. 10.

The commissioners agreed to give the Airport Board \$1,769.45 so that the bills can be paid through the end of the year.

The Airport Board reported to both the City of Norton and the county that it will be more than \$600 short of being able to pay its bills at the end of November. In

order to make it through the end of the year, the airport will need a cash infusion of \$1,769.45 from both the city and the county.

Commissioners agreed to help even though they are trying to get out of dealing with the airport on the recommendation of their insurance company.

The commission also agreed to borrow \$1 million.

Commission Chairman John Miller signed a summary notice of bond sale for

general obligation bonds to pay for the construction of bridges. This is an ongoing project for the county. The money will be paid back through taxes over a 10 year period with the first payment scheduled for 2004.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Received a list of radios used by the road and bridge, solid waste and weed departments from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan. With a change in

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Hospital looks at new computer system

By VERONICA MONIER

More information. That's what was given at the special Norton County Hospital Board meeting last week.

The hospital is planning on installing a new information system and is trying to decide between systems offered by Meditech and Dairyland.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Carlton said they have talked to hospitals in Kansas and Nebraska. The hospitals, he talked with, seemed comfortable with their cho-

sen systems.

He said some of the things the hospital has looked at for are programming — will it go forward into the future, database design, presentation — the appearance of the system, paper elimination, client references, client support, clinic/hospital integration, hardware maintenance, industry focus — what size of hospital it's geared toward, down time, training, customizations, user friendliness/and ease of system and cost.

Mr. Carlton said Dairyland is more expensive than Meditech and Meditech is more expensive than the system the hospital is using now.

Dairyland is priced at around \$600,000, while Meditech will be at least \$300,000. But Meditech also has several hidden costs that will bump up the price. Also, if the hospital goes with Meditech, it will have to join with five other hospitals.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller

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