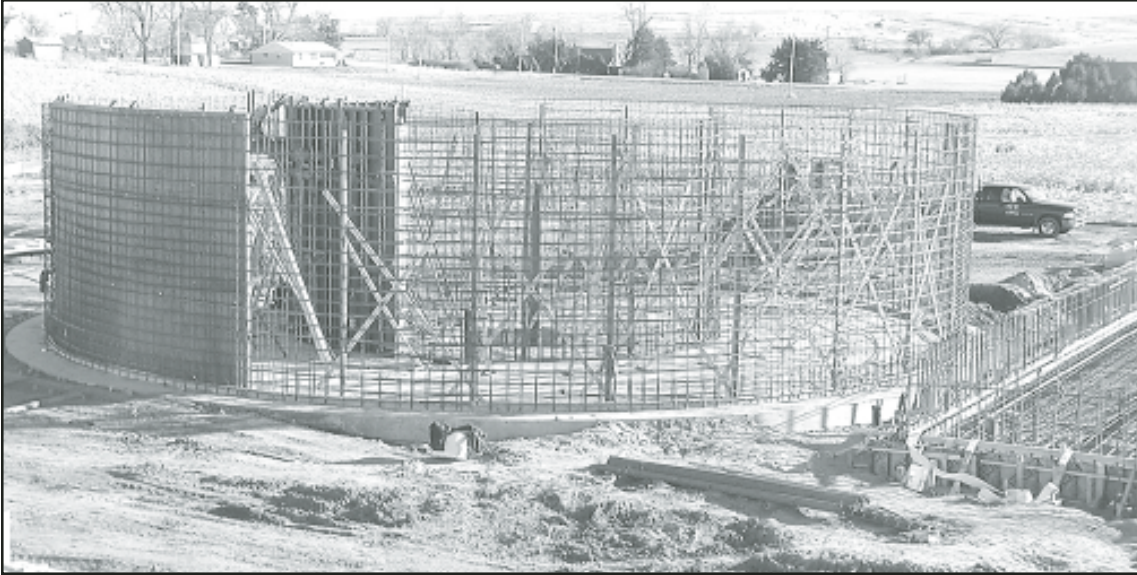


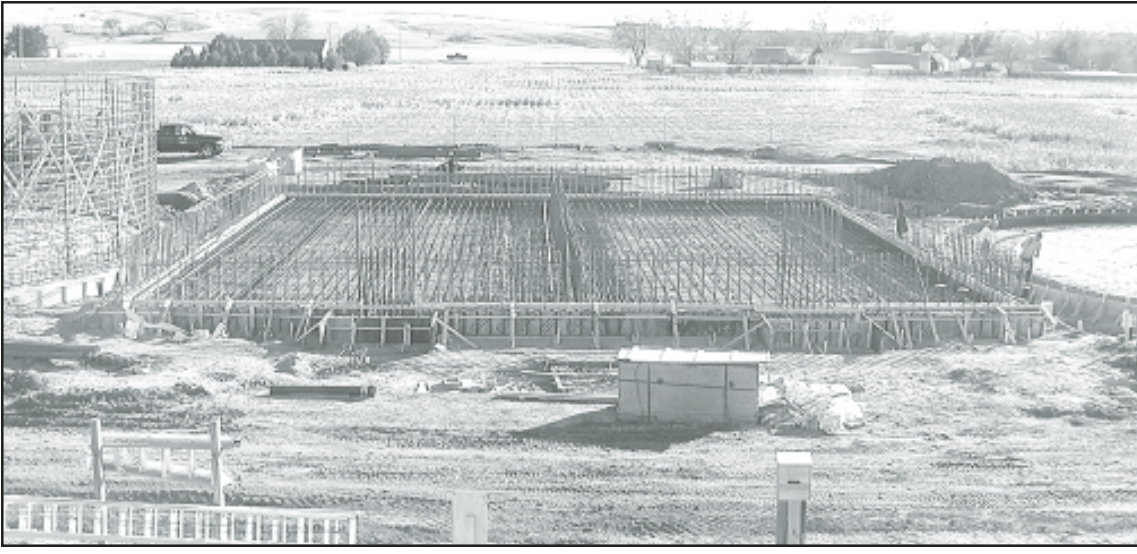


Steel workers subcontracted through BRB Contractors tied steel in place around the east counter-current aeration tank. The tank is one of two that will make up part of the new sewer plant for Norton. The \$3.6 million project has to be completed by next August.

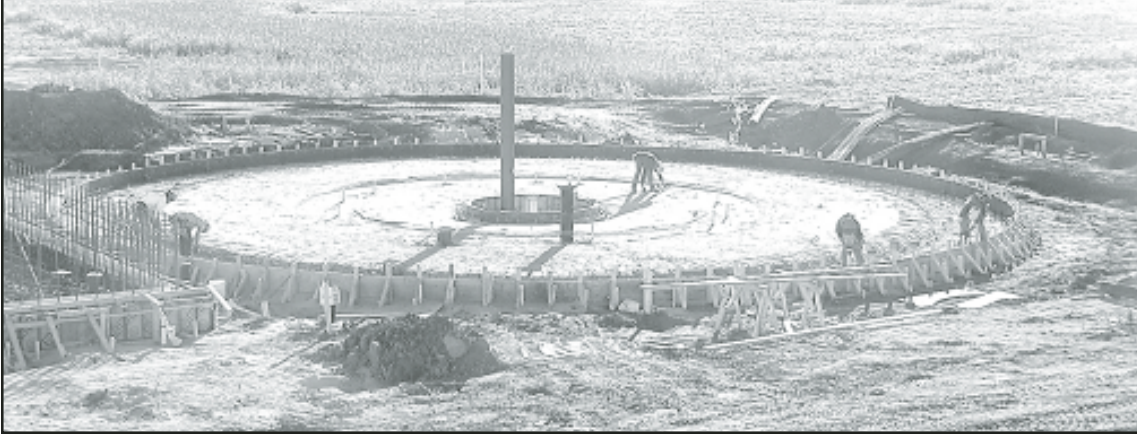
— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



East Counter-Current Aeration Tank



Digestion Tank



West Counter-Current Aeration Tank

Norton on its way to a new sewer plant

By **VERONICA MONIER**
Norton is well on its way towards having a new sewer plant.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said the reason for the new plant is that the old one no longer meets the requirements set by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

"The plant still meets what it was designed to do," he said. "But, it was built 43 years ago and KDHE (health and environment) has changed the requirements on discharge limits. The plant can't meet those."

Mr. Lawson said the type of

plant they are building is called a Schrieber plant. He said they are building two new counter-current aeration tanks and a new digester tank.

He said they aren't tearing down any of the old plant at the moment, but some things will eventually be taken out.

The new plant is supposed to be finished and working by next August, he said. The city signed contracts with BRB Contractors, the main contracting company, in July and started construction in August, but has been working on the \$3.6 million project for a little over

three years.

The project is being financed with a low-interest state revolving loan that will be paid back over the next 20 years.

Mr. Lawson said the new plant has been designed to meet the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the department of health and environment's specifications for the next 20 years.

It's been made so that extra equipment can be added to handle new regulations, he said. Also, he said, it's design covers future population growth in the city.

Ribbons support campaign to stop drunk driving

The Kansas Highway Patrol has tied ribbons onto agency-owned vehicles as part of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Project Red Ribbon campaign.

Called "Tie One On For Safety," the campaign started Nov. 20. The highway patrol will use the ribbons to show the agency's zero tolerance toward impaired driving. The patrol will display the red ribbons throughout the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays.

Patrol Superintendent Col. William Seck said, "This ribbon symbolizes our agency's dedication to apprehending impaired drivers and educating the public to drive safe and sober during the holidays."

"The ribbons also memorialize the lives lost due to senseless alcohol-related tragedies. I encourage

all motorists to tie a MADD ribbon to an antenna, side mirror, or door handle, pledging to drive safely," Col. Seck said.

Kansas Mothers Against Drunk Driving said approximately 20,000 individuals are arrested annually in Kansas for impaired driving. Statistics compiled by the Kansas Department of Transportation show there were 3,039 alcohol-related crashes in 2005, resulting in 88 deaths and 1,356 injuries. During the 2005 Thanksgiving reporting period (6 p.m. Wednesday through midnight Sunday), there were 49 alcohol-related crashes that resulted in one death and 32 injuries.

During last year's Christmas reporting period (Dec. 23-26), there were 38 alcohol-related crashes with no deaths and 33 injuries.

There were 45 alcohol-related crashes, resulting in three deaths and 32 injuries, in the 2005 New Year reporting period (Thursday through Sunday).

The patrol reminds motorists to not drink and drive, and do not let your friends or family members drive drunk. If you consume alcohol, call a friend, family member, or taxi service for a sober ride home, or make plans to have a sober ride home before going to holiday parties.

The Red Ribbons are free of charge at Kansas Highway Patrol troop headquarter facilities throughout the state. You may also call the MADD Heartland Regional Office at (816) 254-5200.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Dan M. Liberato

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2006-PR-28

In the Matter of the Estate of DAN LIBERATO, also known as DANIEL M. LIBERATO, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

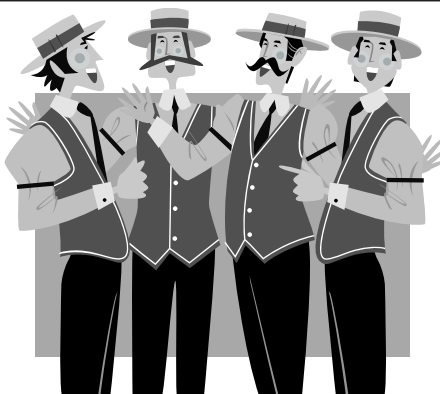
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Karen L. Liberato, as surviving spouse and one of the heirs of Dan Liberato, also known as Daniel M. Liberato, Deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Seven (7), New Almelo, Norton County, Kansas; and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 13, 2006, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. of said day in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Karen L. Liberato, Petitioner

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Notice is hereby given that the First State Bank, Norton, Kansas has made application to the State Bank Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, for written consent to assume liability to pay deposits made in the Stockton National Bank, Stockton, Kansas.

This notice is published pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated 9-1724.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the State Bank Commissioner located at 700 Jackson, Suite 300, Topeka, Kansas, 66603-3796 before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than 21 days

following the first required publication for the State Bank Commissioner. The period may be extended by the State Bank Commissioner for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within three business days following the request for such file. The file may be inspected in the Office of the State Bank Commissioner during regular business

hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the State Bank Commissioner.

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