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Briefly

Guard can't help with snow removal

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management said it has received calls from private individuals requesting the Kansas National Guard personnel and equipment help repair fences, remove snow and ice from driveways and sidewalks, clear debris from residences and businesses and other personal assistance.

Emergency Management officials said Friday that the public should keep in mind that the Kansas National Guard can only be used for life-saving assistance, debris removal from public infrastructure and assistance in restoring power to communities.

Homeowners and businesses needing assistance with snow removal, repairs to fences or other structures and the like, should contact their insurance companies and private contractors, the Emergency Management Division said.

Council to discuss hunt for officers

The Norton City Council will be getting an update from Police Chief Lynn Menagh on the open police officer positions at its next meeting.

It will also hear reports from the city administrator and on the most recent economic development meeting. Committee reports will come from personnel, parks and finance.

The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the city building.

Blood drive set for Wednesday

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive from noon until 6 p.m., Wednesday at the Norton National Guard Armory.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543). Walk-ins are also welcome.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows around 7. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs around 30. **South winds** 10 to 20 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows around 11. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs around 30. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 2, High 15
Saturday Low 6, High 11, 2" Snow
Sunday Low 3, High 16, 4" Snow
Monday Low -3, High 13

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Father, remind us that you are bigger than any problem or situation we may encounter. Help us always to turn to you first in the storms of life. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

Snow business



Day off gives kids a chance to play

Norton kids used the extra day off from school to enjoy the fresh powder that fell this weekend. The hill at Elmwood Park saw some action as kids would zip down it on sleds, then trudge back up so they could go back down.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



School looks at 2006-07 projects

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School Board has to decide which of 12 capital outlay projects the district will benefit from the most.

Superintendent Greg Mann asked the board to rank the projects in order of importance. He said the district could afford to spend between \$130,000 and \$140,000 on the chosen projects this year.

Several of the projects have been on the proposed list for several years.

This year's proposed projects and their estimated costs are:

- Replace windows at the weight room and wrestling room, \$84,000. Mr. Mann said the estimated cost is a 5 percent in-

crease over last year's estimated cost.

- Replace windows on the south side of the 1966 addition at the junior/senior high, \$47,000.

- Replace asphalt play area at Eisenhower Elementary, \$68,000. The other half of this project, adding an "unloading" sidewalk in front of the building was done last year.

- Replace the vo-ag pickup, \$30,000.

- Replace the Hustler mower/snow blower small 4x tractor with a mower, front loader and blade, \$35,000.

- Replace more concrete, primarily at the junior/senior high, \$40,000.

- Replace the remaining black and

white surveillance cameras with color cameras, \$3,500.

- Upgrade the sound system in Stull Gymnasium, \$17,500.

- Upgrade the sound system in the auditorium, \$10,000.

- Replace/upgrade the intercom systems at Eisenhower Elementary, Norton Junior High School and Norton Community High School, \$30,000. Mr. Mann said the old intercom system was installed in the 1970s. If chosen, the new system would work between all three buildings. The project would be completed over two years.

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Conference covers new crop practices

A conference designed to focus on the latest technology, methods and conservation practices to improve agricultural production on the High Plains, will be held Jan. 23 and 24 in Oberlin. The conference is two days with the same program each day, so as to accommodate the expected 600 to 700 farmers.

The "Cover Your Acres Winter Conference," sponsored by Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance, will begin with registration at 7:45 a.m. at the Gateway.

Educational sessions during each day will cover over 25 topics by university educators and researchers and industry representatives. Some of these topics include "New Weed Control Options for Grain Sorghum," "Flexible Fallow," "Starter Fertilizer in No-till," "Economics of Biofuels," "Getting the Most Out of Glyphosate," "What Precision Ag Can Do for You," and "Government Programs and No-till."

Diamond sponsors for the event (Continued on Page 5)

Development focuses on county improvement

The Hometown Competitiveness idea and the update on the survey were items for the Norton County Economic Development board meeting last Tuesday night.

The newest member of the board, Richard Thompson, was introduced. Mr. Thompson replaced Dean Kruse as one of the county commission representatives.

Chris Sramek, the Rawlins County economic development director, talked about Hometown Competitiveness and what it teaches those who participate. There are four areas it targets, including entrepreneurship, charitable assets, youth, and leadership.

The Ogallala Commons, which oversees the program, trained two regional

clusters to begin implementing the Hometown Competitiveness model as community development tools. The group held different sessions in each of the towns in the cluster.

The next sessions will be coming up March 29 and 30 in St. Francis and Atwood. They will then have other classes in June, September or early October and again in November where more will be taught about the four pillars of the Hometown Competitiveness model. No decision was made by the board.

In other business:

- Janis Monier, doctoral candidate with Kansas State University, discussed the survey she is conducting. She is still talk-

ing with business representatives and will be sending out a general survey in early March. Ms. Monier discussed some of the concerns people have been relating to her about the Norton County community.

- Director Wade Carter presented his notes from the bio-diesel meetings held last month. A conference call will be held with Mike Wolverton from K-State to see what information is available.

- The board addressed options for land for an industrial park.

- The board approved Mr. Carter's attendance at the Kansas Rural Economic Development Association legislative meeting Jan. 22 and 23, Kansas Main

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