



Brenda Kaus, Norton, is an old pro at donating blood. She topped out her seventh gallon of blood at the Red Cross blood drive. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Donors flock to blood drive

Donors exceeded all expectations last week when 143 people from the Norton area gave blood. Red Cross staff set up shop at the Norton American Legion with Laura Gilhousen, coordinating the efforts. Brenda Kaus, Norton, earned her seven-gallon pin. It takes lots of volunteers to make a successful event happen. Mrs. Gilhousen recognizes the efforts of Ramona McKinley, Collette Miller, Ilene Ankenman, Naedean Whitney, Georgie Rorabaugh, Margaret Wetter, Donna Millan, Vivian Skrdlant, Helen McVay, Verla Chambers, Wilma Wiseman, Dorothy Stuvick, Don Stuvick, Helen Robison, Sara Davis, Andrew Nielson, Mildred Engelhardt, Ruth Schillig, Mabel Nyland, Luke Schemper, Dennis Gilhousen, Floyd McKie, the Busy Beavers 4-H Club, the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club and the North Dividers Family and Community Education Unit. The next Red Cross blood drive will be March 17.

County digs in as landfill nears

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
After more than a year of work it looks like Norton County will have a permit for a new landfill within the next couple of months. County commissioners met with its engineering firm BG Consultants on Monday to iron out details for what to do when the permit is issued. "Obviously we'll be getting a permit to operate a landfill here soon," BG Consultant engineer Pat Cox told the commissioners. The county still needs to put in two more monitoring wells, he said. The wells have to be in place 60 days before trash is placed in the landfill — whether the pit is dug or not. Steve Berland, who is also with the engineering firm, advised setting the whole schedule to help get things moving along faster. The pits will have a two-to-one slope, Mr. Cox said. That means that for every one foot up it goes there will go two feet horizontally. "They (the pits) will be trapezoidal," he said. "We designed it that way to get the maximum use of the area so that the landfill will last longer." The pits will be 20 foot deep with walls that go up 40 feet. That is the steepest slope that a piece of equipment can handle, Mr. Berland said. The county is thinking of doing the digging itself and is looking at a used scraper to do the work, Commissioner Leroy Lang said. While digging the pit it may be necessary to add a stabilizer to the dirt so the walls will not leak. The engineers were going to get a soil sample on Monday to see if they will need to add bentonite, a clay, to the soil to help seal the walls of the pit so water won't permeate through. "If it were up to me I wouldn't even use the bentonite, but we have to comply with regulations," Mr. Cox said, adding that the soil in the area is dense. "It would be a

different story if this were a very loose material over the area. We're only needing a pound (of bentonite) per cubic foot (of dirt) to meet the regulation." However, he said, the whole idea is to keep water out of the trash and if it does get in to keep the water from percolating through and contaminating the ground water supply. The hard sides of the pit will allow less water to get in and if it does there is a leachate system to get it out. That water would then be turned over to the Norton City sewer system and treated. After waiting and working for more than a year the commissioners were anxious to get started. "We want to get it done as soon as possible, but we cannot mess up," Commissioner John Miller said. The commissioners and engineers decided to get the bid proposals for both the testing wells and the construction of the first pit published in the newspaper as soon as possible so they could hire contractors and get to work. In other business, the commissioners: • Heard that the front of the health department will have fiberglass columns instead of aluminum since the wrong columns were sent. Fiberglass is more expensive but the contractor will bear the expense, Health Nurse Gina Frack said. • Said that the Norton County Hospital could have some concrete traffic stops, that are not being used by the health department. • Talked to Mrs. Frack about checking health insurance providers. The commissioners are looking at lowering or at least slowing the rise of premium costs. Mrs. Frack said she would look over policies but has to have things in writing. However, she said, she felt that she and her staff are employees like everyone else.

Manufacturing company gets tax relief

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
Natoma Corp. will be getting some help from Norton County as it expands its facilities. The small manufacturing company had asked for tax relief as it put up a new building and purchased some new equipment. On Monday the Norton County commissioners held a public hearing and passed a resolution saying they were in favor of the company not paying taxes on the new building and equipment for 10 years. County Appraiser Alan Hale was the only member of the public to show up for the hearing. He said that he had mixed feelings about the proceedings. On the one hand, he said, he would like to see the tax base expanding. However, it is necessary to the commissioners to do everything

they can to encourage new business and business expansion, he said. "I applaud you for doing what you can to encourage business," he told the commissioners. "If you don't (give tax incentives), other's will," he said. The request will now go to the state Board of Tax Appeals for final approval, Mr. Hale said. In other business, the commissioners: • Accepted an appraisal plan for 2005 from Mr. Hale. He said the plan and program is the same one the county has been using for several years. • Heard there will be a new program for appraisal required by the state in a few years. The new program will require new hardware and software, Mr. Hale said. The state has said it will pay for those

things but the county will still be stuck for training and travel, he figured. • Held a 15-minute closed session with County Attorney Doug Sebelius and Mr. Hale to discuss legal questions the commissioners had on the 911 address system, which the county plans to put into place soon. • Authorized repair of a generator for the sheriff's department. Sheriff Troy Thomson said that an inspection showed the machine's radiator had three holes in it and it has to be fixed as it runs the 911 phone system if the power goes out. • Heard that two new sheriff's cars have been shipped but there is a transportation strike in Kansas City so no one knows when they will arrive. The console and light bars will still have to be purchased

and wired into the vehicles, Sheriff Thomson said. • Heard that the road and bridge crew has finished putting asphalt millings on Road Q and has started on the Reager Road. • Asked Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan to buy his antifreeze locally even if it costs a little more. • Held a 15-minute closed session with Mr. Sebelius to go over possible litigation on economic development loans. • Found out that a loader used by the solid waste department has broken down.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High
Monday — Jay Singers, a.m.; 9th Grade Volleyball vs. Osborne, Here, 5 p.m.; junior varsity football vs. Osborne here, 6 p.m.
Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.m.; varsity tennis at Colby, 3 p.m.; junior varsity/varsity volleyball at Atwood, 4:30 p.m.; cross country at Oberlin, 5 p.m.
Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Students Against Drunk Driving, a.m.; Homecoming Election, fourth hour
Thursday — FFA, 7 p.m.; play auditions; FCCLA Coat Drive ends
Friday — Homecoming Parade, 2:45 p.m.; Pep Assembly at courthouse, 3 p.m.; football vs Stockton, Here, 7 p.m.; Homecoming Dance, junior high gym, 10 p.m.-midnight
Saturday — 9th grade volleyball at Plainville, 8:30 a.m.; junior varsity/varsity volleyball at Oberlin, 9 a.m.; league tennis at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.
Sunday — FCCLA Adopt-A-Highway
Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.m.; 9th grade volleyball vs. Beloit/Smith Center at Smith Center, 5 p.m.; junior varsity football at Stockton, 6:30 p.m.; Kay Board, 7 p.m.
Junior High
Thursday — Volleyball vs. Phillipsburg, here, 4:30 p.m.; 7th grade football vs. Phillipsburg, here, 5 p.m.; 8th grade football vs Phillipsburg, here, 7 p.m.
Next Saturday — 8th Grade volleyball at Smith Center, 10 a.m.
Next Monday — Student Council, amp.
Eisenhower
Monday — 3rd Grade Family Reading Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday — SIT, Conference Room, 7:30 a.m.
Next Monday — EC-Grade 3,

Fire Safety Presentation, 2:30 p.m.
Lunch Menus High School
Monday — Breakfast: Banana bread, fruit or juice, cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Lasagna, hot roll, combo salad, fruit cocktail or chef salad, milk
Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast casserole, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, carrots, hot roll, fruit cup, or chef salad, milk
Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage pockets, tater wedge, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti with shredded cheese, garden salad, garlic bread, pears, or chef salad, milk
Thursday — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Slivered ham sandwich and cheese, peas, applesauce, chef salad, milk
Friday — Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Mr. Rib sandwich, lettuce and tomato, corn, peaches or chef salad, milk
Eisenhower
Monday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: BBQ beef, homemade bun, French fries, dill spear, banana pudding, milk
Tuesday — Breakfast: Waffles, syrup, bacon strips, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk
Wednesday — Breakfast: Apple-cinnamon muffins, covered sliced bananas, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk
Thursday — Breakfast: Canadian bacon/cheese, biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, pears, celery stick, dinner roll, milk
Friday — Breakfast: Warm pumpkin bread, rosy applesauce, milk; Lunch: Beef and noodles,

whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches, cheese rolls, milk
NORTHERN VALLEY
Monday — Lifetouch Pictures, start in Long Island at 8:30 a.m.; Kansas Youth Leadership Academy at Fort Hays State University, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday — Junior High volleyball and football at Logan; volleyball at 5 p.m.; football at 6:45 p.m.; high school cross country at Hays, 3:45 p.m.
Menus
Monday — Breakfast: Oatmeal with toppings, strawberries, cereal; Lunch: Burritos, tossed salad, corn, chocolate pudding
Tuesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, hash browns, sausage links, cereal; Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, roll, broccoli, brownie
Wednesday — Breakfast: Banana muffins, mixed fruit, cereal; Lunch: Shaved turkey on a bun, French fries, carrots, strawberry/banana dessert
Thursday — Breakfast: Pizza bagel, banana slices, cereal; Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad, peas, banana cream pie

Farmers eligible for disaster loans

When Decatur County was designated for disaster assistance, and Farm Service Agency loans, Norton County became eligible too. Existing legislation provides that farmers in bordering counties may also qualify for such assistance. Applications will be accepted by Farm Service Agency until April 20.

These loans cover physical and/or production losses at 3.75 percent interest. Loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster. Loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make pay-


ments on real estate and chattel debts. If you are operating a family-size farm or ranch, unable to get credit elsewhere, and have suffered a loss, you can apply from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Norton County Farm Service office, 113 N. Norton Ave.

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