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Home of Scott Ellis

Briefly

Season passes available now

Adult season passes for Norton community schools home activities and events are on sale at the school district office for \$35.

Preschoolers are admitted free and students in grades 7-12 are issued activity tickets.

Passes for senior citizens, retired and 62 years of age and older, are available at no charge.

These passes are not valid for admission to tournaments and Kansas State High School Activities Association activities.

Meeting tonight, Alkathon Saturday

The 37th annual meeting of the Valley Hope Association will be held at 7 p.m. tonight 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 tomorrow at the Catholic Parish Center.

Registration begins at noon at Norton Valley Hope. At 1 p.m. a "Freedom Drive" to the Parish Center will lead attendees to the day's festivities which will get underway at 1:30 p.m.

Annual picnic set for tomorrow

Preceding the annual Old Fashioned Republican Picnic in Logan on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. will be the First Congressional District meeting at 4 p.m. in the Hansen Plaza Community Room.

The picnic will be held on the Hansen Plaza lawn. Special guests will be Congressman Jerry Moran, Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh and State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 50s. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s.

Saturday Night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. **Sunday** — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 93, Low 60
Wednesday High 97, Low 56
Thursday High 75, Low 57
Week ago High 79, Low 46
Month ago High 105, Low 73
Year ago High 96, Low 69
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

Lord, help us to listen to those who have no one and so bring your love into their lives. Amen

TIME TO GET BACK ON THE BUS



Northern Valley second grader Erin Archer (above) puts her "thinking cap" on while completing an activity sheet on the first day of school. Fellow classmate Matthew Stutsman also works on finishing his assignment. Kobie Unterseher (left) concentrates while coloring for Mrs. Thompson's second grade class. Ashly McReynolds and Kylie Kinderknecht (below) share laughs on the teeter totters while at recess on the first day of school.

— Telegram photos by Kristen Brands



Nominations wanted for conservation awards

The Kansas Bankers Soil Conservation Awards Program is looking for people, who have done a good job of stewardship of the land.

"We look forward to public nominations of the awards," said Keith P. VanSlike, Norton County Extension director.

"This Program is being sponsored by the agriculture committee of the Kansas Bankers Association, local banks and the government agencies that cooperate with the District Conservation office. We are asking for nominations to be submitted by Sept. 20."

The program is to stimulate interest in the conservation of agricultural resources by giving recognizing farmers and landowners, who have made outstanding progress in the establishment of soil and water conservation.

Included in the program are a soil conservation award, a windbreak award and a wildlife award.

Considerations for the awards are:

- 1) Use of land according to its capabilities;
- 2) Completeness of farm plan applied;
- 3) Balance of farm enterprise;
- 4) Quality of conservation work done and maintenance of practices; and
- 5) Special practices unique to the farming operation.

The windbreak award considers windbreaks which provide protection for residences or other structures, areas, livestock, or fields. Windbreaks should be a minimum of 3-years old.

Wildlife habitat awards recognize individuals for establishment and maintenance of areas to encourage and protect (Continued on Page 5)

Airport board finds secretary in city employee, council agrees

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council agreed to allow an employee to act as secretary for the newly formed City/County Airport Board and to do some work for the board on city time.

Councilman Jerry Hawks said the airport board hired Amanda Shannon as its secretary and that she agreed to go to the meetings on her own time and take notes. The board told her she would be paid \$10 per hour with a minimum of two hours at each meeting.

Mr. Hawks said the city administrator agreed that she could type the minutes and pick up the mail on city time. He said the county staff would be doing in-kind work and it would all balance out with both the city and county splitting costs.

Councilman Jerry Jones said he thought it would be better to pay her more and have her type the minutes and pick up mail on her own time.

City Clerk Darla Ellis, Mrs. Shannon's supervisor, said she didn't think allowing Mrs. Shannon to do these things on city time would be a problem. She said there are certain times during the month where the staff isn't as busy and she could do it then.

In other business, the council: Presented Ivan Kingham a plaque of appreciation for his years of serving on the airport board. Mr. Hawks said Mr. Kingham had done a good job.

Mr. Kingham said he wanted to acknowledge former board members. He said John Leipold was instrumental in (Continued on Page 5)

Norton city hires new police officer

By VERONICA MONIER

With interviews and testing finished, the Norton City Council hired a new police officer at Wednesday's meeting.

Police Chief Lynn Menagh said he and the Public Safety Committee recommended that the council hire Jeff Rydquist. He said Mr. Rydquist could start in a couple of weeks.

Chief Menagh said Mr. Rydquist didn't have any previous police experience, but has a good educational background. He said of the five people interviewed, none had any previous experience.

He said there were a few people who applied who had experience, but none of them followed up with testing and interviews.

Chief Menagh said they would have to see when the academy could sign Mr. Rydquist up for training.

In other business, the council:

- Thanked the public works crew for the work it did on the streets. Council President Ron Briery said the crew did a great job sealing the streets. City Administrator Rob Lawson said the crew sealed a number of streets around town, all of the roads in the cemetery and also several alleys.

- Approved the proposed 2005 budget as published minus \$500 in both the 2005 expenditures and the 2004 ad valorem tax. Councilman Jerry Hawks said the \$500 adjustment needed to make so the city wouldn't have to pass an ordinance. He (Continued on Page 5)

Producers have Sept. 3 deadline

Local producers have until Friday, Sept. 3, to nominate candidates to run for the Norton County Farm Service Agency county committee.

Vesta Hobbs, Norton County Farm Service Agency director, said producers can nominate candidates on form FSA-669A, which is available at the county office or on the Internet. Only one candidate can be nominated on a form.

Eligible voters may circulate or sign nominations for as many candidates as they choose. Nominees must sign the form certifying they will serve if elected.

Nominees and voters must be 18 or older. They must be an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper of farmland, or be eligible to participate in any Farm Service Agency program. Spouses may vote and serve on the committee.

"The county committee is a grassroots (Continued on Page 5)



Parents, students, teachers, school board members, chamber members and others were all at Elmwood Park Tuesday night for the annual Teachers' Picnic. The event is sponsored by the Norton Lions Club, the Norton Board of Education and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. Conversation and food were two big items on the agenda. Sue and George Rossi and their daughter chat with Superintendent Greg Mann (above left), while Principal Larry Hillman (below left) talks to Norton Alumni Donnie Ebert. Brenda Mann and Wesley and Margaret Moore (below) join the line, filling their plates with yummy food, just before sitting down to listen to welcome speeches, one of which was made by Music Teacher David Will (above).

— Telegram photos by Charlotte Stephenson



City council passes budget with a change

(Continued from Page 1) said the state requires that an ordinance be passed if the budget is increased. City Attorney Karen Griffiths said this doesn't change any of the line items. City Clerk Darla Ellis said the council has passed the ordinance three or four times in the past six years, but because the budget was so close this time, it would be better to just lower it.

annual allocation of their special parks money to each city in the county, based on population. Mr. Hawks said the special parks money comes from part of a liquor tax. He said allocating some of the money to the county's cities would allow each to budget the use of the money. Norton would use the money for new playground equipment.

- Waived the formal second reading of Ordinance No. 1536, relating to the hours allowed for the shooting or firing of fireworks within the city.

Appreciation plaque given to board member

(Continued from Page 1) getting the new runway project completed and Don Heller pursued the apron improvement project. He said he appreciated what they did and thinks we have a fine airport, in part, because of them. He also said he has enjoyed working with the city and feels the council has been cooperative. Mr. Kingham said he hopes the airport is supported in the future as it should be.

- Waived the formal third reading of Ordinance No. 1533, relating to the joint ownership and operation of the Norton City/County Airport and repealing Ordinance No. 1398 and No. 1500 of the city code. The ordinance was adopted after the third reading was waived.

• Heard from Mr. Hawks that the Utility Committee had a good meeting with the representative from Sunflower Electric Cooperative about the renewal of the city's power contract. He said the representative suggested asking the Sunflower Board to offer Norton a position in the Rural Electric Association. If approved, the city's power would be firm power at a minimum price, he said, and the city would schedule times to run the engines at the power plant for Sunflower. The board will meet and consider the issue, he said.

- Paid bills of \$283,347.02.
- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel. No action was taken after the session.

Local producers wanted on county committee

(Continued from Page 1) democracy at its finest, where local producers have a say in how federal programs affect their communities and their individual operations," Mrs. Hobbs said. The committee oversees the work of the county office and its executive director and advises the farm loan manager. "I encourage all eligible produc-

ers, especially women and minorities, to participate in the county committee election process," Mrs. Hobbs said. For information on the county committee election visit the Farm Service Agency county office at 113 N. Norton or call 877-5156. Nomination forms are available at the office or on the Internet at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Swimming party set for Saturday

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County held a "Big For a Day" ice cream social in Elmwood Park on Sunday. Sixteen children and seven adults who are, or are interested, in becoming big brothers or big sisters attended. Games to help the "Bigs" and "Littles" get to know each other were played as well as water balloon toss and Bingo. Big Brothers Big Sisters will host a swimming party on Saturday at the Norton City Pool from 7-9 p.m. and a mystery movie on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Norton Theatre. Children and adults interested in learning more about the program are invited to attend. Big Brothers Big Sisters is recruiting children and adults for community-based matches as well as for the school-based ones. Please attend one of the activities or stop by 108 W. Main (behind Moffet Drug Store) and visit with Erin Manning or Mary Kay Woodyard or call 874-4200 about volunteer opportunities.

Award nominations need to be turned in by Sept. 20

(Continued from Page 1) wildlife. Nominations can be made by anyone in the county. Nomination forms can be picked up at the

Center offers virtual classes

The Graham County Learning Center in Hill City is set to begin its fourth year of a high school diploma program. The center is primarily for people, 18 or older, who would like to earn their high school diploma. This year the center is offering classes on-line so that the student may work from home.

This allows a more flexible schedule that caters to people who work or who are unable to make the drive to Hill City. Students work at their own pace through the course with assistance from a certified teacher. A high school diploma will be issued upon completion instead of a general education degree.

In the first three years, the Learning Center has graduated 17 students. Many of them have found a better job or enrolled in a vocational or four-year college. Enrollment begins Monday and continues throughout the school year. Call 421-5531 for more information.

'Red Hatters' plan a trip to Logan

The Crimson Cuties of Norton, a Chapter of the Red Hat Society, is planning an outing for lunch at the Trojan Restaurant in Logan at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. The Red Hat Society is a national women's organization whose only purpose is to have fun. After lunch the women will tour the "Hats and Headdresses" dis-

play at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan. It is not mandatory, but women 50 years old and older are encouraged to wear red hats and purple outfits. If you are 40-50, you are encouraged to wear a pink hat and lavender outfit. Membership is open to the Crimson Cuties. If you have any

questions about the group you may call "Scarlet Vixen" Ruby Pflieger at 874-4766 or "Vice Scarlet Vixen" Anise Gill at 877-5170. The group has tentatively picked Wednesday, Sept. 8, to go to the Sac 'n' Fox Casino in south-east Kansas at Powhattan.

HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, Director
A dozen students attended the Cindy Agan watercolor workshop this past Sunday and completed a watercolor painting step-by-step, applying the techniques introduced. Glazing, dry brushing, wet on wet, stippling and the use of cotton swabs were among the techniques studied in the four-day workshop.

Enrolled were Deb Bauman, Quinter; Betty Baird, Logan; Carol Steeples, Zurich; Mike Lemon, Phillipsburg; Charlotte Keith and Beulah Brown, Morland; Karla Anderson, Norton; Deb Wagonblast, Smith Center; Berdina Whisman, Palco; Geraldine Best, Oxford; and Mildred Calkins and Sheryll Hickman, Alma. The next painting classes will be the Bob Ross "Joy of Painting"

held on Oct. 23-24 followed by a Kaye Franklin oil and pastel workshop Oct. 28-30. Beth Gallant, Clay Center, Neb., displays her miniature gingerbread and wood items as August's "Artist of the Month". "Hats and Headdresses" will continue to intrigue visitors through Sept. 12 before departing for its next venue. This show represents so many cultures. It is a "must see".

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