



The newly completed housing units at Bieber Cottages, West Armory Road, (above) are ready for occupants. The units are operated by the Andbe Home. Eugene Wiltfong, Andbe

Home board member, (below) inspects a microwave in one of the units at Bieber Cottages. Mr. Wiltfong is the leasing representative. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Andbe Home builds 12 new apartments

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The much-awaited completion of Norton's newest housing facility is completed and tenants have started moving in.

The 12, two-bedroom units of Bieber Cottages, located on West Armory Drive, were completed last week and tenants began moving in over the weekend. There is still some landscaping to be done. It will be completed when weather permits and the ground dries more.

Gene Wiltfong, the Andbe Home board member who is the board's representative for leasing, said nine units are rented with three still available. He said the only restriction is that tenants be over 55 years of age.

He said 40 people are on the waiting list, but they are not ready to move out of their own homes yet.

Each unit has its own garage, ceiling fans in the dining area, living room and master bedroom, lots of closet space and sliding doors that lead onto a patio. There

are privacy fences between the units. Appliances included are an electric range, microwave, refrigerator with ice maker, a dishwasher, a garbage disposal, stacked washer and dryer and a telephone desk in the kitchen. Each unit on the cul de sac will have its own address and mail delivery.

Residents at Bieber Cottages will also be given a wireless pendant to wear. It will allow them to alert the staff at the Andbe Home if they need assistance.

The ranch-style units have energy efficient windows with marble sills, crank-out windows, neutral wall-to-wall carpeting, vinyl in the kitchens and bathrooms and mini-blinds.

Included in the monthly rental fee is gas, water, snow removal from driveways and sidewalks and lawn care. Each renter is responsible for their own electricity, television connections and telephone.

Doug Dahms, Arvada, Colo., was the contractor. He is a native of Arapahoe, Neb., and also built



Whispering Pines, a retirement center in Arapahoe and an assisted living center in Dighton. "It takes many different levels of housing — one facility can't meet them all.

Bieber Cottages meets a specific need in this community for independent housing," Mr. Dahms said.

Mr. Dahms said many local businesses and individuals worked on the project. He cited Curtis Glenn as the on-site construction manager; Larry Patterson of Patterson Plumbing did the plumbing work; Scott Evans placed all the concrete supplied by S & R Redi-Mix; all appliances came from Kowpoke; and lumber and the majority of building supplies from Norton Home Store.

To inquire about available units at Bieber Cottages, call Gene Wiltfong, 877-2671.

Development takes on new community project

By VERONICA MONIER
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Norton County Economic Development has several projects in the works.

Director Diane Becker told the economic development board at a special meeting Thursday that the LuJon's building in downtown Norton has been sold. The board had previously made an offer of \$40,000 for the building.

She said she didn't know who bought it; it was sold Wednesday afternoon. She said she will continue to look for a building to use as business incubator space.

However, she said she had good news in that the Moffet property project was going well. The Moffet property is an old gas station and cafe on State Street that the City of Norton is looking at demolishing.

Ms. Becker said the Moffets have agreed to gift the building to economic development. She said they need to have a survey done so that the gas station property and

the property immediately behind it, where a historical house is located, can be separated. Economic development will only be taking the gas station property.

She said she received a bid from BEB Associates, a new surveying company, and that the bid was under \$400. Because the bid is under \$400, the board didn't need to vote on the expenditure.

If the city agrees not to demolish the property, economic development will tear down the south end of the gas station and pave it over and then fix up the north end.

Ms. Becker said they will use the building as a community information center. She said everyone seems to be very supportive of this project and they have received several offers of help with the labor.

"I'll be working on getting a timeline in place," she said. "That's the biggest thing the city is concerned about — how long it will take to get it looking better. "Overall, I've gotten a good

feeling for community support." Board member Donna Foley asked if the plan was to make it look new or to make it look like it did in the past.

Ms. Becker said the short term plan is to just make it look better. As for the long term, she would like to get the community involved with the labor and so it will have a say in the overall vision of the building.

"This is a good project to bring the community together," she said.

The economic development board will hold its regular March meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 at the economic development office. The meeting is open to the public.

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Logan County Manor is offering a \$2,500 sign on bonus for a full-time Registered Nurse to work 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate compassion, a positive attitude, and a commitment of a team oriented working environment. LCM offers competitive wages including weekend differential. An excellent benefit package awaits the successful candidate. Benefits include: Health Insurance, Life Insurance, KPERs, PTO, optional Dental Insurance, AFLAC plans, Flexible Spending Accounts, and Deferred Comp plan. Applications may be picked up at Logan County Hospital, Logan County Manor or obtained on our website at www.logancountyhospital.org and returned to: Logan County Hospital, Attn: Human Resources, 211 Cherry Avenue, Oakley, KS 67748 or you may contact Sandy Koerperich, DON @ 785-672-8109, Ext. 315. Logan County Manor is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Football star comes to Norton

Former professional football player, Ray McElroy, will be in the Norton area next week. He will be speaking to high school students, inmates at Norton Correctional Facility, a church and youth groups.

In 1995, Ray McElroy was a fourth-round draft pick by the Indianapolis Colts. He had attended Eastern Illinois University where he was a third team All-American and first team All-Conference player. As a senior, he played in the Blue/Gray All-Star Classic.

He played for Indianapolis for four years. In 2000 he went to Chicago where he played for a year. He finished his playing career with the Detroit Lions.

Mr. McElroy is a motivational speaker addressing the importance

of making good choices in your life. He was recently named as Chaplain for the Chicago Bears.

On Saturday, March 8, he will be at Norton Correctional Facility speaking to both medium and minimum security inmates; Sunday he will speak during the 10:30 Service at Norton Christian Church. At 2:45 p.m., Monday, Mr. McElroy will be at Norton Community High School to speak to those students and Northern Valley Students. Monday at 6 p.m. he will be at The Rock for smoothies, snacks and a message to area junior high and high school students. Tuesday he will wind up his Norton stay with a public presentation to parents and the community at 7:30 p.m. at East Campus Auditorium.

Norton Parks Committee contemplates walking trail

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton City Council will be hearing a new suggestion on how to spend part of the Hansen Foundation grant money at Wednesday's meeting.

Councilwoman Kim Snyder told the Parks Committee Monday that she has had several people ask her about a walking trail at Elmwood Park. She said they seem to be using the grant money for a variety of purposes and this might be a good one.

City Administrator Rob Lawson asked if she meant a concrete path. "I think most people who want one just want some sort of hard surface to walk on," said Mrs. Snyder.

Mr. Lawson said he thought it was a good idea and suggested that she bring it up at the council meeting. He said people have been wanting something like that for awhile so that they can walk, run, rollerblade or ride their bicycle on. If that was the case, it would need to be concrete. If they just wanted something to walk or run on, it could be made of wood chips.

Mrs. Snyder said maybe they could start with the chips and then work their way up to concrete.

"I think people just want something," she said. "And, it might alleviate some of the wear on the school track."

Mr. Lawson said people could also take their dogs for a run, which they can't do at the track.

The Parks Committee also discussed plans for new restrooms at Elmwood Park. He said the inmate laborers' schedule is almost full for the summer and right now, they don't have anyone with any skill at laying brick.

Most of the contractors in the area are also booked.

Councilman Jerry Jones asked what it would take to get this done before the fair.

Mr. Lawson said he didn't know if that would be possible.

"Time is our biggest problem," he said. "We don't have enough people to go around anymore."

Mr. Jones said they might look at starting this fall then and finishing next spring.

Mr. Lawson said he would suggest building it in a different location than the current restroom, so that they can keep the one they have open while the new one is being built.

He said he would talk to some people to see what was possible and get some sort of timeframe.

The committee also received a finalized schedule for Elmwood Park Speedway. Don and Paula Bolt, managers of the speedway, gave the city a plaque in appreciation of its support.

The Norton City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the city building.

LODGE NOTICES



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Second and Fourth Monday
Joe Ballinger, Commander



**Eagles Lodge
FOE 3288**

Second and Fourth
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dennis Gilhousen, President
Lee Smith, Secretary



**Sons of the
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James Railsback, Commander
Alan Hale, Adjutant



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