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New principal for junior high

Norton, Kansas
Home of Carol Griffith

Briefly

Norton High to dismiss early

Friday is the day for the annual Norton Community High School track meet at Travis Field, starting at 3 p.m. Due to the large number of staff and students involved, either as coaches, competitors or workers, the high school will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. Buses will run at the normal times. The early dismissal affects only graders 9-12.

Dance letters inked by two students

Two Norton Community High School students have signed letters of intent to dance at Cloud County Community College, Concordia campus.

New members of the 2008-2009 Thunderbolt Dance Team are Thea Wiseman, daughter of Dean and Bobbi Wiseman, and Megan Kats, daughter of Norman Kats and Deb Anderson, all of Norton.

Both will receive dance scholar-

Center schedules spaghetti supper

The Prairie View Senior Citizen Center will host a spaghetti supper from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday at the center. Besides spaghetti, the menu includes relish, bread, dessert and a drink. Admission is by free-will offering.

Trash check
sure sign
of Spring
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Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a low around 31. **Wednesday** — Mostly cloudy with a high near 57. **Wednesday Night** — A slight chance of showers, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. **Thursday** — A chance of rain. Cloudy with a high near 44. **Thursday Night** — A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 1 a.m. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 59. **Friday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 34.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 29, High 57
Saturday Low 29, High 65
Sunday Low 39, High 46, .10 Rain
Monday Low 31, High 45, .40 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, help us to trust you and give our anxieties and burdens to you. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

By TOM DREILING
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A special meeting of the Norton School District Board of Education on Friday resulted in the hiring of a new principal for the junior high school.

Superintendent Greg Mann said Jeff Wallingford will become the principal and also 7-12 athletic director. He said the Wallingfords hope to be able to move to Norton in June.

According to information to The Telegram from Mr. Mann, Mr. Wallingford is currently the director of the 6th Grade Academy of the Lumpkin County Middle School in Dahlonega, Ga. He also has administrative experience as a high school administrator and director of student

activities at the junior college level.

Mr. Wallingford is a native of Bartlesville, Okla., and received his B.S. in Health and Physical Education from the University of Central Oklahoma, his M.S. from North East Oklahoma State in Tahlequah, Okla., and earned his administrative endorsement from Pittsburg (Kan.) State University. He also attended Barton County Community College in Great Bend, where he was on a basketball scholarship.

Mr. Wallingford's wife, Deena, grew up in a military family and has lived all over the world. An elementary teacher by training and current occupation, she has also worked as a mortgage loan officer and as a branch bank manager.

Two of the Wallingfords' four children will be attending school in Norton.

Daughter Lacey will be a senior at Norton Community High School and youngest daughter Haley will be a seventh grader at Norton Junior High School.

Lacey enjoys sports and is a three year letterman on her high school basketball team. She also plays for the Georgia Pistols, an AAU traveling basketball team. Lacey has also excelled academically.

Haley enjoys athletics, especially basketball and golf, and is also a successful student.

Son Dale, their oldest child, is completing his degree in Business Administration at Fort Lewis (Colorado) College. He plans to move to Denver following gradu-

ation this spring.

Daughter Ashley is a combat medic with the U.S. Army stationed at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. She is currently preparing to attend Airborne School and when completed will be stationed with the 101st Airborne in Lexington, Ky.

"We are pleased to be able to secure the services of Mr. Wallingford," said Superintendent Mann. "We believe he will do an excellent job and will continue to maintain the high standards for our junior high and athletic programs that the community of Norton expects."

"We are very excited to have this excellent family coming to be part of our community."

Norton job fair gets high marks

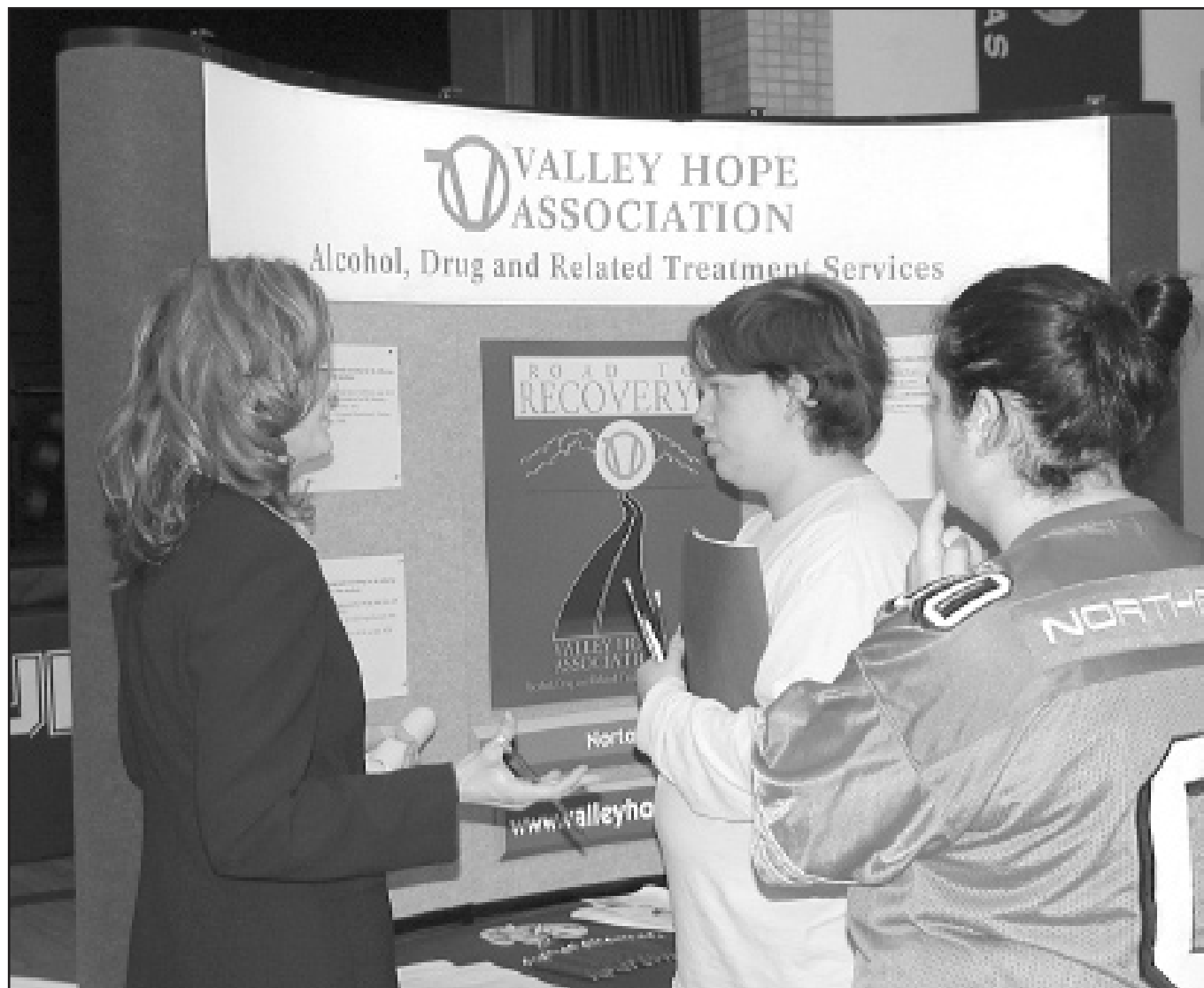
By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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More than a dozen area businesses and schools were involved in the Norton County Job Fair held Friday in the Norton Junior High Gymnasium.

Sponsored by Norton City/County Economic Development, the job fair was a way to match employers with potential employees. Dozens of people milled through the gym, browsing through brochures and talking with businesses.

Representatives from the businesses and schools set up information booths in the gym making it convenient for job-seekers to pick up applications and get questions answered.

Economic Development Director Diane Becker said, "I thought it went very well, especially since Norton County has a 3.0 unemployment rate, which is considered to be fully employed. Quite a few went through and filled out applications. Next year, we're planning to add a career fair element in conjunction with the schools. That way the students will be able to know what career opportunities are available right here in Norton County before they graduate."



At Friday's job fair, Regina Beikman, left, explained some job opportunities, offered by Valley Hope Association, to Tiresa Counter, center and Briannan Cook. The job fair was sponsored by the Norton City/County Economic Development Association.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Raccoon caused early morning fire, blackout

The Norton Rural Fire Department was on the job early Saturday with a fire 1 1/2 miles south of Norton near the Prairie Land Electric sub station," said Norton Rural Fire Chief Steve Otter.

He said 12 firemen and 5 trucks re-

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Council faces varied agenda

The Norton City Council meets in regular session at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, at City Hall.

Under *old business*, the third reading of Ordinance #1572, amending mayor and council compensation, and the second reading of Ordinance #1573, designating a stop intersection at E. Waverly and N. Archer, will take place.

Under *new business*, City Administrator Rob Lawson will present a curb replacement request, discuss extended warranty for the wastewater treatment facility and then give his report; Elaine Mann will give the utility committee meeting report and Ron Briery will give the finance

committee meeting report.

Additionally, questions from the public will be taken and Judy Carlyle, representing Timbercreek homeowners, will discuss Timbercreek Road.

Building/demolition permits include Rich Meyers, \$10,000 to extend garage at 710 Sun Avenue, Jeff Otter, \$500 to demolish house at 310 N. Norton Avenue and Todd Boller, \$10,000 to construct a garage at 806 N. Grant.

The council will also approve the minutes of the March 19 meeting and pay bills.

The public is invited to sit in.



Officers of the Almena Junior PRIDE committee put the finishing touches on one of the new "Welcome to Almena" signs installed along Kansas Highway 383. They are from left to right, Jessica Largent, treasurer; Hutch Gehrke, president; and Amanda Turman, secretary.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Almena Junior PRIDE members complete signs

Members of the Almena Junior PRIDE committee recently erected two new signs welcoming motorists on Kansas Highway 383 to Almena.

The idea for the signs came from a leadership class taught by former high school teacher, Lonnie Brungardt. Members agreed to make the signs as a class project. Other adult sponsors of the committee were Laura Craig, Don Engelhardt, Eldo Graham, Cody Callaway, Shorty Pond, George Griffith and Fleta Hanlon.

The signs received approval by the State of Kansas and were painted by the students. They feature a bright sunflower with descriptive words about amenities to be found in the City of Almena.

One sign is located in the roadside park and the other is on the west approach to town.