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High 5:

The Norton County Hospital has completed its renovations and everyone says congratulations

Section B

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Becky Smith

Briefly

Public opinions
wanted on landfill

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has established a public review and comment period for Norton County's application for construction and operation of a municipal solid waste landfill. A copy of the application and public notice has been posted on the department's Bureau of Waste Management website at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/waste. The application and site plan will be available for public review until May 17 at the department's office in Topeka and at the clerk's office in the Norton County Courthouse.

Program set
for this Tuesday

An education program, "Preventing Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation" will be presented at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 4 at the Andbe Home. This is an issue that affects many elderly persons in Kansas. Research estimates roughly 1.8 million older persons have been a victim at some time in their life. This free program is provided in cooperation with the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Kansas Adult Care Executives and the Kansas Department on Aging.

Exhibits/concert
will be May 11

Exhibit night and band concert at Norton Community High School will be held Tuesday, May 11, at the school. Wood projects, drafting, vocational ag projects and student artwork will be on display beginning at 6 p.m. Display areas will be the cafeteria, ag shop, wood shop, hallways and Rooms 125, 142-Technology and 155. A band concert will begin at 8 p.m. in Memorial Gymnasium.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy and warmer with highs in the mid 60s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 30s. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 60s. West winds 5 to 10 mph

Howell report:

Tuesday High 87, Low 49
Wednesday High 91, Low 47
Thursday High 47, Low 38, Prec. .10
Week ago High 55, Low 42
Month ago High 60, Low 31
Year ago High 70, Low 49
April precipitation 2.56
Year-to-date precipitation 5.23
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

God of all the world, thank you for the personal relationship you offer all of us. Give us the desire to spend time with you each day. Amen



Nothing a little bit of
hard work won't fix

More than 15 teams of students, along with a teacher advisor, worked at homes, businesses and public places to make Norton a more beautiful place during the Norton Junior High's annual Service Learning Day. Cydnie Milnes (above) really puts some muscle into her assignment of cleaning one of the doors at the Norton Theatre. Wesley Georgeson, (left photo, front) and Layne Graham diligently scrape metal piping at Norton County Hospital. The theater and hospital were just two of over 50 sites that benefited from the learning day. See more students working hard on Page 6A.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Hospital gets ready for
dedication/open house

By KRISTEN BRANDS

The Norton County Hospital Board discussed the hospital's upcoming dedication ceremony with Administrator Richard Miller during its April 21 meeting. The ceremony was planned so the public could see the renovation and refurbishment of the hospital's first floor. The event, scheduled to take place this Sunday in front of the ambulance entrance, will begin at 2 p.m. with a short program highlighting the remodeling. Tours will be given by hospital staff and volunteers after the program until 5 p.m. "We are very excited to share this completion date with the public and are very proud of the project's results," said Mr. Miller. "We are hoping for a great turnout." Hospital employee Lynn Thiele gave her report on the hospital's quality assurance and improvement plan. Mrs. Thiele outlined the proposed program, which has to be approved by the board every two years. The board accepted the proposal. Each department will be asked to turn in more activity reports. Mrs. Thiele said she was excited to "step the program up a notch," and feels that with the hospital's new surroundings, the attitudes and morale

of employees will meet the new standards. In other business, the board, • Heard the financial and statistical report for March from Mr. Miller. He said it was a good month. Revenue was \$656,000. There were 229 patient days, 44 admissions, two births, 27 surgeries (seven inpatient and 20 outpatient), 6,851 outpatient procedures, and 1,429 Doctor's Clinic visits. • Voted to retain Boxler Insurance Agency for the hospital's property insurance. This was discussed at the previous meeting, but tabled until the final bid came in from Bridges Group. The hospital's premium from Boxler is \$16,057. Bridges' estimated premium would be \$17,548. • Received the capital asset listing from Mr. Miller. The listing had been requested by the board to prepare the 2005 budget. Each department submitted their wish list, but Board Member Von Fahrenbruch pointed out that prices were not included with all of the items. President Kathy Holste also suggested that personnel prioritize the items. • Approved the part-time health insurance benefits listing in the employee handbook. An employee must work 20 (Continued on Page 6A)



Kent Lockhart

National
guard calls
local to duty

Kent Lockhart, a 1999 graduate of Norton Community High School, is in Mosul, Iraq with his National Guard Unit out of Great Bend. His parents are Gary and JoLynn Lockhart, Norton. Mail will reach Sgt. Lockhart at HHC 3rd BDE FECC Q36, 3-2 SBCT, APO AE 09385.

Day of prayer set for Thursday

The Norton County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6. The day has been set aside for people of every faith to be in prayer for this country and the world. In conjunction with the day, the alliance is also hosting a prayer breakfast from 7-9 a.m. at the Norton County Senior Citi-

zens Center. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be provided. An offering will be accepted to offset the cost of the meal. Prayer stations will be set up in the building to allow people an opportunity to pray alone or with others. For more information about this day, contact Kathy Aeillo, Almena United Methodist Church, (785) 669-2236.

High wind
causes trash
problems

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

A windy day and a rutted road combined to cause a mini-disaster for Norton County's trash. Merrill Tibbetts, who hauls the county's trash from the Norton recycling/landfill area to the Phillipsburg landfill, had his trailer turned over while working on another job near Hill City last Tuesday. Norton County commissioners were told at their meeting Monday that the trailer cannot be replaced or repaired for a week or two and the trash is piling up. Norton County doesn't have a permit to dump trash at its own landfill although it is in the process of getting one. Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the commissioners that he had contacted Darren Wentz, Norcatur, about hauling the trash but Mr. Wentz said he didn't want to get a commercial tag for his truck. On Monday he took about five tons to the Phillipsburg landfill, because Mr. Archibald said, it was really piling up since the county had not been able to get the regular Wednesday and Friday runs last week. Tibbetts usually hauls trash to Phillipsburg twice a week. The commissioners said that they didn't want to circumvent the law and were worried about insurance and liability. Commissioner John Miller asked why the county couldn't use its own dump trucks with tarps to haul the trash. It would take both county dump trucks to move as much trash as Mr. Wentz could since the trucks are smaller. Mr. Archibald figured that it would take both trucks running three trips a day for three days to get the trash moved to Phillipsburg. Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan said that it would be better if Mr. Wentz could do the work because the dump trucks are too small and the trash might scatter when it is dumped. Mr. Miller said that he is not willing to have Mr. Wentz haul the trash until the County Attorney Doug Sebelius said it is OK. Mr. Sebelius said that because Mr. Wentz has the insurance he needs and the county is willing to buy the commercial tag, which costs \$608, he thought it would be fine to use his truck. When Mr. Tibbetts' equipment is back in business the tag can be returned to the Decatur County Treasurer, the commis-

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The brush pile kept getting bigger as Galen Hildebrand and Travis Ray helped trim trees and rake brush from the yard of a private homeowner in Norton who just needed a little help. The boys were part of Norton Junior High's annual Service Learning Day. More than 120 youth plus teachers swarmed all over Norton Tuesday, weeding, raking, mowing, painting and polishing. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Truck that hauls trash damaged by wind

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sioners decided, for a refund on the unused portion.

However, he said, the truck needs the commercial tag before moving the county's trash and said that the county and Mr. Wentz should sign an agreement so that everyone knew what to expect.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from Mr. Archibald that the cleanup week went well. The county received 22.83 tons of construction waste from the city of Norton, 22.29 tons from the rest of the county and 3.71 tons from Lenora. Almerna's has not come in yet, Mr. Archibald said. The county also took in 10.46 tons of metal from individuals and a little under one-half ton of metal from Lenora.
- Talked to Von Fahrenbruch about trash hauling. Mr. Fahrenbruch, who owns Roger's Disposal Service and F&F Iron and Metals, had information about hauling by train. He said he wasn't

suggesting the county move trash that way but wanted the commissioners to see the magazine article he had.

- Learned that the crushed cars at F&F are covered in baling wrap because of a new federal law, which went into effect January 1. Mr. Fahrenbruch said it is to keep parts from flying off when the crushed cars are moved and probably adds \$3 a ton to the cost.
- Heard from County Treasurer Cynthia Linner that the county should receive \$15,332 on Wednesday from February sales tax. This is down from last month, which was around \$25,000, but Ms. Linner said the January sales tax includes those people who file quarterly and annually so it will always be larger.
- Was told by Mr. Sebelius that he had received a draft of the county-city airport board agreement and it looks workable. The agreement calls for a six-member board, with members appointed by the two governing bodies.

HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, Director

Scott Allegrucci, Director of Travel and Tourism from the Topeka office, and Lisa White, Director of International Marketing, based in Arizona, were the special guests of many communities in Monday's tour of northwest Kansas. The Hansen Museum hosted a luncheon and presentations for all of Phillips County.

Only one week remains of "Country Dance" lessons with Kerry Ferguson. The next Continued Education classes offered by the Hansen Museum will be Joy of Painting and Water Aerobics.

Both classes will begin in June.

Dennis Stites, "Artist of the Month" for April, has drawn attention to the rock formations found under the face of this great earth. As a lapidarian, Mr. Stites takes a rough form of sediment or rock and transforms it into a perfectly polished sphere.

Showing in the Museum gallery through May 16 are "Parasols & Palmettos", a collection of the works of artist and illustrator Mary Lane McMillan, and "Nostalgic Tins", representing 50 years of collecting tin containers by Liz Knitter, Downs.

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Annual bridge tourney continues

By JAKE DURHAM

As the second round of the Norton National Bridge Tournament came to a close, the No. 1 and No. 2 teams after round one traded places as Jack Graham and Bob Kendall, who were only 10 points off the lead after round one, moved into the top spot with 8110 points, and Paul Schultz and Thelma Bushnell, leaders after round one, slipped into second with 7283 points.

Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Jackie Porter, moved from sixth into third, Norman Walter and Joyce Sumner moved from seventh to fourth and rounding out the top five was the team of Dewaine Stapp and Leone Purton in fifth.

Mary Lou Archibald substituted for Claudia Bridges.

Surprisingly enough, there were no slams bid and made, although there were quite a few six and seven-trick hands, but the match up for the bidding wasn't there. With one round to go, there could

be some bizarre performances as everyone is definitely in contention. Long suits and high cards can score high points and communication and determination can be a major factor.

Word has it that several authorities on the game of bridge will be in attendance for the final round with the possibility of gleaning some outstanding hands o use in their syndicated columns.

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Board approves benefits

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hours a week in order to qualify for the part-time health insurance benefit.

- Heard that five hospital employees have resigned, and two more moved to a part-time schedule. Three new people have been hired.
- Discussed the suggestion that the hospital be classified as a smoke-free campus., but tabled the decision.
- Approved Doctor Gerald Roundsboard for consulting staff privileges.
- Learned that an eye-wash center and shower need to be installed in the newly renovated lab, according to a recent report from the fire marshal.

Site council looking for new members

The Norton Junior High School Site Council is looking for nominations to fill positions that will become vacant at the end of the school year.

The positions are for two parent representatives, two certified representatives, and a community representative to serve during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years.

The parent representatives must have a child who will be a seventh grader next year. The community representative need not have children in junior high. All nominees must live in the Norton School District.

Nominations will be accepted until this Monday, May 1 by contacting the Norton Junior High School office at 877-5851.



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