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Tuesday
May 10, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of Mike Wente

Briefly

Legion baseball to hold meeting

A meeting for all boys interested in playing American Legion Baseball in Norton this summer will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at John Ryan Field in Norton.

Interested players unable to attend are asked to contact Richard Miller at 877-3543.

Graduations to be in Jennings, Logan

Several graduations will be held this weekend.

On Saturday, the Jennings high school and eighth grade will both hold their graduation ceremonies at 2:30 p.m. in the gym.

Logan will hold its eighth grade graduation at 2 p.m. in the auditorium on Sunday, with the high school's senior graduation to follow at 4 p.m. in the auditorium.

Expo set for this weekend

The KQNK High Plains Farm and Home Expo is set for this weekend at the Norton National Guard Armory. It will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The expo will showcase what's new in farm and home improvement.

Quilt art will be on display tonight

The quilt art of Molly Anderson, Minden, Neb., will be previewed this evening at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan. Mrs. Anderson is exhibiting 45 of her award-winning quilts. The show is called "Transitions in Quilting".

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 60s. Wednesday — Windy and partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s. Wednesday Night — Chance of thunderstorms.

Howell report:

Friday High 83, Low 59
Saturday High 82, Low 52
Sunday High 75, Low 45
Monday High 82, Low 55
Week ago High 68, Low 40
Month ago High 54, Low 41
Year ago High 78, Low 62
May precipitation12 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 6.00 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

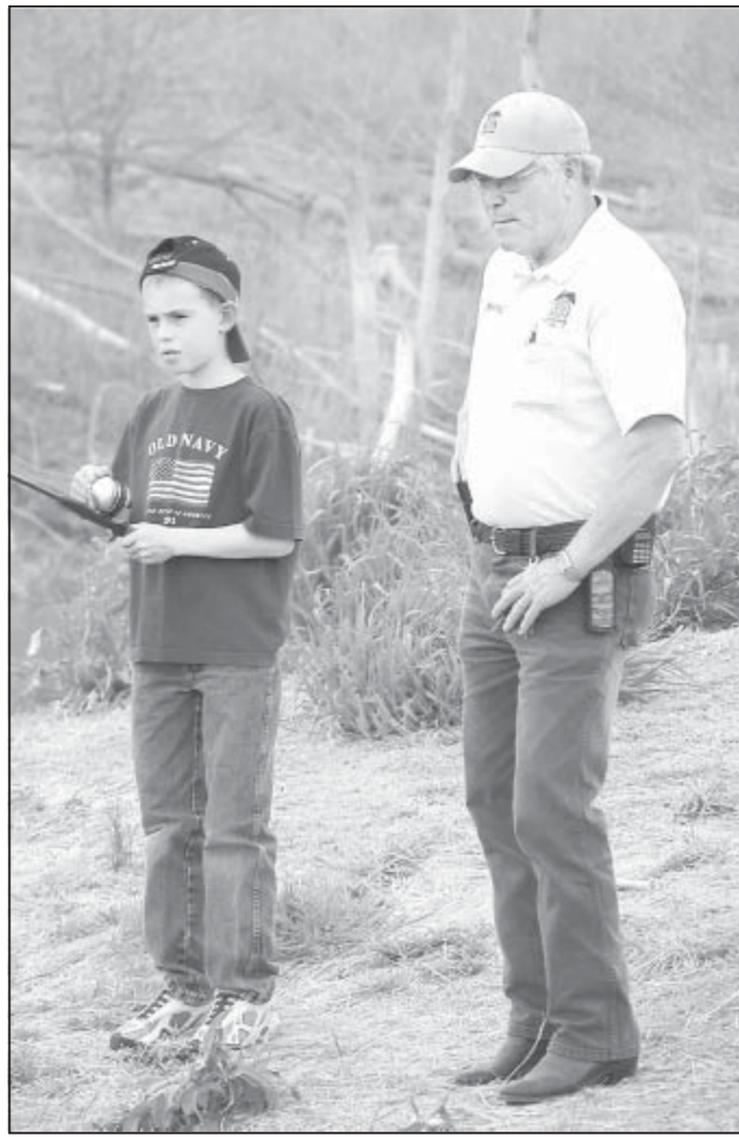
Prayer

Lord, help us to feel the wonder and depth of your love. Then help us to love everyone we meet as much as you love us. Amen



Norton area youth had the chance to explore the great outdoors this Saturday during the OK Kids Day. Part of the experience was a fishing clinic. Park Ranger Jim Ray coached Drew Ellis (right) on the finer points of fishing. George and Philip Boutwell (above) cast a line together. Tyler Montgomery (below) pointed out a movement in the water.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Youth have outdoor experience at kids day

Thirteen kids enjoyed the great outdoors this Saturday during the fourth annual OK Kids Day at Prairie Dog State Park.

Not only did they learn the basics of fishing, but they also had a chance to participate in archery and try out a laser hunt-

ing and shooting simulator, which duplicates hunting situations.

Participating in the activities were Carson Montgomery, Tyler Montgomery, Brayden Smith, Casey Robison, Philip Boutwell, Kaitlyn Campbell, Cody Campbell, Gracie Campbell, Drew Ellis,

Jacob Brooks, Shine Fischer, Jake Kramer and Diedre Kramer.

Adults helping with the event included Jim Sharp, Doug and Shelly Smith, Robert Smith, John and Cheryl Baker, and Justin Baker. Mr. Fischer, Mr. Kramer and Miss Kramer also helped with the

archery.

The fishing clinic was sponsored by the Longspur Chapter of Pheasants Forever and the archer clinic was sponsored by the Norton Archery Club.

All of the participants received a free gift and were registered for prizes.

Demolition agreement is saving city some money

By VERONICA MONIER

The City of Norton and the owner of two houses set for demolishing this year have come to an agreement.

Attorney Karen Griffiths said Donald Hays, the owner of 513 and 515 W Main, agreed not to protest the hearing held at Wednesday's city council meeting, which was extended from the April 20 meeting.

The hearings were held to see if there was any protest to the city's demolishing of several substandard and dangerous houses, which are in violation of the uniform housing code.

None of the other owners contacted the city. However, Mr. Hays said he wanted to come to an agreement with the city about the demolition.

Mrs. Griffiths said, during the two week extension of the hearing, the city and Mr. Hays came to an understanding.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said the city would demolish the houses and would load the debris onto a trailer or truck provided by Mr. Hays, who would haul off the debris. He said the city will knock the foundation into the basement area and then level it off with dirt.

"We're not hauling anything," he said. "We're just loading."

Councilman Jerry Jones asked if the city was charging Mr. Hays anything for this.

Mr. Lawson said the city wasn't, (Continued on Page 5)

Airport could get grant to help with upgrades

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It was the first Norton City/County Airport Board meeting for newly elected city councilman, Kelly Gaer.

Board chairman John Miller informed the members that he has been in contact with George Laliberte, acting director with the Kansas Department of Transportation Division of Aviation. Mr. Laliberte came to Norton in April to advise the board on issues with the airport's master plan. He told the board they might be eligible for some non-primary entitlement funding.

Mr. Miller learned that Mr. Laliberte will assist Norton City/County Airport in applying for \$77,000. The money, available on a 95/5 split, could be used for upgrades at the airport and for public parking areas.

An estimate for dirt work in preparation for building a new hangar was provided by County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan. The dirt work would make ready a site large enough for four new hangars, including the one proposed by Buddy and Mary Oswald. Mr. Brannan's estimate, which included a drainage tube, labor and equipment was for \$1,486.80. The board advised Mrs. Oswald that the expense would be divided, equally, four ways. The Oswalds' share of the expense would be \$371.70.

In other business the board:

- Approved monthly bills of \$5,852.18.
- Agreed to offer Marvin Stutheit a year's contract for mowing.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 13 in the basement of the City Office Building.

Bowling brings in money for 'littles'

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County held the 5th Annual Bowl for Kid's Sake on Saturday at Rainbow Lanes in Norton.

This year, 27 bowling teams raised \$8,000 and a few teams are still collecting donations. "This program is growing rapidly, and we really appreciate the financial support county-wide," said Erin Manning, program director and case manager.

All of the funds raised through Bowl for Kid's Sake stay in Norton County and will be used to match little brothers and sisters with an adult mentor. Pizza Hut and Pepsi donated pizza and beverages for all the participants, and Rainbow Lanes provided the bowling alley for free. Locally, New Age Industrial was the presenting sponsor for the event.

"We are very pleased with the funds raised by bowling teams on Saturday, but the total amount raised from the event

including bowling pledges and business sponsorships is down almost \$6,000," reported Mrs. Manning. "We hope that individuals, businesses, and organizations will keep Big Brothers Big Sisters in mind during the next few months."

For the third year, businesses and organizations participated in the challenge bowls. "Challenge bowls were created to increase competition among the banks, schools, and churches," said Mrs. Manning. Each team winning one of the challenge bowls receives a traveling trophy to display throughout the next year.

This year, First Security Bank and Trust Co. won the bank bowl challenge, Immanuel Lutheran Youth won the church bowl challenge, and Eisenhower Elementary School won the school bowl challenge.

Bowling scores weren't even that important on Saturday. Mrs. Manning said Bowl for Kid's Sake gives all the partici-

pants a chance to celebrate their hard work at fundraising. "Bowling is what brings everyone together, but the most important part is raising the funds to benefit local children."

A program new to Norton County, BBBS became a satellite branch of Sedgwick County's program in 2000. Today, the statewide program is known as Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters.

With a projected 200 children qualifying for the program in Norton County, Mrs. Manning reported that there are 44 little brothers and sisters matched with a big brother or sister. During 2005, the goal is to match 65 children with a volunteer.

"The majority of our matches are community-based, but we're very excited to have matches meeting at the school-based programs at the elementary schools in Almena and Lenora."

School-based matches work on home- (Continued on Page 5)

Baccalaureate service to be held for seniors

For the first time since 1973, baccalaureate services for Norton County seniors will be held.

The Norton County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring an informal worship service at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 15, at the East Campus Auditorium on north State Street.

All students graduating from Norton County high schools are invited, along with their families and friends.

The service is being planned and conducted by members of the senior classes from Norton Community High School and Northern Valley High School.



Norton firemen took a moment to regroup Thursday night, while Ambulance Director Andy Neilsen passed

out bottled water.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Firefighters extinguish blaze Thursday night

By VERONICA MONIER
Thursday night's fire caused damage to a home, but no people were injured.

Fire Chief Mitch Jones said the Norton Fire Department was called out at 10:40 p.m. Thursday night to fight a fire at 406 N. Wabash.

The house, which is owned by Dwayne and Barbara Bangle, had extensive heat and smoke damage. The bedroom, he said, was a total burnout and there was also some fire damage in the bathroom.

Chief Jones said the fire started in the bedroom and, although it is

being ruled accidental, the cause is still unknown.

The 19 firemen who responded spent two hours at the scene. He said it took about 20 minutes to get it under control and the rest of the time was spent working on hot spots and ventilating. Three units were at the blaze.

Also responding to the call were the Norton Emergency Medical Service and the Norton Police Department.

"I appreciate the ambulance crews being on standby in case they were needed," Chief Jones said. "I also appreciate the police for their crowd control."

Council approves demolition agreement

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because it was basically just costing manpower. He said, with Mr. Hays' cooperation, the city would be saving about \$6,000 in tipping fees at the landfill.

"Our goal is just to get these houses knocked down," he said. "We're out very little expense this way."

The agreement also says that the city isn't liable for any damage done to Mr. Hays property while the demolition is taking place.

The council authorized the preparation of resolutions authorizing the demolition and signed the release and agreement with Mr. Hays.

In other business, the council:
• Adopted Resolution 9-2005

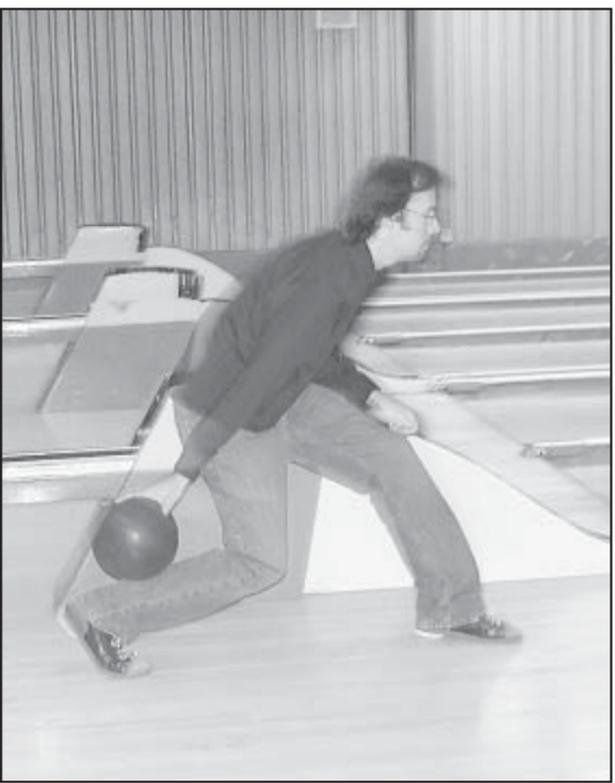
for the demolition of 510 N. Archer, Resolution 10-2005 for the demolition of 512 N. Archer, Resolution 11-2005 for the demolition of 512 1/2 N. Archer, and Resolution 12-2005 for the demolition of 409 South St. All of the houses are in violation of the city's uniform housing code because of their substandard and dangerous conditions.

• Heard from Mrs. Griffiths that she will prepare the resolutions for demolition of Mr. Hays' properties.

• Accepted bids from Roofmasters to repair the roof at the power plant. The bids were \$9,961 for the warehouse building and \$4,980 for the flat roof area.



Firemen spent two hours at 406 N. Wabash, making sure all of the flames were extinguished and the house was ventilated.



Brandon Weis, a member of the Kansas Department of Transportation team, let the ball fly Saturday afternoon during Bowl for Kid's Sake, a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Bowling brings in cash for local organization

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work, study, or read together. Community-matches participate in the same activities, but they have the option to meet away from the school or recreation center.

"For most little brothers and sisters, just having someone to spend time with is their favorite part," said Mrs. Manning.

Although the program has been successful at matching children, Big Brothers Big Sisters is still looking for adults interested in volunteering to match with one of the 30 children on the waiting list.

Big brothers and sisters make a commitment to spend 2-3 hours per week with their little brother or sister. Each week they meet for some type of activity. The possibilities of activities could include working in the garden, cooking supper together, working on homework, playing a video game, or attending a sporting event. "It really isn't so much what you do together, rather that you spend time together and develop a friendship," said Mrs. Manning.

Statistics have proven that a child with a big brother or sister is: 46% less likely to initiate drug use, 27% less likely to start drinking alcohol, and 55% less likely to skip school. Studies have also shown that 60% show an improvement in grades and are 33% less likely to get into altercations when paired with a mentor.

Little brothers and sisters are from 5 to 17 years old and usually come from single parent families. For most children, having a mentor boosts self-esteem and confidence.

Mentoring a child benefits that child not only today but impacts them for years to come. "This program truly is making a difference in the lives of all the children matched with a big brother or sister. Just ask any of them, they'll tell you," said Mrs. Manning.

If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact Erin Manning at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton located at 108 W. Main in Norton or call at 874-4200.

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