



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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