

Flag:

In honor of Flag Day *The Norton Telegram* has a flag in today's paper. A few extras will be available at the paper office

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Sports:

Norton, Northern Valley, Jennings and Logan did well at the state track meet and Dick Boyd caught it all with his camera.

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Steve Vollertsen

Briefly

Almena offices to be closed today

Almena city offices are closed today in observance of Ronald Reagan's funeral. Trash will be picked up Monday and recyclables will be picked up Tuesday.

BB gun team to hold car wash

The Norton BB Gun Team is having a car wash Saturday. Team members will be washing cars at the McMullen and Wyatt Auction parking lot from 8:30 a.m. until they drop or there are no more cars.

This is an effort to raise funds for the teams trip to the national finals in Bowling Green, Ky., later this month.

Open house set at Chamber

The Norton Chamber of Commerce will show off its new office with an open house from 3-6 p.m. on Tuesday.

The new office is at 104 S. State in the old Computer Remedies office between Hall's Clothing and Moffet Drug Store.

Refreshments will be served with Chamber ambassadors and board members will be present.

"It will give people a chance to see what we're doing and where we're going," Chamber Director Karla Reed said.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph and gusty. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 99, Low 70
Wednesday High 90, Low 69
Thursday High 90, Low 60
..... .01 of an inch of precipitation
Week ago High 89, Low 60
..... .05 of an inch of precipitation
Month ago High 86, Low 53
Year ago High 89, Low 59
..... 1.10 of an inch of precipitation
June precipitation06 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 7.40 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Father, help us to focus on what is really important in life and to know that you will always be there to help us.
Amen



Former Kansas Senator Bob Dole, (below) himself a combat wounded veteran of World War II, amiably shares a moment with Hank Austerman, Norton, as they stand on the newly dedicated World War II National Memorial. Sally and Hank Austerman (above) stand by the entrance to the Memorial, which is between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

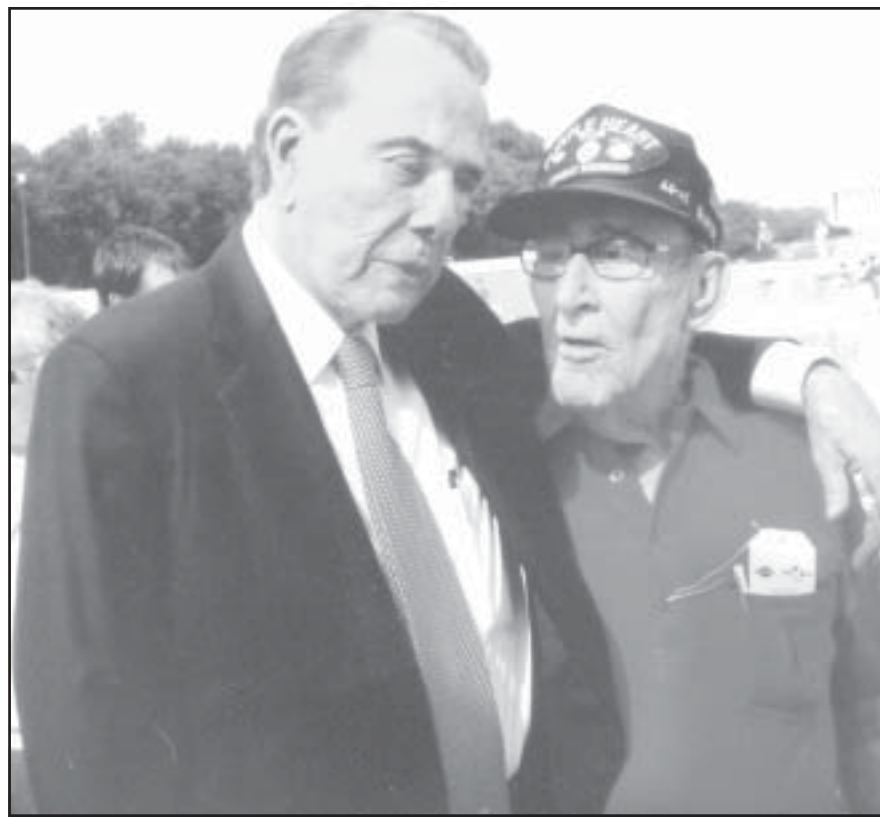
Family travels to dedication

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

"It was 60 years in the making," said Norton's Hank Austerman of his wait for the National World War II Memorial, "I was very impressed."

Mr. Austerman, a charter member sponsoring the memorial, his wife, Sally, their four grown children and their spouses all traveled to Washington for the dedication of the memorial on May 29.

Prior to the dedication, the Aust- (Continued on Page 5)



Second Republican files for state senate

Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell, has filed for the 40th District State Senate seat.

The 61-year-old Republican said he has close to 30 years of political experience. Right now, he is serving as the state representative for the 118th District. This is his second two-year term.

Before that, he served the Grinnell School Board for 14 years, the Federal Land Bank for six years, and as a county commissioner for eight years.



Ralph Ostmeyer

"I feel I've got the qualifications," he said. "I think my four years in the House will provide a strong foundation in the Senate."

Mr. Ostmeyer said he didn't plan on ever filing for the Senate, but felt that a good conservative candidate was needed to represent western Kansas. He said he's coming to the campaign late and has a steep road ahead, but things should work out.

"Eighteen counties is a large area," he said, "but I'm willing to take up the challenge."

He said if elected to the Senate, he was going to keep pushing for education, farmers and small businesses.

"We're going to have to redo the education formula," he said. "I think western Kansas will suffer if we don't have a good voice for the people and schools out here."

"We need to get the state turned around. The drought continues to affect us all and small businesses are still having trouble. There are concerns all around."

He said he understands education and

the problems teachers and school districts have not only because he was on a school board, but because three of his children and one daughter-in-law are all teachers.

Mr. Ostmeyer works on his farm and ranch with one of his sons and his wife of 42 years, Kay. They have seven children and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Ostmeyer will challenge Dan Rasure of Goodland in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The general election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 2.

For more information on Rep. Ostmeyer email him at ostmeyer@house.state.ks.us.

Lenora planning to hold annual summer jubilee

By BRANDON GAY

The City of Lenora is preparing for its annual summer celebration, the Lenora Jubilee, to be held Saturday, June 19.

Highlighting this year's celebration will be a musical performance by Tommy Watt and the Circuit Breakers. The group is a five-piece variety band featuring classic and new country, rock n' roll, and inspirational music. The band will play original music from their new CDs and perform a salute to veterans.

Scott Sproul, co-chair of the Lenora

Jubilee, said the community has done a great job with this year's celebration.

"This is one of the years the Jubilee has come together the best," he said. "It makes our job a lot easier putting it together when the community volunteers."

At 9 a.m. there will be a Family and Community Education antique show and display at the Senior Center.

The parade down Main Street will begin at 10:30 a.m., during which a prince and princess will be crowned.

A classic car show will take place (Continued on Page 5)

Almena City Council OKs getting credit card

The City of Almena is getting a credit card to help with business travel and computer updates.

At its meeting on Monday the council agreed to get a credit card for the city.

The card will be used for making reservations, for the expenses of council members while they are on business for the city and for computer updates.

In other business, the council

- Learned that the city spent \$577.85 for cement and parts for the bathroom at the roadside park.

- Announced that the city will be chip-

ping and sealing the streets and all vehicles will have to be off the streets at that time. The council is still considering when to do the work and also the size of rock to be used.

The council is considering small and large armor coated rocks or a mixture of both.

- Passed a motion to write a letter to Larry Patterson regarding the fire engine he purchased, which still needs to be picked up.

- Set the next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 12.

Norton business honored

Here's Your Sign asked to make seal for senator's vault

By BRANDON GAY

Kristine Posson of "Here's Your Sign" in Norton, helped add one final touch to former state Sen. Stan Clark's small business legacy.

Ms. Posson, a graphic designer and owner of Here's Your Sign, was given the honor of designing the Kansas state seal for the vault that holds Sen. Clark's casket.

She was contacted three days after the senator's death by Johnson Monument and Trigard Vault Works in Belleville. Ms. Posson said she had been out of town and hadn't heard the news of Sen. Clark's death.

"They asked me if I could make a state seal and I thought, sure, but I didn't know (Continued on Page 5)

Ambulance service looks at new home

By BRANDON GAY

Norton County's ambulances and crews may get a new home if all goes well.

Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen talked to the Norton County commissioners on Monday about what would be needed for a new facility.

He reported that he had visited the Hoxie facility with Tom Aprin from the County's Consulting Firm, BG Consultants of Manhattan. Mr. Nielsen said the service was interested in the design of the Hoxie building.

The Hoxie's design would cost about \$300,000, he said. However, because the (Continued on Page 8)

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erman's were guests at a reception hosted by Rep. Jerry Moran for Kansas veterans from his district. A special moment also occurred when Hank spoke with former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole. Sen. Dole spotted Hank at a tour of the memorial and said, "You're from Norton?" "Yes, sir," replied Hank. "Everybody's a good Republican in Norton," commented Mr. Dole.

"Well, that's not quite right senator. I'm still a Democrat," shot back Hank.

"There's always gotta be an odd ball in the bunch," quipped Mr. Dole, who is known for his dry humor.

But Hank got in the last word, "Don't worry, senator, you always got this oddball's vote."

Mr. Austerman said he was impressed by many things during the dedication.

He said he was moved when young people, seventh through ninth graders, he estimated, stopped to shake his hand and thank him for his service to the country.

He said they seemed to know a lot about World War II and so he asked some, "Where did you learn about the war?"

"We study it in American History," they answered.

Mr. Austerman said he hoped youngsters all across this country are studying that war.

He feels they need to know just what happened "over there" and why.

Mr. Austerman was wounded twice during his service in the infantry. The first was a piece of shrapnel in his right lung at Sarr Basin, France.

The second was a bullet in his left arm during the Battle of the Bulge.

Those two wounds earned him a Purple Heart and an Oak Leaf Cluster. He has a cap that says he is "combat wounded". That was the cap he wore to the dedication.

Of all the speakers during the lengthy dedication ceremony, he said he thought Sen. Dole and actor Tom Hanks gave the best speeches.

"Short and to the point," he said. Despite the fact that Washington is known for its heat and humidity, Mr. Austerman said they had beautiful weather that day.

The trip also included some excitement. Following the ceremonies the family boarded a bus to take them away from the area. Shortly after leaving the bus, their daughter Sandy Gottschalk discovered she had left her purse, containing her cash, credit cards and driver's license on the bus.

They waited for several hours but no purse was turned in.

The Austermans left Washington feeling somewhat dejected after the "high" of the days events. Credit cards and checking accounts were canceled and everybody went home.

Last week Mrs. Gottschalk received a call from the Metro, Washington's mass transit system. Her purse had been found in the underground subway system, with everything still in it, except the cash.

The Metro representative said they would send the purse to her. When Sandy received it, everything was there.

Then she looked into the hard-to-see compartment where she had put the cash, and even it was there.

The Austerman are the parents of Randy and Donna Austerman, Colorado Springs; Sandra and Terry Gottschalk, Logan; Shirley and Darrell Gottschalk, Wakenae; and Ron and Ceta Austerman, Scottsdale, Ariz.



Norton mourned with the rest of the country at the death, Saturday, of Ronald W. Reagan (1911-2004), the 40th president of the United States. Flags flew at half-mast this week at the Norton City Hall and other buildings throughout the country. —Photo by Carolyn Plotts

Schools announce honor rolls

Norton Community High School has released its final honor roll for the 2003-'04 school year. Making top grades were:

FOURTH NINE WEEKS Highest 4.00

Seniors Patricia Hagman, Ashton Lofgreen and Amy Myers
Junior Nicholas Evans
Sophomore Rebecca Ebert

Honors I 3.50 - 3.99

Seniors Anna Berry, Eric Burton, Ian Conkey, Savannah Davis, Maggie Ellis, Kayla Fahrenbruch, Joel Griffiths, Jordan Haussermann, Austin Jakubowski, Melissa Jensen, Kayla Juenemann, Sarah Kimbrell, Charlie Kohfeld, Kevin Lentz, Brian Luft, Kai Mann, Kollean McMullen, Jessica Nielsen, Joel Nielsen, Jered Sloan, C.J. Thiele, Ashley Wegener, Nicole Wolf, Matt Wyatt, Shanea Wyatt.

Juniors Jessica Corbin, Daniel Cummings, Jessica Duscher, Amber Engelbert, Jason Green, Keesha Holste, Joshua Jackson, Shad Kendell, Claudia Lacy, Ryan Maddy, Lacey Ninemire, Stacy Reeves, Justin Shirk, Michael Sprigg.

Sophomores Amanda Antrim, Chelsea Cox, Connie Gassmann, Adam Krebsbach, Dane Krizek, Rachael Lentz, Brady Linner, Klaire Mann, Naomi Streck, Heath Vincent, Gabe Vittitow.

Freshmen Annette Becker, Nathan Broeckelman, Kayleigh Brooks, Jared Engelbert, Brianna Felton, Morgan Kauten, Tiffany Marx, Hannah Mills, Gena Myers, Maggie Nielsen, Nathan Pollock, Jacklyn Puent, Amie Richard, Katelan Ryan, Mathew Shepard, Jessica Sprigg, Reesa Volgamore.

Honors II 3.00 - 3.49

Seniors Amber Bausch, Curtis Black, Heather Ebner, Elise Engelbert, William Felton, Charlie Foley, Scott Goldsby, Kindra Green, Sheila Harvey, Brett Kaus, Sean Lauer, Heather Lawson, Cody Moreland, Kayla Peterson, Janie Pharis, Bruce Rushton, Tamara Sheley, Erin Tibbets, Keith Ward.

Juniors Missy Bowen, Casey Carter, Alissa Cooper, Pamela Foley, Tosha Lyon, Seth Mills,

Jared Mindrup, Derek Volgamore, Kylee Witt.

Sophomores Andrew Ables, Brenda Combs, Darci Darling, Rachelle Donovan, Kayla Douglas, Paul Gosselin, Jordan Herman, Amy Husted, Karlie Jones, Clay Madden, Anna Medlock, Stephen Mizell, Nathan Morse, Whitney Newell, Amber Overlease, Travys Porter, Amber Waggoner, Daniele Wuest.

Freshmen Jared Bebb, Aaron Daniels, Laura Delimont, Jessica Ebner, Rachael Engelsman, Dana Hillebrand, Brian Juenemann, Shane Mapes, Brianne Nelson, Mark Scheetz, Courtney Smith, Brett Thompson, Ashley Traxler, Blake Van Eaton, Michael Ward, Blake Wolf

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Junior Nicholas Evans

Sophomores Chelsea Cox and Rebecca Ebert

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JUNIOR HIGH

The Norton Community Junior High School has announced the honor roll for the fourth nine weeks and second semester.

FOURTH NINE WEEKS Highest Honors

Seventh Grade — Laura Lee Baird, KaraJo Jones, Charli Lawson, Wiyanna Paxton, Taylor Rossi

Eighth Grade — Sara Lentz

Honor Roll I

Seventh Grade — Phillip Becker, Brittany Boucher, Ashley Colip, Amanda Delimont, Hannah Fulton, Josh Gallentine, Emily Grose, Logan Kelly, Kyle Mindrup

Eighth Grade — Tim Becker, Andrew Black, Carson Braun, Courtney Cox, Jared Cox, Lacy Ellis, Bryce Engelbert, Nolan Evans, Tanner Griffith, Preston Herman, Haley Jones, Cherean Kendell, Karlynn Kent, McKenzie Linner, Scotty Marx, Kylie Morel, Bryttani Porter, Travis Ray, Ashley Smith May-

bon, Tabitha Vincent, Valerie Wagoner

Honor Roll II

Seventh Grade — Zach Bainter, Jordan Bebb, Hayli Bozarth, Vernon, Carlton, Samantha Cook, Zach Dreher, Nathan Felton, Kayla Foley, Jessica Gilgenbach, Lucy Gosselin, Liz Hansen, Brock Lauer, Bryce Lofgreen, Cody Nickell, Gabby Otter, Kayla Scheetz

Eighth Grade — Justin Bainter, Todd Bolt, Chantille Campbell, Sara Campbell, David Counter, Zach Dole, Kyle Edgett, Alyssa Farber, Wes Georgeson, Layne Graham, Rachael Hickman, Logan Kats, Megan Kats, Ben Kaus, Luke Mannel, Jessica Strickland, Luke VanSki, Thea Wiseman, Ben Wuest

SECOND SEMESTER Highest Honors

Seventh Grade — Laura Lee Baird, Ashley Colip, KaraJo Jones, Charlie Lawson, Kyle Mindrup, Wiyanna Paxton, Taylor Rossi

Eighth Grade — Sara Lentz, Bryttani Porter

Honor Roll I

Seventh Grade — Phillip Becker, Amanda Delimont, Hannah Fulton, Josh Gallentine, Logan Kelly, Bryce Lofgreen

Eighth Grade — Justin Bainter, Tim Becker, Carson Braun, Courtney Cox, Jared Cox, Zach Dole, Lacy Ellis, Nolan Evans, Tanner Griffith, Preston Herman, Haley Jones, Cherean Kendell, McKenzie Linner, Scotty Marx, Kylie Morel, Travis Ray, Ashley Smith Maybon, Tabitha Vincent, Valerie Wagoner, Thea Wiseman

Honor Roll II

Seventh Grade — Zach Bainter, Jordan Bebb, Brittany Boucher, Hayli Bozarth, Samantha Cook, Zac Dreher, Nathan Felton, Kayla Foley, Jessica Gilgenbach, Lucy Gosselin, Emily Grose, Liz Hansen, Brock Lauer, Cody Nickell, Kayla Scheetz, Stephanie Shepard

Eighth Grade — Andrew Black, Todd Bolt, Chantille Campbell, Sara Campbell, David Counter, Kyle Edgett, Bryce Engelbert, Alyssa Farber, Layne Graham, Rachael Hickman, Logan Kats, Megan Kats, Ben Kaus, Karlynn Kent, Levi Ninemire, Jessica Strickland, Luke VanSki



Kristine Posson shows a replica of the Kansas State seal she made for Sen. Stan Clark's vault. The six-inch seal is made with gold vinyl. Ms. Posson is a graphic designer and owner of Here's Your Sign. — Telegram photo by Brandon Gay

Small business makes seal for late senator

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what it was for," she said. She later learned what it was for when she read in the *Norton Telegram* that Sen. Clark had been killed.

Ms. Posson did not know Sen. Clark personally, but said her dad had worked with him from time to time and said she knew he was

good with small businesses.

Ms. Posson downloaded a state seal image off the Internet onto her computer and then traced all the details using a drawing program. A machine then cut out the six-inch seal on gold vinyl. The drawing process took her about an hour.

Ms. Posson said she was honored they choose her business to

make the seal.

"I'm sure they work with a lot of graphic designers, so I think it's great they choose me out of all the companies," she said.

Ms. Posson began making signs after graduating from Fort Hays State University with a degree in graphic design.

Lenora Jubilee should draw crowd to town next week

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from noon to 3 p.m. in Larrick Park featuring pre-war original, pre-war custom and custom cars. An antique tractor show will take place at the same time in the park.

At 1 p.m. there will be a gymkhana horse competition at Larrick Park and a trap shoot at Roadside Park.

At 2 p.m. there will be games at the senior center and kids activities at Larrick Park.

Larrick Park will be the site of the rest of the activities with creature races at 4 p.m., a kid's peddle power pull at 5 p.m., a dog show at 6 p.m. and kids events at 7 p.m.

The kids events will include a sack race, three-legged racing, a balloon toss and 50-yard, 75-yard

and 100-yard dashes.

There will be a barbecue at 6 p.m. followed by the Tommy Watt concert at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Lenora City Office and Country Corner. Tickets provide admission to all evening events.

Following the concert, there will be karaoke at 9:30 p.m.

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