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Briefly

## Toy and collectable show this Saturday

The 25th Tri-State Toy and Collectables Show will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Norton. Admission is \$2, children 12 and under free with an adult.

## Farewell reception for a local family

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.

## Jump at the chance to fight heart disease



Students at the Northern Valley schools raised money to fight heart disease this past week. Alex Tharman and Mike Siard twirl the rope for Rachel Johns as she jumps to help save a life.

- Courtesy photo

Students in grades 1 - 4 at Northern Valley participated in Jump Rope for Heart to promote their cardiovascular fitness and to raise money for the American Heart Association. The students raised \$1,842.

The event was coordinated by physical education teacher Jim Cole. It was a great success. The participants gave the event 100 percent. It makes sense to give heart research the number one priority since cardiovascular diseases kill more Americans than all other causes of death combined. It is also important to teach our youth about volunteerism and giving to people in need.

The students from Northern Valley who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Event would like to thank everyone who donated money. Each student will be receiving prizes depending on how much money each of them raised. The second grade collected the most money as a class with \$797. Second grader Shaylee Vsetecka was the school's top money raiser as she collected \$187. Three other students topped the \$125 mark; Ava Schemper, Stephanie Whitney and Eli Schemper.

## Meeting to be held to kick off season

American Legion Baseball organizational meeting/practice at John Ryan Field will be Sunday 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.

## Chamber banquet reservations needed

The Annual Chamber Banquet will be held on March 26 in the Ballroom at the American Legion, featuring best selling author, singer and member of the Speakers Hall of Fame, LaDonna Gatlin. Social hour at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 and you must RSVP by Tuesday, March 19. Call 785-877-2501 for more information.

## School board faces tough decisions

By Mike Stephens  
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The Board of Education, U.S.D. 211, held its regular meeting on Monday, March 11 at the Alice Tweed Center.

Due to a possible financial shortfall of \$710,000 for the 2013-14 school year, the Board is faced with a difficult problem that may result in a painful solution: a reduction in staff.

Board member Steve Berry made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Renner, and was approved by a 5-1 vote with Robert Wyatt voting no.

"U.S.D. 211 is facing a potentially serious budget shortfall for the 2013-14 budget year. The budget shortfall is due to two factors: 1.) The loss of the additional funds which were the result of the July, 2010 attachment of Lenora U.S.D. 213; and 2.) A continuing de-

cline in funding from the State of Kansas," said Steve Berry.

"After reviewing the available budget options before us, the Board of Education has reluctantly come to the conclusion that it may be necessary to reduce staff for the 2013-14 school year. Therefore, it is with regret that I move: The Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools (Greg Mann) to prepare a recommendation for possible district-wide staff reductions for 2013-14, and that it be presented to the Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 8," said Berry.

The Board unanimously accepted the resignations of Peggy Cox as Norton Junior High School assistant volleyball coach and Robin Sides as Norton Community High School Language Arts

and Journalism teacher, Sophomore Class Sponsor and National Honor Society Sponsor effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

The Board also approved the Eisenhower Elementary School summer school staff that includes Kim Fiscus, Gail Roy and Teresa Schulze as teachers and Cristina Sander as secretary. The Board approved the 2013 Eisenhower summer school schedule as presented in February. Summer school will be held for two weeks after school is out in May and two weeks prior to the start of the school year in August.

The Board unanimously approved Kevin Jilka and Doug Reusink as summer Driver's Education instructors, as well as, the work agreement with Pauline King as an assistant cook at Norton Community High School/Norton

Junior High School.

The Board decided to charge a \$100 fee per student to participate in the U.S.D. 211 summer driver's education program and a fee of \$150 will be charged for students who live out of the district, and only if space is available.

The Board designated the Kansas Educator Evaluation Protocol (KEEP) as the official evaluation instrument for U.S.D. 211 and that it be implemented according to the requirements and timeline as determined by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE).

Superintendent Greg Mann stated that this would be the last board meeting that Deena Wente will attend on behalf of KQNK Radio and that she will be starting a new job in April. "Her presence will be missed," said Mann.

## 4-H members hold annual Club Day event

The Norton County 4-H Club Day event held Tuesday at the Norton Junior High School brought out different events that help members Make the Best Better® as the 4-H motto goes.

Presentations given and placings are as follows:

### Tell Me

Colby Skrdlant - Blue

### Project Talks

Bryndon Wentz - Regional Blue  
JR. Demonstration/ Illustrated Talks  
Amy Wentz - Regional Blue  
Katelyn Skrdlant - Regional Blue  
Bryndon Wentz - Blue - Regional Alternate  
Sarah David, Stacie Elliott, Lily David - Blue

### Senior Demonstrations/ Illustrated Talks

Wyatt Wentz - Regional Blue  
Rebecca Wentz - Regional Blue  
Molly Maddy - Blue - Regional Alternate

Quentin Wentz, Kaytie Henrickson - Blue

### Public Speaking

Wyatt Wentz - Regional Blue  
Vocal Solos -  
Katelyn Skrdlant - Red  
Jr. Instrumental/Piano Solo  
Kailey Gill, Flute - Regional Blue  
Jasmine Covington, Piano - Blue - Regional Alternate  
Amy Wentz, Trumpet - Blue  
Kailey Gill, Piano - Blue  
Sr. Instrumental/Piano Solo  
Rebecca Wentz, Clarinet - Regional Blue  
Ryan Johnson - Blue- Regional Alternate

### Talent - Skit

Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club - 14 youth - Regional Blue  
Cedar Ridge 4-H Club - 12 youth - Red

### Dance

Amy Wentz - Regional Blue

### Junior Readings

Abby DuBois - Red

### Model Meetings

Prairie Dog - 10 youth - Regional Blue  
Busy Beavers - 18 youth - Blue - Regional Alternate  
Judges for the events were: Andrea Spanier of Oberlin, Gayle Carlson of Oberlin, Stacie Edgett Minson of Warkeeny, Cody Miller of Phillipsburg, and Marla Matkin of Hill City.

Members that received a Regional Blue will be competing at the Regional

4-H Club Day event in Hays, Friday evening March 22nd.

Those interested in more information regarding the 4-H program may contact Community Club Leaders of the 4-H Clubs who are Joy Johnson or Mindy Harting of Busy Beavers, Patsy Maddy of Busy Jayhawkers, LeeAnn Shearer or Ruth Schillig of Cedar Ridge and Mary Vanover or Jamie Wentz of Prairie Dog. You may also contact the Twin Creeks Extension District Office in Norton County at 785-877-5755.

## Markets

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Wheat .....\$6.99  
Milo .....\$6.85  
Soybeans .....\$14.00  
Corn .....\$7.32  
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op



Saturday - Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 52. Winds from the ENE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent. Saturday Night - Overcast with rain showers, then snow showers and rain showers after midnight. Low of 34. Chance of precipitation 60 percent. Sunday - Overcast with a chance of snow and a chance of rain, then a chance of snow and rain showers in the afternoon. High of 45. Breezy with winds from the SE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 30 percent. Sunday Night - Overcast with a chance of rain, then a chance of rain after midnight. Low of 30.

## Prayer

Dear Lord, sometimes our efforts seem small. Help us realize that anything we do to help someone in need is done for you. Amen.



Abby DuBois of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club is seen here doing her reading from the 1963 picture book, "Where the Wild Things Are". The judge really liked what Abby chose to read from and her only suggestion for improvement was for Abby to project her voice a bit more.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Staff is available to help with questions

Congressman Tim Huelskamp's Kansas staff routinely hosts office hours in locations across the First District. During these office hours, staff are available to hear constituent concerns. They also provide in-person assistance for constituents who need help cutting through red tape involving federal agencies or programs such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, the IRS, Medicare, and Social Security. Constituents seeking assistance are encouraged to bring any relevant paperwork regarding claims and benefits. For more information, please contact Congressman Huelskamp's Dodge City office at 620-225-0172.

Upcoming local office hours include:

•Oberlin: Tuesday, March 19, 11 a.m.-noon: Last Indian Raid

### Museum

•Norton: Tuesday, March 19, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Town & Country Kitchen

•Hill City: Tuesday, March 19, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Graham County Courthouse (Commission Room)

•Colby: Thursday, March 28, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.: Colby Community College (Student Union - Fireside Lounge)

Congressman Tim Huelskamp represents the First District of Kansas. He serves on the House Small Business Committee and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He is a member of the Republican Study Committee.

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