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Friday
August 13, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Carolyn Higgason

Briefly School picnic set for Tuesday

The public is invited to the annual Back-To-School Picnic, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at Elmwood Park. Honored guests will be the faculty and staff of Norton city schools. This event is sponsored by the Norton Lions Club, Norton Community Schools and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. Members of those organizations and returning teachers are asked to bring a salad and a dessert. Fried chicken, rolls and drinks will be furnished.

Brass band to play Saturday

Prairie Winds Brass Band will perform in an open air concert at 7 p.m. Saturday on the lawn at Hansen Plaza in Logan. The band will be under the director of Bob Stutterheim. Everyone should bring their own lawn chair.

Breakfast planned for school teachers

The United Methodist Women of Norton will host a Back-To-School Breakfast for the teachers and all personnel of the Norton school district from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Thursday in the church's Fellowship Hall.

This annual breakfast for teachers, administrators and employees is to show appreciation and to welcome them back for the new school year.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms early in the morning. Lows in the lower 50s.
Saturday — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.
Saturday Night — Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 50s.
Sunday — Cloudy with highs in the lower 80s.
Sunday Night — Cloudy with lows around 60.
Monday — Cloudy with highs in the middle 80s.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 80, Low 52
Wednesday High 79, Low 55
Thursday High 79, Low 46
Week ago High 82, Low 65
Month ago High 100, Low 68
Year ago High 90, Low 62
August precipitation 0.00 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 16.43 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 commit ourselves to you, even when we cannot see movement or any sure direction. Grant us willingness to journey with you into the unknown future, trusting your love. Amen



Young Ryan Schrum, 23 months, (above) was in the classroom Thursday helping his mother, third-grade teacher Julie Schrum, get ready for the new year. Meanwhile down the hall first-grade teacher Mary Graber had just dropped in for a minute to do a few things.

— Telegram staff photos by Cynthia Haynes



Norton schools prepare for new year

By VERONICA MONIER

With summer almost over, Norton students and teachers are getting ready to go back to school.

Superintendent Greg Mann said classes will begin next Friday at 8:30 a.m. Classes will dismiss for the day at 1 p.m. He said busses will run and lunch will be served, but not breakfast.

Classes will begin the regular schedule on Monday, Aug. 23, with school starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m.

Junior high and elementary students will have a new art teacher. Diane Lambrecht will be replacing Peggy Stull, who retired last spring.

Mrs. Lambrecht graduated from Hastings College in Nebraska and has earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. She taught at Ransom for

three years, Piper Middle School in Kansas City for four years, Mullinville for two years and at Meade for two years.

She lives with her husband, who is a Methodist minister, in Stockton.

The district is also getting two new special education teachers.

Gila Lavielle lives in Phillipsburg. She taught for the Hope School District for over 20 years before coming to Norton. She will work at Eisenhower Elementary.

Marie Miller, another long-time teacher, taught in Jennings for 20 years and, before that, worked for the Norton School District. She will work at the high school.

Lida Sharp, the junior high math teacher, is the new junior high KAY (Continued on Page 5)

Northern Valley schools welcome new teachers

By VERONICA MONIER

Several new teachers will greet the students of the Northern Valley School District when classes begin on Thursday.

Superintendent Bill Lowry said school will start at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Starting next Friday, school will begin the regular schedule of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Three of the new teachers are in their first year of teaching.

Jeremy Wetter, a Norton Community High School graduate, is Northern Valley's new band teacher. He is replacing Jami Tolle, who moved to Jewell. Mr. Wetter graduated from Fort Hays State University this spring.

His student teaching was at Hays High School and Felton Middle School in Hays. He will live in Alma.

Ken Tharman is taking over Glenda Smith's first grade class. He is a 2004 graduate of Fort Hays State University and student taught at Phillipsburg Elementary School.

Small districts head back to class

LENORA

Lenora Grade School students return to class on Wednesday.

Ken Tidball will begin his first year as superintendent for the district. He comes from the Logan School District, where he was superintendent for seven years.

Also joining the Lenora staff is Denise Meyer. Ms. Meyer will be teaching music. She was previously a paraprofessional for the Norton School

District.

LOGAN

The Logan School District will begin classes on Thursday.

Leading the district will be first-year Superintendent Robert Jackson. Mr. Jackson was the principal of Logan High School for nine years before becoming superintendent.

Logan has no new teachers this year. Coaching football will be Bryce (Continued on Page 5)

He lives in Long Island with his wife and two children, who are students in the district.

Michael Thompson is the new part-time preschool teacher. He graduated this spring from Fort Hays State University and was a student teacher at Wilson Grade School in Hays.

He was a paraprofessional before obtaining his teaching degree.

After 31 years at Northern Valley, Glenda Smith is no longer teaching first grade or kindergarten. She will be the Title I teacher and will be assessing the students and giving help in reading.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Thompson are tak-

ing the place of Linda Malcolm, who retired. Mrs. Malcolm taught preschool and Title I.

Mr. Lowry said a new class this year is Spanish.

He said the class will be taught via satellite through Kansas State University. The in-class teacher is Jill Stoelting, who is the school's librarian.

Also, he said George Griffiths, a second-year science teacher at Northern Valley, will be the new curriculum director.

Mr. Lowry is expecting student attendance to go up this year. He said, so far, they have 189 students with a full-time equivalency of 184, compared to last year's full-time equivalency of 178.

They have 19 students signed up for the 4-year-old pre-school class and eight students for the 3-year-old pre-school class. The is the pre-school program's second year.

Farmer questions commission

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

A farmer and cattleman had some hard questions for Norton County commissioners during their meeting on Monday.

Kevin Esslinger waited until after the primary ballots were canvassed before asking the commissioners about expenses for fighting a lawsuit on confined animal operations and why the county letterhead was used in election materials.

"When you lose a lawsuit, why don't we find out what you spent?" Mr. Esslinger asked.

Commissioner John Miller replied that (Continued on Page 5)



"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," came to town Thursday evening with Norton High graduates Sarah Streck (third from left) as Peppermint Patty and Jefferson Cox (on doghouse) as Snoopy. Long Island residents Sara and Stanton Nelson accompanied the musical, which was sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council

— Telegram staff photo by Carol Erlenbusch

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 the costs had been in the paper, on the radio and in the minutes of the commission meetings.
 Mr. Esslinger also wanted to know why County Attorney Doug Sebelius had received an extra \$600 for his work on the lawsuit. Mr. Miller said that Mr. Sebelius had not received an extra \$600. The money he said had been for filing fees and the like.
 "Why did people have to pay for a one-page political ad," Mr. Esslinger said.

Mr. Miller said the commissioners' only agenda is to protect the water of Norton County.
 Mr. Lang agreed saying that a confined hog operation takes a lot of water and smells.
 "We've got some irrigation wells in the vicinity sucking air," he said.
 Mr. Esslinger pointed out that there are a lot more irrigation wells than hog farms in the county but agreed that no one wanted to live next to of large hog operation because of the smell.

members.
 Acting County Attorney Karen Griffiths said it was the state law.
 Mr. Miller said he only knew of six counties in the state with more than three commissioners and those counties were the big ones.
 "It's just strange," Mr. Gassmann remarked.
 "It's not something we control," Mrs. Griffiths replied.
 As for the use of the county letterhead the commissioners asked Mrs. Griffiths to look into having it copyrighted.

Commission Chairman Leroy Lang said that that was the commissioners report to the people on the suit.
 "We promised one," he said.
 Mr. Esslinger wanted to know why the commissioners were pursuing the issue to start with.
 "By statute the county commissioners are required to look after the public health and safety of the citizens of the county," Mr. Miller replied.
 He went on to say that, if you go back, the county voted out corporate farming by 1000 to 73.
 Mr. Esslinger said that he felt the whole thing was a waste.
 "You guys spent a lot of time and wasted a lot of our money," he said. "You guys are writing the laws to suit your personal agendas."

Mr. Miller said he thought the water problem was key.
 "When we don't have water we don't have nothing else," he said.
 Mr. Esslinger said that he felt the state should handle the water and animal confinement problems.
 Mr. Miller agreed that it would be nice if the state could take care of the problem.
 "I know the law, its a good law," he said. "But the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will never have enough people to support that law."
 George Gassmann, who was Mr. Miller's Republican primary opponent asked about the set up of county commissions.
 "Why does the county only have three commissioners?," he asked, noting that school boards and city councils usually had five to seven

In other business, the commissioners:
 • Held a meeting with employees about health insurance. Bridges Group Insurance gave a presentation which started at 8 a.m. and continued past 9 a.m.
 • Learned that the overhead door at the incinerator building has stopped working. Solid Waste Superintendent Curt Archibald said that he had contacted Raynor Doors out of Hastings to get it repaired.
 • Heard that there is no word yet on the county's permit for a new landfill.
 • Learned that the county was cleaning up trash by Horse Creek Bridge near Alma. The trash included boxes, a bicycle, lots of tires, a 55-gallon barrel, a child's electric car, a trash can and trash bag. There were also two animal carcasses but Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannon said he was not asking his men to deal with the dead animals.

Norton prepares for classes

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 sponsor and Lisa Terrill, who's new to the district, is the new at-risk tutor for the junior high.
 Mr. Mann said the district has also hired seven new paraprofessionals and a new cook.
 Norton has no new classes this year, he said.
 With enrollment happening just this week, Mr. Mann said he didn't know how many students the dis-

trict would have this year. They are hoping for 665, but have projected 657 for budget purposes.
 The official count will be on Sept. 20.
 Mr. Mann said the district is ready for the upcoming year.
 "We're excited for school to start," he said. "The facilities are ready and some teachers are already working."

Mr. Brannon said he had talked to Mim Tubbs, who complained about the mess, and explained things to her and she didn't seem to have a problem with it, especially since the carcasses are decomposed to hide and bones and they don't smell.

Valley Hope sets meeting

The 37th annual meeting of the Valley Hope Association will be held at 7 p.m. next Friday at the Norton Treatment Center. The annual meeting is being held in conjunction with the Norton Valley Hope's 37th Annual Alkathon which is set for Saturday, Aug. 21.
 During the meeting, the membership will elect members to the Board of Directors and receive reports on the operation of the association.
 Association members include lifetime members of the Valley Hope Association Foundation or anyone who has donated \$15

or more to the foundation within the last year.
 Board of Director members are Tony Jewell, chairman, Garden City; John Cumings, vice-chairman, Littleton, Colo.; Ada Arford, treasurer, Alma; Michael Carr, secretary, Oklahoma City; Jack Andrews, Lincoln, Neb.; Pat George, Dodge City; John McClymont, Norton; Jeffrey Wheeler, Colorado Springs; Doug Sebelius, Norton; and Dr. Merlynn Colip, Norton. Msgr. Armand Girard and Jim Danielson are lifetime members emeritus.

Schools look forward to year

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 Woodall, while Robin VanLaeyens will coach volleyball.
JENNINGS
 Classes will begin with an all-day session on Monday, Aug. 23, at Prairie Heights School at Jennings.
 Dave DuBois has returned as superintendent after working for the past two years at Weskan. Diane Carter will teach music for kindergarten through 12th grade.
 Football will be a cooperative program with Hoxie and squad members will practice there. Vickie Schmidt will coach volleyball.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Norcatour City Notice of Budget Hearing

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 The governing body of City of Norcatour will meet on the 23rd day of August 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at Norcatour City Office for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
 Detailed budget information is available at Norcatour City Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
 Proposed Budget 2005 Expenditures and Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2005 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

PUND	2003		2004		Proposed Budget 2005		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	57,484	12.399	58,000	15.220	67,000	8,413	15.080
Employee Benefits	3,663	0.068	3,700	6.898	5,000	3,359	6.021
Library	1,522	1.974	1,550	2.076	1,550	1,199	2.149
Bond & Interest	9,686	12.850	9,385	5.381	13,595	3,071	5.505
Special Highway	12,116		2,000		13,000		
Water	42,983		14,000		30,865		
Sewer	1,900		1,500		18,647		
Solid Waste	11,476		11,500		11,500		
Totals	140,830	27.291	101,635	29.575	161,157	16,042	28.755
Less: Transfers							
Net Expenditure	140,830		101,635		161,157		
Total Tax Levied	16,370		17,098				
Assessed Valuation	599,824		577,907		557,905		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	100,000		95,000		90,000		
Revenue Bonds					0		
Other					0		
Lease Purchase Principal					0		
Total	100,000		95,000		90,000		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
 Chris Dempewolf, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICES

Treasurer's Quarterly Report

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STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF NORTON
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT
AS OF JULY 31, 2004

County Funds Budgeted	Fund Balance
County General	1,135,914.80
Road & Bridge	550,646.94
Special Bridge	36,839.38
Ambulance	121,591.78
Andbe Home	979.89
Appraiser's Cost	33,356.44
Bond & Interest	89,460.57
Bridge Bond	121,074.14
Community College	22,326.83
County Health	60,051.15
Economic Development	119,141.33
Election	42,986.37
Employee Benefits	499,026.18
Extension Council	631.96
Fair Building	3,888.69
4-H Maintenance	16,825.91
Historical Preservation	4,054.80
Hospital Maintenance	5,604.03
Mental Health	9,804.90
Mental Retardation	17,700.22
Noxious Weed	64,816.79
Noxious Weed Deficiency	72.68
Senior Citizens	1,793.26
Soil Conservation	3,000.68
Airports	9,059.86
Solid Waste	117,690.34
Landfill Closure	10,000.00
Bridge Construction #2	664,630.73
Special Machinery & Equip	48,948.10
Co Health Capital Outlay	164,421.38
Ambulance Capital Outlay	31,489.00
Noxious Weed Capital Out	53,842.98
Clayton Cemetery	302.60
Edmond Cemetery	163.94
911 Tax	24,958.70
Bridge Bond 2004	10,345.38
Bridge Construction 2004	808,883.20
County Funds Non-Budgeted	Fund Balance
Co Treas Capital Outlay	19,559.96
Co Clerk Cap Outlay	8,443.26
Dist Court Capital Outlay	1,868.52
Reg of Deeds Cap Outlay	12,989.20
Sheriff Capital Outlay	3,475.26
Appraiser Capital Outlay	2,375.88

Election Capital Outlay	34,633.60
Solid Waste Cap Outlay	262,162.00
Special Drug & Alcohol	14,284.98
Spec Parks & Recreation	5,056.51
Special Auto	21,063.18
Reg Deeds Tech Fund	11,694.91
Unclaimed Monies	6,698.14
Strays Sold by Sheriff	3,547.52
Attorney Fund Cap Outlay	4,275.60
Alcohol & Drug Test Fund	2,761.55
Co Attorney Training	2,340.42
Co Attorney Diversion	18,376.59
Special Law Enforcement	636.26
Worthless Check Admin Fee	409.63
Northwest BT Region	27,078.59
Data Processing Cap Out	29,820.00
4-H Building Cap Outlay	3,641.00
Long and Short	19.50
Revenue Funds	Fund Balance
Current Tax	122,142.32
Vehicle Tax	115,313.05
RV Tax	1,982.36
Vehicle Rent Excise Tax	217.59
Redemptions Real Estate	18,148.96
Advance Tax	26.88
Escrow Account	438.88
Compensation Sales Tax	28,214.00
City Funds	Fund Balance
Clayton City - General	90.72
Trustee Fund	Fund Balance
Court Trustee - State	4,213.06
Court Trustee - Local	31,582.17
Case Management	25,808.51
Juvenile Just Authority	32,114.72
Juvenile Director	609.79
Family Education	18,820.02
Community Mobilization	18,218.67
JISP	17,200.11
Diversion	26,604.87
Juvenile Intake	14,293.80
Judicial Capital Outlay	3,551.00
TOTAL CASH IN TREASURY	5,784,375.01

I do solemnly swear the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.
 Cynthia J. Linner, County Treasurer
 Subscribed and sworn before me this 5th day of August, 2004.
 Robert D. Wyatt, County Clerk

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 6 Months \$37.00
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 Less than 6 Mo. would be \$15 per month
ELSEWHERE IN US:
 1 Year \$76.00
 6 Months \$42.00
 Student (9 Mo.) \$57.00
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The Estate of Marilyn Wolf

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 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
 In the Matter of the Estate of MARILYN JEAN WOLF, deceased.
 Case No. 2004-PR-26
NOTICE OF HEARING
 STATE OF KANSAS
 COUNTY OF NORTON
 ss.
 The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:
 You are hereby notified that on July 30, 2004, a Petition For Determination Of Descent was filed in this Court by Cynthia Sue Glennemeier, one of the

heirs of Marilyn Jean Wolf, deceased, praying for the Determination of Descent of Marilyn Jean Wolf, deceased and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 30th day of August, 2004, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.
 Cynthia Sue Glennemeier
 Petitioner
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