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November 12, 2004

# County gets another delay with landfill

By VERONICA MONIER

The approach of winter is causing another delay in the completion of a new landfill for Norton County.

Engineer Pat Cox, BG Consultants, told the Norton County commissioners Monday afternoon that it would be best if the county waited until spring to lay a compacted clay liner with bentonite, which is used to prevent water from seeping through the trash and contaminating the groundwater.

He said if the ground frosts during construction, then the liner won't pass the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's regulations.

"This (the clay liner) is one of the most critical things," he said. "With the county's best interests in mind, I think we should probably wait until we get out of the frost season and into spring before we do this."

"We're gambling here. These bentonite clay liners are very susceptible to frost damage."

Mr. Cox said the county had two options. It could let Whitney Construction begin work this fall and then lay the liner in the spring or it could hold all construction until spring.

Commissioner John Miller said the county needed to get things done as soon

as possible since the county is sending its trash to Phillips County, which is putting a strain on their landfill.

"We are going to have to talk to Phillips County," he said. "I think our hauling contract is almost out. We need to let them know what's going on because we might not be able to get this project done until the end of April."

Commissioner Leroy Lang agreed.

Commissioner Dean Kruse said he was inclined to let Whitney Construction work as planned this fall and then stop for the winter.

Mr. Lang said it was a consensus and that they should let Whitney Construction

begin work this fall, waiting until spring to put in the clay liner.

Mr. Cox said in his professional opinion it would be best.

"Compressed bentonite clay liners are almost never put in in the winter," he said. "As soon as we get a good week of weather in the spring, we'll get that put in."

Mr. Miller asked Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald to get on Phillips County's agenda to discuss this latest problem.

In other business, the commission:  
• Heard from Mr. Archibald that the city (Continued on Page 5)

## Norton, Kansas Home of Justin Shirk

### Briefly

## Almena hosts harvest festival

This weekend, Almena will be alive with activity.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Almena Congregational Church Harvest Home Festival. Games for the youngsters and a baked goods and fancy work sale starts at 4 p.m. Saturday in the high school gymnasium. The homemade soup supper, featuring chili, chicken noodle, vegetable beef and oyster runs from 5-7 p.m. The auction follows at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$4, adults; \$2 for children 12 and under; and pre-school age and younger children are admitted free.

Sunday, LaVonne Ponstein will be the guest speaker at the Almena Congregational Church's 10:30 a.m. worship services.

A talent show at the church will be held from 1-3 p.m. to wrap up the weekend's festivities.

## Representative speaks Tuesday

Rick Green, a former Texas state representative, will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the East Campus gymnasium. His topic will be "The Role of Faith in American Society". Mr. Green works with WallBuilders Presentations, traveling the nation speaking on the importance of our concentrated efforts to preserve liberty and pass the torch of freedom to future generations. He is an outspoken advocate of returning to the principles of the Declaration of Independence. Admission is free. To learn more, call Trent Richmond, 871-0368.

### Weather

## Forecast:

**Tonight** — Cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 40s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. **Saturday Night** — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows in the upper 20s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly cloudy with highs in the lower 40s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. **Sunday Night** — Cloudy with lows in the upper 20s.

## Howell report:

Tuesday	High 71, Low 49
Wednesday	High 50, Low 26 .65 of an inch of precipitation
Thursday	High 43, Low 31
Week ago	High 57, Low 32
Month ago	High 66, Low 48
Year ago	High 65, Low 40
November precipitation	.65 inches
Year-to-date precipitation	... 23.05 inches

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

### Prayer

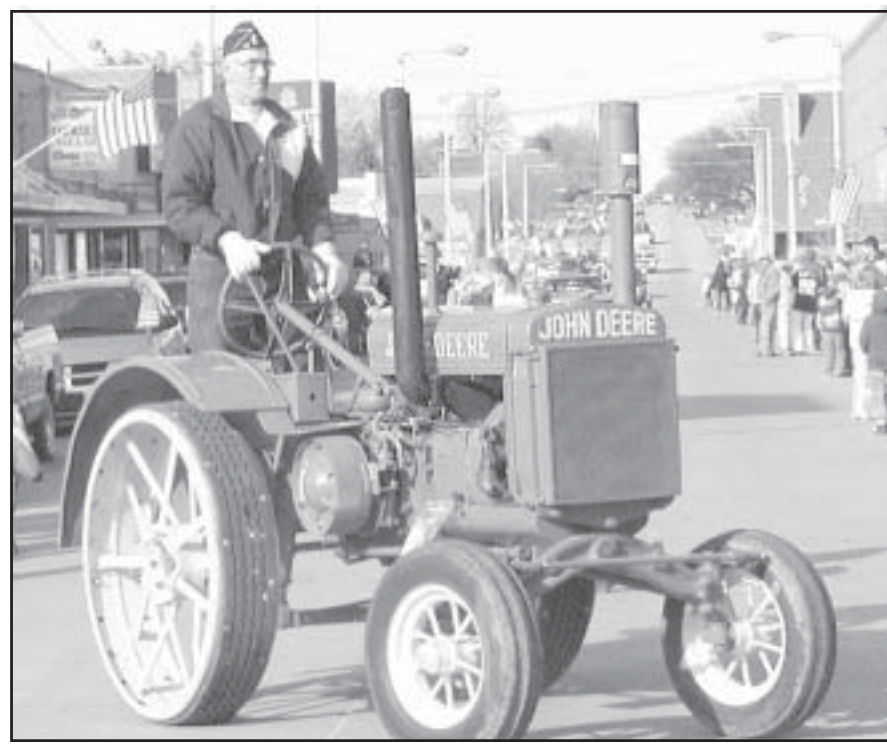
Dear God, thank you for caring enough to call us back when we stray from what you want for us. Help us to guard against gossip. May we listen for your voice and obey your word. In Jesus' name. Amen



## In honor of all of those who served

Members of the Norton American Legion (above) present the colors as they lead the annual Veterans parade down State Street Thursday afternoon. Glenn Bowman, a local veteran (right) took another mode of transportation. He drove his 1934 John Deere tractor in the parade.

— Telegram photos by Vicki Henderson



## Norton facility adds new chaplain to employees

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

"I'm lovin' it," Randall Medlock said of his new job as clinical chaplain at the Norton Correctional Facility.

Mr. Medlock had been at the facility as a contract therapist with a mental health program for a year when the chaplain's job became available.

The former chaplain, Galene Penner, resigned to accept an out-of-state job.

The chaplain's job is to organize religious activities for the inmates, work with volunteers, train the security staff about religious activities and provide pastoral care to the 780 inmates.

Chaplain Medlock, who took over on Sept. 20, has been a mental health counselor for 25 years, primarily in Tennessee.



R. Medlock

He had a private practice for nine years in Columbia, Tenn., and was the executive director of Good Shepherd Ministries in Wilmington, N.C. Good Shepherd is a non-profit group that serves the homeless, hungry and jobless. It helps people find their way back into real life. He reported to an 18-member board from different religious denominations.

"I've been ecumenical forever," he said. "We're stronger together."

He is an ordained Methodist minister and a graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where he received master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees.

A year ago, he and his wife Karen, also a therapist, learned of two openings at the Norton Correctional Facility.

"We jumped at the opportunity," he said. "We loved the west — loved the people. And the geographic location appealed to me, too. I like the wide, open spaces. We love the Kansas landscape.

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## Christmas promotion set to give away \$2,500

The Norton Telegram wants to give away money — lots of money, up to \$2,500 to people who shop in Norton. A dollar spent in the Norton area circulates over and over and over.

In a nutshell, that is the concept behind "Christmas On Us" sponsored by Norton merchants and The Telegram.

Merchants benefit because it brings business into their stores when people make a purchase and collect their tickets, then it brings them back when they look for ways to spend their winnings.

Last year in Norton alone, 67,272 tickets were given out. That means that roughly \$673,000 was spent at the participating businesses during the "Christmas on Us" promotion.

The rules are simple — look for a sign in the window of a "Christmas On Us" participating merchant. When you make a purchase you will receive one ticket for every \$10 you spend. If you buy \$50 worth of groceries you receive

five tickets. If you spend \$1,000 on merchandise or services you get 100 tickets. And even if you don't buy anything at all, you may still pick up one ticket per week at The Norton Telegram office at 215 S. Kansas Ave.

Ten instant winners will receive \$50 gift certificates. Tickets will be collected from each participating sponsor each week. The ticket numbers will appear in ads in The Telegram running on Tuesday, Nov. 23, Nov. 30., Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. Instant winners will have until 5 p.m. Friday of that week to claim their prize by presenting the winning tickets at The Norton Telegram office.

All prizes are paid in scrip spendable at participating merchants only.

The last day to collect tickets is Dec. 17. On Saturday, Dec. 18 the grand prize drawing will be held. The winning tickets must be presented at the drawing to claim prizes at the time of the

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Terry Stephenson (right) came along with his dad, Lefty Stephenson, to the reception after the Veterans Day parade, hosted by *The Norton Telegram*. Felix Pfannenstiel (above) and Dale Shearer, two World War II veterans share a cup of coffee and memories at the reception.  
— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



# Sales tax gives boost to budget

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\$287,635.56. Last year's total at this time was \$154,504.20 and the year before was \$165,092.66.  
He said the county tax has helped the general fund a lot.  
• Learned from Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn that the department had a quiet Halloween. He said they gave out about 100 bags of candy, which the kids seemed to enjoy. The candy is good public relations, he said.  
• Heard from City Attorney Karen Griffiths that she would like to meet with the Finance Committee to talk about her serving as both the city and county attorney. She will meet with the committee at 5

p.m. on Monday.  
• Waived the formal first reading of Ordinance No. 1540, restricting vehicular parking with the exception of passenger busses on the south side of west Wilberforce between State Street and First Ave.  
Councilwoman Elaine Mann asked if the neighbors had been contacted. Councilman Jerry Jones said they had and were the ones who asked for the block to become a non-parking area. He said they are having problems getting in and out of their driveways with the cars parked there. He said he also talked to the school.  
• Were asked to review the new

personnel manual. Mrs. Mann said the Personnel Committee has looked at the draft and found it OK. She said a request was made to increase the amount of vacation time earned after an employee has been with the city for 20 years. She asked the council to consider this when they were reviewing the manual.  
• Sent a letter to the county saying the council has no objection to the approval of a property tax exemption request from Natoma Corp. for economic development.  
• Went into a 15-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel. No action was taken.  
• Paid \$233,365.97 in bills.

# New chaplain loves the Norton area

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We especially love the Norton area and the staff at KDOC (Kansas Department of Corrections).  
The chaplain said he and his wife have been treated wonderfully although some native Kansans tease them by calling them "weather wusses". The Medlocks tend to "over-bundle" in the winter and warnings of bad weather in the spring and fall will send them to the basement, he said.  
Mr. Medlock said he sees the task of the chaplain as many-faceted.  
"It's my job to make sure the various religions at (the facility) are accommodated as well as we can without creating a security problem. Because of the vast number of religions, I am answering the needs of the inmate "in quantity" on a daily basis. I could not possibly do my job without the

help of volunteers. The task, here, is tremendous. The volunteer base is the real care-taking arm of the ministry. We need volunteers. I wish I had more time to network with the community and volun-

teers."  
The chaplain is setting up a schedule for volunteer training. If you would like to volunteer at the Norton Correctional Facility, call him at 877-3380 ext. 335.

# Volunteers needed at prison

The chaplain's office coordinates inmate activities.  
Volunteers are needed for classes that would meet for one to two hours a week according to the volunteer's schedule. The chaplain is organizing a volunteer training day to qualify and prepare volunteers to enter the prison.  
Some of the areas where volunteers are needed include:  
• Life Skills — preparing in-

mates for life after they leave prison. Teach basic skills like balancing a checkbook, preparing a resume and job interviewing.  
• Art Class — facilitating an art class. Teach both advanced and beginner students.  
• Journalism — helping with a writing class. Perhaps prepare and produce a newsletter.  
• Music — directing bands or singing groups. Help locate donated instruments and music.

# County thinks clean-up went well

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clean-up went well. He said they had a total of 15.98 tons of construction debris hauled to the landfill during the three-day clean-up.  
• Learned that Mr. Archibald had been contacted by Crochet, the firm that sold the incinerator to Norton County, about the possibility of buying parts of the incinerator. The commission said they would have to advertise the parts if they wanted to sell them, since they are county property.  
• Signed several documents for construction on bridge RS-240. Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan said the bridge is in the northwest part of the county and will cost \$238,486. Twenty percent or \$52,470 will be paid by the

county, while the other 80 percent will be paid for by the state. He said construction will start in the next few weeks.  
• Heard from Mr. Brannan that road millings on W-11 are finished.  
• Went into a 15-minute closed session with Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen to discuss non-elected personnel. No action was taken.  
• Tentatively set a public hearing for Miltech for Tuesday, Nov. 30. The commission will not meet on Nov. 22 because the commissioners will be attending a state county commissioners convention. They will meet on Tuesday the following week because it is the last day of the month..

• Went into 10-minute closed session with County Attorney Doug Sebelius for attorney client privileges. No action was taken.  
• Spoke with Mr. Sebelius about the transition of the county attorney position, which begins in January. The commissioners asked if Mr. Sebelius or Karen Griffiths, who was elected as county attorney, were going to have a meeting with them to talk about her duties. They wanted to know because they are meeting with the city's Finance Committee on Monday and this might be brought up.  
Mr. Sebelius said that he and Mrs. Griffiths had discussed the position.

# Businesses give away \$2,500 in promotion

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drawing. The prize amounts will vary depending on the number of participating merchants but *The Telegram* hopes to give away up to \$2,000 at that time.  
Last year, John L. Wray had the \$1,500 winning ticket. He donated part of his winnings to the Senior Citizens Center and the transportation bus, both of which had helped him.

The \$500 winner was Tammy Miller, who used the money for Christmas presents for her family.  
The 10 \$50 instant winners were Carla Derauf, Scott Ellis, Mark Griffin, Virginia Harvey, Barbara Goeken, Lois Rostek, June Kline, Becky Ables, Cindy Penner and Reva Benien.  
Altogether, *The Norton Telegram* and Norton merchants handed out \$2,500 in the contest

last year, all of which was spent with participating businesses.



# Former Norton athlete named 'most valuable player'

By DICK BOYD  
Neal Philpot, Pittsburg State's 6-foot, 4-inch, 254-pound senior quarterback from Norton, has earned first team All-Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association honors and been named Most Valuable Offensive Player for the second straight season.  
Philpot is also a candidate for the 2004 Harlon Hill Trophy, the equivalent of the Heisman Award in Division I.

Earlier this season, Philpot became the first quarterback in NCAA-II history to throw for 5,000 yards and rush for 3,500 yards.  
In his career, Philpot has thrown for 5,517 yards and 55 touchdowns and rushed for 3,824 yards and 57 touchdowns.  
Seventeen Pittsburg State players earned all-conference honors. Eight were named to the first team.

Head coach Chuck Broyles was named the league's Coach of the Year.  
The Gorillas are the top seed in the Southwest Region of the D-II playoffs. With a bye this week, they will play the winner of Saturday's game between unbeaten and No. 5 ranked Colorado School of Mines and Midwestern State (Texas) on Saturday, Nov. 20 in Pittsburg.

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