

Tuesday
August 16, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of Laura Washburn

Briefly
Breakfast set
for school staff

The annual back-to-school breakfast for Norton teachers, administrators and school personnel is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Thursday in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. It is sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

Gospel group
to sing in park

The W.J.J. M. Radio Gospel Quartet will be singing at 8 p.m. Friday in Elmwood Park. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Norton Christian Church.

Singers Wendell Wright, James Dudeck, Jim Brown and Mark Dudeck formed the group using the first letters of their first name to make the acronym that sounds like a radio station's call-letters. Their Southern Gospel quartet has been together almost 12 years.

They have released their second compact disc, "Have I Got A Song For You" on the SOAP label.

Those attending are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Refreshments will be provided.

There is no charge for the concert, but donations will be accepted.

3D shoot
set for archers

The Norton Archery Club will hold a 3D Shoot on Sunday.

The shoot will have a trickle start from 10 a.m. to noon at the Norton Prairie Dog State Park archery range, north of the west shower house in the northwest corner of the park.

The shoot will cost \$5 per round.

For more information, call John Baker at 877-3253 or Randy West at 877-5269.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms after midnight.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Howell report:

Friday	.....	High 79, Low 64, .54 Prec.
Saturday	.....	High 78, Low 57
Sunday	.....	High 80, Low 57
Monday	.....	High 85, Low 59
Week ago	.....	High 100, Low 69
Month ago	.....	High 98, Low 67
Year ago	.....	High 84, Low 63
August precipitation	.....	.60 inches
Year-to-date precipitation	.....	14.40 inches

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

Prayer

God, when life does not go our way, lift our spirits and refocus our lives so that we can see that now is the time of your favor. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Fun Day
enjoyed
in park

Big celebration
draws crowd
to tiny Norcat

Mission accomplished — fun was the order of the day during Norcat's Fun Day Celebration held Saturday.

Children and adults gathered in Elden Auker Memorial Park for goldfish races, cake walks, a ring toss and balloon animals.

The basketball court held the kiddie tractor pull, egg toss, watermelon eating and watermelon seed spitting contests.

Horseshoe pitching was set up behind Momma Millie's Cafe while Bingo went on inside. The dunk tank located in the car wash bay of D & M Service Station.

Norcat Grain sponsored "Dig For the Money" in a tank of grain outside The Bank.

More than 200 people came out for the all-day celebration that lasted into the night. That's pretty good, considering the entire population of Norcat is 180.

That evening the cafe held an all-you-can-eat fry followed by a dance on the driveway of D & M Service in downtown Norcat.

Marvin Matchett and his son-in-law, Johnathon Fick, make up the mobile deejay team of "Jam Session". They played music and kept the audience entertained during the karaoke singing.

"It was an absolute success," Mr. Matchett, one of the celebration's organizers, said. "There were lots of kids in town, and that's what it was all about. It was a family fun day — all day long."

During the evening, several cakes were auctioned to help defray medical expenses for Lane Vanover. Lane, 10, was burned about a month ago, but is home now from Via Christi Medical Center. Almost \$200 was raised to help his family.

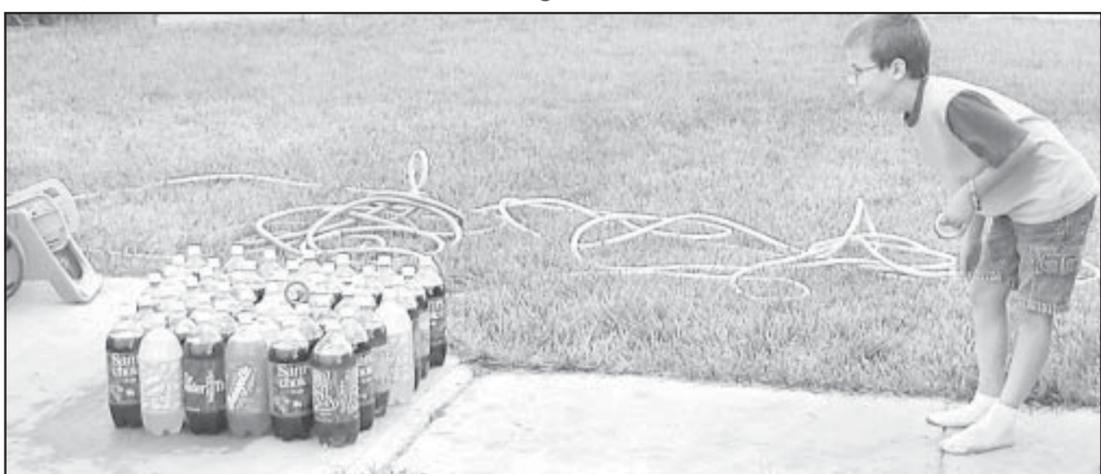
Business and individuals donated prizes, gift certificates, cash and their time to help make the day a success.



Brooke Sumner (above) was up to her nose in pulp and juice during the watermelon eating contest held Saturday at Norcat's Fun Day. Wyatt Wentz (below) leaned over as far as he could to toss a ring

over the neck of a bottle of soda pop. He was one of dozens of youngsters who played the many games on Saturday.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



School to start with roof work in progress

By VERONICA MONIER

The chances are slim that the Eisenhower Elementary roof will be done before school starts on Friday.

Superintendent Greg Mann said at Monday's school board meeting that the roofers from Roofmasters, the company redoing several of the district's roofs, are making a supreme effort to get the Eisenhower roof finished by Friday, Aug. 19, the first day of school, but that it was going to be tight.

He said a patron asked him why the

wrestling room roof was started before the Eisenhower roof.

"It's a valid question," he said.

Mr. Mann said there are three crews assigned to do the five roofs being replaced. Each crew specializes in a certain type of roof. The crew assigned to do the wrestling room roof was finished with the job it was doing elsewhere before the Eisenhower crew was.

So, he said, the wrestling room crew started its project sooner because it arrived in Norton sooner.

"It was our plan to have Eisenhower done before East Campus or the wrestling room," he said. "But, things just didn't work out that way. This project hasn't exactly been lockstep."

The wrestling room roofing may also be delayed. Mr. Mann told the board that he was meeting with the roofers, the school's insurance company, and Joe Baker, the district's roof consultant, Wednesday to see if there was a problem.

He said the roofing crew didn't tape the insulation seams with fiberglass tape like

the contract required, but rather used duct tape. He said if the warranty and insurance won't cover the roof because of the insulation, the roof will have to be taken off and the insulation redone.

The mistake was caught when Mr. Baker made a surprise inspection. All of the other roofs were insulated properly, he said.

It will be at Roofmasters expense if it has to be redone, he said.

However, he said, preliminary reports (Continued on Page 5)

Logan picnic
set for Saturday

The 25th annual Old-Fashioned Republican Picnic will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday on the lawn at Hansen Memorial Plaza, Logan.

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins, Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh and Representative Dan Johnson plan to attend.

There will be fried chicken, corn on the cob, coleslaw and watermelon. Tickets are available from Rodgers and Associates, Mapes and Miller and Judy Rowland, Phillipsburg, or Polly Bales, Janene Schneider or Lynn Clements, Logan.

Northern Valley teachers, staff change jobs

Students of the Northern Valley School District will have some new teachers and some from last year in new jobs when they start school Thursday.

There have been several personnel changes over the summer with five new teachers and several staff changes.

New teachers are LeAnn Leidig, preschool and Title I; Tiffany VanDerVeen, junior high English and seventh grade social studies; Erin Manning, high school business; A.J. Landon, high school physical education and grade school computer instructor; and Donna Nichols, junior high and high school science.

Michael Thompson, formerly the preschool teacher, is starting his second year at Northern Valley as the kindergarten

teacher. Ken Tharman, also a second year teacher, will be teaching sixth grade rather than first.

Tammy Vincent, who has taught at Northern Valley for 18 years, will be changing from kindergarten to first grade.

In her 14th year at Northern Valley, Staci Montgomery will be changing from junior high language arts and English to high school English.

Jim Winchell was hired to replace Dan Donaldson as the head maintenance man and high school custodian, while Dick Ames and Frank Kiser are the new Long Island bus drivers.

Debbie Hogan, the secretary in the high school office, will be helping as an activities director.

There have also been several changes

in coaching positions.

Mrs. Manning will be the assistant high school girls basketball coach; Mr. Lowry, cross country coach in Lonnie Brungardt's absence; Mrs. Montgomery, assistant high school track coach; Mr. Landon, head high school boys basketball coach;

Kevin Largent will be starting his first year as the high school assistant volleyball coach; Becky Delimont, high school cheerleading sponsor in addition to dance coach;

Kirsten Baird, junior high girls track coach; and Lisa Miller, a paraprofessional, co-cheerleading sponsor at the junior high and also the junior high basketball coach.

Roofers working on schools

Classes to start

(Continued from Page 1) from the insurance company indicates that the work will pass their inspection. The district should have notification of this on Monday.

- In other business, the board:
- Awarded Bob and Doris Winteroth for going "above and beyond" in their support of the district's students. Their names will be added to the appreciation plaque in the high school gym.
 - Donated \$2,000 to the Norton Arts Council and granted a waiver of fees and insurance for use of the district's buildings for its programs.
 - Adopted new board policy additions and revisions and approved the employee handbook.
 - Went into five closed sessions — four lasting 45 minutes for contract negotiations and one for five minutes for preliminary discussion on acquisition of property.

- Accepted resignations from Susan Ward, junior/senior high assistant cook; Jennifer Hauser, high school Student Advisory Council sponsor; and Kay Mills, high school assistant tennis coach.
- Approved Michelle Sprigg as Eisenhower Elementary library aide, Sue Ann Stutheit as traveling library aide, Dale Engelbert as the high school Student Advisory Council sponsor and Shawnee Branek as the high school Rule 10 assistant tennis coach, extended a work agreement to Kelly Goss as the assistant cook at the junior/senior high, transferred Gregg Ankenman from a high school custodian to assistant maintenance director and transferred Keri Vanover from a junior high night custodian to a high school custodian.

- Accepted the negotiated agreement and granted a 4 percent raise to certified employees for the 2005-'06 year.
- Increased the base pay for the district's certified employees from \$27,000 to \$27,500.
- Approved an increase of 40 cents per hour for returning classified employees.
- Increased the pay for the superintendent by \$3,500 for the year.
- Accepted the pay schedule for substitute and temporary jobs for the year, and accepted the base pay schedule for classified employees.
- Increased junior/senior high cook Norma Archibald's pay to \$7.10/hour for the year to advance her above base pay.



Terry Laughlin, pastor of the CrossRoads Church in Norton, showed visitors around the sanctuary.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Churches join together to do God's work

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Two Norton churches joined forces in June after several years of working together.

Community Full Gospel Church and Living Word Baptist Church have combined their congregations and resources to form a new non-denominational church called CrossRoads Church.

Pastor Terry Laughlin, his wife, Bonnie, and their family had been attending Community Full Gospel since his conversion Aug. 25, 1987. He received his ministerial training in 2001 and took the job of senior pastor of Community Full Gospel.

Before that, from 1991 to 2000, Pastor Terry filled the pulpit at several churches. One of the churches he spoke at frequently was Living Word Baptist.

In June of 2003, he was asked to be the "interim pastor" there. He agreed to serve one year.

Then it became two years. But, it began a fellowship between the two churches.

In August of 2003, they began to hold fellowship supper and Christian videos on Sundays.

Then it was Wednesday night Bible studies together.

Next, the two congregations came together for special projects.

He said it became apparent to the spiritual leadership of both



Pastor Terry Laughlin and his wife, Bonnie, showed off the welcome sign of CrossRoads Church at 313 W. Lincoln, Norton.

churches that they needed each other. In times of trials the congregations worked together.

"It is a blessing to see the fellowship between two congregations as they take the time to minister to one another; catch a common vision and cast down the spiritual walls that are often found between church denominations," Pastor Terry said. "It is not very often you see a close fellowship between two different denominations. We are now a non-denominational

church, CrossRoads Church."

On May 1 the congregations voted to change the name and on June 1, the merger took place, creating CrossRoads Church.

"Looking upon the history of both these churches humbles us greatly," Pastor Terry said. "Many faithful men and women of God have prayerfully put time, effort and money behind the work that the Lord has called them to do."

CrossRoads operates from the New Testament form of church

leadership with elders and deacons. The External Pastoral Elder is Ronald Scheimo, who has also been Pastor Terry's mentor. The other elder is Don Malcolm. Deacons are Jerome Rudolph, Roy Harshbarger and Dean Husted.

The church is debt-free.

There are also committees.

The ladies group is overseen by Jaynell Matzek; the gift basket ministry by Georgia Moser; and Sunday School classes by Mabel Nyland.

A new outreach has started to post CrossRoads sermon transcripts to the church's website crossroads@ruraltel.net. Matters that directly affect the congregation are brought before it.

The congregation sponsors mission work in Mexico through Dayspring Ministry and Shield of Faith Mission International. They sponsor a Christian radio station in North Pole, Alaska, which also reaches into the former Soviet Union and other parts of the northern hemisphere. They help a native American missionary in Ely, Nev., sponsor missionaries in West Africa and South Africa, youth ministries in Delta, Colo., and Mike Mascarenas with Teens For Christ in Norton.

The building at 313 W. Lincoln is quite comfortable and sufficient for the needs of the congregation, Pastor Terry said. However, there are some improvements being made.

Sidewalks and curbing in front of the church are being repaired or replaced and parking is being expanded. The original parsonage, in the adjacent lot west of the church is used for special needs. Missionaries stay there and sometimes a family might have need for extra housing after a death or wedding.

The church building at 308 W.

Crane, it is up for sale.

Both Pastor Terry and his wife were raised in the Norton area. His parents were Wayne and Lena Laughlin, Norton; her parents were Alfred and Doris Fischer, Long Island.

The Laughlins have four sons, Derek, 20; Jared, 17; Caleb, 14; and Josiah, 12.

All four of the boys have been home-schooled. Both parents agree it takes dedication to be a home-schooling parent.

"It is a lifestyle," Mrs. Laughlin said.

Before Pastor Terry entered the ministry he held a regular job working for the Norton County shop from 1991 to 2001.

CrossRoads Church has Sunday School classes at 9:15 a.m. followed by worship at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is available during Sunday services.

Wednesday night at 7 p.m. is adult Bible study. The women's group meets monthly for a noon meal at Town and Country Kitchen and the Senior Saints group meets once a month at Town and Country.

Monthly the church serves the Silver and Gold meal at Norton Manor with a potluck meal and a program. Of course, there are always fellowship dinners for special occasions.

"CrossRoads Church is a local body of believers, which the Lord is working through," Pastor Terry said. "I want those who do not know Christ, and those that have received him, to have the opportunity to become God-honoring, Christ-loving, Word-filled, ministry-minded, Holy Spirit controlled, children of God."

The church number is 877-2416.



Members of the St. Francis of Assisi Church and the Knights of Columbus held a benefit Sunday for Lynn Wetter, who is at an Omaha hospital with medical problems. Clarence Wetter (right) Michael Lang and Gerald Wetter cleaned up after serving homemade ice cream, cake and pie. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Youngsters win bicycles at reading program

Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds was the theme of the Norton Public Library's summer reading program.

Each year the Friends of the Library group offers three bicycles to be awarded to children who read at least 20 books during the summer. For younger children who can't read, they have to have at 20

books read to them.

Librarian Mary Leuhers said 165 children signed up for the program at the start of summer with 72 completing the 20-book requirement.

She said some read as many as 60 books over the summer.

All 72 names were entered in a drawing to determine the winners

of the free bicycles.

This year the winner of the boys bicycle was Zach Keenportz, Beaver City, Neb. His parents are Bruce and Gina Keenportz. Zach said his favorite book was, "Police".

The girls division winner was Hailey Branek, daughter of Ron and Shawnee Branek, Norton.

Hailey named, "Frog Prince and the Frog Princess" as her reading favorite.

In the Read-To-Me category, Hayden Wiltfong won a small bicycle. He is the son of Robert and Michelle Wiltfong, Edmond. Hayden and his mother agreed that his favorite book was, "Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Rud".

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