

Friday,
May 28, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Tim Lewis

Briefly

Extra will not be
printed Monday

The Norton Telegram will not publish the Telegram Extra on Monday, May 31 because of the Memorial Day holiday. However, the Tuesday edition of The Telegram will be delivered to everyone in the county.

Sirens will be
used in exercises

The Norton Correctional Facility will be performing several emergency exercises throughout the county Tuesday through next Friday.

Included in the exercises will be the use of tornado sirens.

Legion gathers
flags for burning

The Long Island and Almena American Legions are collecting unserviceable American flags.

Many flags become tattered and worn through the years of service. A faded and worn flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display and should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

A Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags ceremony will be held at 9 p.m. on Monday, June 14, Flag Day, at the Long Island Cemetery.

The flags are being collected at the Almena American Legion building, Almena Senior Citizen Center and Long Island Post Office. Dean Wilnerd in Almena, 669-2539, and Bill Posson in Stuttgart, 543-6790, are also collecting the unserviceable flags.

Everyone is welcome to attend and may bring lawn chairs.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy and not as cool. Lows in the mid 60s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Chance of hail in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 78, Low 53
Wednesday High 88, Low 59
Thursday High 92, Low 59
Week ago High 90, Low 65
Month ago High 91, Low 47
Year ago High 90, Low 57
May precipitation 2.11 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 7.34 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, we know that you love and care about each of us. You will always provide what we need. Help us to trust in you always. Amen

Memorial Day will be honored throughout area

Norton and area residents will take time to honor those who have gone before during Memorial Day services this weekend:

Norton

The Norton Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post and the Wieland Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct Memorial Day services at the Norton Cemetery at 10:30 a.m., Monday, at the flagpole near the center of the cemetery.

Master of Ceremonies for the services will be Jake Durham, Norton Boy Scout

Troop No. 181 will conduct the flag raising ceremony with Dani Weust singing the national anthem.

A wreath will be placed at the flag pole honoring deceased veterans by Rita Minshall, American Legion Auxiliary president and Abigail Craig, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary president.

Kurt Archibald, commander of the honor guard, will lead the rifle squad as they fire a salute at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Wilmer Severns will deliver the invocation and the benediction.

Lt. Colonel Bob Strevey, Norcatur, will deliver the Memorial Day address.

“Taps” will be played by Justin Scheimo and Rachael Lentz.

The American Legion Post Home in Norton will be open following the memorial services at the cemetery. A buffet lunch will be served by the legion auxiliary.

Volunteers are needed to raise the Av-

enue of Flags at 6 a.m. and to take the flags down around 4 p.m.

Norcatur

This will be the 115th observance of Memorial Day in Norcatur and the 32nd consecutive year that the Avenue of Flags will be displayed. Services will be held at the Norcatur Cemetery at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 30. All veterans, in uniform if possible, Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and school children are invited to march (Continued on Page 5)



An average of 80 children and 50 teen and adult volunteers attended Vacation Bible School at the Norton Christian Church, Monday through Wednesday. The theme this year was “Walking With Jesus” with the children learning about the twelve disciples. Last night was the program and hot dog feed to wind up VBS 2004. Volunteer Karen Washburn holds three year-old Christopher Brown (top) as he paints footprints on a floor mat all the children made in crafts. Floor mats were donated to the church by Vitztum Decorating Center, Inc., of Hays. Children in the four and five year-old class have lots of questions for senior minister, Jeff Nielsen, (bottom left) portraying the disciple, Thomas, who doubted that Christ had been resurrected. Leading the mission classroom is Connie (Mizell) Lillich, Atwood, (bottom right) who taught the children about the mission work her daughter, Michelle Volgamore, is doing in Australia and Africa. Nightly offerings by the children totalled several hundred dollars to help Miss Volgamore in her work. Melba Witt and Nancy Hager co-chaired the annual event.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Businesses, banks to close for holiday

Memorial Day is an official national holiday, therefore, all banks, credit unions, post offices, city, county, state and national offices will be closed. The Norton Public Library will also be closed.

Norton’s two grocery stores will be open Monday with shortened hours. Jamboree will be open from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Norton Shop and Saves from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Norton Theatre will be open Mon-

day evening for its regular 7 p.m. shows. This week the features are Schrek II and Day After Tomorrow.

Adventures in Eating, McDonald’s, Dairy Queen, Town and Country Kitchen and Pizza Hut/Taco Bell will be open Monday at their regular hours, while The China Garden, The Beacon Cafe, The Barbecue Barn, K & S Center Cafe and Pure Prairie will all be closed.

Norton’s only public bar, O’Brien’s,

will be open Memorial Day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The two discount stores, Pamida and Dollar General, will both be open Monday. Pamida will operate from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Dollar General will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. However, Pamida’s pharmacy will be closed.

A survey of the gas stations/convenience stores showed all would be open at their regular business hours.

Hospital finishes final details

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Hospital Board discussed what still needed to be done with renovations at the May 19 meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor Ty Bruton said as the project closed, everybody got a very positive feeling. He said there have been a few warranty issues, but nothing major.

He said they wanted to take a look at some of the older areas of the hospital and make them look good like the renovated areas.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller said they had a great turnout at the dedication ceremony with over 300 people in attendance. He said he really appreciated everyone’s help.

Mr. Miller said they were in the process of closing the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development loan for \$950,000 and would be meeting with the Norton County Commissioners.

He said they planned on using the money from the loan to pay off temporary loans provided by two Norton banks. The rural development loan requires a reserve account with one-tenth of the annual payment amount for ten years being held in the account. The money can be used to make the final payment.

He said they secured a 4.375 percent interest rate on the loan, which will save the hospital about \$2,400 a year for 20 years.

In other business, the board:

- Met with Bruce Cook, the hospital’s new certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Mr. Cook said he was very impressed with the hospital and staff and had been introducing himself to the doctors and nurses. He said he has 27 years of experience and is looking forward to being able to help the people in Norton County. Mr. Cook said the nurses at the hospital have done a good job and he thinks they multitask well.

- Went over the revised employee policy manual with Shannon Farber, supervisor of human resources. After looking the manual over, the board approved it.

- Heard that in April the hospital had 370 patient days, 66 admissions, five babies, 34 surgeries (30 outpatient, four inpatient), 6,839 outpatient procedures, 560 physical therapy procedures and 1,354 Doctor’s Clinic visits.

- Were told by Chief Financial Officer Brian Carlton that in April the hospital had \$770,000 in revenue, \$185,000 in contractual adjustment, and \$569,000 in operating expenses. That gives a net income of about \$62,000 in April and \$168,000 year-to-date.

- Agreed to ask for a one or two mill increase in the tax levy. Mr. Miller said after looking at some of the mill levy’s of other northwest Kansas hospitals, he thought it would be a good idea. He said an increase in the levy would let the hospital stay more competitive.

- Learned that the Dairyland Information system training room has been set up with six computers. Mr. Carlton said they were working on getting the information put together and files built, so people could begin training. He said in July, the hospital would have four or five people from Dairyland here. The hospital will be up and running on the new system by July 5.

- Approved medical staff applications (Continued on Page 5)

Poster winners honored

Local winners of the Norton Farm Bureau Safety Poster contest were honored May 20.

Almost 30 people attended a cake and punch reception, sponsored by the Farm Bureau board.

Kansas Farm Bureau sponsors the poster program in an effort to reduce accidents by encouraging youth to think "safety minded".

The local winners were:

DIVISION I, first and second grade — Molly Grose, daughter of Brad and Kelli Scott, Norton, first, "Always Wear Your Bike Helmet", \$10; Marisa Maddy, daughter of David and Patsy Maddy, Norton, second, "Keep Your Shields In Place, It's Not A Race", \$7; Hannah Goss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Goss, Lenora, third, "Stay Out of the Way of Big Equipment", \$5; Neysa Carlson, daughter of Dale and Glenda Carlson, Norton, fourth, "Always Walk Your Bike Across The Road", \$5.

DIVISION II, third and fourth grade — Olivia Lowry, daughter of Bill and Susan Lowry, Almena, first, "If You Think Monsters are Scary, Try Riding in a Car Without Your Seat belt!", \$10; Tyler Mont-



Children and parents gathered at the Norton Farm Bureau office last Thursday night to look at the winning Safety Poster Contest drawings and eat cake. The Norton County Farm Bureau board sponsored the reception to honor the area winners. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

gomery, son of Monte and Staci Montgomery, Almena, second, "Be Careful Around Large Farm Equipment", \$7; Daniel Lentz, son of Virginia Lentz, Almena, third, "Employees — Remember Your Hardhat and Safety Goggles", \$5.

DIVISION III, fifth and sixth grade — Christopher Maddy, son of David and Patsy Maddy, Norton, first, "Always Put Safety First!", \$10; Danielle Richard, daughter of Robert and Kimberly Richard, Edmond, second, \$7.

Memorial Day services to be held throughout area

(Continued from Page 1) together to the cemetery. They will assemble at the bank corner at 1 p.m. and start the parade to the cemetery at 1:30 p.m.

After arriving at the cemetery, the veterans will have a formation at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a wreath will be placed on that grave while the volunteer band plays the "Star Spangled Banner". Veteran Gary Anthony will act as Master of Ceremonies. The Memorial Day address will be given by retired Colonel Gary Allen of Oberlin. The rifle squad will fire a salute at the grave of the last veteran buried in Norcatur.

Refreshments of coffee, tea and cookies will be served in the Educational Building immediately following the services. Everyone is invited.

Lunch will be served before the services at 11:20 a.m. at the Norcatur Grade School by the Commercial Club.

Almena
Mount Hope Cemetery in Almena will be the scene for Memorial Day Services at 10 a.m., Monday. The Almena American Legion Paul D. Linnell Post will be in charge of the services.

The Rev. Terry Worthington, Church of God, Norton, will be the featured speaker. Thirteen white crosses will be placed on the graves of veterans who died while on active duty. Thirteen flags will also form an avenue in honor of those veterans.

Lenora
Memorial Day services will be held in Lenora at 11 a.m. Sunday at Lenora South Cemetery. The color guard and firing squad from the Norton American Legion will present the colors and fire the gun salute. Delbert Berry will raise the flag and give the roll call.

Joe Ballinger will be the guest speaker with the Rev. Ron Scheimo giving the invocation and benediction.

Music will be provided by Glen Jones.

Leoville
Memorial Day Services will begin at Leoville at 9:30 a.m., Monday. The Selden American Legion will present the colors, followed by the flag salute. The auxiliary chaplain will give the invocation followed by speaker Betty Pauls. The Legion chaplain will be in charge of placing a wreath and the benediction, followed by a rifle salute by the American Legion rifle squad and the playing of "Taps".

Logan
Memorial Day Services in Logan are set to begin at 10 a.m. Monday at the Pleasant View Cemetery. The Ralph DeFors American Legion Post is in charge of arrangements. Chaplain Lewis Schneider will give the memorial prayer with Troy Buss of the First Christian Church of Logan the

guest speaker. The Legion Auxiliary will place wreaths at the Veterans Memorial. Following the address a gun salute and playing of "Taps" will honor the deceased veterans.

Lyle
The Lyle community will observe Memorial Day at 10 a.m., Sunday. Jim Plotts, Norcatur, will give the invocation with the Jack Helt American Legion Post of Lebanon, Neb., serving as the honor guard. A potluck dinner will follow at the Lyle Community Building.

Big Timber/Jennings
The Jennings American Legion will be charge of a 10 a.m. service on Sunday at Big Timber Cemetery. A potluck will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Jennings Senior Center. Beverages will be provided but those attending are asked to bring their own table service.

Services on Monday will begin at 10 a.m. at the Jennings Cemetery, with the Jennings Legion Post in charge. The Czech Museum will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tours by request may be made by contacting Neoma Tacha at 678-2470.

Beaver City and Hendley
The Beaver City American Legion will conduct Memorial Day Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Hendley Cemetery followed by services in Beaver City at Mount Hope Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.

As a special treat before the Beaver City services, two planes from the Nebraska Air National Guard will fly over the cemetery at 10:13 a.m. as part of the community's tribute to veterans.

Mt. Hope has a flag display that lines the perimeter of the cemetery and the roads leading into the cemetery.

The Senior Center in Beaver City will serve dinner following the services from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New Almelo
Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m., Monday at St. Joseph's Cemetery, New Almelo, with Father Vincent Thu Laing conducting the services. Following Mass a ceremony will be held to recognize all the veterans buried in the cemetery.

In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held at the church. **Stuttgart, Long Island, Prairie View, Luctor, Woodruff**

The color guard from the Roy Goodrich Post of the Long Island American Legion will present the colors and gun salute on Memorial Day at: Stuttgart Cemetery, 9 a.m.; Prairie View Cemetery, 9:30 a.m.; Luctor Cemetery, 10 a.m.; Woodruff Cemetery, 11 a.m.; and Long Island Cemetery, 11:30 a.m.

Kirk Kasson of the Congregational Church, Almena, will be the guest speaker.

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Sunlight is wonderful when proper safety steps are taken

While exposure to sunlight can be enjoyable, too much can be dangerous.

Over exposure to ultraviolet radiation can result in a painful sunburn. It can also lead to skin cancer, premature aging of the skin and other skin disorders, cataracts and other eye damage and immune system suppression.

Children are particularly at risk of over-exposure, since most of the average person's lifetime exposure occurs before the age of 18. Most people are not aware that skin cancer, while largely preventable, is the most common form of cancer in the U.S., with more than one million cases reported annually. By following some simple steps, you can still enjoy your time in the sun while protecting yourself from over-exposure.

Other than staying indoors, no step can fully protect you from over-exposure, so use as many of the following actions as possible.

• Limit time in the midday sun. The sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• Seek shade. Staying under cover is one of the best ways to protect yourself from the sun. Remember the shadow rule: Watch Your Shadow. No Shadow, Seek

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Shade.

• Always use sun screen. Apply a broad spectrum sun screen, with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 or higher, liberally on exposed skin and reapply every two hours when working or playing outdoors. Even waterproof sun screen can come off when you towel off, sweat or spend lots of time in the water.

• Wear a hat. A hat with a wide brim offers good sun protection to your eyes, ears, face and back of your neck.

• Cover up. Wearing tightly woven, loose-fitting and full length clothing is a good way to

protect your skin from the sun.

• Wear sunglasses that block 99-100 percent of ultraviolet radiation. Sunglasses that provide 99-100 percent UVA and UVB protection will greatly reduce sun exposure that can lead to cataracts and other eye damage. Check the label when buying sunglasses.

• Avoid sun lamps and tanning parlors. The light source from sun beds and sun lamps damages the skin and unprotected eyes.

• Watch for the ultraviolet index. The index provides important information to help you plan your outdoor activities in ways that prevent over-exposure to the sun. Developed by the National Weather Service and Environmental Protection Agency, the index is issued daily in selected cities like Denver across the country.

If you have further questions about sun safety, please contact your local Extension Office or me at twwatts@oznet.ksu.edu.

Board approves applications

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for Mr. Cook, Kimberly Zweigardt of St. Francis and Susan Pfannenstiel of Hays.

• Went into a 10-minute closed session to discuss the confidential risk management report. After coming out of the closed session, the board approved the report.

• Heard from Mr. Miller that the hospital's new employees were Leda Kendall, a full-time certified nurse's aide; and Scott Collins, seasonal summer help in the maintenance and house-keeping departments; and Gabe Bruton, seasonal summer help in the maintenance department.

Mr. Miller said the hospital

was looking for registered nurses.

He said during hospital week, the staff was recognized. In particular, Helen Robison was recognized for her 40 years of service.

• Learned that seven people responded to the Doctor's Clinic surveys. For the most part, the responses were positive.

• Decided to meet at 6:30 p.m. rather than at 7 p.m. Board member Dennis Gillhouse said the board had gotten used to being there at 6:30 p.m. for a tour and thought they should try it for awhile.

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