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## Friday

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# Happy Valentine's Day

### Briefly

## Fundraiser to be held Saturday

A fundraiser will held this coming Saturday at the Norton American Legion ballroom from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. to help Deb Jones with medical expenses.

## Snowball dance set for this Saturday

The Norton Community High School will be holding the annual Snowball dance on Saturday. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Norton Junior High gymnasium.

## Understanding the healthcare act

Insurance Central will hold an affordable care act seminar on Saturday starting at 10 a.m. in the Norton Library meeting room.

## Norton FFA to hold a work auction

The Norton FFA chapter members will hold a work auction on Monday night at 6 p.m. at the Norton Junior High gymnasium.

## Potato bar being offered on Tuesday

The Norton PEO Chapter will host a baked potato bar scholarship fundraiser on Tuesday, Feb. 18 before the Norton vs. Hoxie basketball game, in the high school cafeteria. Baked potatoes with a variety of toppings, dessert, and a drink will be available for \$6. They will be serving from 4:30-7 p.m.

## Markets

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Wheat	\$.637
Milo	\$.405
Soybeans	\$12.68
Corn	\$.422

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Saturday - A few passing clouds with a high of 56. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 32. Sunday - Partly cloudy skies with a high of 56. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 38. Monday - Mainly sunny skies with a high around 55. Monday Night - A few clouds with a low of 36.

## Prayer

Dear God, we know that you lay before us many opportunities for sharing your love with those in need. May we always be ready to embrace your call to serve. Amen.



# Norton's sweethearts are announced

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Well, the ballots are in and the winning couple has been chosen as this year's Norton County Sweetheart Couple. Wilmer and Eilene Juan Severns of Norton get to claim bragging rights, and they are ever deserving of the honor.

There were a total of 65 votes turned in this year for 35 different couples and the Severns' were lucky enough to

have their names drawn. One ballot for each couple is placed in a bag and one drawn out so that every couple has an equal chance of winning.

Wilmer was so pleased when he got the call informing him that they had won. He tells their story of love and it is seen in his face and heard in his voice as he talked about his sweetheart, Eilene Juan.

They knew each other in high school but never dated. He will never forget

their first meeting. He was sent to town by his father on April 30, 1947 to pick up some copper card to treat the milo with. While in town a big storm rolled in with lots of hail. He called home to have his mother say, wheat harvest is over, it was gone. Knowing he didn't need to rush home, he stopped at the station where Downtown Car Wash is now and when he was leaving he saw Juan just getting off work at the bakery and walking home. Being the gentle-

man Wilmer is, he stopped and offered her a ride so she wouldn't have to walk in the rain. Upon reaching her home he asked if she would like to go with him to the picture show that night, she agreed. It has been a love story ever since.

On May 30, 1948 they were married. Decoration day, it was and Wilmer said, "I have been decorating her ever since, she is my darling dear." Juan  
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# Norton County uses transportation funds

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The Kansas Department of Transportation has more than \$72,000 available for transportation programs in Norton County.

County commissioners visited with Moni El-Aasar, an engineer with BG Consultants and Kansas Department of

Transportation officials - Sondra Clark, program manager and Ron Seitz, chief of the Bureau of Local Projects - during their meeting on Monday.

"You have definitely done real well with the federal programs," Mr. Seitz told the commissioners.

So far during the state's fiscal year, Norton County has gotten almost

\$60,000 in state money for transportation projects, Ms. Clark said.

The transportation people explained the Federal Funds Exchange Program which allows cities and counties to trade federal dollars with the state at 90 cents on the dollar. The advantage to the county is the state money can be used for a lot more things with fewer strings than the federal money.

The money can be used for signs, bridges, sidewalks, chip sealing, al-

most anything that has to do with transportation, Ms. Clark said.

The program is open to rural counties with a population between 5,000 and 200,000. Money available depends on factors such as vehicle registration and miles traveled, she said.

"Norton County will have \$72,000 in the bank account with KDOT," she noted.

Commissioner R.A. Peterson  
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## Proclamation signed...



Mayor David Corns is seen here with the Norton FFA Chapter president, Kolton Harting signing the National FFA week proclamation for the week of February 15 - 22. The local FFA members are the future of farming which sustains us all in Norton County.

- Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

# County road and bridge will buy a new tractor

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After a few weeks of discussion and some tire kicking, the Norton County commissioners decided during their meeting on Monday to purchase a new tractor for the road and bridge department.

The commissioners met with Road and Bridge Foreman Floyd Richard to figure out exactly what they needed to do to finish up the purchase of a 2014 Challenger MT55D for \$23,400 from LDI out of Smith Center.

The price includes a trade in on a New Holland tractor.

The commissioners decided to use a lease purchase option to buy the ma-

chine. County Clerk Robert Wyatt told them that they would now have to take bids from the local financial institutions to get the money for the lease purchase.

Mr. Richard said that the crew has been out putting back up some stop signs, that repeatedly get knocked over and taking care of the roads during the recent storms.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Signed an agreement with the state of Kansas to spray the weeds along the highways in the county.

- Talked to Economic Director Scott Sproul about progress in his office and upcoming projects and ideas.

