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Tuesday
June 1, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Betty Harper

Briefly

Pizza Night planned at library

If you are a 7-12 grader, you are invited to Pizza and Game Night, 7-9 p.m., Thursday at Norton Public Library Community Room. You are asked to bring your favorite board games.

Pizza and Game Night kicks off the summer calendar of Thursday night events planned at the Library. June 10 is Jeopardy Night; June 17, Luau Night; June 24, 70s Night; July 1, Fiesta Night; July 8, Crazy Night; July 15, Chocolate Night; and July 22, Dance Night.

Weightlifter to show off skills

Anthony Clark, world record holder for lifting 800 pounds in the bench press competition will demonstrate his power lifting skills at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at Norton East Campus.

Mr. Clark is a Christian athlete who will be in Norton and Stockton for a Champions for Life event at Norton Correctional Facility. He will provide tips and inspiration for local athletes. All boys and girls interested in weight lifting are invited to attend.

This is a free event, organized by End Zone Sports and Office Supply. For more details contact Bill or Chad Manning, 877-2626.

Conditioning program to begin

The Norton Schools Summer Conditioning Program will begin on Wednesday in the East Campus Weight Room.

Sessions will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the following weeks for the entire summer.

Sessions will be from 6-7:30 a.m., 7:30-9 a.m. and 9-10:30 a.m. The 9-10:30 session will be for junior high students only.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight —Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 40s. Wednesday — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s.

Howell report:

Thursday High 92, Low 59
Friday High 97, Low 71
Saturday High 98, Low 51
Sunday High 74, Low 46
Monday High 81, Low 51
June precipitation 0.00 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

Ever-present God, we thank you for your Spirit among us. May we come to you not only in times of despair but also in times of joy — and always to seek your guidance for our lives. Amen



Sen. Stan Clark visited Norton County regularly to explain what was happening in the Kansas Legislature and talk about problems. He was here in March with Rep. John Faber and state Attorney General Phill Kline.

— Telegram photo

State senator killed in Kansas dust storm

State Sen. Stan Clark was killed Saturday in an accident on I-70 amid blowing dust that made it difficult for drivers to see, Kansas Highway Patrol said.

Sen. Clark, a Republican from Oakley, was driving west on Interstate 70 near Oakley at about 7:15 p.m. Saturday when authorities say his 1994 Chrysler was crushed between two tractor-trailer trucks. Sen. Clark, who had no passengers, was taken to an Oakley hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Tod Hileman, public resources officer for Troop D in northwest Kansas, said winds had reached 70 miles per hour and dust forced many drivers to slow down or stop along the highway as visibility reached nearly zero.

Sen. Clark, 49, had served in the Senate for a decade. He was considered a leader of conservative Republicans and a potential candidate for Senate president

later this year. He was chairman of the Utilities Committee and served on its Assessment and Taxation Committee. He was known for keeping a quiet, modest demeanor and for his simple dress—a white shirt and collarless dark coat—in keeping with membership in the Dunkard Brethren Church.

Sen. Janis Lee, D-Kensington, called Clark “just a very good man.” “He was a very good person, very dedicated, and he took his job as a senator very seriously,” she said in a telephone interview.

House Speaker Doug Mays, R-Topeka, said Clark was quiet and bright and “obviously loved his family.” “I would say he was one of the kindest members of the Legislature,” Mays said. “He was a very spiritual man.”

Clark was appointed to represent the northwest corner of the state in 1994 af- (Continued on Page 5)

Crowd attends services

By VERONICA MONIER

Over 100 people came together at the Norton Cemetery to celebrate and honor the lives and deaths of America's soldiers during the Norton Memorial Day service Monday morning.

Guest speaker Bob Strevey, who is a Vietnam veteran and was a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, said they were there to honor those who served our country.

“What does it mean to serve your country?” he said. “It means putting your ideals into action by giving yourself to fight for your country. Sometimes it means giving up your sleep, sleeping without a bed; sometimes it means eating cold meals or going without food.”

“It may mean, if you are in the guard or reserve, being called up at any time, going anywhere you are needed, doing whatever is necessary to get the job done. It means doing hard things like moving bodies of dead comrades, ordering soldiers to fire upon civilians, or yes, even guarding prisoners of war.”

Mr. Strevey talked about his time in the service and how servicemen and women are protecting the rights of everyone, including themselves.

“All it takes to make people realize the importance of a right is to take it away. Then people will fight to get it back. Not everyone in the world respects the rights of others... freedom to worship... free expression... freedom to vote and participate in elections... and respect for basic human rights...”

He told a story about a young man who was helped, when he stood up for his rights, and another about soldiers making mistakes.

“...sometimes soldiers make mistakes, sometimes our generals make mistakes, and there are even times when our political leaders make mistakes,” he said. “But in all cases, those who give their lives in service to our country are to be honored for their sacrifices.”

Mr. Strevey ended his address by saying, “You know, my friends, what a precious thing life is... In any case, life is precious, but liberty is more so. Patrick Henry had it right — ‘Give me liberty or give me death’.”

“What a wonderful thing it is for our country that men and women remain willing to step forward and willing to give up life in her service. So I would conclude by asking you to hold the course of freedom dear.”

Following Mr. Strevey's address, the Norton American Legion firing squad gave a gun salute, while the honor guard presented the colors. “Taps” was played by Justin Scheimo and Rachael Lentz.

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World War II Veteran, John Helm (center) steadied by a walker, stood at attention, to show respect for his fallen comrades. Members of the Lebanon and Wilsonville, Neb., American Legion posts provided the color guard and firing squad. A pot luck dinner was served in the Lyle Community Building following the services.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Folks gather to honor dead in Lenora

Men, women and children gathered Sunday morning at the Lenora South Cemetery to honor those who gave their lives for their country and freedom.

The Lenora Memorial Day service began with the Norton American Legion's color guard and honor guard presenting the colors and Rev. Ron Scheimo reminding folks why they were there on that cool, windy morning during his invocation.

“Remember that we are able to be here today because of the veteran's who sacrificed themselves,” he said. “We have come to honor them, to give remembrance. They have done so much for us. Bless us in this time as we honor our fighting men.”

Guest Speaker Joe Ballinger reminded everyone of the price paid by America's soldiers.

“Freedom is not free,” he said. “Since 1775, over 1 million men and women have given their lives for this country. And now, our men and women are once again fighting on foreign soil.”

Mr. Ballinger read a poem about the price of freedom. He concluded by saying, “...so today, honor the fallen heroes and pray for the living ones.”

Delbert Berry gave roll call. Following the gun salute, Jeremy Wetter and Lacey Ninemire played “Taps”. Glenn and Lee Jones led the crowd in singing America



Jake Durham saluted, while “Taps” was play at the Lenora Cemetery on Sunday.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

the Beautiful and Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The flag raising was canceled due to the high winds.

Members of the Norton American Legion honor guard were Ron Washburn, Fran Otter, George Gibson and Jim Mai.

Jim Goeken, Max Georgeson, Dave Ward, Gary Bruinekool, Gil Otter and Bill Mai made up the firing squad. They were led by Jake Durham.

At the close of the ceremony, Mr. Berry said, “It's a beautiful sight, those flags fluttering in the wind.”

Norcatur honors veterans

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Even though it was cool and windy, more than 100 people gathered Sunday in Norcatur's cemetery to pay their respects to those who have gone before. Especially to the military men and women who died serving their country.

Gary Anthony welcomed everyone to the 115th annual Norcatur Memorial Day Service and thanked the Norton American Legion for providing the color guard. Mr. Anthony invited any veterans attending to join the ranks of the veterans assembled.

Andrea Marshall opened the services with a prayer, thanking those who have gone before and those now serving for protecting the liberty this country enjoys.

Col. Gary Allen, U.S. Army, retired, was the keynote speaker drawing a chuckle from the crowd by commenting on the mild Kansas weather. Col. Allen went on to say that unlike Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address, those attending probably would not remember



Families gather to pay their respects and visit old friends outside the gates of Norcatur's Cemetery. The brisk winds Sunday,

what was said there that day.

He challenged everyone to stop by the grave of a fallen soldier, say a prayer for him and acknowledge him as a true hero. Col. Allen concluded by saying, "There is a

hymn that says, "Jesus died to make men holy", and I think we could add to it that a soldier died to make men free."

Roger Beached, U.S. Navy, retired, placed a wreath at the grave

of The Unknown Soldier, while "Taps" echoed in the background.

To conclude the services a rifle squad fired a salute over the grave of Jerry Brooks, the last veteran buried in the cemetery.

day, made the flags snap and attendees grab a jacket.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

A reception was held following the services in the Educational Building of the Norcatur United Methodist Church, providing a place for old friends and families to meet and reminisce.



The Norton American Legion's color and honor guards marched into the Lenora South Cemetery Sunday for Memorial Day services. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Senator respected by friends, opponents

(Continued from Page 1) ter his predecessor, Sheila Frahm, was elected lieutenant governor. He won a full, four-year term in 1996, then re-election in 2000.

The Dunkard Brethren embrace a life of simplicity, eschewing television, for example. During a 1995, interview, Clark said he became acquainted with the church while taking wedding pictures as part of his commercial photography studio.

"I got the opportunity of attending a number of churches, and I really enjoyed the people," said Clark, who converted in 1989.

He added, "There's a closeness of family. There are all kinds of family get-togethers all the time."

Sen. Clark was born Dec. 9, 1954, to Bob J. and Edith L. (Suter) Clark in Oakley.

On Feb. 11, 1990, he married Ruth Flory in Defiance, Ohio. He was a photographer at Pyramid Studio, Oakley.

He was a member of Dunkard Brethren Church, Quinter and Hudson Essex Terraplane Club. He was a guardian for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, chairman of the Oakley Board of Zoning Appeals and Oakley Pride Committee, vice chairman of the Kansas Agriculture Added-value Center and the Oakley Planning Commission, president of the Oakley Area Chamber of Commerce and president of Fick Fossil Museum.

In the Kansas Senate, he served as chairman of the Senate Utilities and Information Technology committees and was a member of several other committees.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Chester and Anna Clark, John Suter, Ida Suter and Marie Suter.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth

M. Clark of the home; his son, Will P. Clark of the home; his parents, Bob J. and Edith L. Clark of Oakley; two brothers, Drake and Janice Clark of Wallace and Ron and Pat Clark of Oakley; two sisters, Susan and Dan Brabec of Manhattan and Mary and Jay Ochs of Oakley.

A visitation will be held from 2-9 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday) at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home Oakley and from 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday morning at the school auditorium.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Oakley High School auditorium with Gordon Jamison officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International, the Will Clark Education Fund, and Wild West Historical Foundation in care of the funeral home at 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Legion collecting old, torn flags

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

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 disposal ceremony will be held at 9 p.m. on Monday, June 14 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.

Brownout causes accidents

Two men killed in I-70 wrecks

By GREG STOVER

High winds and blowing dust dimmed the sky Saturday afternoon, causing an accident that killed state Sen Stan Clark.

Sen. Clark was killed in the westbound lane of I-70 between mile post 84 and 85, about nine miles east of Oakley. The Kansas Highway Patrol said a semi-trailer rig driven by Edward Williams, 36, Syracuse, N.Y., slowed down and was moving onto the right shoulder due to lack of visibility and after hearing a collision ahead.

Clark's 1997 Chrysler four-door sedan, traveling behind the semi, also slowed, and was hit from behind. Troopers were still trying to figure out whether Clark's car struck the semi-trailer ahead before being hit by the following truck or after. The other semi, driven by Donald DeCarr of Yuma, Ariz., struck the Chrysler from behind and drove it under the trailer of the first semi.

Clark was pronounced dead at the scene. His body was taken to the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. Neither semi driver was injured. All three drivers were wearing seatbelts.

The Interstate was closed for about an hour at WaKeeney while the accident scene was cleared.

Several other accidents occurred because of the dust including another fatality. A Denver man was killed near Goodland.

Jerry Killingsworth, a meteorologist with the Goodland office of the National Weather Service, said the winds were caused by a system of severe thunderstorms which formed in northeast Colorado and created an outflow boundary of cold air. That sent high winds south through Sherman County.

Mr. Killingsworth said winds between 10 and 15 miles per hour had been coming from the south when about 4:30 p.m. winds around 40 miles per hour, gusting to 50, started coming from the northwest. He said at that time, visibility was about 10 miles but about eight minutes later it was down to three miles.

About 15 minutes later, the wind speed increased to 50 miles per hour, gusting to 62, and the official visibility was down to three quarters of a mile at the Goodland airport. Conditions were said to be worse on I-70, where people could not see beyond their car's hood. One law enforcement officer reported, "We cannot see our hands in front of our faces."

Mr. Killingsworth, who was off duty during the storm, said visibility outside his home in Goodland was "no more than a block."

He said for the most part, the dust had blown through Goodland by 5:05 and visibility was back to 10 miles, although the winds were still around 50 miles per hour. He said the peak wind speed recorded at the airport was 67, but a storm spotter eight miles northeast of Goodland reported a gust of 85. He also said there was a report from south of St. Francis at 90 miles per hour.

Norton celebrates Memorial Day

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Norton Boy Scout Troop No. 181 conducted the flag raising ceremony while Dani Wuest sang the national anthem. Jake Durham was the master of ceremonies for the services.

A wreath was placed at the flag pole honoring deceased veterans by Rita Minshall, American Le-

gion Auxiliary president, and Abigail Craig, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary president.

Members of the firing squad were Elden Vincent, Joe Ballinger, Max Georgeson, Bob Underwood, Mel Rice, Earl Hansen and Richard Wiltfong. Jim Horesky, Dave Cuthbertson, Gary Bruinekool, Dallas McMullen and

Mel Juenemann made up the color guard. They were commanded by Curt Archibald.

Kathy Aeillo gave the invocation, while Wilmer Severns delivered the benediction.

Following the service, the Norton American Legion had an open house and the American Legion Auxiliary served a buffet lunch.

School board signs teacher contract

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School Board approved a contract with the teacher's union in a special meeting on Thursday.

Superintendent Greg Mann said a tentative agreement between the board and the Norton Teacher's Association was reached by negotiators on May 19 and was approved by the teachers on May 21.

With the board approval, the new contract takes effect July 1.

Mr. Mann said the new contract has six major parts. It gives 1.75 percent increase in salary and supplemental pay and an additional \$10 per employee per month in health insurance benefits.

Also, he said additional family members were added to the definition of "immediate family" for sick leave.

Beginning in 2005-06, teachers

will be restricted to one horizontal pay increase per year. Teachers get pay increases vertically when raises are given and for longevity with the district. Horizontal increases come when teachers get more education so that a person with a masters degree will receive more than someone with just a bachelor degree.

At the moment, he said, there is no restriction on the number of moves a teacher may make in one contract year as the result of their accumulating educational hours.

The fifth point was that a committee will be formed next year to study the district's practice of awarding horizontal salary movement for in service activities.

Finally, he said, to save money and paper, the master contract will no longer be published so that all employees have a copy, but will be

distributed in the same way the board's policy handbooks are. It will also be available on the district's website.

In other business, the board:

- Directed Mr. Mann to republish the budget. A public hearing has been set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14, in the Alice Tweed Center.

Mr. Mann said the district was recently told by the Kansas State Department of Education that it was eligible for an additional \$8,498 in general fund budget authority because special education money from the state and some special education expenses were both higher than anticipated. To get the additional money, he said the district has to republish the budget. This will not affect taxes, he said.

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10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Kids! Turtle Races (Bring Your Own Turtle)—10-11 .m.
Riverless Run and Walk—
2 Mile Walk/Run-8 a.m.; 5 Mile Run (Please No Walkers)-8 a.m.
Senior Golf—Sunday, June 6
Playing Live: Heartland Band—11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Arts and Crafts Fair—10 a.m.-4 p.m.
B-I-N-G-O—1 a.m.-3 p.m. (Golden Years Center)
Show 'N' Shine—10 a.m.
American Red Cross—N.E. Courthouse Lawn
Eating on the Street or Eat in Air Conditioning