

# Citizens gather to improve cemetery here

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The condition of Norton's cemetery has several concerned citizens organizing to bring about some changes.

A self-professed "instigator", Bev Klein rallied her friends to the cause of improving the Norton Cemetery.

"I had talked about how sad our cemetery looked," Mrs. Klein said. "So I got a group of interested citizens together and we took our ideas to the Parks Committee."

Officially called the Cemetery Improvement Association, the small group of concerned citizens have developed a beautification plan to include brick pillars, fence posts and chain, flag-pole lighting, a watering system plus trees and shrubs.

The association's ideas were presented to the Parks Committee, headed by City Councilwoman Elaine Mann. Mrs. Mann then presented the plan to the City Council. Initially, the council granted money in the Cemetery Trust and Trees For Tomorrow fund to the association, totaling \$1,838. A good start, but a long way from the \$40-\$50,000 estimated to complete their progressive plan.

According to Mrs. Klein, the project would be accomplished in

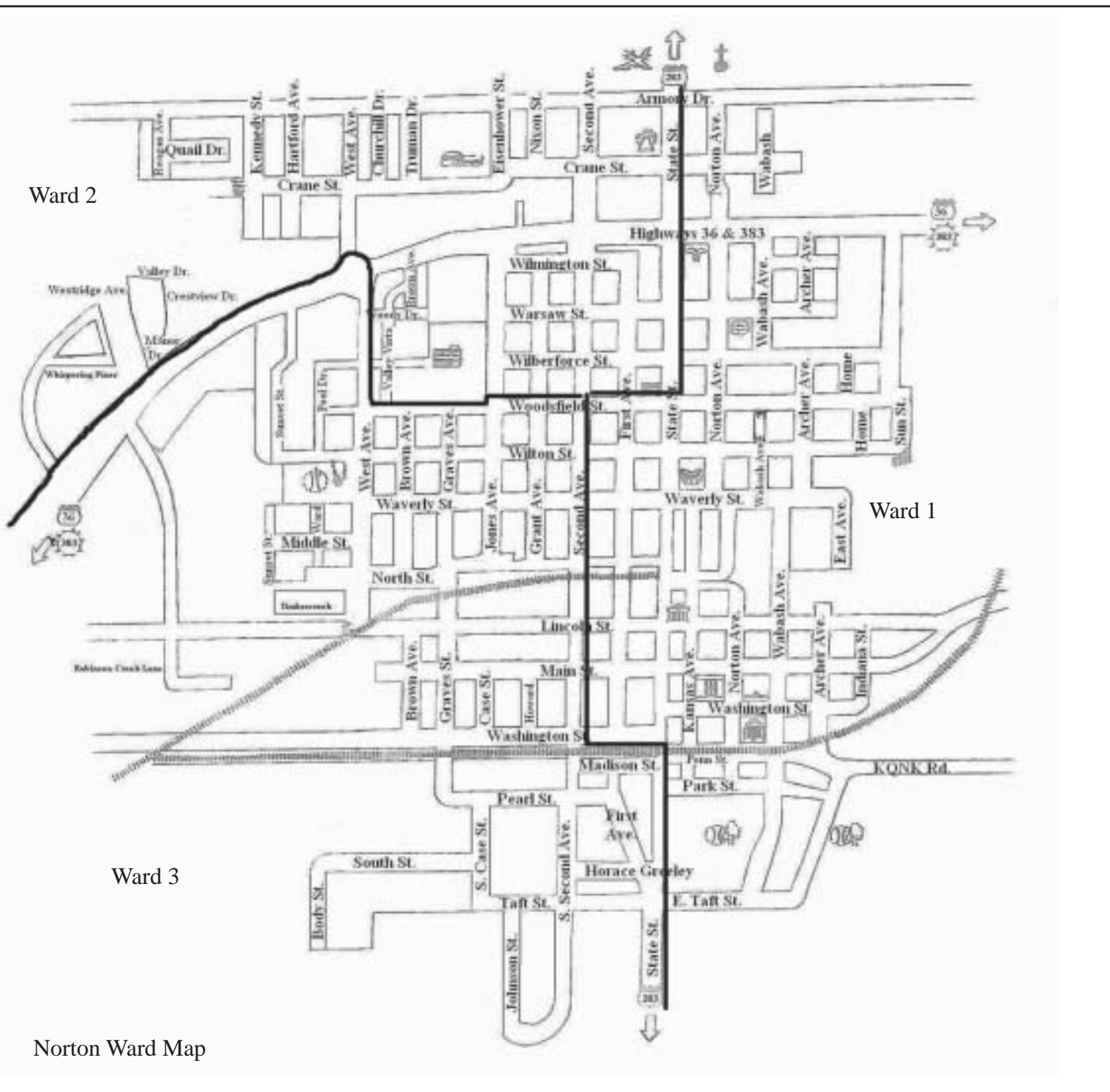
two phases. Phase I would include brick pillars at the entries; perimeter fence posts and decorative chain; and lighting for the flag pole. Phase II would encompass the watering system, and plantings of shrubs and self-shaping evergreen trees.

Association members are hopeful the Norton Cemetery can be restored to its former beauty. "Committee members looked at cemeteries all summer," Mrs. Klein said. "Other communities have beautiful cemeteries. Norton should too."

Committee member Alberta Slaby has agreed to chair the fund-raising efforts. Mrs. Slaby is contacting business owners and private individuals, and encouraging memorial donations.

An Advisory Board has been appointed. It is comprised of Charles Worden, Dr. Mark Klein, Larry J. Enfield, Dorothy Brown and Bev Klein. Other association members are Carolyn Higgason, Alta Farenbruch and Margie Danielson.

To learn more about how you can help restore the Norton Cemetery call Alberta Slaby at 877-3911. Contributions may be sent to 903 Sun Ave., Norton, Kan., 67654.



With the upcoming city council elections for Norton the above map breaks the city into the three wards. There is one representative up for re-election from each of the wards.

# Seat up for election in every ward

By BRANDON GAY

Two Norton city council members definitely plan to run for re-election and one said he was leaning toward running.

There is one seat up for election in each of the three Norton wards.

Harriett Gill, Ward 1, and Jim Williams, Ward 3 said they planned to run. Jerry Hawks, Ward 2, said he was leaning toward running for another term.

The deadline for candidates to officially file for the election is

noon Jan. 27 at the city clerk's office. There is a filing fee of \$5. As of yesterday, no candidates had filled.

Candidates serve two year terms and one candidate from each of the three wards is up for election each year.

A primary election will be held March 2 if more than two people file for one position. Residents have until Feb. 16 to register to vote in the primary election. The general election will be held April

6. Residents must be registered by March 22 to vote in the general election.

The boundary of Ward 1 is defined as the area east of State Street and west of Second Street, going west to West Woodsfield to North Second Street, then south to West Washington then east to State Street and south.

The boundary of Ward 2 is defined as the area west of State Street, going south to West

Woodsfield then west to West Avenue, north to U.S. Highway 36 and west. Ward 3 is defined as everything south of West Woodsfield and west to West Avenue then north to U.S. Highway 36, then west to the west city limit, then south to the south city limit, then east to State Street, the north on State Street to West Washington, then West to South Second Street and then north to West Woodsfield.

# Elmwood Park to start season races in March

The calendar is full of races for the spring and summer at Elmwood Park Speedway.

Promoters Don and Paul Bolt gave the Norton City Council a tentative list of race dates for this summer including a couple of races to be put on by other people. The season starts at 3 p.m. on

March 13 at 3 p.m. with a special race because of the uncertainty of spring weather, March 27 has been penciled in as a makeup date.

Other racing dates are:  
Saturday, April 3, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, April 10, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, May 8, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, May 15, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 5, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, June 19, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, July 17, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, July 31, 7 p.m. (fair)  
Sunday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m. (fair)  
Saturday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, Aug. 15, motorcycles through Jerry Jones.  
Saturday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, Sept., 4-5, vintages through Don McMullen.  
Saturday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.  
On regular race dates there will be four classes of races — IMCA modified, IMCA stock, IMCA hobby and cruisers.

# Area residents need to test private water wells

Many area residents are playing an increasingly risky form of health roulette with their well water, says K-State engineer and pollution specialist Jim Tira.

Chemically pure water doesn't exist for long in nature. That's why, by law, water departments must regularly test public supplies for everything from pet waste to insecticides.

"But owners or users of private water supplies remain totally responsible for their well's quality and safety," said Tira, coordinator of the Home-a-syst program with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Unfortunately, he said, today well owners and users often treat water testing like just another chore — something to do next month. They may even think it's someone else's job.

Tira recommends that in rental and other lease agreements, well owners and users spell out who will be responsible for maintenance, wellhead protection and water tests — all of which are essential.

"Initially, the best indicator of risk is well location and construction," he said, "but well equipment doesn't last forever. Soil shifts. The quality of underground water

supplies can change. What you're doing or storing near a well may change, too."

As a result, Tira urges well owners, and users also, to adhere to these minimums:

- Maintain complete records on when and how the well was constructed, when it's inspected, all water testing results and the specific maintenance that both well and pump receive.

These records could be important for legal as well as health decisions.

- Every 10 years, hire a licensed well driller to inspect any well being used for drinking water.
- Every year, draw and within 24 hours deliver a well-temperature or chilled water sample to a certified lab.

Have it tested for the four common trouble indicators: bacteria, nitrates, pH and total dissolved solids.

"The first two — bacteria and nitrates — are extremely important," Tira said. "A test that turns up coliform bacteria strains means possible contamination from animal wastes and such disease-causing organisms as bacteria, viruses, cysts and helmin worms. That kind of contamination doesn't happen without a reason, and it's dangerous enough for you to take

immediate action."

You can get more information about well-water testing on K-State engineering's Pollution Prevention Institute website (<http://www.sbeap.org>), by clicking on "Home-a-syst."

Extension engineers and safety specialists developed this self-help program, which contains a manual to guide homeowners in assessing, improving and then managing their own environment, covering everything from lawn runoff to hazardous household products.

To make record keeping easier, Kansans can pick up a copy of the Private Water Well Owner/Operator Manual (MF-2409) at the county extension office, Tira said. The office also can supply materials on related topics, ranging from giving private wells an annual 12-point check (MF-2345) to finding a certified water-testing lab (MF-872 or MF-951).

Other titles include Taking a Water Sample (MF-963), Recommended Water Tests for Private Systems (MF-871), Shock Chlorination for Drinking Water Systems (MF-911), Nitrates and Groundwater (MF-857), and Understanding Your Water Test Report (MF-912, which includes the Environmental Protection Agency's standards).

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# Truck slides on snow

The Norton County Sheriff's Department sent officers to respond to an accident which occurred Jan. 7 in Lenora.

Kelly Lee Day, 28, of Lenora was turning off Main Street onto Washington Street when she lost control of her 1985 Toyota pick-

up, due to snow packed conditions. The Toyota slid into a legally parked 1991 Ford utility truck registered to Rhonda Heikes, Lenora.

No injuries were reported. Ms. Day was wearing her seat belt. Damages to the vehicles were over \$500.

# Free flowering trees available to members

Ten, free, flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds, and two Kousa dogwoods.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small places," said Foundation Presi-

dent John Rosenow. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers, and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bi-monthly publication *Arbor Day* and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by Jan. 31 or go online to [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

# "Fiddler" play here on Sunday

Norton's in for a treat this weekend as The Theatre of the American West from Republican City, Neb., will be here to perform "Fiddler on the Roof" with the help of Long Island's Stanton Nelson as the fiddler.

The play will be performed at 2 p.m. Sunday at the East Campus Auditorium and is being sponsored by the First State Bank Golden Passport Club.

"Fiddler on the Roof" is based on a series of short stories by Ukrainian writer Sholom Aleichem. The musical is set in a small Ukrainian village and takes place around 1910.

Ticket prices are \$9 for adults in advance or \$10 at the door, \$6.50 for students in advance or \$7.50 at the door, \$4 for children 12 and under in advance or \$5 at the door, and \$8 for Golden Passport members. An additional \$1 will be taken off the ticket price if a donation to Norton's God's Pantry is made when the ticket is purchased.

Tickets are on sale at First State Bank in Norton, Hill City and Plainville.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Norton City Parking Ordinance

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, January 9, 2004. (1T)

**ORDINANCE NO. 1525**  
**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING VEHICULAR PARKING ON NORTH JONES STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS, a municipal corporation, as follows, to-wit:

Section 1: That from and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle on the east side of North Jones Street from the eastern intersection of West Wilberforce and North Jones Street for a distance of 84 feet and south for a distance of 84 feet; and on the west side of North Jones Street from the western intersection of North Jones Street and the most southerly driveway of the Norton Community High School north a distance of 83 feet and south a distance of 78 feet.

Section 2: Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable in accordance with the provisions of the Standard Traffic Ordinance of the City of Norton, Kansas.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its publication in the official city newspaper and a sign duly placed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Norton, Kansas, this 30th day of December, 2003.

Attest:  
Darla R. Ellis, City Clerk

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