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Briefly

Arts Council will present Patsy Cline

The Norton County Arts Council is proud to present Melinda Ferree in a Patsy Cline tribute that will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. at the East Campus Auditorium.

Credit Union to hold its meeting

The United Northwest Federal Credit Union will hold their annual meeting Monday at 11:30 at the Catholic parish hall.

Horse Council will meet on Monday

The Norton County Horse Council will be holding their annual meeting at the 4-H Building Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

Soup supper at Northern Valley

Northern Valley High School is hosting a soup supper fund-raiser in the cafeteria for its post prom party on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. A free will donation is appreciated.

Special movie to show at theatre

'For Greater Glory,' the true story of Cristiada will be playing at the Norton Theater on Sunday, January 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. Starring Andy Garcia, Eva Longoria and Peter O'Toole. Admission is free.

Markets

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| Wheat..... | \$7.81 |
| Milo..... | \$6.93 |
| Soybeans..... | \$13.78 |
| Corn..... | \$7.28 |

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Clear with a high of 50. Saturday Night - Clear with a low of 25. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high of 41. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening, then clear. Low of 16. Monday - Partly cloudy with a high of 39 and a windchill as low as 14F.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Jan. 15.....Low 9, High 30
 Wednesday, Jan. 16.....Low 17, High 46
 Thursday, Jan. 17.....Low 24, High 46
 (Readings taken at the Kingham Farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, give each of us a heart like yours, full of compassion and love for the hurting people of our world. Help us find ways to make a difference for all your children in need. Amen.

Northern Valley holds annual spelling bee



A large crowd watched 30 spellers compete in the 2013 Northern Valley School Spelling Bee held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the Long Island gymnasium. Six students from each grade (grades 4-8) competed in the annual spelling bee. Advancing to the Norton County Spelling Bee to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. in Norton and representing Northern Valley Elementary are 6th grader Kale Cox (1st place), 6th

grader Riley Sides (2nd place), and last year's County Champion, 6th grader Micah Kasson (3rd place). Fifth grader Savannah Kindall is the alternate. Representing Northern Valley Junior High are 8th grader Kylie Kinderknecht (1st place), 8th grader Drake Shearer (2nd place), 7th grader Brianna Johns (3rd place). Eighth grader John Towery is the alternate. The winner advances to the state competition to be held at Fort

Hays State University on March 2, for a chance to go to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. Other participants were: Ross Cole, Cody Sorrenson, Chaylee Lowry, Damian Wellman, Tharen Cox, Caden Kinderknecht, MaKensy Schroeder, Alex Van Patten, Carson Wallace, Stuart Rose, Ashton Hall, Graeme Raburn, Zoe Cox, Matthew George, Jasmine Covington, Brady Rogers, Devin Shearer, Rachel

Johns, Brittany Wright, Morgan Wright, Gunner Yocum and Zach Hall. Helping to judge this year's contest were 7th grader Katie Johnson, 6th grader Brianna Simmons, Language Arts teacher Robbie Griffiths and Jim Springer who pronounced the words for the 41st year in a row.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Road closure was a topic at commissioners meeting

By Cynthia Haynes
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Norton County Commissioners have been asked to close one road and open another one.

At their meeting on Monday, the commissioners were asked to look at closing Road K from W2 to W3 by road foreman Floyd Richard and Road and Bridge Supervisor Sandy Smith.

The road is overgrown, badly rutted and fenced off, Ms. Smith told the commissioners.

"The fence now has trees growing up in it," Mr. Richard said.

At first the commissioners thought that the request for closure had come from landowner Leroy Lang but Mr.

Richard said, no, the request was from him.

"I want it closed," he said adding that Mr. Lang has put up barricades with road closed signs on them at each end of the road and has strung a three-wire fence across it so that he can connect two pastures.

"I think you better talk to Leroy about it," Commissioner Charles Posson said.

County Attorney Doug Sebelius said that notices need to be sent out to adjoining land owners.

"We might as well get it started (closing procedures) then," said Commissioner Richard Thompson.

Ms. Smith also said that there was a

request to open a road but that there is a lawsuit and bankruptcy involved.

The request, she said, is to build one-half mile of road on Road W15 between roads AA and BB to a landlocked property.

Mr. Sebelius said that opening a road is also a petitioning process.

"Your jurisdiction doesn't engage until they file a petition," he told the commissioners.

Mr. Richard and Ms. Smith talked about several road problems that have been solved.

"Sounds like you guys were really busy and really effecting last week," Commissioner Posson said.

Ms. Smith said that the crew has a

project board in the shop and requests are put on it. If people have a road problem, she said, they should call her. She said that she would get back to people no matter what the county can or cannot do about the problem.

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New security plan for school discussed

By Mike Stephens
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The Board of Education USD 211 held its regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 14 at the Alice Tweed Center.

Board President April Karnopp said she really enjoyed attending the Eisenhower Elementary School music program and that the band and vocal departments both did an excellent job. Karnopp thanked everyone involved in the program for their good work.

The extreme cold temperatures caused some problems earlier in the week. Superintendent Greg Mann reported that there were some heat and control issues at Norton Junior High School and that the building was very cold, but the problem was being fixed.

Mann said that the first meeting for the Facility Steering Committee will take place on Monday, Jan. 21.

Mann also discussed the Gannon Case results, The Schools for Fair Funding lawsuit, and its potential impact on school budgets. The State Supreme Court determined the school finance system unconstitutional and ordered the Base

State Aid per pupil to be raised up to \$4,492 from the current \$3,838. Mann said he would be in Topeka on Wednesday for the Council of Superintendents meeting and that their group would be meeting with Governor Sam Brownback as well.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to be included by NCKSEC in the Hansen Foundation grant request for Parents As Teachers for 2013-14.

The Board, in a 4-2 vote, decided to install non-illuminated panel signs to replace the electronic message board in the sign at Norton Community High School/Norton Junior High School for a cost of \$1,888. Chris Harting and April Karnopp voted no.

The Facility Steering Committee membership received unanimous approval by the Board with Deena Wentz and Toby Kuhn as co-chairs of the committee.

School security issues were discussed as well. Robert Wyatt made a motion, which was seconded by Chris Harting, to allow Superintendent Mann to move forward with staff identification badges and the pur-

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Deadline to file for city and school offices is Tuesday

By Dana Paxton
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The deadline to file for the city and school spring election is Tuesday, January 22. The primary election will take place in late February and the general election will take place the first week of April.

The City of Norton has four positions open, Ward 1, 2, 3 and mayor. Currently Jerry Jones has re-filed for Ward 1 and David Corns has re-filed for the other two positions which are currently held by Roberta Ryan and Jerry Moritz. These are all two-year term positions.

In the City of Almena there are three seats open for election. These positions are four-year terms. All three incumbents for the open positions, Kevin

Sides, Tracy Stutsman and John Griffiths have re-filed. The other two seats held by Ruth Schillig and Robert Hawks are not up for election this year.

The City of Clayton has six positions up for election, all are two-year terms. There are five council seats currently held by Tom Hickert, Dennis Walker, Brent Cook, Richard Mather and Mike Cook and the position of Mayor currently held by Russell Bird. Currently there have been no re-filings.

In the City of Lenora there are three spots open, all for a two-year term. They are two city council positions currently held by Lloyd Schoen and Dan Mannel as well as the mayor's seat which Raymond Heikes currently holds. No one has filed or re-filed.

There have also been no re-filings for the City of Edmond which have

four seats open all with two year terms. Todd Nuttycomb is the current Mayor and Robert Wiltfong, Tammy Kachel and Miriam Sansom currently hold the three City Council positions.

There will also be elections at USD 211 and USD 212. Norton schools has four school board member positions available. Incumbent Bill Jones and his current spot is for a two-year term. Scott Ellis, Craig Renner and Robert Wyatt currently hold the other three positions which are all four-year terms. There have been no filings or re-filings so far.

Northern Valley will have three positions up for election. Currently Linda Malcolm, Curtis Lowry and Michelle Tharman hold the positions but no one has filed or re-filed for these positions. These positions are four-year terms.

Fighting cancer with daffodils

You can fight back against cancer and share hope for those facing the disease by supporting the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days®. This longstanding program, which involves offering daffodils to donors every spring in appreciation for their contributions, is about more than just giving beautiful flowers; it is an opportunity to share hope for a world with less cancer and more birthdays, where cancer never steals another year from anyone's life.

For a donation of \$10, supporters will receive a bouquet of 10 fresh-cut daffodils and for \$15, you will receive a Cheer Bouquet of 10 daffodils in a special Daffodil Days vase. A special part of this year's Daffodil Days, Ray O. Hope, is a limited-edition Boyds® by Enesco® bear designed exclusively for the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Bear and a Bunch™. He is available for a donation of \$25 and comes with a bouquet of 10 daffodil stems.

Dollars raised through Daffodil Days enable the American Cancer Society to save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; helping people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis; by finding cures through investment in groundbreaking research; and by fighting back by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer. Funds raised enable the Society to offer free programs and services including Free information and support available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 800-ACS-2345 and www.cancer.org.

Daffodil Sales will end Feb. 22, 2013 and deliveries will be the first part of March.

For more information about Daffodil Days and to order call Mary Byler at 785-877-5225.

