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THE NORTON TELEGRAM

Norton County Jaycees BB gun team heads for the state shoot in Alma.

Friday
April 2, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Warren Bullock

Briefly

Daylight saving starts Sunday

The days will seem a little longer next week as the clocks are turned forward an hour

Sunday for Daylight Saving Time.

Sunday morning at 2 a.m. is the time to jump forward an hour.

Most people will change the clocks before going to bed on Saturday.

That means everyone will have an hour more light at the end of the day and it will be darker in the morning when kids are picked up for school and parents go to work.



City elections will be Tuesday

The Norton city elections will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Norton American Legion.

The City of Lenora will hold its city election Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lenora City Office.

Bridge tourney set for this month

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.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 30s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs around 60. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows around 30. East winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 60s. **Sunday Night through Monday Night** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 60s. Lows in the upper 30s. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

Howell report:

Thursday High 73, Low 38
Week ago High 85, Low 48
Month ago High 41, Low 23
Year ago High 70, Low 40
April precipitation 0.00 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 2.67 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for taking away our pain and for teaching us to bless one another with our prayers and our lives. Amen

'Tornado' lays waste to Norton

Emergency exercise could help save lives in case of real disaster

By VERONICA MONIER

Eight blocks of Norton were devastated by a tornado Monday. Three people died, 25 people had critical injuries and several houses were damaged. Luckily, it was just a drill.

The exercise originally called for destruction on a much larger scope, but was scaled down to an eight-block area near the swimming pool, said Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Alvin Mapes. The original exercise would have taken two or three days to get all of the area searched and the debris removed.

As it was, it only took a couple of hours to do what was needed. The injured were found and taken to the command post, which was set up at the swimming pool, and from there to the hospital by ambulance, he said.

Communication between dispatch and the fire department's search and rescue teams, between search and rescue and the emergency medical technicians, and between the command post and the emergency operation center, which was set up at the Norton County Courthouse, all went well, Mr. Mapes said.

"Search and rescue and EMS worked very well hand in hand," he said. "The hospital, which was in the middle of a shift change during the exercise, handled their patients well, getting them in and treated."

He said there are some things that still need to be worked on.

A call was made to Topeka to let the Kansas Emergency Management office know what was going. Mr. Mapes said it took several phone calls to reach the right person to notify because it was after hours.

"That's why we have these exercises," he said. "So it won't happen again."

In the end, around 80 people were involved in the drill. The Norton County commissioners were at the operation center, 13 emergency medical technicians, about 10 firemen, all of the police and sheriff's officers and the entire Norton Boy Scout troop participated.

People in the area, who were organized by county Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald, also volunteered as walking wounded. Emergency preparedness vol-

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Monday's mock tornado gave emergency workers and the hospital a chance to see how they would respond if a twister hit Norton. Real life would be much worse, but the people who volunteered as victims didn't seem to mind and used

a bit of creativity. One volunteer plays his part well (above), pretending to be dead after slamming into a tree, while another (below), who complained of head pain, was put into the ambulance.

— Telegram photos by Tammy Danner and Veronica Monier



Election

Woman offers new perspective

Norton City Council incumbent Harriett Gill wants to see the projects she's helped to begin finished, which is one of the reasons she is running for re-election of her Ward I seat.



Harriette Gill

Ms. Gill has been on the council for three years, replacing David Davis, who moved and vacated his position.

She said being on the council is interesting and informative and thinks that she offers a new perspective.

"I haven't lived here all that long," she said. "I don't have any preconceived notions about anyone and think that a fresh perspective is good."

Ms. Gill came to Norton seven years ago to be near to her family. She stayed because she loved the city and the people.

She retired from the Department of Human Services in El Paso County, Colo., where she worked for 18 years, and (Continued on Page 5)

Incumbent has served 18 years

In his 18 years on the Norton City Council, Jerry Hawks has seen many goals accomplished. He holds a seat for Ward II.



Jerry Hawks

He began serving on the council when, as a city employee, he noticed a lot of things that needed to be done.

"It's always been my goal that at the end of the year, the council should have a project that advances and improves the city," he said. "The city should always be going forward and not standing still."

Mr. Hawks was a power plant operator for the city for 12 years and thinks his experience will help with the upcoming water and sewer plant renovations.

He said one thing he wants to see happen is for people to call him and tell him about any problems or questions they have.

This May, he will see his 30th year as a (Continued on Page 5)

Man wants to serve the people

Jim Williams has served on the Norton City Council for seven and a half years and is running for re-election of his Ward III seat because he wants to continue serving the people, he said.



Jim Williams

Mr. Williams grew up in Alma, then went to the University of Kansas and from there into the oil business. After working for three oil companies, he retired after 38 years in the business while living in Houston.

He moved back to the area to take care of his wife's parents and to be closer to his family.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church and a volunteer for Norton CARES. He is the secretary for the Northwest Kansas Library System and is on the Norton Theatre Board.

Mr. Williams has been married for 44 years and has two sons and three grandchildren.

Contender has council experience

Jerry Jones, who is a life-long resident of Norton County, is running against incumbent Councilwoman Harriett Gill for a Ward I seat on the Norton City Council.

Mr. Jones said his primary reason for running is because he thinks the incumbents shouldn't have their seat handed to them without any opposition.

"I'm not after anybody's job," he said. "I just think people need to be more concerned with city and county government."

Mr. Jones has served on the council before, but in the early 1990s after seven and a half years, he felt it was time for a break.

He owns Jerry's Body Shop and is a member of the Norton Lions Club and the American Motorcycle Association, and is on the Norton Travel and Tourism Board. In his spare time, he and his two children participate in off-road motorcycle racing.

Mr. Jones' wife works at the hospital, his son is a student at a Vocational Technical College in Goodland in auto body mechanics, and his daughter runs a day care in Norton.

(Mr. Jones refused to allow his picture to be taken for the paper)



Damien Davis enjoyed the company of his great-grandmother, Alma Anderson, (next to him) and his grandparents, Paul and Peggy Davis, on Tuesday. Every year, during the last week of March, grandparents of Northern Valley kindergartners through fourth graders, come to school. During the morning they attended classes and then they ate in the lunchroom with the students. Tuesday it was the third and fourth graders' turn. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Churches plan special services for holy week, Easter day

Many area churches will be holding special services for Easter.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic
Palm Sunday — Saturday Mass, 7 p.m., and Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. (Blessing of the palms in the parish hall before Masses). Communal Penance Service, 7 p.m. Sunday.
Holy Thursday — 7:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday — 2:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil — 9:30 p.m., Holy Saturday Mass.
Easter Sunday — 10:30 a.m., Mass of the Resurrection.

Norton First United Methodist Church
Palm Sunday — 8 a.m. early service, 10:30 a.m. worship service.
Good Friday — 7 p.m., prayer vigil begins.
Easter — 6:55 a.m., sunrise service at the church cross.
First Church of God
Palm Sunday — 10:45 a.m., cantata, "Night Before Easter".
Holy Week — 8 p.m., special communion service.
Easter — 7 a.m., sunrise service.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran
Good Friday — 7 p.m., worship service, supper at 6:15 p.m.
Holy Week — 7 p.m., Choir concert.
Easter — 9 a.m., worship service, Easter brunch at 10:15 a.m.

Norton Christian
Palm Sunday — 8 a.m., worship service.
Good Friday — 12 p.m., service, bring sack lunch.
Easter — 8 a.m., early worship drama "Were You There?"; 9 a.m. Easter breakfast; 10:40 p.m. worship and special Easter choir presentation.

Luctor Christian Reformed
Good Friday — 7:30 p.m.
Easter — 10:30 a.m., special service, evening performance of the cantata, "3 Days."

Immanuel Lutheran
Holy Week — 7 p.m., special worship service.
Good Friday — 7 p.m., special worship service.
Easter — 7 a.m. sunrise service.

Long Island United Methodist
Palm Sunday — 11 a.m. service.
Easter — 11 a.m. service.

Congregational Church
Easter — 7 a.m. sunrise service at the diversion dam, breakfast to follow.

St. John's Catholic Church of Phillipsburg
Palm Sunday — Saturday Mass, 6 p.m., and Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Holy Week — 8 p.m. Mass.
Good Friday — 8 p.m. service.
Easter — 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Mass.

First Christian Church
Easter — 6:30 a.m. sunrise service at Logan Lake, weather permitting. Breakfast after service.

Maple Grove Church of the Brethren
Easter — 11 a.m. service with a special music service.

St. John's Catholic of Logan
Palm Sunday — 8:30 a.m., Mass.
Holy Week — 6 p.m., Mass.
Good Friday — 6 p.m., service.
Holy Saturday — 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil.
For more information see the church directory on Pages 6 and 7.

Telethon needs volunteers to regroup, help lots of folks

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
The only thing stopping the Norton Telethon from being resurrected is some motivated people.

Roy Skrdlant, past chairman of the telethon board, said he would love to see the program started again. After last year, he said he needed to take a break from his responsibilities for personal reasons. But plans for Telethon 2004 were not made.

"We just need some help contacting the businesses," he said. "It did a lot of good for the community."

Last year, the telethon, held on Feb. 1, raised \$13,000, which benefited 14 organizations.

Mr. Skrdlant said that he would be willing to chair the board again. Board member Beth Reeves was the talent coordinator for 2003. She said she enjoyed it and would consider helping again.

Former board members, Wendy Sloan and Kathy Zimmerman said they didn't feel like they could be on the board, but they would help in any way they could.

Board member, Jane Mindrup said, "It's an important part of this community and I think people really looked forward to it. The board needs more help securing the prizes and financial support."

Mrs. Mindrup said, "It was a fun day."

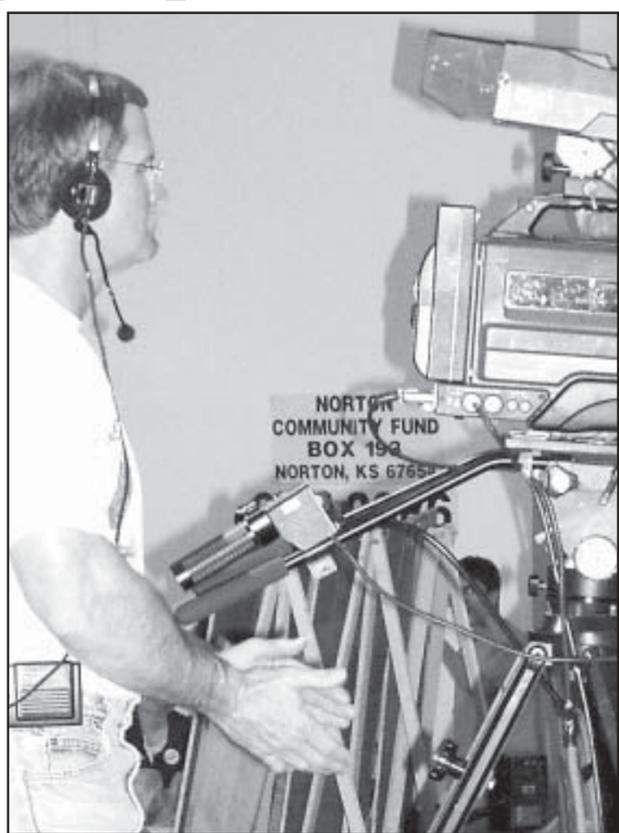
Board members Larry Henderson and Bill Belt both said they would be willing to help out again.

On Aug. 13, *The Telegram* ran a letter from Ms. Sloan which said that the Norton Community Fund, which ran the Telethon, had decided to disband due to lack of new members and family obligations.

The letter also said that anyone interested in resurrecting the group should contact Mr. Skrdlant or Ms. Sloan.

Meanwhile, those who benefited from the money have had to go without.

Terry Worthington, chairman of the Norton Ministerial Alliance, said the telethon money went into a special needs fund. Without that money, assistance for transients



Volunteers operated cameras, acted as announcers and manned the telephones during last year's Norton Community Telethon. Some of the former board members are willing to try it again if they could get more assistance with the planning. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

and community residents in need of a helping hand, had to be cut back.

The Sunshine Learning Center received money last year. Director Jennifer McKenna said the \$250 the center received helped with the higher utilities at the end of winter.

Norton Cares also received help last year.

"Everything we do had to be downsized," said the Director Ramona Pabian.

Rich Miller, administrator of Norton County Hospital, where Meals on Wheels are prepared, said the total impact caused by not having the telethon money hasn't been measured. He said that

money was used to pay for the containers used for the meals and helped keep the cost down for their clients. Mr. Miller said the program will need to find additional money from somewhere.

Other agencies receiving help were the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, K-18 baseball, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Northwest Kansas Association of Retarded Citizens, Hospice Services of Norton County, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, the Salvation Army, Norton County 4-H Council and Cerebral Palsy.

If you would be interested in helping to revive the Norton Telethon, call Mr. Skrdlant at 877-2723.

'Tornado' exercise helps workers keep sharp

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untee John Rojas was the exercise's safety officer, Assistant Rural Fire Chief Ed Witt was the exercise controller, and county Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan was the exercise evaluator.

Involved in the drill were Norton County Emergency Management, Norton County Fire/Rescue, Norton Fire Department, Norton County Rural Fire Department, Norton Police Department, Norton County Sheriff's Office, City of Norton Public Works, the county Road and Bridge, Emergency Medical Services, Norton County Health Department, Red Cross of Phillips County, Kansas Department of Transportation and the Norton County Hospital.

Mr. Mapes said to expect more emergency exercises in the future.

The Norton County commissioners feel it would be a good idea to hold another exercise similar to this in the near future and also a

drill on an animal disaster. "This is just an ongoing activity," he said. "The better prepared we are, the better off we'll be."

Councilman wants folks to call

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rural mail carrier for the Norton Post Office.

Mr. Hawks is a member of the United Methodist Church and is the chairman of the church's board of trustees. He is a member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the Prairie Powder Packers. He has umpired little league baseball. He has been married for 32 years and has two sons.

Lenora city election set for Tuesday

Incumbents Doris Hendricks, Larry A. Shepard, and Jim York are running unopposed for re-election to their seats on the Lenora City Council. The election will be held this Tuesday, April 6, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lenora City Office.

This is the first election for all three as they were appointed last summer to replace council members, who had moved and given up their seats, said Lenora City Clerk Gayle James.

Ms. Hendricks works for Rural Telephone in Lenora as a customer service assistant and a bilingual representative, speaking Spanish. She was born and reared in Lenora, but then moved to Phoenix. She moved back in 2002.

She said she was running for re-election to try and help the com-

munity. Hopefully, she said, she can make a difference.

She has one son, who lives in Seattle, and has four grandchildren.

Mr. Shepard works as a maintenance man and bus driver for the Lenora Grade School. He is a member of the United Parish Church of Lenora and is an officer in the church's board of trustees.

He said he is running for office to keep the city growing and in running condition, keeping things in shape for the residents.

He has been married for 43 years and has three sons and six grandchildren.

Mr. York is the safety coordinator for Rural Telephone in Lenora. He is a member of the United Parish Church of Lenora and is a member of the American Society

of Safety Engineers and the National Safety Council.

He said he is running for re-election because there is a need for people on the council and he felt he could make a difference in the area. He has been married for 20 years and has four children.

Councilwoman enjoys the job

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now works part-time at Pamida and babysits. She is a member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

"I really enjoy working with the other council members and the county commissioners," she said. Ms. Gill has five children and 11 grandchildren.

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