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Norton, Kansas
Home of Darin Campbell

Briefly

Tepee program set for Thursday

The Norton Public Library will host "The Living History Tepee" at 2 p.m., Thursday.

Teri Chamberlain and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stone, are Native Americans, who have knowledge about the way of life for the North American Indians. The presentation will be informative and interactive. The presenters will be covering corn grinding, hide tanning, fur and bead trading, tepee etiquette and medicinal plants used by the Indians.

Children will be allowed to try their hand at grinding corn, scraping hides and having their faces painted.

The public is invited to watch as the life-sized tepee is set up at noon that day.

Teens invited to Luau Night

The Norton Library is hosting Luau Night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday for young people between seventh-12th grades. There will be a hula hoop contest and limbo. There will be Hawaiian foods to sample and everyone will make their own fruit pizza.

Skateboarders plan competition

Skate boarders in Norton have organized, with the help of adult sponsor, Tanya Temmel. The group is sponsoring a skate board competition from noon to 3 p.m., on June 19 at Elmwood Park. Entry fee is \$1. For more information, call Mrs. Temmel at 874-4014.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Thunderstorms likely with heavy rainfall. Lows in the upper 50s. Chance of rain 70 percent. **Wednesday** — Mostly cloudy with chance of morning showers and afternoon thunderstorms. Much cooler. Highs in the lower 70s. Chance of rain 30 percent. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Howell report:

Friday High 93, Low 58
Saturday High 98, Low 58
Sunday High 100, Low 63, Prec. .03
Monday High 90, Low 60, Prec. 1.10
Week ago High 99, Low 70
Month ago High 77, Low 53
Year ago High 91, Low 60
June precipitation 1.28 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 8.62 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, when we feel alone and abandoned, thank you for the assurance that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen



Three generations help with the "Blackwell buggy". Between the traces is Lucas Wiseman, holding the buggy whip is his father, Dean Wiseman, and seated beside Dean is his father, Lawrence Wiseman whose wife, Wilma is a great-granddaughter of Alfred George Blackwell, the original owner of the buggy.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Family gets antique buggy back

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

A piece of family history has been restored to its rightful place.

More than 150 years ago Alfred George Blackwell arrived in New York City, an immigrant from England.

In England, Alfred had been what was called an "exorter," someone who would preach on the streets to anyone who would gather to listen.

Arriving in the midwest, he became one of the first circuit preachers in Nebraska.

Most circuit preachers used a buggy for travel between the churches they served. No one knows when the Rev. Blackwell acquired his buggy, but his descendants

know that he had one.

It was on the preaching circuit that he met his wife, Emily Jane Jacobson. They married Dec. 19, 1871, at Pleasant Hill, Neb., and were the parents of seven children.

After retiring from full-time ministry in 1906, the Rev. and Mrs. Blackwell bought some land near Clayton. They moved lock, stock and buggy to Clayton, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Their oldest son John married Mary Meleena Hagen and they also had seven children.

John and Mary had a daughter Wilma, who married Lester Wiseman and had a

son Lawrence, who married Wilma Jean Hines.

Lawrence and Wilma Wiseman live in the Norton area and are the parents of Connie Griebel, Saegent, Neb., Dean Wiseman, Norton, Don Wiseman, Edmond, and Sandy Husted, Norton.

Over the years the Wiseman children had heard the story of how their great-great-great-grandfather had been a preacher and traveled in a buggy.

They also knew that the buggy had been left on the Rev. Blackwell's Clayton farm.

They learned that about 55 years ago the wood and steel framed contraption had

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A.J. Blackwell

County races shaping up for primary

Some of the county's incumbents will have some competition during the primary and general elections this year.

Up for election are the second and third-district commissioner seats and the register of deeds, county treasurer, county attorney, county clerk and sheriff positions.

The county primary election will be Tuesday, Aug. 3, and the county general election will be Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Filing for the third district commissioner seat are incumbent John Miller, Norton, Republican; George Gassmann, Clayton, Republican; and Robert Clydesdale, Edmond, Democrat.

Looking to fill the second district seat are incumbent Leroy Lang, Norton, Republican, and Ivan Kingham, Norton, Republican.

Norton County Sheriff Troy M. Thomson, Norton, Republican, will be facing Travis L. Smith, Norton, Republican, in the primary.

Register of Deeds Wanda M. Vincent, Republican; Norton County Treasurer Cynthia Joan Linner, Republican; and Norton County Clerk Robert D. Wyatt, Republican, are all running unopposed.

Karen L. Griffiths, Norton, Republican, is running for the county attorney position, which is now held by R. Douglas Sebelius.

Mr. Sebelius chose, instead, to run for the state representative seat for the 120th district in the Kansas House of Represent-

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Brian Smith, who works for Marvin Stutheit maneuvers the big John Deere combine through one of Stutheit Farms fields northwest of Norton Monday afternoon.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Wheat samples needed for show at fair

With the wheat harvest soon underway, producers are encouraged to enter the Market Wheat Show at the Norton County Fair this year.

The entries will be collected at the fair and sent to the State Grain Inspection Service the next week to determine the physical properties such as test weight, protein and dockage.

Scores will be tallied after the official grading is done. Results of final scores

will be sent out to the participants after the fair. All that is needed is a bin run sample of about 5 pounds.

Submit this in a container or a large freezer bag that is sealable. A 3-pound coffee can is about the right amount to submit.

A questionnaire card must be filled out as well. Scores also depends upon some of the information filled out on the card, such as variety type, growing conditions

and cultural practices used with growing the wheat.

The entry cards can be picked up at the Extension Office (785) 877-5755 or contact Dwight Heikes who is superintendent of crops and wheat. Producers may leave their samples at the Extension office before the fair or can take them to the 4-H Building on entry day, Tuesday, July 27, by 1 pm.



Last Friday Karen Whitney, Norton, brought her Class B, miniature horse, Sunny, to the Norton Public Library for children to see. Sunny is trained to pull a small cart,

but for this demonstration, Mrs. Whitney's grandson Caleb Vanover held the reins and walked him around the library's lawn.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Heartland SHARE orders due Thursday

The deadline for ordering the June Heartland Share is noon Thursday. To order call Ermalea Mason, 877-3098 or the Norton Senior Center, 877-5352.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 26, at the center.

The June Heartland SHARE food package contains four ham and cheese Hot Pockets, one-pound fully cooked mesquite chicken breasts, four four-ounce ground beef patties, one-pound corn dogs, 12-ounces deli sliced cooked ham, potatoes, baby carrots, lettuce, red peppers, peaches, nectarines, a cantaloupe, Dole fruit cups, and one-pound of spaghetti.

For \$17.25 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive all of the food or "SHARE" listed

above. You can order as many shares as you want.

You can also order a "meat only" (first five items) for \$10.50 plus one volunteer hour. There is no limit to the amount of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase a SHARE you can order as many June specials as you want for \$16 plus one additional volunteer hour.

June's special is two six-ounce center cut pork chops, four four-ounce ground beef patties, two six-ounce beef sirloin strips, four four-ounce pork cube steaks and four four-ounce sirloin tip steaks.



Fresh produce available at annual farmer's market

The Norton County Farmer's Market is set to run from 7-9 a.m. starting Thursday, June 24, and continuing every Thursday morning until the first killing frost in the fall.

The market will be on the east side of the north parking lot of the Norton County Courthouse.

The farmer's market allows produce growers an opportunity to offer their goods to the public. The

mission of the market is to encourage private vendors the opportunity to produce and sell locally grown vegetables and baked goods.

A good variety of vegetables, produce and baked goods have been available in the past.

The season may be a little slow to produce early but as the weeks go by there always seems to be enough produce around.

Family buys old buggy at antique auction

(Continued from Page 1) been sold for \$25 to Kenneth Price, an area farmer, who recalls it was in pretty bad shape when he acquired it.

Renters of the Blackwell's farm had allowed their children to play with the buggy. The top was missing and the side lamps were broken.

Mr. Price recalls that he made out a check for the purchase and wrote "buggy" on the memo line.

A few days later, the Prices received a call to come pick up a baby boy they had been waiting to adopt.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Price was stopped by his banker who informed him that he had known they were getting a baby soon.

When asked how he knew, the banker answered, "When I saw 'buggy' on your check, I knew you were getting a baby."

Mr. Price restored the buggy and enjoyed owning it for many years.

When he and Mrs. Price decided to part with their collection of horse-drawn equipment the buggy was listed on the sale bill.

Dean Wiseman heard about the auction and told his family.

His sister, Connie (Wiseman) Griebel, who lives on a farm outside of Sargent, decided they should try to buy their great-great-grandfather's buggy.

They pooled their money and elected Dean Wiseman to be their bidder.

Sandy (Wiseman) Husted recalls hearing collectors previewing the auction items making comments about the buggy.

She heard, "Oh, that will sell for \$8,000 to \$10,000."

Since that was more than was in the "family pot" she was a little nervous.

Once the buggy was on the auction block, though, and the auctioneers were seeking bids, Dean kept up with the action. The price went to \$1,000, then \$1,500, then \$1,800.

When the gavel came down at \$2,000, and the auctioneer cried, "Sold!" a cheer went up from the Wiseman family. They were the high bidders and the buggy went home with them.

Since no one has a horse, plans are unclear what they will do with the buggy.

Some family members would like to see it used in parades. Some have suggested it could be rented for weddings or prom.

But whatever happens, it is safe to assume that the Rev. Blackwell's buggy is home for good.

After all this may be one time when putting the cart before the horse was a good idea.

Several candidates file for Norton County offices

(Continued from Page 1) natives. Mrs. Griffiths is his law partner in the firm of Sebelius and Griffiths. She is also the Norton City Attorney.

Filing for Republican committees were Joe E. Ballinger, Norton, Ward I; George Atkinson, Norton, Ward II; Jon C. Lofgreen, Norton, Center I; Robert McClelland, Almena, Harrison; Steven L. Berry, Lenora, Highland I; Marion Goldsby, Norton, Highland II; John E. Miller, Norton, Highland III; and Daniel Pakkebieer.

Densmore, Solomon II, Ward III, Almena, Center II and Solomon I have no one on the ballot and will all be write-ins.

Filing for Republican committees were Bernice R. Becker, Norton, Ward I; Ruth Lofgreen, Norton, Ward II; Karen Sue Reedy, Norton, Ward III; Elaine Lofgreen, Norton, Center I;

Donna L. McClelland, Almena, Harrison; Geneva N. Berry, Lenora, Highland I; Jennie Goldsby, Norton, Highland II; and Jeanette Pakkebieer.

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No one filed for the trustee or treasurer positions in the townships of Almena, Harrison, Center, Highland or Solomon. These positions will be filled with write-in candidates.

Thursday was the last day for candidates to get on the ballot for the primary and general election.

The last day to register to vote in the primary election is Monday, July 19. The last day to register for the general election is Monday, Oct. 18.

The county clerk's office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This Friday is

Father's Day

at the First State Bank, Norton!

We're Celebrating Early and Invite All Fathers to Visit Our Bank

Friday, June 18th

to Get a Free Gift with Refreshments from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in our Lobby

It's Our Way of Saying, "Dad, You're Really Something Special!"

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