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Briefly

Norton boosters to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Speaking will be Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka, head boys basketball coach Doug Reusink and head wrestling coach Bill Johnson. They will update the fans on the latest competition by their teams. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend the meeting.

Extension office to talk fungicide

K-State Research and Extension office will hold a Crop Fungicide Meeting at the Lenora Library on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 1:30 p.m. Topics included are wheat, corn, soybeans and sunflowers. RSVP by Monday, Jan. 24 by calling 785-421-3411 or 785-877-5755. Hosts will be the Graham County Extension and Twin Creeks Extension District of Norton and Decatur Counties. Snacks will be provided. See Page 5 for more details.

Spelling bee set for Monday

The Junior High spelling bee will be Monday, Jan. 24 from 1:38 p.m. to 1:58 p.m. during AP.

The Eisenhower school spelling bee will take place Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 2:15 p.m. Four students from each of the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes qualified to participate. There are two alternates from each class that can fill in for any class qualifier that is unable to be present.

County spelling bee planned for Feb. 9

The county spelling bee will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 9 at East Campus. This bee will include Norton and Northern Valley students who qualified from the school bee.

Markets

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| Wheat | | \$7.21 |
| Milo | | \$5.48 |
| Soybeans | | \$13.27 |
| Corn | | \$5.79 |

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - A slight chance of snow and freezing drizzle after midnight. Mostly cloudy with a low around 18. **Wednesday** - A chance of snow and freezing drizzle before noon, the a chance of snow. Cloudy with a high near 23. **Wednesday Night** - A 40 percent chance of snow before midnight. **Thursday** - Sunny with a high near 28. **Thursday Night** - Partly cloudy with a low around 9.

Kingham Report

Friday, January 14Low 26, High 49
Saturday, January 15.....Low 22, High 30
Sunday, January 16.....Low 15, High 37
Monday, January 17.....Low 33, High 54
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, faithful God, for those who help us in our need. May they receive your blessing as you have promised. Amen



Phil Henrickson, father of a Cub Scout, helps Cub Scout Ethan Shea get his racer ready to hit the track. — Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



The Norton Pack 181 Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby Saturday. Cub Master, George Boutwell, Den Leader, Jennifer Boutwell stand with their Cub Scouts after the races. Cub Scouts are, from left, Christian Hawks, Austin Stewart, Henry Boutwell, Seth Henrickson, Aiden Wicker, Jacob Shellhamer and Ethan Shea. — Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Seven Scouts race in Pinewood Derby

By DANA PAXTON
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This past Saturday the Pack 181 Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby at the Methodist church.

The pack must have a sponsor and David Davis is the Charter Representative for the group through the Norton Lions Club. The pack has a total of eight boys involved under the leadership of Den Leader Jennifer Boutwell and Cub Master George Boutwell. This year's judges were Sue Urban and Darel Boston. The runners were Doug Sebelius and Adam Boughman. Kevin Baughman, Unit Coordinator and former Cub Master, was also involved in running the races which are run on a track built by Lion Ed Witt

who took care of setting the cars up and sending them down the ramp.

Every year the pack is given a block of wood, four wheels and four nails for each Cub to build their own race car. They were given one month to build and prepare for the race. Each car must weigh no more than five ounces total, paint, parts, etc.

Of the eight pack members, seven showed up to race their cars. Several others did show up with their own racers but were not included for the chance to compete and win the honors of first through third place, slow poke or best in show.

The first award to be given out was for the slow poke racer and this year's winner

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Health department will buy mask machine

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Although the Norton County commissioners feel it is still a waste of money, the health departments in this area will purchase a machine to check safety masks for health workers.

The machine, which will cost about \$10,000, will be paid for out of leftover H1N1 money, County Health Nurse Gina Frack told commissioners on Monday.

Frack said she had originally thought the money was coming from Homeland Security. However, she said, since it is from leftover money, it can be used only for specific things such as the machine, which will test the

masks used by health workers and volunteers to protect themselves in case of an emergency, like the flu.

Frack said that her group voted to get the machine because, although some of the group—including Norton — has access to other means of testing the masks, some counties do not.

Some counties either don't have a hospital or don't have a working relationship with a local hospital which allows them to use hospital equipment to test masks, she explained to the commissions on Monday.

"We decided to go ahead and do it," she said.

Commissioner John Miller said that he understood the group had voted and that was that but he still was

against the purchase.

"I'm not in favor of doing this," he said.

Miller went on to say that he sees too much of such spending in the state budget and feels that much of it is just a waste.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Were reminded by Frack that they have a meeting with the Health Department Advisory Board at noon next Monday at the hospital.

- Learned that Frack will be attending meetings in Washington, D.C., in February and April and has been

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Norton chamber gets new executive director

By HARRIETT GILL
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A new Executive Director for the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce has been selected. Brook Dix has been chosen for the position. Mr. Dix is familiar with the needs and desires of Northwest Kansas. He is also aware of the many things that the Norton area has to offer.

Mr. Dix has ties to the area; he was raised in Stockton. His parents, Jeff Dix and Dawna Scott are life long residents of Stockton.

"I grew up an hour away from Norton, so I am very familiar with the area," said Dix.

He is a graduate of Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing.

For the last five years, while seeking his degree at Fort Hays, he worked at the Stockton Public Library and was a volunteer within the Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dix said that he learned valuable lessons while working in the Stockton library and with the Chamber of Commerce.

"I learned the importance of organization and managing multiple projects. My experience has granted me invaluable exposure to marketing as well as an op-



Brook Dix

portunity to work with local businesses and community members," said Dix.

"I look forward to this opportunity to fully engage myself and to achieve prosperity and continuous growth within the Norton area. The business people of Norton are very lively and friendly. Having this opportunity to become a key member within the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce is truly an exciting and rewarding experience," Dix said. "I look forward to meeting and working with the residents of Norton."

Elections and donation on school board agenda

By HARRIETT GILL
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The members of the Board of Education were reminded by Superintendent Greg Mann that they have until noon on Jan. 25 to file for election at the regular meeting of the board on last Monday.

Mann reported that a donation was received from the Knights of Columbus to be used in Special Education. He asked the board to accept the donation of \$376.66. The board accepted the donation and will use it for the purpose specified by the Knights of Columbus.

Board members were invited to attend the in-service meeting today. Mann also extended an invitation to interested board members that would like to attend a meeting with him and Joe Hurla from 360 Energy Solutions on Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. to go over the report that will be presented to the board on Feb. 14. Robert Wyatt, Steve Berry and Scott Ellis plan on attending.

A presentation from Mr. Hauser, Director of USD211 Educational Technology, was changed to the February meeting. The revised three year plan was approved by the board.

A chart that contained a survey was presented to the board showing a graph of the number of students who have access to a home computer and have the internet at home. Summary of the graph showed that 84 percent of 2010/2011 students in grades 3-11 have home computers and internet access.

Robert Wyatt was appointed to serve on the calendar committee to help in the development of the 2011-2012 school calendar.

Superintendent Mann distributed the priority grid for Capital Outlay requests and gave a short overview of each project. He asked the grids be returned to him by Feb. 1 so he can compile the rankings for presentation at the February meeting. Superintendent Mann is recommending that no more than \$150,000 be spent from capital outlay funds for projects in fiscal year 2011.

The board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student. The board returned at 6:45 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The time for the February meeting has been changed to 7 p.m.