

Tax disbursements listed by treasurer

By **BRANDY LEROUX**
bleroux@nwkansas.com
Cynthia Linner, Norton County Treasurer, gave a report to the Norton County Commissioners on where taxes collected by the county go. Using a pie chart, Mrs. Linner showed the commissioners which entities receive tax dollars:

- Norton County, 51 percent
 - School districts, 30.5 percent
 - Cities, 14.5 percent
 - Fire districts, 1.5 percent
 - State of Kansas, 1 percent
 - Cemeteries, .5 percent
 - Irrigation district, .5 percent
 - Regional library, .5 percent
- Jeff Bridges and J.T. Klaus, representatives of De Waay Financial, discussed the General Obligations bonds for the emergency medical services building. Mr. Klaus explained the documents that need to be adopted by the county commission to proceed with obtaining the bond. Mr. Klaus said that he recommends the county proceed with publishing the resolution. The council and the representatives discussed the Prairie Land Electric funds, and Mr. Klaus explained the method in which the county secures the bonds funding.

The commissioners passed Resolution 2009-5, to enter into a lease-purchase agreement in an aggregate principal amount not to

exceed \$450,000 for the purpose of providing funds to acquire, purchase and equip an emergency medical services building, and authorize certificates of participation to be offered for sale.

Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge supervisor, gave the commissioners details about what roads are being worked on around the county and the work on trees. He said trees continue to be a problem in right-of-ways and that the county will treat, remove or clean them up as time permits.

Mr. Brannan said he is doing what he can to reduce his budget and is looking at department functions. He said instead of hiring mower operators during the grass cutting season, the road graders could alternate running the mowers, but that he did not want to cut too much on road maintenance because of the miles of roads that are required to be bladed. Norton County has a total of 1,200 miles, 940 of which are maintained by the county.

Mr. Brannan also talked to the commissioners about the signs throughout the county. He said signs continue to be damaged from vandals and vehicles.

Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor, gave a report for January, which included the expense and income data and an update on the electronic waste and disposal after

collection. Norton County takes the electronic waste to Osborne, which is then responsible to take it to a licensed vendor. There have been and continue to be problems getting a vendor who is properly licensed.

Mr. Archibald said he sold 21,140 pounds of plastic and cans last week. Reclaim, a company from Denver, picked up the product and paid the county \$385.00. Mr. Archibald said it wasn't much, but that considering the times, the payment is appreciated.

A tax abatement was submitted to the commission, issued for a boat that was out of county on the date taxed. The commission signed the abatement for the amount of \$102.06.

The commission was notified that a meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 12 for discussion of landfill operations with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, BG Consultants and the commissioners. The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. in Topka.

Reggie Beckman, Norton County Noxious Weed supervisor, said last year the department sprayed slightly less than 600 private acres, but not that many county roads. The commission asked for a detailed report to identify projects for 2009.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned.



K.C. Wolf, the Kansas City Chiefs mascot, spoke with the Norton Junior High students about eating right and exercising as part of the prize for winning second place in the Eat. Move. Score Video Contest Wednesday morning. Dan Meers, the man inside the mascot, said he has to make healthy choices about food and exercise as part of his job.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Ethan Ross, a student at Norton Junior High School, was chosen to put on the KC Wolf mascot uniform during the assembly. Dan Meers has portrayed K.C. Wolf for more than 19 years. After getting the uniform fully on, Ethan walked around, "strutting his stuff" and showing off his crowd-entertainment skills.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux



Chiefs mascot visits Norton kids

By **BRANDY LEROUX**
bleroux@nwkansas.com

The Norton Junior High students had a special visitor Wednesday morning. The Kansas City Chiefs mascot, K.C. Wolf, came to Norton to congratulate the 8th grade Computer Applications class on receiving 1,900 votes and winning second place in the Eat. Move. Score. Video Contest sponsored by the Midwest Dairy Council.

In December, the students designed and put together a video for the contest, and it was up to the public to vote for their favorite one. Their video was *Get Up and Get Go!*

Dan Meers, the man inside the mascot, took off the suit and spoke to the students for about an hour, about healthy choices and what it takes to be a professional mascot.

"This suit weighs about 30 pounds," said Mr. Meers. "I have to stay in shape to be able to do my job."

Mr. Meers has been K.C. Wolf for the last 19 years. In addition to "working" at football games, he also travels and visits with people of all ages, from grade school to nursing homes.

"My favorite part of this job is hanging out with the kids," said Mr. Meers. "I never have the same day twice."

Julia Kent helped write the milk song for the video, and was also in the video.

"We got out of class," said Julia. "It was fun to make."

Kamilla Jones helped write the milk song as well, was in the video and helped put it on the computer.

"It took us a month to put it

together," said Kamilla. "We had lots of fun."

Katherine Boteler came up with some ideas for the video, danced in the video and helped keep the students enthusiastic while filming the video.

"I thought it was really cool that we got second place," said Katherine. "I didn't think we'd get that."

Julianna Miller also helped with ideas, with recording the video and danced in it as well.

"It was a really good video," said Julianna. "We had a lot of fun making it."

Erin Manning, the Computer Applications teacher, said "I'm really proud of the kids that did this video, and I want to thank everyone who voted for us. Julia did a very good job, she was very creative."

FYI

Kayla Fahrenbruch, Norton, was among graduates at Washburn University at its fall commencement held in December. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

Miss Fahrenbruch is the daughter of Von and Kris Fahrenbruch of Norton.

The ceremony was held in White Concert Hall in the Garvey Fine Arts Center.

Duplicate bridge met with three tables. Myron Veh and Jerry

Moritz took first place. Bob Jones and Carla Patimer took second.

Nearly 1,800 students earned semester honors from Kansas State University for their academic performance during the fall 2008 semester.

Area students honored were Thomas A. Ostmeier and Serena Woodside, Almena, and Jared Alan Engelbert. Preston Eriel Herman and Klaire Jessie Mann, Norton

In addition, 102 students re-

ceived December 2008 graduation honors to recognize their outstanding academic performance as undergraduates. Students earning semester and/or graduation honors receive commendations from their deans, with the honors recorded on their permanent academic records. Students receiving semester honors rank in the top 10 percent of their class within their respective colleges and were enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of graded course work.

"Free" Customer Appreciation Pancake and Sausage Day

You Are Invited to Join Us at the **NORTON NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY** Thursday, February 12 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

— SPONSORED BY —

- ✕United Northwest Federal Credit Union
- ✕Kansasland Tire ✕Prairie Land Electric
- ✕KQNK Radio ✕McMullen Real Estate ✕McMullen & Wyatt Auction
- ✕Bridges Group Insurance ✕Nex Tech/Rural Telephone

SEE THE PANCAKE MAN FLIP PANCAKES RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES!!!

School menus

Monday, Feb. 9
Northern Valley — Breakfast — Breakfast bucket, hash-browns, sliced peaches, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Burrito, tossed salad with dressing, buttered spinach, tapioca pudding and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Waffles with syrup, bacon, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Pizza, garden salad, fruit, rice krispie treat, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Sausage gravy, biscuit, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — Lunch — Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, warm peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
Northern Valley — Breakfast — Cinnamon raisin biscuit, scrambled eggs, apricots, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Sloppy joes on a bun, tater tots, buttered broccoli, brownies and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Cinnamon bubble, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Meatballs, whipped potatoes, bread with margarine, carrots, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary —

Breakfast — Monkey bread, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — Lunch — Pizza roll-ups, tossed salad, peaches, cookie and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 11
Northern Valley — Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, apple juice, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Shaved ham on a bun, tri-tater, California blend vegetables, chocolate pudding and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Break-

fast — Breakfast burrito, potato puffs, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Chicken fry patty, whipped potatoes with gravy, carrots, bread with margarine, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Banana bread, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — Lunch — Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll and milk.

O'BRIEN'S

110 S. State Norton, Kansas

Phone 785-877-2419

Best Red:
Kim Harenza

Best Green:
Tammy Ball

Best White:
Jule Shearer

Best Edible
Hot:
Larry Urban

Crowd
Favorite:
Tammy Ball

CONTEST WINNERS

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:

- Hall's Clothing • Cowboy Cafe • Mystic Moonstone
- Affordable Classic Limo and Car Service
- A&A Coors and Pestfinger Beverage

Sweetheart Deals . . . Under Twenty Bucks

LG Swift AX 500

Now \$19.99 After \$50 Mail in Rebate

LG Scoop AX 260

Now \$9.99 After \$50 Mail in Rebate

LG AX 300

Free After \$30 Mail in Rebate

Kellie's Inc.

elltel wireless authorized agent

HILL CITY, 101 E. MAIN - PHONE 785-421-6245
NORTON, 107 E. MAIN - PHONE 785-874-4718
STOCKTON, 201 S. CEDAR - PHONE 785-425-6333

For terms and conditions, see: www.alltel.com/terms.html