

Top 15 spellers narrowed down to one at county bee



Jade Braun

Melinda Becker

Zach Porter

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Only three spellers were left and each was assured of a plaque. When Zach Porter, an eighth grader from Norton Junior High slipped up on *toboggan* he took third place and now the rules changed.

Melinda Becker and Jade Braun, also Norton Junior High eighth graders, were pitted against each other.

Mr. Springer explained the rules. He said in order to win a speller must correctly spell a word her opponent misses and correctly spell one more word. If they should both misspell that word, the contest simply continues.

With the rules out of the way Jade began by correctly spelling *cocoon*.

Melinda countered with *holocaust*.

Back to Jade for *italicize*.

Melinda missed on *obnoxious* which Jade correctly spelled. Then, for the championship, Jade correctly spelled *synchronize*.

Jade Braun, daughter of Spencer and Jenny Braun, Norton, has earned the right to represent Norton County at the Kansas State Spelling Bee in Topeka. In the event she can't be there, Melinda, daughter of John and Ann Becker, Norton, will be eligible to go.

Other spellers were: **Lenora Elementary**, Kirsten Georgeson, third grade, Kelsey Marx, fifth grade and Seth Otter, first grade. **Norton Eisenhower Elementary**, Kayleigh Norwood, sixth grade, Marissa Maddy, fifth grade and Watt Wentz, sixth grade. **Northern Valley Elementary**, Alex Stevens, fifth grade, Olivia Lowry, sixth grade and Alex Tharman, sixth grade. **Northern Valley Junior High**, Matt Dole, eighth grade. Staci Dole, eighth grade and Tyler Montgomery, seventh grade.



Wyatt Wentz, a sixth grader from Eisenhower Elementary, stepped up to the microphone for his turn during the Norton County Spelling Bee held Feb. 14 in Alma.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Eisenhower recognized for test scores

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They prepared our kids well to take the test."

A recognition dinner was held Jan. 31 in Salina and Mr. Roy along with teachers Belinda Thalheim and Pam Menagh and Board of Education member Scott Ellis attended. Featured speaker was Charles Voland, chairman of the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force.

Mr. Roy said Eisenhower Elementary was one of the few

schools that had a board member present, which says a lot about the commitment the school district has to education.

The teachers and staff are also dedicated, he said.

"I really appreciate our teachers and other staff," he said. "These guys work very hard and do an excellent job."

The Conference in Kansas Public Education Task Force was established 25 years ago to promote Kansas schools and their achieve-

ments. Eight statewide organizations make up the Task Force. They include the American Association of University Women, the Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Kansas Association of School Boards, the Kansas National Education Association, the Kansas School Public Relations Association, the Kansas State Board of Education, the Kansas State High School Activities Association, Inc., and the United School Administrators of Kansas.

State park fees are down by half this year

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are:

- Daily Vehicle Permit — \$4.20; Kansas senior/disabled, \$2.85;
- Annual Vehicle Permit — \$24.35; Kansas senior/disabled,

- \$13.25;
- Additional Annual Vehicle Permit — \$14.35; Kansas senior/disabled, \$8.25.

Camping, utility and cabin rental fees will remain the same as

they were in 2006.

More information on state parks is available at the department's website www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

Norton forensics team gets a good start

By ERIN HILL

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the Norton High School forensics team traveled to Oberlin for their first tournament of the year. There were 14 schools at this tournament with Norton placing ten entries in the finals and finishing third as a team.

Final placings were: Arlene May, Oration, second; Laura Delimont, Extemporaneous Speaking, sixth; Mat Shepard, Extemporaneous Speaking, fourth; Nathan Pollock, Extemporaneous Speaking, third; Amie Richard, Informative Speaking, third; Bethany Wicker, Humorous Solo, fifth; Cydnie Milnes, Serious Solo, second; Jared Cox and Aaron VanDerWege, Improvised Duet Acting, third; Karlynn Kent

and Cherean Kendall, Duet Acting, fifth; and Jared Cox and Aaron VanDerWege, Duet Acting, first.

For some of these students, this was their first forensics tournament ever.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, the team traveled to Hill City for their second tournament of the year. This time, they brought home the second place finish and a plaque.

Thirteen of the 18 entries from the Norton team qualified for the finals.

The results of the tournament were: Valerie Wagoner, Oration, sixth, Prose, sixth; Arlene May, Oration, first, Extemporaneous Speaking, sixth; Mat Shepard, Extemporaneous Speaking, fourth; Karlynn Kent, Poetry,

fifth; Bethany Wicker, Humorous Solo, fourth; Cydnie Milnes, Serious Solo, first; David Counter and Cidnel Harrington, Improvised Duet Acting, sixth; Jared Cox and Aaron VanDerWege, Improvised Duet Acting, second; Lacey Roe and Ashley Maybon, Duet Acting, fifth; Alyssa Farber and Cydnie Milnes, Duet Acting, fourth; and Jared Cox and Aaron VanDerWege, Duet Acting, first.

Even though, not everyone entered in the tournament made it to the finals, their points did count towards the team total. And, each point helped with the second place finish.

Again, some of the team members were novices and this was their first tournament.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Estate of Gilbert E. Bollig

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 07-P-05
In the Matter of the Estate of GILBERT E. BOLLIG, Deceased
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 2, 2007, a petition was filed in

this Court by Bradley A. Danielson, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as administrator, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 28, 2007, at 9:15 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their

demands against the estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Bradley A. Danielson
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Estate of Mathilda Bollig

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Case No. 07-P-06
In the Matter of the Estate of MATHILDA BOLLIG, Deceased
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 2, 2007, a petition was filed in this Court by Bradley A. Danielson, an

heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Mathilda Bollig," deceased, dated November 15, 2006, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 28, 2007, at 9:15 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Norton Schools

Staff Spotlight

Classified Employee



Mary Byler

Mrs. Mary Byler has just begun her seventh year as an assistant cook in the junior and senior high school kitchen. She and her husband, Wayne, have five children — four daughters and one son. She also has two grandchildren. In her spare time, she likes to do about any activity that is outdoors. Being around the kids at the junior and senior high schools is what she likes best about her job.

Certified Employee



Lucas Melvin

Mr. Lucas Melvin is the At-Risk coordinator for the Norton Community High School. He is in his tenth year as an educator with all ten of those being in USD 211. Mr. Melvin has earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Fort Hays State University. He and his wife, Angela, have four children, ages one month through 11. Being with his kids, playing golf and playing basketball are his favorite leisure activities. Being around kids and being part of their physical and mental maturation is what he finds most rewarding about his job.

Job Opening

The Norton Telegram is looking for someone to join Lisa Henderson in the Advertising Sales Department. Previous sales experience helpful, but not required. Training provided. Good working conditions. Commission-based, but great potential for the right person. Super staff.

To set up an appointment, or learn more about the opportunity, please contact the newspaper's publisher, Tom Dreiling, at (785) 877-6908 (daytime) or 877-3823 (evenings).

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