

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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Norton, Kansas
Home of Lloyd Zierlein

Briefly

Now you see it, now you don't

The East Campus Auditorium is the place. The time is 3 p.m. The date is April 26. At that place and at that time and on that date, the Norton County Arts Council will present *The Eric Vaughn Magic Revue*, starring Eric and Kelly Vaughn. The couple will unveil their award winning magic and illusion show, known for the energy and theatrics they bring to every performance. Hilarity, trickery, and baffling grand illusions are also on their plate.

Eric's wife, Kelly, astonishes audiences with her amazing rope escape routine, and Squeeky "the Amazing Chihuahua" becomes the real star of the show with his outlandish antics that defy description.

Make plans to exit your house and pack up the kids for a guaranteed afternoon of entertainment you'll be talking about for a long time. - *td*

Cancer Survivors speaker is artist

Diane Lambrecht, art teacher at Eisenhower Elementary and Norton Junior High Schools, will present the program at the Norton Cancer Survivors' Group on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Lambrecht will speak about *Getting in Touch with our Creative Potential*.

The group meets each third Tuesday at the meeting room in the basement of Norton County Hospital.

Anyone who has had a diagnosis of cancer is invited to attend.

weather forecast

RAIN
Tonight - Rain and possibly a thunderstorm - chance of precipitation is 90%.
Saturday - Rain likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
Saturday Night - A chance of rain. Chance of precipitation is 50%.
Sunday - A 20 percent chance of rain before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 61.
Sunday Night - Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 37.

Kingham report:

Tues., April 14 Low 37, High 71
Wed., April 15 Low 46, High 70
Thurs., April 16 Low 49, High 63
.25 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all those whose deeds have inspired us in our difficult moments. May we, in turn, seek to encourage others as we shine the light of your love. Amen

Good habit to have



Jerry Smith smiled while donating blood at the American Red Cross's blood drive Thursday afternoon, while Lisa Chatman checked on him. Mr. Smith has donated six gallons of blood in his lifetime. The blood drive was held at the St. Francis Parish Hall in Norton.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

4-2 vote benches cheerleaders

By BRANDY LEROUX
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The Norton School Board, on a 4-2 vote, suspended the high school cheerleading program for the 2009-2010 school year, with board members Scott Ellis and Craig Renner voting against the suspension and board members Chris Harting, Elaine Lofgreen, Jeff Nielsen and Jennifer Boller voting in favor.

Superintendent Greg Mann said several student issues, a decline in interest, as well as difficulties finding sponsors led up to the decision to suspend the activity.

In a letter to in today's Telegram (page 4), Mr. Mann explained the reasoning behind the suspension.

In other school board business:

- The board decided to take over operations of the district's Learning Center from Educational Services and Staff De-

velopment Association of Central Kansas as of Aug. 1.

"Basically, we were in a contract with the association so they could teach us how to run the learning center," said Superintendent Mann. "We know how to do that now, and I recommend we don't change the curriculum, just take over ownership and extend the lease of the building from the Heatons for the 2009-2010 school year."

- In his report, Superintendent Mann said work on the bleachers in the Stull gymnasium will begin next week; Robin Harms, Fort Hays State University graduate has been hired as a speech pathologist by the North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative; utility costs continue to be lower than last year's — \$27,000 lower than at the same time last year — mostly due to the mild winter, staff being

more cognizant and saving electricity where they can, and lower fuel prices; the district's Learning Center's graduation will be held on the last Friday in June instead of in May; and said the funding for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years is still uncertain.

- Board member Jennifer Boller was appointed as the vice-president of the board.

- The board set a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 to hold the hearing for the republished General Fund budget, finalize personnel decisions for the 2009-2010 school year and to discuss negotiations.

- Coni Park, Eisenhower Elementary Site Council, gave a report on the various activities for the 2008-2009 school year.

April Karnopp, junior high Site Council,

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New police car order lost by firm

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Norton Police Chief Pat Morel told the Norton City Council at its Wednesday meeting, that when he called earlier this month to check on the status of the new police car he ordered from Odessa Ford in Kansas City, the dealership told him they had lost the order and would have to submit a new one. The car was originally ordered on Feb. 6. The chief said the new car wouldn't be available for another three months.

Chief Morel said the department's 2003 Crown Victoria has broken down, and asked if the council wanted him to order another police car. The Crown Victoria has more than 118,000 miles, and needs repairs. The chief said April 30 is the last day to order another car from Odessa Ford in Kansas City at the bid price — after that, the prices will go up by about 10 percent.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann asked if the second new car was in the police department's budget. Chief Morel said it is. Councilman Toby Kuhn set a Public Safety Committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday to discuss the issue, and said that it would still leave enough time for the council to meet and decide whether or not to order a new police vehicle before the bid closes.

The next city council meeting that was scheduled for May 5 has been rescheduled for April 29. City Administrator Rob Lawson and City Attorney Karen Griffiths would not be able to attend the May 5 meeting. Mrs. Griffiths said she would conduct the new council member's training after the April 29 meeting. Mrs. Griffiths invited the rest of the council to attend as a refresher course.

New Norton Ward 3 City Councilman Joe Leroux took his oath of office at Wednesday night's council meeting, and Mayor David Corns and Ward 2 Councilwoman Kim Snyder took their oaths of office again, from Norton City Clerk Darla Ellis.

Mayor Corns appointed the new committees as follows:

- Finance Committee — Chairperson Toby Kuhn, Vice-Chairperson Donna Foley, and member Kim Snyder.

- Utility Committee — Chairperson Donna Foley, Vice-Chair is vacant, and

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Norton school board fills vacant seat at Monday meet

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The Norton School District Board of Education at their Monday night meeting, selected April Karnopp to fill the unexpired two-year term of Mark Keilig, who resigned a month ago to accept a banking job in Nebraska. Mrs. Karnopp will begin her duties on the school board at the next school board meeting on May 11.

Mrs. Karnopp is a 1989 graduate of Norton Community High School. She attended college at Arizona State University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy. She has owned a daycare, managed group homes at Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, supervised the Staff Development Department at the Norton Correctional Facility, and is now the Human Resources/Benefits assistant at Prairie Land Electric.

Her husband, Kelly, works at the Norton Correctional Facility in Bikes For Youngsters. They have three daughters, Brianna in 8th grade, Jordan in 6th grade and Ashley in 2nd grade.

"I do enjoy problem-solving," said Mrs. Karnopp. "I enjoy contributing to the solution."

"Mrs. Karnopp is an excellent choice to replace Mr. Keilig," said Superintendent Greg Mann. "She will bring to the board a wide range of perspective and experiences gained as the result of her being a graduate of the Norton Schools, a parent of students currently in Norton schools and as a member of the junior high Site

Council. I am pleased that she will be on the Board of Education.

"Also," the superintendent said, "I am equally pleased that the board had two well-qualified citizens interested in serving on the board of education from which to choose. Mr. Ron Fisher would have also been an excellent choice; our students and staff were going to be the winners no matter which person the board selected."

Mrs. Karnopp said she has not run for the school board before, and didn't want to run against someone she thought was doing a good job.

"When I heard Mark (Keilig) was leaving, I decided to put my name in for the position," said Mrs. Karnopp.

Mrs. Karnopp has been on the Eisenhower Elementary Site Council and is currently serving on the junior high Site Council and recently the Facilities Study Committee. She is a active adult leader for The Rock for Friday night activities, and does many volunteer activities, especially related to her children.

"I've always thought I would like to be involved in city and school governments," said Mrs. Karnopp. "I don't have a 'platform.' I just want to continue the high-quality education for my kids and all the kids in the community."

Mrs. Karnopp wasn't officially a board member when the board decided to suspend high school cheerleading (Continued on Page 5)

View from the inside



Frank Meyer, and his wife, Shirley, pulled out the hide-a-bed from the wall inside one of the cabins built by inmates at the Norton Correctional Facility. The facility held an open house and ribbon cutting Wednesday morning to show the cabins. Two of the three cabins available to walk through will be moved to Scott County Lake; the third will go to Prairie Dog State Park.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux