

Area business salute those who work in agriculture for National Agriculture Week

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Dennis Beck

Briefly

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

The Norton County Hospital needs volunteers for Meals on Wheels for next week, March 22-28. If you are able to volunteer, contact Alice in the dietary department at 877-3361.

Self Defense class set for Saturday

A self defense class is being offered to the public, free of charge, by the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Hansen Community Room.

The class will be taught by Kansas State Trooper Joe Vajgrt, a 26 year veteran of the patrol.

No registration is necessary. For information call the museum at (785) 689-4846.

Bridge Tourney begins in April

The annual Norton National Bridge Tournament will be Thursday, April 15, April 22 and April 29 at the Norton American Legion.

All bridge players are invited. Players will enter as teams and will play the three evenings together.

Contact Mary Jane Wahlmeier for information at (785) 877-3141, MJWally2000@Yahoo.com or 314 N. Brown, Norton, 67654.

Red Cross plans blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the National Guard Armory, Norton.

To make an appointment call (800) 448-3543 or stop in and stick out your arm.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy and much colder. Highs in the upper 50s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs around 50.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 62, Low 34
Wednesday High 69, Low 35
Thursday High 63, Low 41
Week ago High 53, Low 24
Month ago High 69, Low 34
Year ago High 54, Low 45
March precipitation32 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 2.42 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

O God, help us to live and to act each day according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



Kyle Douglas was advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout after completing his chosen project — the addition of a waterslide to the Norton Swimming Pool. After putting a lot of time and hard work into coming up with the funds for the waterslide, he was rewarded with not only the advance in rank but with the gratitude of many as they had the chance to use the new slide.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Scout gets full honors for project

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Kyle Douglas, 17, saw a need and filled it. Because of his hard work and dedication he has become an Eagle Scout, scouting's highest honor.

Involved in scouting since he started as a Cub Scout at age 5, Kyle lives by the Boy Scout slogan of "Do a Good Turn Daily".

Three years ago the high diving board was removed from Norton's public swimming pool.

Kyle decided that a waterslide would be a good idea. A slide, however, would cost \$13,000.

First he approached the Norton City Council.

"The city was really helpful," Kyle said. "They helped make it possible."

Knowing he needed to raise a lot of money, Kyle wrote letters to businesses in Norton asking for their support.

Next he went to John Engelbert at First State Bank. Mr. Engelbert arranged for (Continued on Page 5)

County split on dispatch decision

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Norton County commissioners are split over what to do about a contract with the City of Norton to provide jail and dispatch services.

The city and county have been sparing over how much the city should pay the sheriff's department, how long the time it runs after termination and when it should start.

Last week the city sent a signed contract back to the commissioners. The contract is to start on Jan. 1, 2005, and has a one-year termination agreement. It also says that the city shall pay no more than 40 percent of what the sheriff tells them will be his budget for the dispatch services.

Last year's commission chairman John Miller is ready to accept the contract and let bygones be bygones.

This year's chairman Leroy Lang feels that the city is cheating the county out of \$27,000 because it did not pay for the full 40 percent billed by the sheriff last year but only \$44,000, which was the cap on the old contract.

Mr. Lang says that because the city overpaid the county for several years before remembering it had a cap that part of the contract is void and the city should pay up last year, too.

"They're gyping us out of \$27,000," Mr. Lang said at the commissioners meeting on Monday. "The rest of the year would be free (to the city) if I'm looking at it right."

Mr. Miller said the city overpaid its bill for several years and everything should balance out.

"They need us worse than we need them," Mr. Lang said.

The third commissioner, Dean Kruse, stayed out of the argument and refused to agree with either of the others.

Mr. Miller suggested that the contract be sent to the county's outside attorney. The insurance pool the county is in has attorneys, who will look over contracts for free.

Mr. Lang agreed that that was the thing to do.

All three commissioners agreed that Sheriff Troy Thomson was doing a good job in budgeting.

"I thing the sheriff has done an excellent job," Mr. Miller said. "He has stayed in budget."

He also said that when the sheriff gives a budget in June, it should be good.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Received a \$20,000 state grant proposal from Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Alvin Mapes to complete and update hazardous assessments in the county. The application has to be in by Friday, Mr. Mapes said and can not be used for salaries.

- Learned that there will be a tornado drill at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 29. Mr. Mapes is contacting all emergency services in the county plus some out of Phillipsburg to take part.

- Heard from Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen that he and some of his crew will be attending a weather spotter class in Oberlin on April 19; stand by at the blood drive on Thursday, March 25; and help with a planned tornado drill on March 29.

- Were told that the new ambulance will have to go to the Ford dealer in Hays to repair an air bag problem. The air bag light is staying on and that means the bag has deactivate itself, Mr. Nielsen said.

- Asked Mr. Nielsen about the possibility of having an ambulance in Alma. Mr. Nielsen said that it is a problem of personnel. It won't do any good to have an ambulance if there are no emergency medical technicians or first responders or none that are available to leave their jobs to go on calls.

- Heard that the second Mack semi-trailer truck has arrived from Houston. This truck has higher mileage than the first truck the county got, Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan said, but is in better shape.

- Went outside to look over the new truck.

- Talked to Mr. Brannan about putting (Continued on Page 5)

Children think of safety first on posters

Each year Norton County Farm Bureau invites area youngsters to share their ideas on farm safety by submitting a poster.

There are three divisions for children in first grade through sixth grade. First place winners receive \$10; second place, \$7; and third and fourth places, \$5.

The posters are on display at the Norton County Farm Bureau office. In May they will be displayed at the Norton Public Library. First place posters in each division are sent on for state competition.

Judges for this year's contest were Garrett Beydler, Megan Mapes and Dee Wolfe.

Division I, grades 1-2: first, Molly Grose, daughter of Brad and Kelli Scott, Norton, "Always Wear Your Bike Helmet"; second, Marisa Maddy, daughter of David and Patsy Maddy, Norton, "Keep Your Shields In Place, It's Not A Race"; third, Hannah Goss, daughter of Kelly Goss, Lenora, "Stay Out of the Way of Big Equipment"; fourth, Neysa Carlson, daughter of Dale and Glenda Carlson, Norton, "Always Walk Your Bike Across The Road".

Division II grades 3-4: first, Olivia Lowry, daughter of Bill and Susan Lowry, Alma, "If You Think Monsters are Scary, Try Riding in a Car Without Your Seatbelt!"; second, Tyler Montgomery, son of Monte and Staci Montgomery, Alma, "Be Careful Around Large Farm Equipment"; third Daniel Lentz, son of Virginia Lentz, Alma, "Employees—

Remember Your Hardhat and Safety Goggles".

Division III Grades 5-6: first, Christopher Maddy, son of David and Patsy

Maddy, Norton, "Always Put Safety First!!"; second, Danielle Richard, daughter of Robert and Kimberly Richard, Edmond..



Megan Mapes, Farm Bureau board member, and retired teacher, Dee Wolfe gave serious consideration to their duties as judges for the 2004 safety poster contest sponsored by Norton County Farm Bureau. Garret Beydler, FFA advisor, was also a judge.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

County wants window so prison crew can be watched

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Norton County commissioners would like to see a window in the shed at the recycling center.

Commissioner Dean Kruse suggested a window in the building, where department of solid waste employees do book work and take care of business, so that the employees can watch the department of correction prison inmates from inside.

"If I was in charge of a bunch of people" Mr. Kruse said, "I'd want to see them. Maybe you have a way of doing that, I don't know about."

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said that he didn't.

"That's a good idea," he said. "We'll do it."

Mr Archibald said that two windows could be put in the building one on the north and one on the west.

The discussion of windows came up as part of Mr. Archibald's report on a risk management inspection of the solid waste facility by the county's insurance group.

The insurance company had three recommendations:

1. Remove the calendar from the common area of the recycling building.

The calendar, which depicted a young woman in a one-piece bathing suit, had been removed, Mr. Archibald said.

2. Install a sign near the entrance prohibiting children from entering the area.

3. Continue to keep close watch on the inmates working in the area.

The inspector also suggested putting up reflective tape to show people where to dump stuff at the transfer station.

Mr. Archibald said that he didn't think reflective tape would work and thought that a person should be there or that cones could be put out to help people.

Commissioner John Miller agreed.

"I think the personal touch would be far superior to reflective tape," he said.

Mr. Archibald also said that Norton County will get to send its solid waste plan into the state before the other 14 counties in this region because it is the only one

with a change.

Normally, the plans are sent in by the Northwest Kansas Solid Waste Authority when all 15 counties have sent in their plans. However, because some counties are being slow to send the information in, this is holding up Norton's plans to build a new landfill.

Anyone wanting to read either the regional plan or the county's plan can do so at the county clerk's office.

The regional plan includes information on which counties have landfills and which have transfer stations.

Other information contained includes: which landfills accept asbestos which do recycling and composting and which allow household hazardous wastes, which landfills have contamination and what the expected life span of each is.

The county's plan tells how the proposed new landfill will be built.

The county will hold a public meeting at 10:30 a.m. Monday to accept comments on its solid waste management plan.



Anthony and Joan Knoll help get daffodils ready to send out for Daffodil Days last week. This year 800 bouquets of 8 to 10 flowers were ordered and \$4,000 was donated to the American Cancer Society for cancer research, education and to support patient services.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Flowers raise funds for cancer society

By BEVERLY KINDLER
Daffodil Days co-chairman

Many homes, offices and businesses throughout Norton County were brightened with signs of spring last week.

Each year, volunteers from the Norton Chapter of the American Cancer Society take orders in February for daffodils and then return in March to deliver the yellow flowers, often recognized as a sign of spring and a symbol of hope.

This year 800 bouquets of 8 to 10 flowers were ordered and delivered in Norton County. Donations, totaling \$4,000, were given for cancer research, education and to support patient services.

Twenty-nine volunteers made the 2004 campaign a success — Lila Atwell, Donna Bantam, Wilda Bowman, Claire Ann Eppinger, Lila Fisher, Karen

Glenn, Cynthia Glennemeier, Mary Gnagy, Laverne Graham, Phyllis Harting, Gloria Heikes, Ruth Lofgreen, Evelyn McDiffett, Lynn Nelson, Vida Perrill, Vera Reusink, Ella Mae Schulze, Mildred Smith, Delores Stapp, Carol Voss, Bea Wilken, Jean Williams, Sandy Worden, Jamie Wentz, Shirley Farber, Joan Knoll, Anthony Knoll, Clair

Rumford and Doris Winteroth. Norma Rumford and Beverly Kindler co-chaired the drive in the Norton area. Laverne Graham took charge of the drive in Almena and Gloria Heikes contacted people in Lenora.

Support was also provided by the Norton Senior Center and Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse.

Cash to stop pollution is available to everyone

Norton County Conservation District has money available for non-point pollution practices. Eligible practices include: livestock wells to diversify animal grazing, replacement of failing septic systems and plugging of abandoned water wells. This money is easy to apply for and can provide up to 50 percent of the cost of a project. To learn more call the Norton office at 877-2623.

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Rural resident asks for help with bridge

(Continued from Page 1) a bridge in for rural resident Don Hays. Mr. Hays said his road is flooding and it is a problem during harvest. Mr. Brannan said he thought that would not be a problem.

- Were told by Commissioner Miller about a water conference he had attended where an expert told of finding high levels of antibiotics in hog confinement lagoons in several states, although Kansas was not one of them.
- Heard a report on the Andbe

Home annual meeting.

- Received a request to raise the weight limits on a bridge on County Road W5, Road DD by Judy Arnold. Ms. Arnold said that her home is near the bridge and she is afraid that if she has a fire the fire truck will not come across the bridge because of the low weight limits.
- Were told by Mr. Miller that he had talked to Sen. Stan Clark about the problems that Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas has with possible cuts that could cause

the closing of two homes of the mentally handicapped in Norton County. Sen. Clark, he said, is not in favor of closing the homes.

- Received a proposal on the cost of a new apron at the airport. The cost would be between \$215,000 and \$240,000. If the city and county can get a \$250,000 state grant, each entity would need to put up about \$12,500 for the project with the state paying 90 percent.

Scout's project improves pool

(Continued from Page 1) the area banks to help with the fund-raising efforts.

The campaign was successful and on the pool's opening day last year swimmers were able to enjoy the added attraction of a double-tube water slide.

Kyle cut the ribbon to officially open the slide.

During his 12 years in scouting, Kyle has earned 40 badges. The hardest to earn, he said, was the Citizenship In The World badge. This required the scout to get involved in a political issue.

Kyle wrote Sen. Sam Brownback to say he opposed abortion.

Kyle, a junior at Norton Community High School, was advanced to Eagle Scout, in a Court of Honor ceremony at the Norton Christian Church. Guests, besides his family, included youth minister Mike Sander, Teens For Christ Director Mike Mascarenas and some of his teachers.

Kyle gives credit to his parents, "Mom and Dad really helped me

a lot," he said.

Both parents have been very active in scouting with Mr. Douglas serving as Scoutmaster. He also recognizes the assistance of Jim Ebke, a former Scout leader, and Kelly O'Toole, a Boy Scout board member.

Kyle is a member of Troop No. 181, Coronado Area Council, Tomahawk District.

Now that he is an Eagle Scout, Kyle will be helping younger scouts.

As his senior year of high school approaches, he is considering a

career in either youth ministry or technical engineering. His schools of choice include Manhattan Christian College, Kansas State University or Ozark Christian College in Missouri.

Kyle is the son of Pat and Julie Douglas, Norton. He has a sister Kayla, 15, and a brother, Kurt, 10.



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