

Take advantage of the best local guide to what's on TV next week with The Telegram's handy schedule of programming.
Page 6

Tuesday
August 24, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Roy Rubendall

Briefly
Tag renewal up
for 'M', 'N', 'O'

August is the month for renewing automobile, pickup, motorcycle and/or motorized bike tags for those whose last name begins with "M", "N" or "O" or businesses or lease companies whose name begins with "M", "N" or "O".

You are required to bring in or include proof of insurance for each vehicle, which includes the vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date.

The computers shut off at 4:30 p.m. to balance each day's business.

Office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

If you have questions, please call the treasurer at 877-5795.

Businesses can get disaster loans

Kansas businesses have until Sept. 23 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The entire state has been declared a disaster area.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers, who have had crop losses due to drought, wind and/or insects that occurred from Jan. 1, 2003, to the present.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans. However, nurseries, that are victims of drought, can apply.

Businesses physically injured by severe weather disaster are not eligible.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the administration at (800) 366-6303 or (817) 267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 60s.

Wednesday — Cloudy with highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southwest in the afternoon. **Wednesday Night** —

Cloudy in the evening then clearing with lows in the lower 60s. **Thursday** — Sunny with highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday Night — Cloudy with lows in the mid 60s.

Howell report:

Monday High 99, Low 67

Week ago High 93, Low 60

Month ago High 62, Low 58

Year ago High 102, Low 66

August precipitation 0.00 inches

Year-to-date precipitation ... 16.43 inches

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, thank you for encouraging us to pray for our locality or city. Help us to be faithful to work for the physical and spiritual betterment of the people among whom we live. Amen

County takes a look at building

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County commissioner went over a report from BG Consultants about a building, which is being considered as a possible location for a new ambulance barn.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan gave the commissioners copies of the structural evaluation/inspection report, which included pictures.

He said the south wall leans.

Commissioner Leroy Lang said the building was built in 1919 and asked if

maybe an older wall was used underneath.

Mr. Brannan said red clay was used at the time. He said they probably laid the clay tile first and then put the brick up.

In BG's report, the engineer/architect Monty Prescott said the county should consider that the building is about 85 years old and so the remaining life expectancy is much shorter than that of a newer building.

Mr. Brannan said they could drill down and see how deep the footing is for the freeze line. They would probably have to

add to the footing to bring it up to code.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Learned from Mr. Brannan the road and bridge crew has gotten everything cleaned out from under the bridge near Almena.

- Looked at pictures of a scraper. Mr. Brannan said he went to St. Francis to look at a 1999 Cat 613C scraper. He said it looked pretty good. The tires looked good and he saw no leaking.

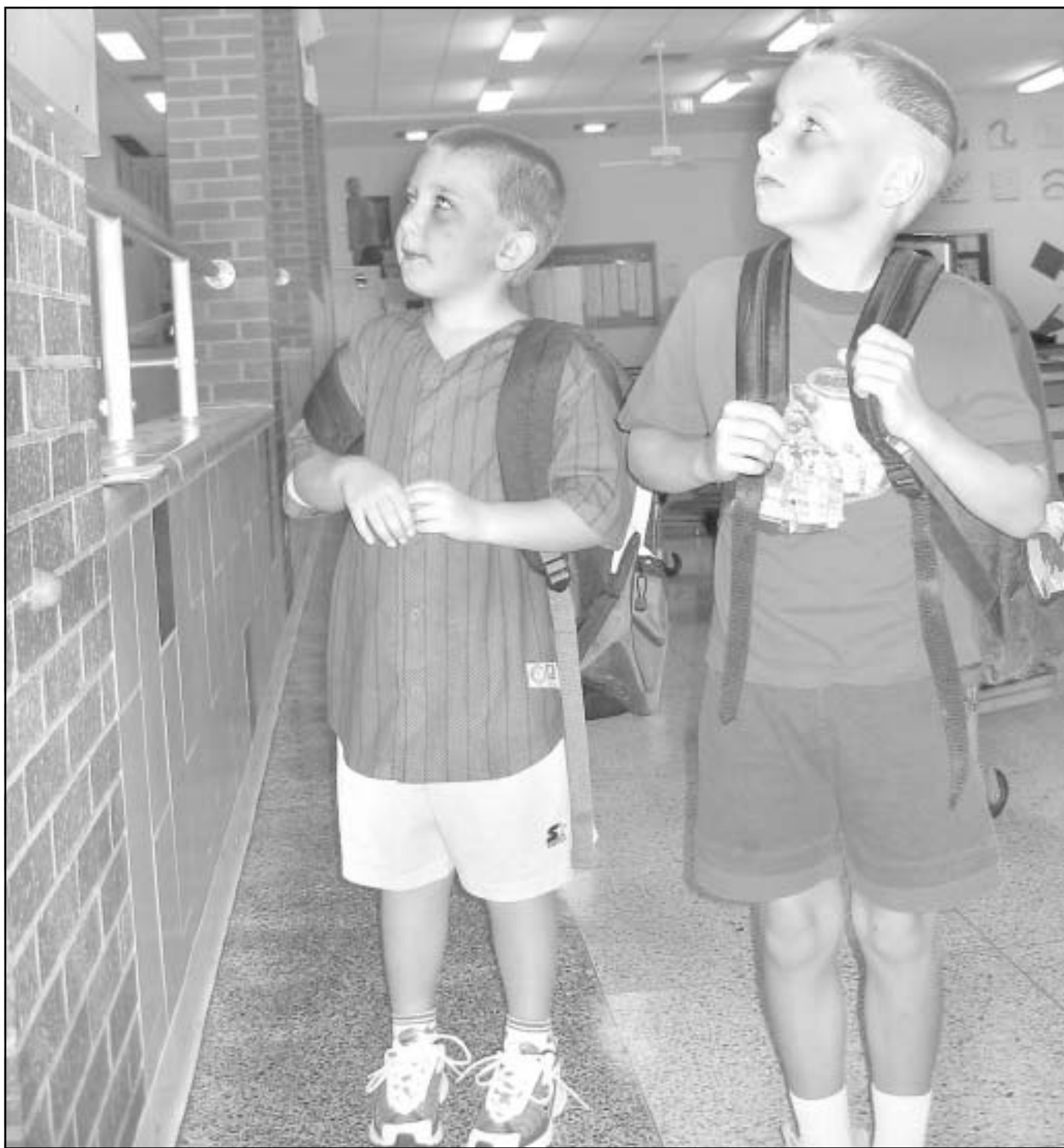
- "It is a fairly clean machine," he said.

- Heard from Mr. Brannan that several

miles of asphalt millings have been laid. He said they have laid 12 miles of millings in the southeast part of the county and that the crews are now working on the Densmore south road.

- Spoke with Eugene Sansom, mayor of Edmond, about the roads around that town. Mr. Sansom said he had spoken with Mr. Brannan about laying millings on the city's streets and asked that the county hold off on the millings for awhile because two city council members were

(Continued on Page 5)



Students (bottom left) walk in the door and down the halls of learning at Norton Elementary Friday as school gets underway for another year. Nick Peterson and Trenton Sprague (above) check out the school menu on the first day of school on Friday. Ray Koel (bottom right) keeps a close eye on Norton's youngsters as they cross a busy street on their way to school Friday morning.

— Telegram photos by Charlotte Stephenson



Business shows true colors

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

She's a "painted lady" and proud of it. The Barbeau House Bed and Breakfast in Lenora, owned by Lea Hall, deserves the "painted lady" title because the house has at least four colors.

The body of the house is light blue and the trim is white with accents of dark gray and dark pink.

The other title earned by the Barbeau House came July 14 when it was entered onto the National Register of Historic Places.

Mrs. Hall did the research into the history of the house she and her husband bought in 1990, and made application to the Kansas State Historical Society, to have the structure listed.

"From the moment I saw the house, I knew that it had to be mine someday," Mrs. Hall said. "What really sold me on the house was the hardware, the carved door and staircase and the fact that the woodwork had never been painted."

The Halls moved to Lenora from Mission, S.D., where she had been a school principal and her husband a math and science teacher for 32 years.

He retired but she accepted a position with the Lenora schools as a principal and eventually became superintendent. She

(Continued on Page 5)

Firemen set up FunDay for Saturday

(Editor's Note: The following story contains the correct schedule and events for Firemen's Fun Day in Jennings this Saturday. A story in last week's Oberlin Herald inadvertently contained information from the 2003 schedule. The reporter (at another newspaper) failed to check with the organizers.)

There will be something for young and old alike, from a parade to kolaches and a health fair, at the 13th annual Firemen's Fun Day in Jennings on Saturday.

Activities will begin with a health fair from 8-10 a.m. at the Senior Center, sponsored by the Decatur County Hospital, Oberlin Medical Arts Clinic, Cottonwood Home Care and Decatur County Emergency Medical Services. This year's lab will, for the first time, include a hemogram which tests for thyroid problems, anemia and other medical conditions in addition to the 28 tests done in past years. Cost is \$22. A test for prostate cancer (PSA) is available for \$16. The hemogram requires participants to be fasting.

Kolaches and coffee will be offered following the lab draw, compliments of the Jennings United Methodist Church. Dr. Elizabeth Sliter will be on hand to do free screening for skin cancer and to promote awareness of hypertension (high blood pressure) and osteoporosis. Free blood sugar tests and blood pressure checks also will be offered.

Activities on Main Street will begin at 10 a.m., with the Jennings Boy Scouts

(Continued on Page 5)

Hope is more than just a word at meeting

By VERONICA MONIER

The Valley Hope Association celebrated its 37th birthday last weekend, holding its annual meeting on Friday.

Retiring President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Gilhousen said this was his 12th and final report at the annual meeting.

"Since 1971, when I walked into my first staff meeting," he said, "I've learned

that hope is more than just a word."

He said in many external ways, Valley Hope has grown beyond anyone's expectations, but at its core, it hasn't changed at all.

"We know who we are," he said. "We know why we are here. Valley Hope is about people and their potential. If we ever forget that, we stop being Valley Hope."

Mr. Gilhousen said at last year's meeting, he reported they had a record year. Well, he said, this past year topped the previous one.

He said in 2004, they admitted 6,225 patients in the residential program, a 7 percent increase. He said there were 146,451 residential treatment days and the average patient stayed in treatment for

(Continued on Page 3)



Jennings ready to have a blast

(Continued from Page 1)
hosting a cake walk in the City Hall; mini-train rides for youngsters by Greg Otter; the New Almelo Catholic Youth Organization baseball toss; and two carnival rides, including Buckets of Fun. Bingo will begin at the Senior Center at 11 a.m.

Liz and Grizz, the Hatmakers from Hill City, will hold presentations under a tent on Main Street, and Terri and Bodie Cooper, Hill City, will be roaming the streets with their ice cream wagon.

A new addition this year is a truck show. Awards will be given for Firemen's Choice and Most Used and Abused. Entries are \$20 and include a ticket for a free meal (lunch or dinner) at the firemen's lunch counter and a \$5 gift certificate toward a purchase at the evening auction. BuffaloAmerica, the business that recently purchased the Morland school, will be available in the City Hall with demonstrations and items promoting buffalo.

A wobble trap shoot is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kenny Wildeman farm a mile north of town on the Jennings Road. Bring your shotgun and shells.

Kolaches with seven varieties of homemade fillings (apricot, apple, cottage cheese, cherry, peach, poppy seed and prune) will be sold individually or by the dozen until all 75 dozen are gone.

Once again, the McCook Fire Department will provide a storm and fire safety trailer to promote fire safety education. The Norton National Guard unit will have a "humvee" on display and also provide an interactive shooting gallery.

Area mayor requests hold on millings

(Continued from Page 1)
for it but four were against. He also asked if the county could bring out a load of gravel for a road south of town.

When Commissioner Kruse said they would have to charge for the gravel, Mr. Sansom said he would talk to his city council.

- Learned the bridge crew has finished bridge OS-23, which is in the northwest part of the county.
- The next bridge to be worked on will be OS-37, in the eastern part of the county. Mr. Brannan said this one will be a larger bridge.
- Almost all of the smaller bridges have been done in the past two years, and so now they will start working on the larger bridges.

He said the state has told them that Norton county has done a good job keeping the bridges in repair.

- Signed a review for engineering and inspection ratings of a county bridge in Rockwell Township so that bids can be sent out.
- The review rated the engineering firms that are qualified for pre-engineering.

- Heard from Mr. Brannan that he will be using his own truck for awhile, because the county truck he drives needs repairs. The county will pay for the gas he uses while working.

The Czech museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is housed in the foyer of the old Jennings United Methodist Church. It offers a complete history of the area. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. Line-up will be at the school yard on the west side of town, beginning at noon. There is no entry fee and everyone is welcome to participate. The theme will be "Voting, like Volunteering, Makes a Difference."

A dunk tank with volunteers on the platform, a coin search sponsored by The Bank, a children's tractor pull and a tug-o-war will follow the parade. Teams from area fire departments, including Norton, Colby, Oberlin and Jennings, will compete in the firemen's team barrel competition. It will be followed by a hog roast and an auction of donated items. The evening will conclude with a street dance with the band, Kent Brown and the Night Owls.

Proceeds from the day's event are used to purchase fire fighting and safety equipment for the volunteer fire department and to support local organizations and projects.

A house of history still stands today

House History
Taken from the report filed with the U.S. Department of the Interior

The Barbeau House, circa 1902, is a rare example of the Queen Anne style house in northwestern Kansas. It sits on a double-walled limestone and concrete foundation over a full basement. The house, clad in lap siding, features a turret and decorative overlays on the south and west gables and turret windows. A band of fish-scale shingles wraps around the house at the second floor level. The house has a southern facade orientation; one of the house's three porches extends the full length of this facade. A formal entrance with a porch is on the west.

The overall measurements of the house are 78 feet from east to west and 46 feet from north to south.

The house is roofed with a steeply pitched hipped roof intersected by five dominant gables. Three red brick chimneys rise from the roof.

The first floor is a free-flowing plan. A series of paneled pocket doors allows separation between the parlor and the sitting room, the parlor and the library and the parlor and the dining room.

All the woodwork in the house is fir, and retains its original varnish.

An antique tin ceiling was installed in the dining room during the 1990 renovation and a new copper ceiling enhances the first floor bathroom.

A double-A loop wire and cast-iron fence, added during the 1990 renovation, frames the nine lots of the property on the south and west. Four white concrete monuments have been added to mark the entrances to the property.

Joseph B. Barbeau, a French Canadian, and early Lenora entrepreneur, purchased the lots on which his house would stand for \$1,600.



A house to remember

Lea Hall (left) stands by the newly carved stone monument in front of the Barbeau House in Lenora. The bed and breakfast inn was added to the National Register of Historic Places in July. Mrs. Hall (above) adjusts a tassel over a picture that hangs in the dining room of the elegant Barbeau House. No detail is left unnoticed as Lea Hall points out at Frank Lloyd Wright lamp (top left) in Les Enfants (The Infants) Room at Barbeau House.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Lenora relic turned into bed and breakfast

(Continued from Page 1)
retired in 2001.

The Halls began extensive renovation work.

They refinished most of the flooring in the two-and-one-half story house, added central heat and

air conditioning and re-worked the front porch.

They scraped off the old paint and put a coat of linseed oil on the "fish scale" shingles before finishing with a coat of oil-base paint. She made all the curtains, re-pa-

pered the entryway and did all the decorating.

When they purchased the house the couple also began to gather antiques. They had several family pieces but picked up period antiques from Maine to California and South Dakota to Kentucky. At one time, Lea said, she was making payments to five antique dealers.

The rooms in the house are big. However, Mrs. Hall said, "When you fill them up with furniture, they don't look so big."

The Halls opened the house as a bed and breakfast in 1991. Mr. Hall died in 1997, but Mrs. Hall continues to operate Barbeau House focusing on her guests from all across the country and private parties.

One of her favorite parties to

host is a little girl's tea party. She has period clothes for the guests to dress up in, complete with hats, gloves and purses.

Mrs. Hall serves the young ladies using china cups and saucers while at the same time instructing them in the finer points of etiquette and manners.

She said she enjoys preparing and serving meals for parties of up to 16. She prides herself on serving generous portions and using her more than 100 different place settings.

Every inch of Barbeau House reflects her love for the Victorian era. Each room is decorated with a theme using her beautiful antiques and accessories.

"I was born too late," she said "I should have been born at the turn of the century."

website at: www.barbeauhouse.com. It is also listed on the website for the Kansas Bed & Breakfast Association and in Who's Who In Executives and Businesses. The Barbeau House is also a member of the Norton County Area Chamber of Commerce.



Bulletin Board Business and Professional Directory

Your Guide to Services Available in Northwest Kansas

Auto Service Repair Auto Glass Repair Painting

Problem Solved!

Complete Computer Diagnosis
CAREFUL ATTENTION SETS
OUR SERVICE SHOP
APART FROM OTHERS
-Tune-ups -Air Conditioner
-Brakes -Exhaust System
-Shocks -Radiator Repair

WALTER MOTOR COMPANY

NORTON—1-800-479-3112 (877-3112)



Frank and Pauline Kaiser—Owners
P.O. Box 93
Long Island, KS 67447

888-247-5153

CALL MOBILE,
WE COME TO YOU

Insurance usually waives deductible on repairs

Prestige Painting & Drywall

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
•Interior & Exterior Painting
•Hanging and Finishing Drywall
•Commercial Wall Coverings
•Residential Papering
Owner—Randall S. Bantam
Norton, KS — 785-877-6905
— Over 18 Years Experience —

Construction

OVERLEASE CONSTRUCTION

785-877-2115
410 South Street
*Remodeling *Additions *Custom Cabinets
Call Greg Overlease for all your carpentry needs

Hot Opportunity

Wouldn't Your Ad Look Great Here???

Call Carol or Bill

877-3361

Give Your Business the Attention it Deserves!!

CALL . . .
Spaces Always Available:

1" per month — \$42.50
2" per month — \$76.50
3" — per month — \$103.50

THE NORTON TELEGRAM

785-877-3361