

# Club learns about voting guidelines

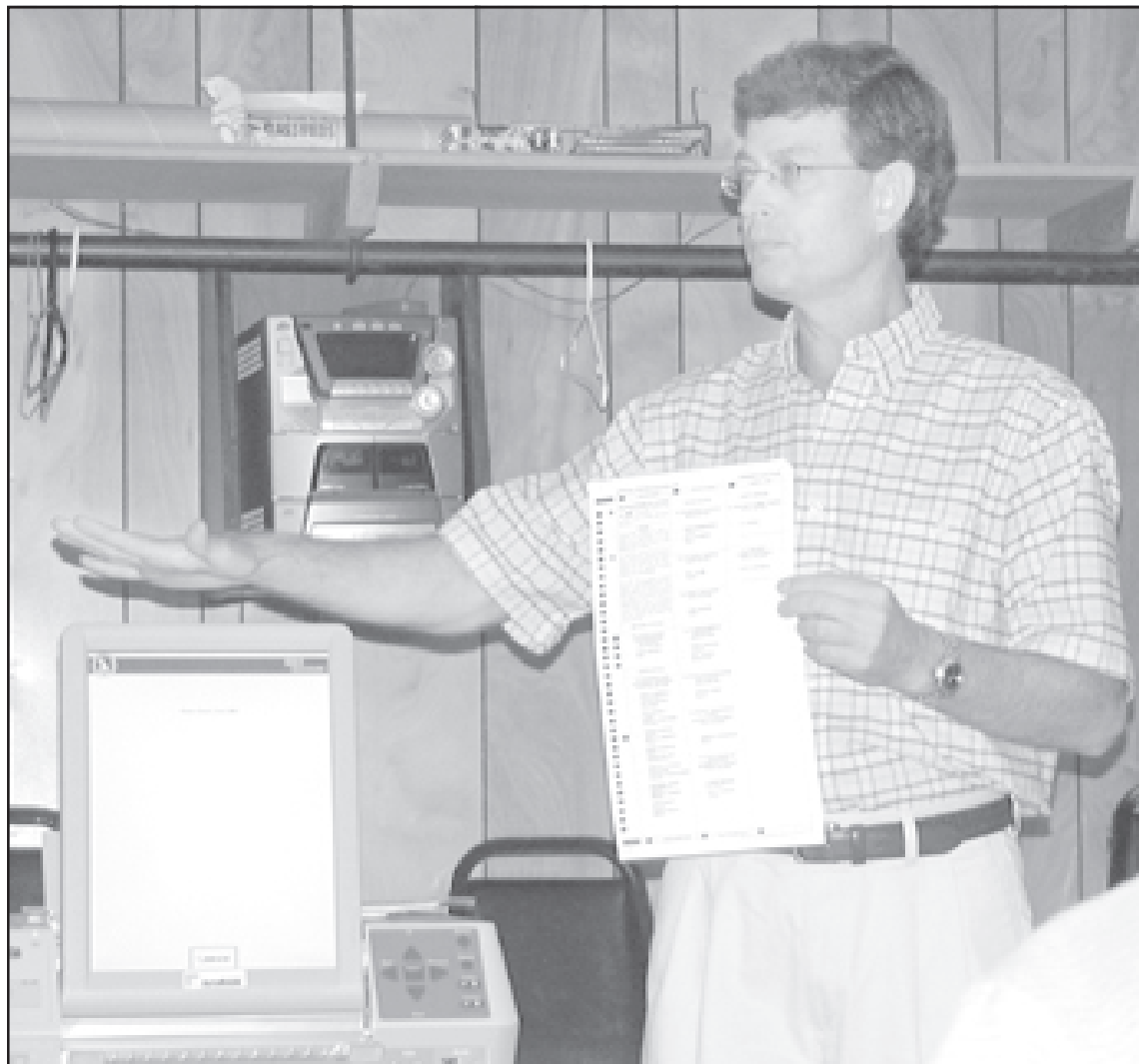
By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Voting procedures and federal guidelines were explained to the Norton Lions Club by Robert Wyatt, Norton County Clerk, during their Aug. 15 meeting.

Mr. Wyatt explained how federal election laws have affected Kansas. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires that voting be accessible (privately) to every voter, no matter what their handicap; that voters have a "second chance" to correct their vote and re-cast their ballot; and that there be mandatory training for election officers.

Mr. Wyatt demonstrated one of the six new voting machines recently purchased by Norton County. He said each machine cost \$6,500 and the software and programming added more to the overall cost. "But, it's something we (the county) are mandated to do," he said.

A scanner accompanies the voting machine and completes the fail-safe operation of the voting machine. If a ballot is mis-marked, it will be rejected and the voter allowed to make the correction and re-cast their ballot. It will eliminate some ballots having to be rejected. The scanner also maintains a "paper trail" for proof of ballots cast. The scanner can



Norton Lions Club listened as Robert Wyatt, Norton County Clerk, explained the features of one of Norton County's new voting machines. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

"read" both hand-marked ballots and ballots from the voting machine.

The voting machines will accommodate a blind person with a Braille screen or headphones and oral directions; a person with limited vision can have the screen displayed in large print; and a paralyzed person who can only use a

"puffer" system can still use this voting machine with an adapter for "puffing". It can even accommodate write-in votes.

There are 3,717 registered voters in Norton County. The county opted not to consolidate its polling places, so voters will continue to vote where they always have, with the exception of Clayton and

Edmond.

Mr. Wyatt also said that Homeland Security guidelines mandated a security plan for the machines in addition to maintaining them in a climate controlled environment. He said that eventually the security plan would require video camera surveillance 24 hours a day.

# Genealogists hear history of Norton man

By FLETA HANLON and JoANN WOLFE

The Norton County Genealogical Society met Aug. 7 at the Norton Manor. Guest speaker was Arnold Jackson, father of Sharon Schultz. Mr. Jackson lives at The Manor so it was convenient for him. There was good attendance which included the society members, guests, locals and Manor residents.

Mr. Jackson was in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) from 1934 to 1935. He mustered in at Atwood along with his brother. Their first job was to saw out moss growing in the Atwood Lake that was making it hard for boats to maneuver.

They operated a very long, twisted saw about 100 to 150 feet long. There were three men (18 to 25 years old) on each end of the saw. The main requirement for the job was to be able to swim. They cut the moss loose and others used farm rakes to dredge it out. They were at that job for several weeks before moving to the next job. He remembered that the meals were good and the barracks were made of sod, but very clean. Others had built the barracks before they came. There were also barracks at Oberlin for other groups. They worked under an Army lieutenant and sergeants. The beds were supposed to be so neat and tight that they could bounce a quarter off the blanket. He didn't think they probably did, but that was how it was supposed to be.

at Atwood, they were taken to Rexford to a dance. They went in five trucks with at least 12 men in each truck. He said they had a very good time. Everywhere they went, they were treated very well by the public.

After the Atwood job,, they went to Quinter where they worked on a concrete dam. It was an experiment as you could walk through a tunnel under the dam. It was to be able to detect a break in the dam. They quarried rock to fill the wash-out until the break could be repaired. There were 200 men in this group and the rock was chiseled with a sledge hammer, then hauled to the dam. That job lasted three months.

From Quinter the men were sent to Ravenna, Neb., by train. Their rations were to last for 200 miles, but the train went to Missouri with a four-hour layover and then back

to Ravenna — a long trip with just a sandwich and an orange.

While at Ravenna, they grubbed out a timber claim that was mostly dead from the drought and the grasshoppers.

Their next job was to lay creosote-treated planks, terraced on the spillway of a dam so it wouldn't wash out. While they were there, Christmas came and they wanted to go home. There were five men from this area, so they each chipped in \$5 and bought a Model T car. The problem was that the clutch went out and they had to push it to start it. They were desperate to get back on time, so they traded it for another car. It didn't make it either. They were late returning to work and had to spend two weekends on Kitchen Patrol (KP).

Besides room and board, CCC men were paid \$30 a month with

\$25 being sent home to their parents. Their \$5 share per month, sometimes didn't last so they borrowed ahead on the next month. The corps was one of the first programs Franklin Roosevelt put in place after he became president.

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was for family men and the CCC was for young men, ages 18-25. The program lasted until 1942. Men signed up for six months at a time and could go home when their tour was finished or sign up again. Three million young men took part in these programs.

Mr. Jackson also shared other life experiences of his youth.

Refreshments were served and a short business meeting was held.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11 in the genealogy room at Norton Public Library.

# 'Hope' holds annual meeting

By VERONICA MONIER

The Valley Hope Association celebrated its 39th birthday last weekend, holding its annual meeting Friday afternoon.

Ken Gregoire, president and chief executive officer, said over the past year, they have been working to answer the three questions he posed last year — what to do about managed care, how big is too big and how much is too much.

He said they are experimenting with the treatment process at the Grapevine facility. Patients can either use their insurance, which allows for a shorter stay, or they can try a 30-day treatment, which is cheaper but doesn't allow for insurance use.

It's giving people more options, he said. They are starting the 30-day treatment Sept. 1 and, he said, he'll hopefully be able to report good results at next year's meeting.

"We're still trying to treat every patient as an individual and a human being," he said.

Mr. Gregoire said another new thing is Valley Hope will be marketing its treatment processes, so that other treatment centers can use them. This will keep Valley Hope's counselors from stretching themselves too thin. Also, they are going to try offering continuing care treatment on the Internet. This way, he said, people would be able to do the Internet exercises as well as visiting the facility.

He said everyone is concerned about the cost of treatment.

"The last thing we want to do is have money get in the way of someone getting help," he said.

He said the 30-day treatment at Grapevine was a step towards making treatment more affordable. The 30-day treatment, he said, has cut the cost from \$11,000 to \$12,000 down to \$6,000.

"We will continue doing everything we can for anybody," he said, "regardless of how many times it takes."

Chief Financial Officer Tom Baumann gave the financial report. He said total assets were \$35.227 million and total liabilities were \$3.908 million, leaving a fund balance of \$31.318 million.

Total income for the year was \$62.039 million, he said, which is up from last year's \$57.62 million, while total expenses were \$34.512 million, making the net income \$13.08 million before uncompensated care (amount patients couldn't pay).

Mr. Baumann said Valley Hope had \$12.687 million in uncompensated care, leaving the company with a \$393,000 surplus for the year.

The board had four members with expiring terms. Jack Andrews, Lincoln, Neb.; John McClymont, Norton; Doug Sebelius, Norton; and Pat George, Dodge City, were unanimously re-appointed.

# Road rally adds a bit of mystery

A mystery trip with a twist has been added to the fourth annual Phillips County Red Cross Road Rally. Registration will begin at noon Saturday in the Phillipsburg High School parking lot. The rally will begin at 1 p.m.

Prizes for the top three finishers will be awarded: a \$100 meat package from Phillipsburg Lockers for first place; a \$75 meat package for second place; and a \$50 meat package for third place.

Entry fee for the rally is a donation to the Phillips County Red Cross of \$10 per adult; \$5 for children 3 to 12; children age

2 and under are free. The donation includes the evening meal.

A poker run will be held in conjunction with the rally. Prizes will be awarded to the best and worst poker hands. Each hand costs \$5 to play.

Everyone is welcome to the meal which begins at 6 p.m. in the Phillips County 4-H Building. If you are not participating in the road rally, a \$6 donation per person is requested. Children 2 and under, eat free.

There will also be door prizes for those attending the meal.

For more information contact Chris Hugunin, 785-543-7552.



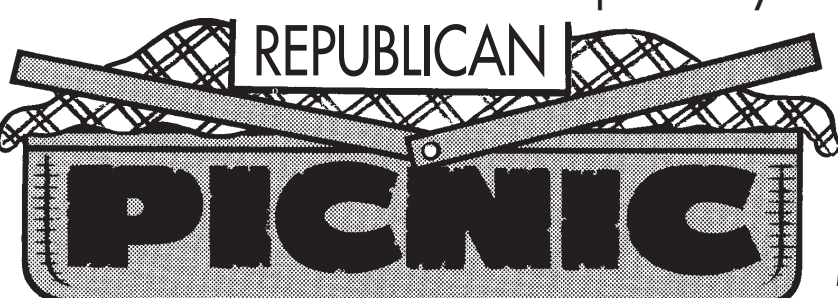
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