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March 20, 2007

## A day to play



With the sunny, warm weather, Elmwood Park was a good place to be yesterday as several grandmothers took their grandkids to play. One grandmother gave her grandson a helping hand as he let go of the monkey bars. —Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Gladys Hackney

### Briefly

#### Class offered on estate planning

"The Top Ten Stupid Things Families Do to Break Up Their Business" will be presented by Jolene Brown from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday in the Colby High School auditorium.

Ms. Brown is a certified speaking professional who will speak about what is necessary to pass a family business to the next generation.

The seminar, sponsored in part by Kansas Farm Bureau, is free and open to anyone who would like to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Patsy Maddy at Norton County Farm Bureau Association at 785-877-7262 or 785-977-3221.

#### Council meets

#### Wednesday

The Norton City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday for their second meeting in March.

The council will consider an ordinance to use State Revolving Loan money on the water plant project. It will also adopt Resolution 3-2007, amending the employee handbook; will review the environmental code; will consider the renewal of a Class A Club License for the Norton American Legion; and will hold a closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

Reports will be heard from:

- the city administrator;
- economic development;
- the Parks Committee; and
- the Finance Committee.

The meeting is open to the public.

#### TV program to be on excavation

An upcoming broadcast on KTWU public television (Topeka) will feature a segment on the archaeological excavations of the Thomas Johnson dugout, which is on the old Henry Williams place north of Nicodemus. The program will be shown on Thursday, April 5.

The excavation was conducted by Washburn University last May.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy with lows in the upper 40s. **Wednesday** — Warmer and mostly cloudy in the morning with scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. Chance of rain 40 percent. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with thunderstorms in the evening. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy and cooler.

#### Kingham report:

Friday .....	Low 25, High 62
Saturday .....	Low 24, High 70
Sunday .....	Low 31, High 80
Monday .....	Low 41, High 60

(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear God, renew our devotion to serving you. Remind us what it means to share our joys and struggles with fellow-believers. Amen

## Valley Hope honored for its work

By STACIE SANDALL  
Hays Daily News

NORTON — Now in its 40th year, Valley Hope Association of Norton has been honored in Topeka for its dedication to treating the chemically dependent.

Rep. Pat George, R-Dodge City, recently honored Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ken Gregoire and Chief Operating Officer Dr. John Leipold, in Topeka as two people who "work to make a difference in their communities and around the world."

House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, R-Ingalls, issued the certificates at George's request. George, on the board of directors for the association, was making a presentation about the management system when he surprised the doctors with the awards.

They were presented the awards during a private ceremony in Neufeld's office while in Topeka to testify before a House committee on state employee payment plans.

"I think what's significant is that it's recognition that we've been, every day, providing treatment for the chemically dependent for 40 years," said Gregoire, president of the association. "We have been able to pro-

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## Missing girl found

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

A missing Norton girl has returned home.

The family of Miranda Mock began enlisting the help of the community to locate their 16 year old daughter shortly after they reported her missing to the Norton Sheriff's Department. Virgil and Donna Mock reported Miranda missing Sunday afternoon.

Sheriff Troy Thomson confirmed early Tuesday morning that Miranda had been found and was with her parents.

"We're going to let her talk this out with her parents before we get involved," he said. He said they would visit with Miranda later Tuesday afternoon.

When Miranda became missing, she was

last seen at her home, southeast of Norton, Saturday evening. It was believed she left the home, on foot, perhaps heading across country. She was not carrying a cell phone and it is believed she had no money.

Sheriff Thomson said she had been listed as an "Attempt to Locate" on the National Crime Information Computer (NCIS). If she hadn't been found, the category would have been changed to "Missing".

Flyers were posted around town to see if anyone had seen her.

After being returned home, Miranda was taken to the Norton County Hospital. Administrator Rich Miller said Tuesday morning, because of the situation, the hospital couldn't release any information on her condition at the time.

## Airport board looks at master plan

By VERONICA MONIER

Without a simple majority of the board present, the Norton City/County Airport Board couldn't make any decisions at last week's meeting, but it still discussed what was needed in the airport's master plan.

Chairman John Miller said he spoke to the Kansas Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation about four things that needed to be added into the master plan.

First, he said, they needed to have a 405 survey done. It's very important, he said, and needs to be done. Next, he said, they need to include plans for an alternative taxiway; third, they need to adopt zoning for vertical height obstructions; and lastly, they need to look at widening the airstrip

to 75 feet and extending the runway 300 feet, which will increase the size of planes they can bring in.

These are all things that should be added to the master plan's long-term plan, he said.

In other business, the board: • Discussed getting alternative bids do have an audit done. Mapes and Miller would charge about \$1,800 per year.

The audit would cover a span of two and a half years.

The audit has to be done, the board said, but maybe they could find someone willing to do it for less money.

The board will meet again at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 9 in the basement of the city building.

## Big band sound arriving in April

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton will be rocking to the big band sound of the Steve Miller K.C. Band in April.

Norton County Arts Council President Carol Erlenbusch said the seven piece, two vocalist band will be in Norton on April 21 at the Norton American Legion. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the dance will start at 8 p.m.

"Anyone who enjoys the big band sound should come to this one," she said.

Dinner reservations need to be made by Friday, April 6, she said. If people don't want to go to the dinner, they can still buy a ticket for the dance only. Those tickets will be sold up to the time of the concert and at the door.

For the dinner and dance, tickets will be \$10 for Norton County Arts Council members, \$25 for non-members, and \$18 for those who have memberships in other counties with reciprocity.

Without the dinner, dance tickets are free for Norton County members, \$15 for non-members, and \$8 for those with reciprocity.

Tickets are available at the Norton Area Chamber Office or checks can be mailed to NCAC, PO Box 225, Norton, Kan. 67654.

The Chamber can be reached at 785-877-2501.