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**Tuesday**  
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## Briefly

### Quilting Day is this coming Saturday

Worldwide Quilt Day is this Saturday. Activities will be taking place at Stitch Up A Storm beginning at 10:30 a.m.

### Toy and collectable show on Saturday

The 25th Tri-State Toy and Collectables Show will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Norton.

### Legion baseball meeting Sunday

American Legion Baseball organizational meeting/practice at John Ryan Field will be on Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1994 are eligible to play. If you are interested in playing this season but cannot attend this meeting, please contact Scott Ellis at 877-3671.

### Farewell reception set for this Sunday

There will be a farewell reception for the Trent and Stacy Richmond family at the Norton Christian Church on Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

### Order your T-shirts for State Champs

Orders are now being taken for State Wrestling Championship T-shirts. Contact Bill Johnson at [bjohnson@usd211.org](mailto:bjohnson@usd211.org) by March 18 with sizes and quantities.

### Schedule screening of your child today

Eisenhower Elementary School, in conjunction with Kid Link, will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screen on Friday, March 22. To schedule an appointment call 877-5113, and ask for Joan Hale.

## Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.82
Milo.....	\$6.81
Soybeans.....	\$14.23
Corn.....	\$7.25

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Wednesday - Overcast in the morning then partly cloudy with a high of 66. Wednesday Night - Clear with a low of 39. Thursday - Clear with a high of 79. Thursday Night - Overcast in the evening, then partly cloudy with a low of 43. Friday - Partly cloudy with a high of 75. Breezy. Friday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening, then clear. Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high of 59.

## Prayer

Gracious God, lead us onto the paths that help us to live the life you envision for us. Amen.



City employees, Dan Bainter, Jason Dial, Steve Reedy and Ed Lively are seen here putting up a barrier fence around the northeast corner of the building standing at 109 East Main in Norton. The deterioration is happening so quickly the city wants to insure the safety of the public. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## City Council looks at public safety issue

By Mike Stephens

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The Norton City Council held a hearing at its Wednesday, March 6 meeting to determine if the building at 109 E. Main is an unsafe or dangerous structure.

The property owners of record are Paul A. Gower and Mary S. Gower. Mark Whitney is the occupant of the property and has made arrangements to purchase the building from Paul Gower.

Whitney contacted Economic Development Director Scott Sproul in regards to any grant money that might be available to fix the building. Sproul told the Council that there is a new program for Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation, which gives a businessperson who wants to buy a building that is blight

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## Commissioners receive update on juvenile programs

By Dana Paxton

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Peggy Pratt, Director of the Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services, and Craig Knapp of the Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program addressed the Norton County Commissioners on February 28.

Mrs. Pratt started by saying, "I am not here asking for any money." And she wasn't. Her mission was to inform the new and old commissioners about the several programs offered here in northwest Kansas to help our youth. She started off by talking about the topic of juvenile correctional facilities.

There are currently two that her agency uses in Kansas, the Topeka Juvenile Correctional facility which houses both male and females yet they are site separated. The average population being 30. The second was Larned that houses only males mainly with mental health and addiction issues. The facility in WaKeeney was closed a few years ago. There are two detention centers that her agency uses, one in Salina and the other in Garden City; these are for a 48 hour holding period not counting holidays and weekends.

Wondering about the need of more juvenile facilities, Mrs. Pratt ran num-

bers to see if it would be financially feasible to start a new juvenile facility and found that it would not. She reported that her task began with looking at the number of intakes done that placed a youth in detention and the number of youth in custody that were placed out of the home. In 2011 the cost to employ two detention center staff 24 hours a day for 365 days a year was \$30,000 and this did not include the cost of the building. "Having a center is not cost effective at \$30,000 a year." Pratt said and went on to say, "We have found that it is more cost effective to hire someone to drive the youth to another

place." The Juvenile Justice Authority has purchased vehicles and fitted them with cages to do the transports.

There are several programs run by Juvenile services which seem to be very successful and Mrs. Pratt explained each of them to the commissioners. The first being Juvenile Intake where youth are referred for an assessment or "Intake" by schools, law enforcement or mental health agencies. During this intake process it is determined if the youth is at risk, in need of care or needs to be removed from the home. After the intake

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## Properties with unpaid taxes will be up for sale

By Cynthia Haynes

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There are 29 properties in Norton County with taxes unpaid for three or more years. These will go on a tax sale and the property could change hands if these back taxes are not paid within the next month or two.

Norton County Treasurer Cynthia Linner brought the list of unpaid taxes to the county commissioners at their March 4 meeting after they requested it.

Ms. Linner said that there are also

three properties, on which the landowners are paying their taxes off a little at a time. She said that she will work with people and has a plan to help them. The taxes for the current year have to be paid plus some on the old taxes. Ms. Linner said that the county works with people and this plan works if the landowner sticks with it.

There are, however, she said, several properties put back on the sale list because their owners were making payments but have stopped. The payment plan only works if you stick with it, she

noted.

County Attorney Doug Sebelius and Ms. Linner said that the county would probably hold a tax sale within the next 45 to 60 days.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Discussed with Mr. Sebelius about what the state and federal governments might do about firearm and weapons control legislation and how that could affect citizens in Norton County and passed a resolution on the subject affirming their support for the second

amendment to the Constitution, which protects citizens' right to bear arms.

- Discussed several bills in the legislature that might affect county government including one that would change the way city, school board and special issue elections are held.

- Asked about the nonpaid property taxes that will be going into the next tax sale.

- Looked at as many as possible of the upcoming meetings on their calendars, especially those out-of-town meetings.

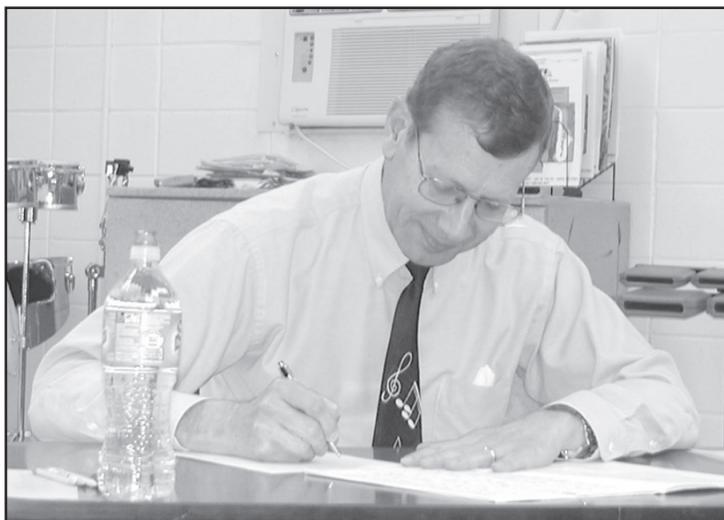
## Norton man inducted into the Music Hall of Fame

The highest honor that the Kansas Music Education Association can bestow on any of its members is induction into the Kansas Music Education Association Hall of Fame.

Established in 1975, the Kansas Music Education Association Hall of Fame recognizes members for their outstanding achievements and their exceptional contributions to the children and youth of Kansas. It recognizes exemplary musical and teaching accomplishments.

To date 95 members have been honored. On Saturday, February 23 at the 2013 Kansas Music Education Association In-Service Workshop in Wichita, David Will was inducted into the Kansas Music Education Association Hall of Fame.

David K. Will was the cornerstone of the music program in Norton, KS for twenty four years. After graduating from Southwestern College in 1971, David served in the 42nd Army Band until 1977. He began his teaching career in USD 330, Mission Valley, teaching 5th-12th grade instrumental music and 9th-12th grade vocal music. Five years later, he accepted a similar position at USD 354 in Claffin, building a band membership from 32 to a final year enrollment of 80. One year, every student in the high school was enrolled in band and the following year every student but one was enrolled. While teaching in Claffin, Mr. Will earned his Master of Music Education degree from



Wichita State University.

David began teaching in Norton, KS in 1988, following the legendary director and Kansas Music Education Association Hall of Fame member, David Stuewe. During his tenure, the band continued the strong tradition of excellence as one of the top music programs in Northwest Kansas. David had high expectations and standards for all of his students and as a result earned the respect of his students, parents, community, and fellow educators. His positive, goal oriented attitude set a tone for others to model. Students and colleagues would often be heard saying

"Where There's a 'WILL' There's a Way!"

David devoted forty years to teaching and to his profession. He twice served as the Kansas Music Education Association All-State Band Chair, including the inaugural year of the Kansas Music Education Association 1234A All-State Band. In 2011, he accepted the position as the Kansas Music Education Association Retirement Chair and has served as the Kansas Music Education Association Northwest District President. David was honored by the Kansas Music Education Association, when in 2000

he received the award as Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

David's students knew that he was someone that they could talk to. David was there to console a student who was disappointed that their performance was not of the highest level. A gentle arm around a distraught student or a comforting "bear hug" always seemed to make it better. One of his former students recounted the impact that David had in her life as she successfully battled through cancer. She said, "Mr. Will was one of the teachers I could talk to. He would listen to my troubles dealing with cancer and trying to be a high school girl. After starting chemotherapy...his office was a place I would go to rest and he would always have some kind of snack he would share and try to make my energy come back. He was there when my hair fell out and helped me gain confidence in my hats I would wear as well as my wig. After I beat my cancer and returned to school full time my junior year, Mr. Will helped me become a motivational speaker... and gave me tips for sharing my story to the American Cancer Society in Relay for Life. With several years of life under his belt there is not much he was not aware of or didn't know something about. I know that he has touched many lives and will continue to do so." As his colleague and friend Don Mordecai said, "David was always teaching something, even when there were no words".

