



Nancy Sebelius, center, sat with her high school Scholars' Bowl students while taking a break from the state competition on Saturday.

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## Several Northern Valley forensics team members place at Norton Invitational

By KEN THARMAN  
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The Northern Valley forensics team has been slowly getting ready for this year's competition since October. The team had three meetings before the end of the year and many of the students picked out their material before Christmas break. Speeches have been written, lines rehearsed, and voices challenged. The work involved in forensics is intensive in its own right; however, most of the kids have many other activities they are involved with,

and this just becomes one more (I sometimes wonder how they do it all).

By this time of the year, we are normally on our third meet, but due to different circumstances, the Norton meet ended up being our first. Our team this year consists of 23 students. Those attending the meet on Feb. 14 were: Gunnar Hays, Informative and Extemporaneous Speaking; Matt Dole, Poetry; Daniel Field, Poetry; Ashley Constable, Poetry; Christina Anderson, Improvised Duet Acting and Prose; Kayla

Field, Improvised Duet Acting & Serious Solo; Michael Callaway, Prose; Bryant Tharman, Prose; Melissa Hawks, Duet Acting; and Team Captain Hannah Hawks, Duet Acting.

I am going to call the snowstorm from the previous day a *huge* blessing. There was a high school basketball game scheduled, a lock-in for the cheerleaders, forensics practices, and I don't know how many other things. Most, if not all of those items, were canceled and the kids had an evening to unwind and

## PUBLIC RECORD

### Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

### Traffic

Feb. 5 — Steven Simmons, Norton, speeding 53 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$78, court cost \$75.

Feb. 12 — Chase Hatfield, Atwood, defective headlamp, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Feb. 12 — Ashton Draper, Norton, failure to stop at stop sign, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Feb. 12 — Kirstie Gible, Norton, speeding 38 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Feb. 12 — Adam Myers, Norton, stop sign violation, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Feb. 12 — Kayla Lee, failed to have verification of insurance. Dismissed as verification provided.

### Criminal

Feb. 5 — Cody Stewart, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol. To serve 48 hours jail time and 30 days Driver's license suspension. ADSAP fee \$150, fine \$500, court cost \$75.

Feb. 5 — Jeffry Delimont, Norton, harboring vicious dogs. Amended to dogs running at large without a license.

Feb. 5 — Brittany Kolman, Norton, domestic battery charges on Jan. 6 and Jan. 28. Must enroll in and successfully complete a domestic violence prevention program. 48 hours jail suspended if completed by Dec. 31, 2009. Fine \$400, court cost \$75.

Feb. 5 — Terry Billings, Norton, domestic violence. One-year diversion. Diversion fee \$100, court cost \$75.

Feb. 5 — Mark Scheetz, minor in possession of alcohol. To receive 6 month diversion. Diversion fee \$100, Assessment fee \$200, court cost \$75.

Feb. 12 — Seth Batson, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol and no driver's license on person. To receive

1 year supervised probation to run concurrent with District Court cases. Driver's license suspended for 30 days, fine \$210, court cost \$75.

Feb. 12 — Samantha Buffington, Norton, disorderly conduct. To serve 4 Friday's and 4 Saturday's, for a total of 8 days, in the county jail. Fine \$200, court cost \$75.

Feb. 12 — Heather Loftus, Norton, domestic violence and minor in possession of alcohol. Pled not guilty. Trial set.

Feb. 12 — Teresa Horacek, Downs, disorderly conduct. Pled not guilty. Trial set.

### Building Permits

Feb. 18 — Valley Hope Association, \$4,686—Install septic system and restroom in VHA hanger at Norton Airport.

### Animal Shelter

#### For Adoption

Female, brindle Lab mix, 4 years old, spayed.

Six month old male, long hair kitten.

## Sen. Lee, others on television tonight

Five members of the Kansas House of Representatives and Senate, representing central and western Kansas, will discuss the past week's activities at the statehouse when Smoky Hills Public Television's public affairs series "The Kansas Legislature 2009" airs live at 8 p.m. tonight.

Scheduled to be on the program are state representatives Josh Svaty (D-Ellsworth, District 108) and Dan Johnson (R-Hays, District 110), and state senators Pete Brungardt

(R-Salina, District 24), Janis Lee (D-Kensington, District 36) and Jay Emler (R-Lindsborg, District 35).

Dr. Richard Heil, senior policy fellow with Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute of Public Affairs and retired chair of Fort Hays State's political science department, will be moderator.

Viewers can speak directly with the legislators during the program's call-in segment. The telephone number is 1-800-337-

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Smoky Hills Public Television has produced the series annually for more than 20 years in conjunction with the Kansas legislative session.

Currently produced and directed by Les Kinderknecht, the discussion generally is moderated by staff and fellows from Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute.

The program can be viewed on channel 9 in Norton for Nex-Tech subscribers.

## Northern Valley secretary resigns

The resignation of the Northern Valley School District's middle school secretary, Emily Lowry, was accepted by the board of education on a 6-0 vote at the board's monthly meeting Feb. 9 at the Almena School.

The secretary will remain on the job until the end of the current school year.

The decision to accept the resignation came after an executive session under *Personnel Review* dealing with matters for non-elected personnel.

Later in the evening, the board

went into another executive session under *Board/Administration/Policy Evaluation* for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel. No action was taken when the board returned to open session.

During the meeting, Superintendent George Griffith informed the board that he needed to republish the 2008-09 budget for the general fund. A motion and a second to this need was approved 6-0. The superintendent talked to the board about expected state

funding budget cuts.

Chris Robertson, preK-8 principal, shared information on a Kansas Masons Child ID program. She said the Masons would purchase the equipment to implement the program, but it would be at the discretion of parents to record their child's data.

The Northern Valley Education Association presented its proposals. but the board opted not to take action at this time until the state budget is finalized.

## School menus

### Monday, Feb. 23

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Pancakes, syrup, scrambled eggs, fruit punch, or cereal, and milk — *Lunch* — Frito pie, tossed salad with dressing, buttered corn, vanilla pudding and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Banana bread square, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — *Lunch* — Turkey and swiss roll-up, lettuce and chopped tomato, cottage cheese, corn, rosy applesauce, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Golden waffles, warm maple syrup, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — *Lunch* — Taco crunch, corn, tossed salad, chocolate cake and milk.

### Tuesday, Feb. 24

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Granola bar, ham slice, hash browns, or cereal, and milk — *Lunch* — Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll buttered carrots, frosted pear and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Monkey bread, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — *Lunch* — Chicken nuggets, tater tots, coleslaw, bread, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — *Lunch* — Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit basket upset and milk.

### Wednesday, Feb. 25

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Banana muffin, ham slice, scrambled eggs, orange slice, or cereal, and milk — *Lunch* — Cheese pizza, tossed salad with dressing, buttered broccoli, chocolate cake and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — NO

### SCHOOL

Eisenhower Elementary — NO SCHOOL

### Thursday, Feb. 26

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, hash browns, apple juice, or cereal, and milk — *Lunch* — Vegetable beef soup with crackers, relish plate, cheese stick, cinnamon bun and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Long john, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — *Lunch* — Beef nachos, carrots, bread with margarine, fruit, cookie, or chef salad, and milk

Eisenhower Elementary —

*Breakfast* — Warm pumpkin bread, rosy applesauce, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — *Lunch* — BBQ beef, homemade bun, potato salad, dill spear, banana pudding and milk.

### Friday, Feb. 27

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Oatmeal with toppings, toast, scrambled eggs, peaches, or cereal, and milk — *Lunch* — macaroni and cheese, little smokies, french bread, California blend veggies, spice cake and milk

Norton Jr./Sr. High — NO SCHOOL

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The meeting of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International was held on Feb. 2, 2009 at the home of Sandy Worden. Co-hostesses were Tiffany VanderVeen, Glenda Campbell and Sally Clydesdale. Twenty-three members and one guest, Eva Fuertes, were present.

Eva Fuertes, Spanish teacher at Norton Community High School, presented an informative program about Spain. She explained that her country is a

parliamentary monarchy; however, it was a dictatorship prior to 1978. Eva stated there are actually five different languages spoken in Spain. Eva had statistics demonstrating that Spain is a progressive country. It is second in the world in use of wind energy and ranks third in the world based on the number of women in the military. Life expectancy is high with age 86 for women and age 80 for men. She compared and contrasted Spain's public education system to that of the United States. At age fourteen students may

begin to train for a vocation. A public university is basically free or has very little cost to the student. Extracurricular activities are not part of public education.

President Lynn Hehn called the business meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given. The upcoming state convention was discussed. It will be held March 27-29 in Great Bend. The next meeting will be March 2 at the home of Joyce Morel. The meeting was adjourned with the collect.

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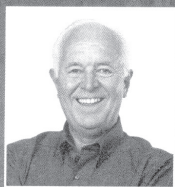
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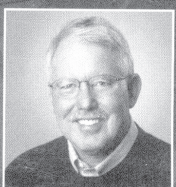
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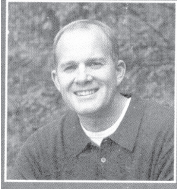
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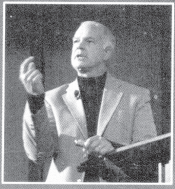
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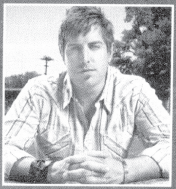
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