

A call to hit the highway

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"Road trip!" That's a phrase which makes me want to hit the highway. But think back to a time when our ancestors did not have traversable highways between their communities. Visionary leaders led the effort to create better roads, including one known at the time as the Kansas White Way. Now another set of visionary leaders is honoring that heritage today, with - what else? - a road trip.

Lori Parker is the person who told me about the Kansas White Way Car Run. Lori was born in Nevada. She met her husband Tom in New Mexico before relocating to Denver, where they lived for 26 years. In 2000, Lori and Tom decided to move to the area where her mother had grown up near Blue Rapids, Kansas. "The people who have welcomed us here have been incredible," Lori said. Tom continues with his writing and photography career.

Lori is a history buff. She enjoys reading the historical accounts of yesteryear as printed in the local newspapers. One such account told of an effort to develop an improved east-west roadway. To publicize this need, local citizens in 1914 organized a car run. Drivers from Atchison on the east and Concordia on the west agreed to drive toward each other and meet in the town of Frankfort.

Lori was intrigued by this concept. "This is back in the day when they didn't have good

roads between the towns," she said. "They had mud." Visionary citizens saw the need for improved roads for their communities. They used the car run to promote a connecting highway which was formed and called the White Way.

Lori contacted people in Concordia and Atchison to learn more and discuss how to honor and preserve this history. An idea was hatched to conduct a modern-day car run along the route of the old Kansas White Way, which is now Kansas Highway 9. The run was conducted successfully in 2006.

Now another Kansas White Way car run is scheduled for May 10, which will mark 100 years since the original organizational meeting to create the Kansas White Way. A century ago, some highways were designated with colors, such as the White Way, Blue Line, Red Line, and Golden Belt. Highway numbers didn't come into use until 1926.

The Kansas White Way was a major route from northeast Kansas all the way across the state. In fact, the White Way extended from Chicago to Colorado. Everyone wanted the road to come through their towns. An old map shows the route from Atchison to Goodland, with a connecting leg to Kansas City.

Lori and Tom Parker did extensive research on the Kansas White Way, locating old-time pictures of White Way markers. At one time there were many businesses along the route with

names like the White Way Café, White Way Barbershop, White Way Bakery, White Way Chevrolet, and more.

On May 10, citizens are invited to follow the route of the Kansas White Way just as their ancestors had done 100 years ago. One group will go east from Concordia and the other will go west from Atchison, with many others joining along the way. The cars will meet in Frankfort and have a ceremony at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. A \$15 registration is requested. Both modern and antique vehicles are welcome and expected.

Of course, this route traverses rural Kansas. It passes through towns such as Goff, population 177; Barnes, population 148; and Palmer, population 105 people. Now, that's rural.

"People are having a lot of fun with this," Lori said. Many communities are offering food and places to stop. Some old-time gas stations will wash car windows for free.

For more information, go to www.kswhiteway.wordpress.com.

Road Trip! It's a call to hit the highway, or in this case, the White Way. We commend Lori and Tom Parker and all those involved with the Kansas White Way Car Run for making a difference with this effort to honor and perpetuate our history. They are celebrating our communities and our heritage with this trip down the open road.

Cleaning up the community



Once a year the Norton Junior High School takes a day off and participates in Service Learning Day. The students are split into groups with teachers and help clean up the community, whether it be weeding gardens, planting flowers, picking up trash or scrubbing walls and windows. Eden Nickell, Tevin Petrie, Allison Engelbert, Cale Patterson and Dallas Gosselin help the community out by weeding the flowerbeds downtown.

-Telegram photo by Shylo Paxton

SCHOOL MENU

NCHS-NIHS

Monday, April 28
Breakfast-Breakfast tornado, fruit cup, orange juice and milk.

Lunch-Roast beef and cheddar rollup, corn, carrots, pears and milk or Chef salad and salad dressing.

Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast-Ultimate breakfast round, applesauce, grape juice and milk.

Lunch-Chicken wrap, onions and peppers, cheddar/bacon baked fries, Lettuce and tomato, Mandarin oranges and milk or Chef salad and salad dressing.

Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast-Assorted cereal, toast with margarine, pears, apple juice and milk

Lunch-Chili frito, shredded cheese, carrots and celery stick, rosy applesauce and milk or Chef salad and salad dressing.

Thursday, May 1
Breakfast-Pancake and sausage on a stick, syrup, Mandarin oranges, orange juice and milk.

Lunch-Chicken fry patty, whipped potatoes, rolls, broccoli and cauliflower, Mandarin oranges or peaches and milk or Chef salad and salad dressing.

Friday, May 2
Breakfast-Pizza squares, applesauce, grape juice and milk.

Lunch-Stuffed crust cheese pizza, combo salad, pork and beans, applesauce and milk or Chef salad and salad dressing.

EES Menu

Monday, April 28
Breakfast-Pumpkin chocolate chip muffin, whole grain cereal; variety, oranges, grape juice and milk.

Lunch-Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, warm peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges and milk.

Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast-Sausage pancake stick, warm syrup, pineapple chunks, apple juice and milk.

Lunch-Pizza roll-ups, tossed salad, pears, green beans and milk.

Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast-Chilled yogurt, strawberries, toast with jelly, orange juice and milk.

Lunch-Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll and milk.

Thursday, May 1
Breakfast-Biscuit breakfast sandwich, pears, grape juice and milk.

Lunch-Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, cooked carrots, rosy applesauce, pepper strips, french bread and milk

Friday, May 2

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito, peaches, apple juice and milk
Lunch-Sloppy Joe, homemade bun 1/2, corn, sweet potato tots, raisels and milk.

Northern Valley Menu

Monday, April 28
Breakfast-Cook's choice
Lunch-Ground beef stroganoff, whole wheat roll, broccoli, peppers and apple crisp.

Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast-Pancakes, syrup, links, eggs, juice and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Chicken quesadillas, savory rice, seasoned corn and pumpkin dessert.

Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast-Egg biscuit, hash browns, fruit and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Cook's choice
Thursday, May 1
Breakfast-Cook's choice

Lunch-Shaved ham on a bun, potato wedge, baked beans and oranges.

Friday, May 2
Breakfast-Streusel top muffin, eggs, hash browns, juice and assorted cold cereal.

Lunch-Spaghetti, sauce, meat, tossed salad w/dressing, seasoned green beans and sliced peaches.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS

Monday, April 28
Junior varsity track at Hill City, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
Junior varsity Golf at Smith Center, 1 p.m.

Club and organizational photos in the Stull Gym, A.P.
Vocal concert, East Campus Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30
MTSS Team Meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Science curriculum meeting at USD office, 8:30 a.m.
Student Focus Group, A.P.

Thursday, May 1
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
State Champ Wrestling Rings delivery, 8 a.m.

Junior Class officers meet with Josten's Representative, 8:30 a.m.

Varsity Golf, I-70 Classic and Trego and Ellis 9 a.m.
Forensics Night at Norton Community High School, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Fort Hays State University Tech Fair

8th grade orientation, 1 p.m.
Varsity Track at Goldsmith Relays/Wakeeney, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
State Forensics at Wichita State Scholastic Press Competition at Lawrence

Sunday, May 4
Kansas Governor's Scholar Recognition at Topeka
Sunday-Tuesday, May 4-6
State FFA Contest at Kansas State University, Manhattan

NIHS

Monday, April 28
Track at Hill City, 10 a.m.
6th grade parent meeting, music room, 7 p.m.

Junior high Cheerleader try-out practice, Junior High Gym, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Vocal Concert, East Campus Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30
Science curriculum meeting at USD office, 8:30 a.m.
Junior high Cheerleader try-out practice, Junior High Gym, 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
Track at Oakley, 10 a.m.

Friday, May 2
6th grade visitation at Norton Junior High School, 2:30 p.m.

EES

Monday, April 28
CBM's
Site Council, 5:30 p.m.
6th grade parent meeting; Music room, 7 p.m.

Junior high Cheerleader try-out practice (6th grade), Junior High Gym, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
CBM's
Kindergarten Vocal Concert, Eisenhower Elementary Cafeteria, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30
Science Curriculum Meeting at USD Office 8:30 a.m.
CBM's

Junior high Cheerleader try-out practice (6th grade), Junior High Gym, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 1
IEP Day
Friday, May 2
3rd grade field trip to Hays, Leave at 7:40 a.m.

5/6 grade Band rehearsal at East Campus, 8:30 a.m.
6th grade visitation, Norton Junior High School, 2:30 p.m.

NVHS

Monday, April 28
Mr. Taylor & Mr. Gebhard to Hays for Teacher Evaluation

Seminar

Fort Hays State University Cadaver Lab Visit in Hays, Leave at 7:30am

Preschool visitation to Kindergarten in Kindergarten Room, 8:15 - 11 a.m.

High school junior varsity Track at Hill City, 4 p.m.
Kindergarten - 4th grade Spring Concert, 7 p.m.

FFA Chapter meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29
High school junior varsity Golf at Alma, 2:30 p.m.

5th and 8th grade Plays at Long Island, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30
5th and 6th grade field trip to Pioneer Village in Minden, Neb., leave at 8 a.m.

7th and 8th grade field trip to Kearney, Neb., leave at 8 a.m.

Thursday, May 1
3rd and 4th grade field trip to Hastings, Neb., leave at 7:45 a.m.
Tech Cadre in Hays, 9 a.m.

Deliver May Day Baskets to Andbe Home, 11:30 a.m.
Junior high Awards Banquet at Long Island, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Last Day for Seniors
Junior high Track at Quinter, 10 a.m.

High school Track at Quinter, 3 p.m.
State Forensics in Salina, leave at 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
State Forensics in Salina, 7 a.m.

Sunday, May 4
High school Graduation at Alma, 2 p.m.
State FFA Contest at Kansas State University, Manhattan

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

March 13

Feb. 26-Jenice Roberts, Leoti; Charge: Speeding 55 in 45; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

March 9-Lauren Biltoft, Broken Bow, Neb.; Charge: 1. Speeding 65 in 45, 2. No child

restraint, 3. No proof of insurance; Plea: No contest to 1 and 2; Other action: 3. Dismissed/proof; Found: Guilty on 1 and 2; Sentence: 1. \$90, 2. \$60, costs \$76, total \$226.

March 20

March 10-Jordan Crow, Norton; Charge: Dog at-large, no registration; Plea: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$25, costs waived, dog registered next day.

Feb. 24-Tyler Cook, Norton; Charge 1. No proof insurance, 2. Expired registration; Other Action: Both dismissed-Proof

of insurance produced before enforcement time on registration.

Jan. 17- Nicole Helm, McCook, Neb.; Charge 1. No proof of insurance, 2. Expired registration; Plea: Guilty; Other Action: Dismissed/Proof on 1; Found: Guilty on 2; Sentence: 2 Fine \$100, costs \$76, total \$176.

Feb. 24- Shawn Peters, Norton; Charge: Speeding 40 in 30; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

STUDENT NEWS

MINNEAPOLIS FORENSICS TOURNAMENT 2014

Team Results:
1st Norton - 141

2nd Southeast of Saline - 106
3rd Lincoln - 105
Individual Results:

Landon Slipke/Lauren Mordecai - 1st Duet (State Qualifier)
Landon Slipke - 1st Informative (State Qualifier)

Briannah Fessler - 1st Oration (State Qualifier)
Lauren Mordecai - 1st Seri-

ous Solo (State Qualifier)
Layton Miller/Tyus Henson - 1st I.D.A (State Qualifier)

Tyus Henson - 1st Humorous Solo (State Qualifier)
Ty Burns - 2nd Poetry (New State Qualifier)

Jared Shelton - 2nd Serious Solo (State Qualifier)
Raenee Patterson - 2nd Informative (State Qualifier)

Raenee Patterson - 2nd Oration (State Qualifier)
Ashley Hildebrand/Skylar

Davis - 4th Duet
Shauna Gibson - 4th Serious Solo

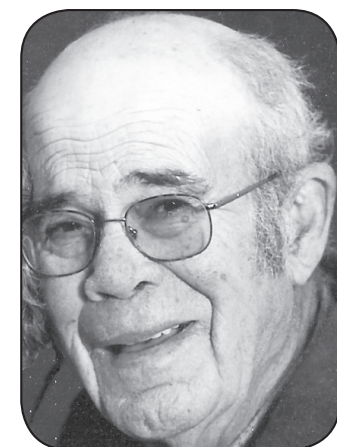
Layton Miller - 4th Humorous Solo
Brian Clavijo - 5th Serious Solo

Jared Shelton - 6th Prose

The family of Elden Earley

wish to thank everyone who shared our sorrow in his passing with memorials, food, calls, cards, and prayers. Your love and the promise of Easter sustain us.

—Mariann Earley
—Dawn, Bill, Remington, and Sterling Wright
—April and Jerry Ondrak
—Alison and Randy Warner
—Amber and Jason Sarnecki
—Marla and Dan Brown



Oronoque Cemetery Board Meeting at 323 W. Main April 28 at 10:00 p.m.

YOUTH FORUM!! THURSDAY, MAY 1

For Students who are 5th and 6th Graders

Meet at 5:15 p.m. at The ROCK for Youth Forum and Pizza

Schedule: 5:15 p.m. Youth Forum and Pizza
7:00 p.m. Free Movie at Theatre (PG Rated Movie)

ACTIVITIES SHOULD CONCLUDE AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M.
PARENTS MAY PICK STUDENTS UP AT THE NORTON THEATRE

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