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Home of Susan Anthony

Briefly
Exhibit, concert
will be Tuesday

One of the final events of Norton Community High School's school year is the annual Exhibit Night and Spring Concert planned for Tuesday. Exhibits of students projects begin at 6 p.m. with the band concert at 8 p.m.
In addition to the band, the concert will feature the jazz ensemble and the tuba/euphonium octet, the percussion ensemble and the saxophone choir.

Livestock show
this Saturday

The 4-H/FFA Spring Livestock Show will be Saturday at the fairgrounds. Weigh in is at 7:30 a.m. and the show starts with lambs at 10 a.m. and beef at 11 a.m.

Meals on Wheels
needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for the Meals on Wheels program next week.
If you or your organization could help, please call Alice Hawks in the Dietary Department at the Norton County Hospital, 877-3351.

Representative
here Monday

A service representative from the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton Social Rehabilitative Services office from 1-2:30 p.m. on Monday. The representative is there to assist veterans and their families with matters pertaining to veterans' benefits.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 60. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 90s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s. **Sunday Night and Monday** — Partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening then slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Howell report:

Tuesday	High 84, Low 53
Wednesday	High 96, Low 58
Thursday	High 88, Low 50
Week ago	High 65, Low 37
Month ago	High 47, Low 38
Year ago	High 77, Low 49
April precipitation	2.56 inches
Year-to-Date	5.23 inches

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, hold us close, remind us of your great love, and help us to forgive others as you forgive us. Amen



The new animal shelter gives homeless animals like "Buddy" (above), a yellow lab, a place to stay in relative comfort. Not only dogs are taken in at the new shelter, but cats too. Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman (below) puts "Big Kitty" back into one of the kennels built by New Age Industrial. Some of the animals up for adoption, like Buddy, have been neutered and given rabies vaccinations.
— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



New shelter
finished for
dogs, cats

By VERONICA MONIER
Doggone, it's good to have a home.
After nearly a year of work, homeless animals in Norton finally have a better place to go.
Last weekend, Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman moved the animals out of the old animal shelter, a 15-foot-by-8-foot tin shed, and into the new 79-foot-by-50-foot concrete shelter.
The new animal control building has 10 kennels for dogs and eight for cats. Each of the canine kennels are big enough to house more than one dog, she said. They do have to be a little particular about what cats they take in though, because of the
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No parking
area could
be a problem

By VERONICA MONIER
What should be done to enforce parking regulations near the Norton Community High School?
At Monday's Norton City Council meeting, after a motion was made to waive the formal second reading of an ordinance that would restrict parking on the north side of Woods Drive from Brown Street to Valley Vista, Councilman Jerry Jones said the no parking rule wasn't being enforced very well.
He said he's been driving by every day over the noon hour and finding people parking along the street when they shouldn't be. He thinks the no parking hours should be extended from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., so it is more easily enforced. Right now, the no parking hours are 8 -9 a.m. and noon-1 p.m.
Councilman Ron Briery said it might be effective to raise the price of parking tickets to something that gets a little more attention.
Mr. Jones said he thought the ordinance the city now has needs to be enforced before a new one is passed.
City Administrator Rob Lawson said noon-1 p.m. was Police Chief Lynn Menagh's lunch hour, and that he was the only officer on duty.
Councilman George Jones suggested that the chief might try to vary his lunch hour every once in a while, so that the ordinance could be enforced.
The reading of the ordinance was waived 5-1, with Mr. J. Jones voting no.
In other business, the council:
• Accepted the proposed dispatch agreement with the county. Councilman Jerry Hawks said the Finance Committee met with Sheriff Troy Thomson Monday to talk about the agreement. He said the county agreed to the terms proposed by the city and asked if the city would be willing to pay one-half of anything over \$44,000.
Mr. Hawks said it would be a great gesture on the city's part if they agreed to this and that the county would be eating half of the cost as well. The council agreed to pay half of anything over \$44,000.
• Went into a 15 minute closed session to consult with City Attorney Karen Griffiths for attorney/client privileges.
• Heard from Mrs. Griffiths that she has prepared a memo regarding how to change from a district-elected mayor-council government to an at-large mayor-council government.
• Received a quarterly financial report from Mr. Lawson, which shows the budgeted amount of each city fund, the amount spent, the percent spent and the remaining budget authority. Mr. Briery asked where the court reports were and said he would like to see a financial report
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Achievements
recognized at
area meeting

Monday was a day of renewing friendships and recognizing the achievements of Family and Community Education Units from Norton, Decatur, Gove and Sheridan counties. Women from these units met at Norton County's 4-H Building.
Norton County members hosted the event attended by about 40 members and guests. Ruth Lofgreen acted as hostess and master of ceremonies introducing Carol Erlenbusch, President of the Norton Chamber of Commerce who extended the welcome.
Guest speaker was Linda Gleason who spoke on the topic of "Toys We Grew Up With".
A special award was presented to Vera Lundgren of the Go Getters Unit, Gove
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Fleta Hanlon, Almena, was one of the lucky door-prize winners during Monday's Family and Community Education Recognition Day held at the 4-H Building. Mrs. Hanlon beams as she accepts a basket of spring flowers.
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Youth lawn
mowing clinic
set for May 21

If you're a youth entering fourth, fifth or sixth grade and want to take on some lawn mowing either at home or for your neighbors, plan to attend the free Lawn Mowing Clinic on Friday, May 21.
This clinic will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Registration is at 4 p.m. and the formal program will start at 4:15 p.m.
Topics covered will be mower safety, operation of mowing equipment, how to get and keep a lawn job and other related topics.
Food will be provided by Pizza Hut. This clinic is co-sponsored by Kansas State University, Norton County Extension and Norton Pizza Hut.
Participants are asked to call the K-State Norton County Extension Office at 877-5755 by Wednesday to sign up.



Temporary home built for homeless pets

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limited space. But, she said, it's still much better than the old pound.

Right now, the new pound is housing six dogs and four cats — “Peanut”, “Buddy”, “Girl”, “Pup”, “Brendy”, “Big Kitty”, “Boo”, “Handsome”, a beagle/basset hound mix, a beagle mix, and a cat in quarantine. Some are old, some are young, some are neutered and have their shots, but all need a good home.

The animal control department recently got a \$5,000 grant from Petsmart Charities to help with the cost of getting dogs and cats spayed or neutered.

She said when people adopt an animal, the department will help with the cost of having the procedure done, using the grant money.

Although, she said, most of the animals who are surrendered are already spayed or neutered. They are dropped off because their owner died or has to move and can't take the animal with them.

Before the new building was finished, Mrs. Hickman had help with taking care of the cats, since there was so little space at the old building. She said she had two foster families for kitties, Lois and Rick Rostek and Melinda Schroeder. Both the Rosteks and Ms. Schroeder kept one cat apiece. Without that help, she said, the cats wouldn't have had anywhere else to go.

She said the new shelter wouldn't have been possible without all of the work the city crews did.

“They roofed it, laid the block and floors, did the painting,” she said. “They did everything. They really went above and beyond here.”

“The city got a \$100,000 building for around \$40,000 because of all work the city guys did. We really appreciate it.”

Mrs. Hickman said the animal control department had several donations of food in addition to the sizable donation from the estate of Judy Miller.

“I guess she just really loved animals,” she said. “She wanted something good to come from the money she had.”

Something good did come of it. The money was used for the cat kennels, which were built by New Age Industrial.

“Since we never had a place for cats before,” she said, “we thought this would be a good way to spend the money.”

Mrs. Hickman said they would be putting a memorial plaque up for Mrs. Miller, so everyone will remember the cat kennels were left by her.

Sometime after the plaque is put up in the near future, the city is planning on having an open house. Mrs. Hickman said she didn't know when it was going to be yet, but that the open house would give people a chance to come out and see the new shelter, and possibly even adopt a dog or cat.



Three-month old “Pup” (top) is another dog that is being housed at the new animal shelter until someone adopts him. The new shelter was built primarily by city employees like Brian Hickman (bottom), who is putting on a roof over the outdoor kennels.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

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Piano students evaluated in Oberlin

Music progressions for 61 piano students in northwest Kansas was held April 17 in Oberlin at the high school with Cheryl Metcalf, auditions chair, planning and scheduling the event.

Adjudicators for the auditions were Pat Ziegelmeier and Sharon Kriss, Colby; Kathy Jamison, Quinter; and Joy Russell, Oberlin.

Students were evaluated on their performance, technique and theory.

Attending from Norton were: Lauren and Kelsey Mordecai, teacher, Cindy Mordecai; Kaylen Rossi, Ashlie Stewart, Sara Lentz, Rachael Lentz, Alyssa Farber, Alexis Henson, Johnnye Ruder and Ryan Bainter, students of Jennifer Ruder; Troy Bainter, Zach Bainter, Abby Bainter, Darcy

Bainter, Sarah McDiffett, Austine Dole, Jessica Gilgenbach, Reesa Volgamore, Connie Gassman, Brianna Felton, Kynzie Stevens,

Mare Miller, Matt Miller, Liberty Stephens, Naomi Streck and Austin Montgomery, students of Donna Severns.

City wants update from court

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regarding monthly fines, how much has been paid and how much is due. The Public Safety Committee will set up a meeting with the municipal court judge.

• Authorized Mr. Lawson to buy a used pick-up locally at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 for the power plant supervisor and to also put out bids for a new or used large-cab pick-up for the public works department.

• Were told that Power Plant Supervisor Curt Bozarth has been named May's employee of the month. Mr. Bozarth has been with the city since February of 2003.

• Learned from Mayor Corns that the city received \$12,840.81 in city sales tax and \$8,798.58 in county sales tax receipts for a total of \$21,639.39. He said the year-to-date sales tax collections was \$111,814.31.

Area clubs came together Monday

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County. Mrs. Lundgren received a 50-year membership award.

Entertaining the women was vocalist, Kollean McMullen, and Ashton Lofgreen who played the xylophone.

Lunch was catered for the group by Ruth Ann Bigge of Bigge's County Kitchen, Stockton.

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