

# Some students to receive i-Pads for next school year

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The Norton School Board agreed at its meeting on Monday night to purchase Apple iPads for the fifth and sixth grade students next year as part of a pilot project to bring more technology into the school system.

Board member Craig Renner made the motion to buy the equipment with Scott Ellis seconding the motion, which passed 4-0.

The board also approved a memorandum of understanding with Schafer, Johnson, Cox and Frey of Wichita.

In association with Glenn Strait of Colby, the Norton district is looking to develop a plan, including the estimated costs for improvements of the schools.

The board passed a second memorandum of understanding

with the George K. Baum Company out of Wichita to provide financial advice and bonding service for a possible bond issue.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the payroll of \$434,956.67 and bills for \$393,249.86.
- Discussed the possibility of having a power lifting team at the school. No action was taken on the proposal.
- Heard Board President April Karnopp extend her thanks to Brandon and Candace Gay and the students for a great performance at the play. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.
- Learned that Superintendent Greg Mann would like to replace the message board at the Junior/Senior High School. Mr. Mann will obtain more information on this and report back to

the board in December.

- Passed the proposed format for a Facility Steering Committee and reviewed the purpose of the Learning Center. No changes will be made at this time.
- Appointed Bill Johnson to the Recreation Commission Board.
- Heard a report by Bill Jones on the Kansas Association of School Boards Education Summit he attended.
- Listened to a report by April Karnopp on the last North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors meeting and the agenda for the next meeting that will be coming up next Monday.
- Went into closed session three times to discuss non-elected personnel.

# Grants

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new homes. The property would have to be used for low income housing for three years and then could go into regular housing.

“I think we could find someone (to put up the match money),” Board Chairman Aaron Herman said.

“I want someone’s name on the line before I submit it,” Mr. Sproul said, adding that he had a list of potential investors but noting that it would take a lot of time to apply for the grant.

“A complex that needs rehabilitation,” Mr. Sproul noted. “It would be more effective.”

Mr. Sproul said that water and sewer upgrades for the property could also be covered by this

grant.

The Kansas Health Foundation Planning Grant is a little different, Mr. Sproul said. It is for \$25,000 and the money is to be used for the planning process to see what the community needs for things like prevention of health problems and what do people think are the chief health issues.

There would be lots of public meetings involved, he said, and the grant helps pay for consultants to come in to help.

“It’s a base for a lot of other grants,” board member and county commissioner Carolyn Applegate said, adding that the hospital, schools and city can use the information gathered to help them get grants.

Mr. Sproul agreed.

“The documents will show we’ve done this process,” he said.

He said that this would be needed if the community wanted help building something like a YMCA.

As money shrinks there are going to be a lot more of this sort of thing needed to get a grant in the future, he said. He also noted that administrative fees can be taken, which would help pay for the time spent to get and administer the grant.

“I can see it helping the health department and schools and recreation,” Mrs. Applegate said.

The economic development board unanimously approved all the grant request suggestions.

# Website

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work on the web site.

He told the group that the county commissioners have added developers to the neighborhood revitalization program and took the cap off commercial property.

“This is to keep up with other counties,” Mr. Sproul said.

The program would be good for a developer building a spec house, he said, but not one that they were going to live in.

He noted that four people from four businesses will get a chance to attend a boot camp in Longmont, Colo. The camp is two and one-half days long, he said, and designed to help businesses find out who their customers really are and how to market their

products.

Representatives of Destination Kitchen have attended the camp as well as several businesses from Phillips County, Mr. Sproul said, and have reported that it is very good.

The cost is \$1,295 each and is paid for by Norton County e-community grant administrative money. Those attending will still have to pay their transportation and lodging costs.

The Governor’s Pheasant Hunt will be taking place this weekend in Oakley, he said.

Mrs. Applegate reminded everyone that Norton will be playing host for the hunt next year and that it takes a lot of time and work to put it together.

“The spotlight of the state will

be on us,” she said. “There’s a lot of volunteerism in this.”

She noted that to prepare for an event like this to occur in November, you have to start getting ready in February.

Board member and city councilman Jerry Jones suggested that since the governor is known to be fond of motorcycles, perhaps he could be talked into coming out to Norton next summer to ride and play golf.

The board agreed that would be a good idea if it could be arranged.

# Pigskin

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Becker, Logan; W. Luis Cass, Beaver City; Jeff Porter, Len Coady, Doug Ray, Tom Davis, Bill Nelson, Charlotte Stephenson, Scott Ellis, David Riemann, Tobi Boller, Mary Ann Hager, Deanna Gallentine, Patty Gall, Virginia Carlton, Taryn Graham, Andrew Lantz, Devon Gasper, Chad Gasper, Dalton Smith, Lisa Shearer, Dustan Daniels, Kerri Ray, all of Norton.

Missing three games were: Lisa Mussman, Phillipsburg; Lynn Nelson, Betty Rossow, Cassie Walker, Brenda Beutler, Shara Dukes, Tom Baumann, Ryan Hopkins, Douglas Daniels, Travis Ray, Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton.

Miscuing on four contests were: Trey Millan, Hays; Paul Myers, Stratten McKenna, Keely Millan, Jacob Green, Darin Williams, Keegan Smith, Charlotte Gasper, all of Norton. Missing five games was Linda Covington, Almena.

**This week’s entries**

The 12th and final week’s entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. today and received in the mail no later than Monday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. today.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in Tuesday’s Telegram for this week’s college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

Defending Pick-Em champion is Taryn Graham, Norton.

Scores of last week’s games were: Texas A&M 29, Alabama 24; Michigan 38, Northwestern 31 O.T.; Nebraska 32, Penn State 23; Oklahoma State 55, West Virginia 34; South Carolina 38; Arkansas 20; Stanford 27, Oregon State 23; Kansas State 23, TCU 10; Texas 33, Iowa State 7; Texas Tech 41, Kansas 34 2 O.T.s; Missouri 51, Tennessee 48 4 O.

T.s.

# Leak at practice field



The City of Norton battled two main water leaks in town over the past week. One was on West Waverly and this one was at the practice football field. Jason Dial is seen here in the loader diverting the water away from First Street. – Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Northern Valley KAYS group holds program for veterans

The Northern Valley KAY Club held their annual Veteran’s Day program on Monday, November 12, 2012. Breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice were served to the Veterans and their guests before the ceremony. Many attended and enjoyed this time of visiting and reminiscing.

The ceremony started at 8:30. Alex Tharman, KAY president, gave the welcome. Tea VanPatten and Clinton Cole posted the colors. The Northern Valley High School Band under the direction of Karla Funk played the National Anthem, followed by the Flag Salute led by Kolton Hilburn. The 5-8 grade students sang, “Sing a Song of Peace,” under the direction of director, Dani Wuest. Veterans were then asked to stand and be

recognized as the high school band played the service songs. The K-4 students then performed “Of the People .” Alex then introduced Pastor Becky Wynn-Saddler who gave the address. She spoke of the respect and honor that should be awarded Veterans. She shared a letter from her son sent during his deployment in Afghanistan, and what he believed everyone should understand about men and women in service. She emphasized faith and commitment and honor. Following the speaker, the high school choir sang, “America’s Light.” Erika Chandler read the names of local fallen soldiers while Haley Graham and Morgan Speer lit a candle for each. Taps was played by Macy Kasson and Alex Tharman. The flags were retired, and Alex thanked all for coming.

# Toys For Tots drive begins

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The Marine Toys For Tots Foundation is looking for some help again this year and the Norton County Toys For Tots Committee and the Norton County Head Start Program is assisting by providing applications and pick up locations for people to donate. The mission is to make sure that every child has a happy holiday; but they need your help. From now un-

til delivery time, a list of children who should receive toys for Christmas is being built . The goal is to deliver two wrapped gifts per child to their home before Christmas.

There are toy collection boxes at the Norton Dollar General, Nex Tech, and Shopko that people can put the new toys in. The only thing they can not collect and distribute are clothes.

If you would like your child or children between the ages

of 0-18, who are living in your home to receive a toy from Toys For Tots or know of a child who should receive a toy then please contact the Norton County Head Start at the First United Methodist Church in Norton. In order for the distribution process to be put in place in time for Christmas please sign up the children by November 30.

Help them make a child’s Christmas brighter.



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**Norton Sheet Metal Inc.**  
to the business community

Norton Sheet Metal Inc. would like to say thank you to all who stopped by for our open house and ribbon cutting. David Corns, service technician, was unavailable for the photo. Norton Sheet Metal Inc. is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m. and “remember us for your furnace and air conditioning needs.” For information call 785-877-3211.