The abatement was for the Northwest Kansas Inmate Resource Council Inc., operators of The Haven. The exemption had earlier been heard by the Board of Tax Appeals and approved in the amount of \$329.02.

The commissioners discussed the request with County Counselor R. Doug Sebelius about notification of the hearing, and said they would like to see the request for exemptions in the future.

The commissioners — Chairman John Miller, Leroy Lang and Richard Thompson — asked County Clerk Robert Wyatt to follow up with a letter to the Resource Council.

Chairman Miller signed the

abatement. Mr. Sebelius also presented the commissioners with documents relating to the purchase of two new motor graders, financed with the First State Bank of Norton for a period of five years at 4.55 percent interest. The sum borrowed was

Sept. 6, Chef Salad, Fruit Cup

w/Pineapple, Crackers, Cherry

Oranges, Rolls, Cook's Choice

Sept. 10, Salisbury Steak,

Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Beets,

Bread, Apricots. **Sept. 11,** Chili

Dog w/Cheese, Corn, Cantaloupe,

Bun, Cook's Choice Complement.

Sept. 12, Ham, Scalloped Pota-

toes, Winter Mix Vegs, Bread,

Cook's Choice Veg, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Five Cup Salad. Sept. 14,

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Peas,

Fluffy Fruit Salad, Biscuits,

Sept. 17, Cook's Choice Entree.

Spinach, Pears, Rolls, Pudding.

Sept. 18, Swedish Meat Balls, Italian Blend Vegs, Cinnamon

Apples, Noodles, Brownie. **Sept.**

19, Chicken Fajita Sandwich,

Hash Brown Casserole, Pea Cheese Salad, Bun, Mandarin Or-

anges. **Sept. 20**, Roast Pork, Steam Cabbage, Carrots, & On-

ions, Strawberries & Bananas,

Bread, Cake w/Frosting. Sept. 21,

Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Frozen Fruit

Senior Center menu

Dump Cake. Sept. 7, Salmon Bread, Cherry Cobbler. Sept. 26,

Patty, Peas and Carrots, Mandarin Cheeseburger Upside Down

\$115,859.000.

Complement.

The Certificate of Acceptance, the commissioners the mowers Certificate of Appropriation, continue to work the districts. Fur-Lease Purchase Agreement and pose Letter was signed by the com-

The motor graders accepted are a 2007 John Deere 770D and a 2007 Caterpillar 140H Series II.

A public hearing was held on the 2008 budget. John Mapes CPA, of Mapes and Miller Accounting, was on hand to field questions.

Commissioner Thompson moved to adopt the budget as presented and to also approve Resolution 2007-11, a resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Norton County Commissioners with respect to financing of the 2008 budand it passed 3-0.

Tom Brannan, Road & Bridge supervisor, introduced Drew Martin to the governing board. Mr. Martin expressed interest in a position with road and bridge. He mid-month payments. completed a job application and talked with the commissioners and signed and approved as submitted. Mr. Brannan about the opportu-

Mr. Brannan and the commisit related to areas of work throughout the county. Mr. Brannan told

25, Turkey and Noodles, Cucum-

bers & Onions, Pineapple Tidbits,

Pizza, Spinach Salad, Mixed Vegs,

Cranberry Gelatin Salad. Sept. 27,

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Cauli-

flower, Macaroni Salad, Bread,

Four Season Fruit Cup. Sept. 28,

Chili w/Beans, Confetti Cole

Slaw, Cook's Choice Fruit, Crack-

ther discussion dealt with mowing the Essential Use and Public Purand the quality of work being done, along with the width of the mowing and how the county can get a better result. The commissioners showed a brochure on a new mower that would possibly work for Norton County, and they asked Mr. Brannan to look further into the new style mower that

Mid-month checks were pre-

the county clerk to do some corre-

The checks in question were

Reggie Beckman, the county

The commissioners also talked with Mr. Beckman about chemical control of weeds on county roadways. Mr. Beckman said he would select an area and give the control method a test.

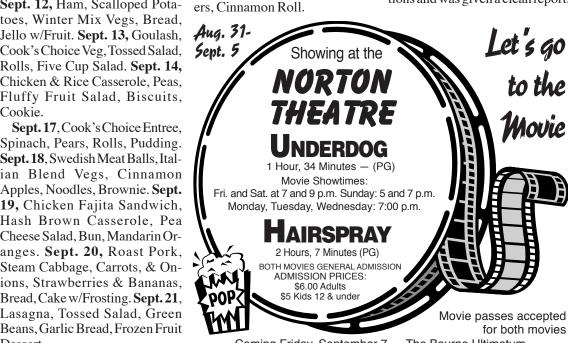
Mr. Beckman told the county board the department was audited last week by the State Department, and upon completion of the inspection and audit, the Noxious Weed Department had no viola-

would allow the tractor to stay on the road bed. sented to the commissioners and counselor for approval. Checks in the amount of \$128,372.40 were viewed for signature. The commissioners also discussed the number of requests being made for get. Mr. Lang seconded the motion the mid-month vouchers and

The commissioners instructed sponding with departments and entities that are requesting the

noxious week director, talked with the commissioners about departsioners engaged in conversation as ment operations. Chairman Miller told Mr. Beckman he had a request from a rural resident regarding services for control of puncture vine. Mr. Beckman said he would check out the site and spray accordingly.

tions and was given a clean report.



Coming Friday, September 7 — The Bourne Ultimatum BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7. THE NORTON THEATRE RETURNS TO ITS FALL HOURS (ONLY 1 MOVIE PER NIGHT)



THE NORTON TELEGRAM

John Kingham's "rattlesnake" watermelon was the talk of the day when he brought it to The *Telegram* office Tuesday. One of the giant melons weighed 82 pounds.

'Rattlesnakes' come in all shapes

This is one "rattlesnake" you'll but it sure does grow big melons. want to take a bite out of.

into *The Telegram* office Tuesday a two-wheeled cart to move it. morning. He said the new variety, "Rattlesnake" is not his favorite, seeds in late May.

John Kingham, rural Norton, weighed 82 pounds and measured brought several huge watermelons 28 inches in length. He had to use

Mr. Kingham said he planted the

He likes to plant "Black Dia-He said one of the giant melons mond" variety, but said seed germination was not good this year.

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