

Tuesday
August 15, 2006

Norton, Kansas
Home of Nora Washburn

Briefly
Eisenhower to hold open house

Eisenhower Elementary School will host an open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. This will give students an opportunity to; learn who their teachers will be; meet new classmates; give parents a chance to meet their child's teacher; bring in school supplies; take their parents on a tour of the school; and enjoy refreshments.

Relay for Life begins Friday

Norton County Relay for Life will be held at Elmwood Park, Norton. It begins Friday at 7 p.m. with a Survivor's Lap. Other walkers begin their sponsored laps after that. At 10 p.m. the luminaries will be lit and the names of those they honor will be read. Walking continues through the night, ending at 7 a.m. Saturday morning. To sponsor walkers or to learn more about Relay for Life, call Carol Otter at 785-543-5423.

City council to meet Wednesday

The Norton City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Under old business — third reading of Ordinance #1554, amending the City Code to allow for the building of private garages on single lots, and third reading of Ordinance #1555, amending the City Code relating to municipal court costs.

Under new business — a discussion will be held on the lease agreement with Nex-Tech Wireless; the city administrator will give his report; adopt Ordinance #1556, incorporating the 2006 Uniform Public Offense Code, and adopt Ordinance #1557, incorporating the 2006 Standard Traffic Ordinance; hear the Utility Committee report; and approve the 2007 budget

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Clouds, a few stars, chance of scattered showers/storms;
Wednesday — Any morning showers/storms ending. Becoming partly cloudy, windy and hot. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy and hot. **Friday** — Partly cloudy and hot. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy, breezy and hot. Chance of a storm or two. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and hot. Chance of a few storms.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 69, High 93
Saturday Low 71, High 99
Sunday Low 65, High 91, Prec. .40
Monday Low 61, High 85
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, forgive our selfish desire for recognition. Let us do good simply because you ask us to. **Amen**

Cool way to bring in the new year



Teachers all over the area are getting ready to start the new school year. Norton art teacher Diane Lambrecht is starting the year at Eisenhower Elementary with an "Art takes you places" theme and will have Japanese art, paper lanterns and parasols. She's also making a Japanese gateway to add a little more visual variety. School in Norton is set to begin

Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. and will dismiss at 1 p.m. Students will begin attending all day next week. In Lenora, class begins Wednesday, while Northern Valley will start on Monday. Both Lenora and Northern Valley will begin with full days.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Trees will be staying for a while

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council will not be doing anything about the trees downtown any time soon.

Councilman Jerry Jones said a group of people concerned about the trees came to the Parks Committee meeting to express their desire that the trees not be cut down.

He said redesigning the downtown corners was something the council had been talking about for two years. But, he said, they don't have the money right now to do anything and haven't spoken with the engineer. It's something that might or might not happen, he said.

Jay Ryan said he was at the council meeting on behalf of the trees.

"I think we need to use a little noggin

power before bringing in Paul Bunyan," he said. "It would be real easy for our downtown to look like a lot of other downtowns. Downtowns that aren't financially stable."

Mr. Ryan said the trees could be saved for a while longer and that a spray could be used to get rid of the berries.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said they were going to let the trees sit there for a while and would probably trim them up a little this fall.

Mr. Ryan said he would just like the council to look at some other option, rather than cutting them down. The Municipal Court gives out a lot of community service sentences and maybe sweeping up after the trees could be one, he said.

"If you start knocking down everything that causes a few bird droppings, you'll have to start tearing down buildings next," he said. "Just do some thinking before you bring in Paul Bunyan."

"I think we're a long way away from doing anything," said Mr. Jones.

They're having some problems and are just trying to find the right solutions, he said.

In other business, the council:

- Adopted Ordinance 1553, regarding electric rates, after waiving the formal third reading.
- Waived the formal second reading of Ordinance 1554, regarding resident districts. Mr. Lawson said all comments he's

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After 28 years, Norton high school gets new principal

By VERONICA MONIER

After 28 years, Norton has a new face in the high school principal's office.

Rudy Perez came to the Norton School District from Cimarron, where he was the seventh through twelfth grade principal. He was there for six years, two as an assistant principal/athletic director and another four as the head principal.

He was interested in

Norton, he said, because he was looking for somewhere close to his dad, who lives in Nebraska. He was also impressed with the academics, which he saw in full effect when his school hosted the Scholar's Bowl. Another big reason was the excellent wrestling program. His son is a wrestler.



Rudy Perez

good coaches," he said. "It made me think that was what I wanted to do."

He started out playing football and baseball at Sterling College, but soon joined the military, where he did a lot of teaching and enjoyed it, he said. He eventually made his way to Oklahoma State University, where he earned a Master's degree.

He started teaching in Topeka in 1993. Cimarron was his first principal job and before that, he was an education coordinator for 16 school districts for a state migrant program.

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Airport board asks for more budget money

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Chairman of the Norton City/County Airport Board, John Miller, said in Monday night's meeting that both the Norton City Council and Norton County Commissioners have been asked to add an additional \$1,000 to their share of support for the airport.

"Our justification in asking for this increase," said Mr. Miller, "is that we had not taken into account the \$1,000 deductible for our AWOS (Automated Weather Observation Station) and NDB (Non-Directional Beacon) which were hit by lightning."

Mr. Miller said the beacon's repairs will be about \$1,300. Board member, Gail Boller, suggested the board should find out if that piece of equipment is mandated. He said with most pilots using GPS (Global Positioning Systems), a beacon is out-dated.

Jeff Deitering, an airport planning engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration, will be in Norton next Monday to tour the airport. It was suggested that he should

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