

## Remember when it was no big deal?

My, my how times have changed. An alert reader provided the following information that pretty much explains the change. It might bring a reserved smile. If you have anything to share for the E•bag, please send it to [tomd@nwkans.com](mailto:tomd@nwkans.com), fax 877-3732 or drop it in the mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654. Your signature is not necessary.

- School 1967 vs. School 2007**
- Scenario: Jack goes quail hunting before school, pulls into school parking lot with shotgun in gun rack.
  - 1967 - Vice principal comes over, looks at Jack's shotgun, goes to his car and gets his own shotgun to show Jack.
  - 2007 - School goes into lockdown, the FBI is called, and Jack is hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors are called in to assist traumatized students and teachers.
  - Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fistfight after school.
  - 1967 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up buddies.
  - 2007 - Police are called; SWAT team arrives and arrests Johnny and Mark. They are charged with assault and both are expelled even though Johnny started it.
  - Scenario: Jeffrey won't sit still in class, disrupts other students.
  - 1967 - Jeffrey is sent to the principal's office and given a good paddling. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.
  - 2007 - Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADD. School gets extra state funding because Jeffrey has a disability.
  - Scenario: Mark gets a headache and takes some Aspirin to school.
  - 1967 - Mark shares Aspirin with

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- the school principal out on the smoking dock.
- 2007 - Police are called and Mark is expelled from School for drug violations. His car is searched for drugs and weapons.
- Scenario: Pedro fails high-school English.
  - 1967 - Pedro goes to summer school, passes English, and goes to college.
  - 2007 - Pedro's cause is taken up by local human rights group. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that making English a requirement for graduation is racist. US Civil Liberties Association files class action lawsuit against state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English is banned from core curriculum. Pedro is given his diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.
  - Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover Independence Day firecrackers, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle and blows up an anthill.
  - 1967 - Ants die.
  - 2007 - Homeland Security and the FBI are called and Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. Teams investigate parents, siblings are removed from the home, computers are confiscated, and Johnny's dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.
  - Scenario: Johnny falls during recess and scrapes his knee. His teacher, Mary, finds him crying, and gives him a hug to comfort

him.

1967 - Johnny soon feels better and goes back to playing.

2007 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces three years in a federal prison. Johnny undergoes five years of therapy.

**Political Packaging**

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogical researcher, discovered that Hillary Clinton's great-great uncle, Remus Rodham, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows.

On the back of the picture is this inscription: 'Remus Rodham; horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

Judy e-mailed Hillary Clinton for comments.

Hillary's staff of professional image adjusters sent back the following biographical sketch:

'Remus Rodham was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad.

Beginning in 1885, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad.

In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency.

In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.'

That, readers, is how it's done.

## Norton man wins 11th week pick-em

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Correct on all but two games were: LeeRoy Schuckman, Hays; Andy Moore, Barbara Springer, Randy Springer, all of Hoisington; Dwight Vallin, Jerry Laurin, Mike Hammond, all of Long Island; Bob Covington, Almaena; Douglas Daniels, Jeris Norman, Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton.

Missing three contests were: Jim Springer, Long Island; Turner Linner, Darrell Moore, both of Almaena; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Tim Moore, Bob Moore, both of Hoisington; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Gail Baley, Denise Bailey, both of Norcatur; Lawrence Wiseman, Tom Baumann, Rick Green, Baylee Miller, Janiece Walter, Jennifer Terrell, Deanna Gallentine, David Riemann, Craig Foley, all of Norton.

Incorrect on four games were: Frank Kaiser, Emily Vallin, both of Long Island; Carol Voss, Almaena; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; Nancy Moore, Hoisington; Lucas Bailey,

Mark Bailey, both of Norcatur; Brad Killian, Lincoln; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Matthew Berneking, Salina; Virginia Carlton, Linda Matson, Regina Beikman, Sandy Husted, Mary Ann Hager, Charlotte Stephenson, Nathan Morse, Georgie Rorabaugh, Anastasia Foley, all of Norton.

Miscuing on five contests were: Linda Covington, Alberta Geil, both of Almaena; Karen Shearer, Long Island; Shayla Bailey, Norcatur; HiPlains Co-op, Lenora; Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Fig Millan, Kollean McMullen, Diana Smith, Tom Davis, Lynn Nelson, all of Norton.

Missing six games were: Christal Rose, Arapahoe, Neb.; Ann Becker, Lenora; Jared Foley, Wichita; Erin Hill, Kama Mandl, both of Norton.

Julie Hilburn, Almaena and Dalton Miller and Tracey Sproul, both of Norton, each missed seven.

**Twelfth week's entries**

The twelfth week's entries must

be postmarked by 5 p.m. today and received in the mail no later than Saturday or you may bring them to the *Telegram* office before 5 p.m. today.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in Tuesday's *Telegram* for this week's games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games were:

Nebraska 73, Kansas State 31  
Kansas 43, Oklahoma State 28  
Iowa State 31, Colorado 28  
Missouri 40, Texas A&M 26  
Tennessee 34, Arkansas 13  
Wisconsin 37, Michigan 21  
Georgia 45, Auburn 20  
Central Missouri 31, Fort Hays 10  
Southern Cal 24, California 17  
Cincinnati 27, Connecticut 3  
Northwestern 31, Indiana 28

## School implements anti-bullying plan

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this year.

- Learned that a coach has still not been found for fifth and sixth grade basketball. If no coach is found, they will not be able to offer the sport.
- Heard that if the cost of gas continues to rise, they might have to start looking at what events they can't afford to go to after the first of the year.
- Accepted a donation of \$600 from Dale Carlson and Dr. Glenda Maurer to buy a potter's wheel for the junior high.

- Heard a report from Teresa Schulze on the science curriculum.
- Bought two new suburbans with the state procurement program and will sell two of the district's old suburbans by sealed bid.
- Authorized Mr. Mann and Maintenance Director Jim Jackson to buy a pick-up truck through the state's procurement program that meets the district's needs and sell one of the district's old pickups by sealed bid.
- Discussed hosting another

staff appreciation dinner. Mr. Mann will get back to the board with options at the December board meeting.

- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property.
- Held three closed sessions lasting a total of 35 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Hired Don Mordecai as the junior high assistant boy's basketball coach.
- Appointed Charlotte Stephenson to the business position on the high school site council.

## Hospice reports consistent growth

In a proclamation issued from the White House, President Bush declared November 2007 as National Hospice Month. This is the 29th consecutive year for such a proclamation.

In part it reads: "Hospice care professionals and volunteers are answering a timeless call to love their neighbors as themselves. During National Hospice Month, we recognize these individuals for their strength and compassion. Their efforts make our country a more loving and caring place." (Read the President's proclamation online [www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/)).

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that 1.3 million people with life-limiting illness received care from the nation's 4,500 hospice providers last year. This represents continued growth in both patients served and number of providers. Hospice Services provided care for 15 percent additional families this past year. Approximately 35 percent of all deaths in the U.S. were under the care of a hospice program.

Additionally, the top five diagnoses among hospice patients reported by Hospice show the continued trend of less cancer patients among those served. The top five diagnoses seen in hospice for 2006 are as follows:

## Hospice Services of NW Kansas

- Cancer 44.1 percent
  - Heart Disease 12.2 percent
  - Debility 11.8 percent
  - Dementia 10.0 percent
  - Lung Disease 7.7 percent
  - \*Complete Facts and Figures document will be released later this month.
- The true value of hospice goes deeper than statistics and is reflected in the organization's theme for National Hospice Palliative Care Month 2007, "It Must Be Love". Throughout the month of November, hospice and palliative care organizations across the nation are hosting activities to educate the public and other healthcare professionals about the benefits of hospice and palliative care.
- "The philosophy at the heart of hospice and palliative care is about so much more than what's commonly seen in conventional medical care. It's about providing solutions for difficult times when hope is in question, it's being close in a time of fear, it's about dignity, humanity, and hope," said J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. "When you look

at all that makes up hospice and palliative care, and the difference that care makes in the lives of more and more Americans, you begin to understand its contribution in the healthcare continuum."

Hospice is not a place but a philosophy of care created to help people live with dignity, comfort, and compassion at the end of life. Palliative care works to bring this philosophy of care to people earlier in the course of a serious illness.

Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families. They also serve as valuable community resources about care options. Additional information about hospice, palliative care, advance care planning, and talking with loved ones about these important issues is available from NHPCO's Caring Connections.

For national information, or to get a free state-specific advance directive form, visit [www.caring-info.org](http://www.caring-info.org) or call the HelpLine at 800-658-8898. Hospice Services, the local hospice, has provided comfort, compassion and quality end of life care in northwest and north central Kansas since 1982 and can be reached at 800-315-5122 or visited at [www.hospicenwks.net](http://www.hospicenwks.net).

## Phone company gives credits

Just in time for Christmas. Rural Telephone's Board of Trustees approved \$960,120 in capital credits to be refunded to its members.

"Eligible members who had telephone service with the cooperative during the years of 1986 through 2006 will receive a capital credit refund check. This is the 23rd consecutive year in which capital credit

credits have been issued to Rural Telephone members," said Larry Sevier, CEO/General Manager of Rural Telephone. Mr. Sevier said capital credit refunds have totaled over \$24.6 million.

Mike Pollock, Chief Information Officer, said refund checks will be mailed to members the first week of December.

**THANKS**

The Norton Telegram has a newspaper carrier shortage. To help, several carriers are now delivering multiple routes. We appreciate your patience during this time.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**NORTON Senior High**

Saturday, Nov. 17 — FCCLA Cluster Meeting at Denver, Colo.

Tuesday, Nov. 20 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; KAY Turkey Skit, 3 p.m.; FFA Bingo and Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 27 — FCCLA Leadership Council at Hesston; Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; SADD, A.P.; Wrestling Challenge Matches, Junior High Gym, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 — FCCLA Leadership Council at Hesston; 7-12 Gifted Seminar, Kansas State University, 9 a.m.

**Junior High**

Monday, Nov. 19 — Basketball vs. WaKeeney, here, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 20 — Jay Days, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 — 7-12 Gifted Seminar, Kansas State University, 9 a.m.

**Eisenhower**

Monday, Nov. 19 — Eisenhower Site Council, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 26 — 5th Grade

Boys Basketball begins, 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 27 — 6th Grade Boys Basketball begins, 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 — S.I.T. Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

**All Schools**

No School Nov. 21-23 for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Nov. 20 — Second Nine Weeks Progress Reports Sent Home

Monday, Nov. 26 — Classes Resume, 8:30 a.m.; P.D.C. Meeting, Eisenhower Library, 4 p.m.

**NORTHERN VALLEY**

No School Nov. 21-23 for Thanksgiving

Nov. 17 — High School State Football; Junior High Basketball tournament at Brewster, 10 a.m.

Nov. 19 — High School Vocal Clinic at Kensington, 1 p.m.; Junior High Basketball vs. Kens-

ington/Eastern Heights at Agra, 4 p.m.; KAY Daddy Daughter in the lunchroom at Almaena, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 20 — K-4 AR Movie at Norton Theatre, 1 to 3 p.m.; 5th-8th Gr. to "Bone Up on Bones" Exhibit at the Hansen Museum in Logan, 1 to 2 p.m.; ASVAB Test for Juniors in the High School Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.; Social Studies Standards at Hays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 26 — Kansas Reads to Preschoolers in the High School Auditorium, 7 to 8 a.m.; Jr. High Spirit Week

Nov. 27 — KAY Father Daughter Supper in the lunchroom at Almaena, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 28 — Lifetouch School Picture Retakes, 8 a.m.; Fall Secondary NCKSEC Gifted Seminar at K-State, 9 a.m.; Technology Directors Cadre at Fort Hays State University, 9 a.m.

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Sat., Nov. 17 . . . Explosion Karaoke/Dance  
8 p.m. Music by Steven Seaton

Sat., Nov. 24 Ramblin' Andy's Band, 8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 1 The Charles Williams Orchestra  
(Oldies, Big Band, Country, R&R, 8-11:30 p.m.)

Sat., Dec. 8 . . . . . Private Party