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Norton, Kansas
Home of Paul Ballinger

Briefly

Chaplain looks for volunteers

Randall Medlock, chaplain at Norton Correctional Facility, is looking for volunteers to work at the prison. He will hold a volunteer training day later this month. Volunteers are needed to teach a life skills class, remedial reading and English as a second language and to direct musical groups. Anyone interested should call the chaplain at 877-3389.

School funding to be explained

The Norton School District will be the host of a special Kansas Association of School Boards meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the East Campus Auditorium.

The meeting, along with several others across the state, has been set up to help people understand the Montoy versus the State of Kansas decision regarding school funding that was just handed down by the Kansas Supreme Court.

The meeting is open to the public.

Weed district meeting set

The Solomon Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area will hold a weed management meeting at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Phillipsburg at the fairground. The public is invited to attend.

Information will be given on the benefits of forming a seven county weed management area and how the development office can assist.

For more information contact Darla Juhl at (785) 425-6647 or e-mail: darla.juhl@ks.usda.gov.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Scattered flurries and patchy fog. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy with scattered flurries and patchy fog. Highs around 7. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy with scattered flurries and patchy fog. Lows 3 below. **Sunday** — Mostly cloudy with scattered flurries and patchy fog. Highs around 10.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 35, Low 22
Wednesday High 33, Low 20
Thursday High 25, Low 1
Week ago High 26, Low 19
Month ago High 40, Low 22
Year ago High 54, Low 30
January precipitation 50 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 50 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Father, thank you for your patience with us when we fail you. Help us to love you the way that you want, and help us to overcome our weaknesses as we seek to follow you. Amen



New Age Industrial has 24 welding stations and five precision robots. John Jones (above) loaded pieces of cut aluminum so they can be welded by one of the robots. Mike Wente (below) hung nearly finished racks so they could be finished.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Aluminum products made here

By VERONICA MONIER

With six departments, five buildings and 112 full- and part-time employees, New Age Industrial Corp. is doing a lot of business.

Co-owner Larry Nelson said the Norton company was started in 1966, but thinks only one of the original stockholders is still living. There are five owners now.

He said the company, which makes aluminum products, began with an extrusion press and was built up from there.

"The extrusion press is what got New Age started," he said. "They (the original owners) found it in a junkyard somewhere and then improved it."

Mr. Nelson said the extrusion press, which is like a big play dough machine, is what allows New Age to have more flexibility than its competitors. He said about 4 million pounds of alu-

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Fans to help the gym

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District will install ceiling fans at the high school gym, replace the windows in the East Campus lobby and redo the bus barn with steel siding.

After several months of discussing what to do with the money remaining in the Tansill bequest, the school board made its decisions at its meeting on Monday.

Superintendent Greg Mann told the board that there was enough money left, \$22,748, to do all three projects.

He said the district got two bids to replace the steel siding on the bus barn. The first was \$8,547.85 from Graham Construction and the second was \$9,637 from Overlease Construction. The original estimate was \$10,000.

Replacing the windows in the East Campus lobby would cost \$7,759 from Norton Glass. He said the estimated cost was \$9,500.

Installing ceiling fans in the memorial gym was estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000. He said the District got a bid for eight fans from Garretts for \$5,084.87.

He said the fans will hang down about (Continued on Page 5)

Post office, most banks to be closed

Martin Luther King's birthday is a national holiday. However, in Norton, it seems that only the banks and U.S. Post Office observe it.

The Post Office will be closed Monday but mail will be picked up from the outside box at 4:30 p.m. as usual.

Children in the area do not have school Monday, although, their teachers are required to be there for an in-service day. The Norton district office in the Alice Tweed building will be open.

The only bank in Norton to be open Monday will be First State Bank, with regular business hours. First Security Bank and Trust, the Bank, Almena State Bank, United Northwest Federal Credit Union and Commercial Federal will all be closed.

The City of Norton offices and the Norton County Courthouse will be open as will the Norton Library.

Filing deadline approaching for city offices

The mayor and three city council seats are up for election this spring.

The deadline to file for office is noon Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the city clerk's office. There is a \$5 filing fee.

To run for mayor, a person needs to be at least 18 and a registered voter in Norton. To run for a council seat, a person must be 18, a registered voter and live in the ward that is to be represented.

Incumbents Mayor David Corns and Ward III City Councilman Ron Briery have already filed for re-election.

Ward I City Councilman George Jones and Ward II City Councilwoman Elaine Mann, both incumbents, had not filed as of Wednesday afternoon.

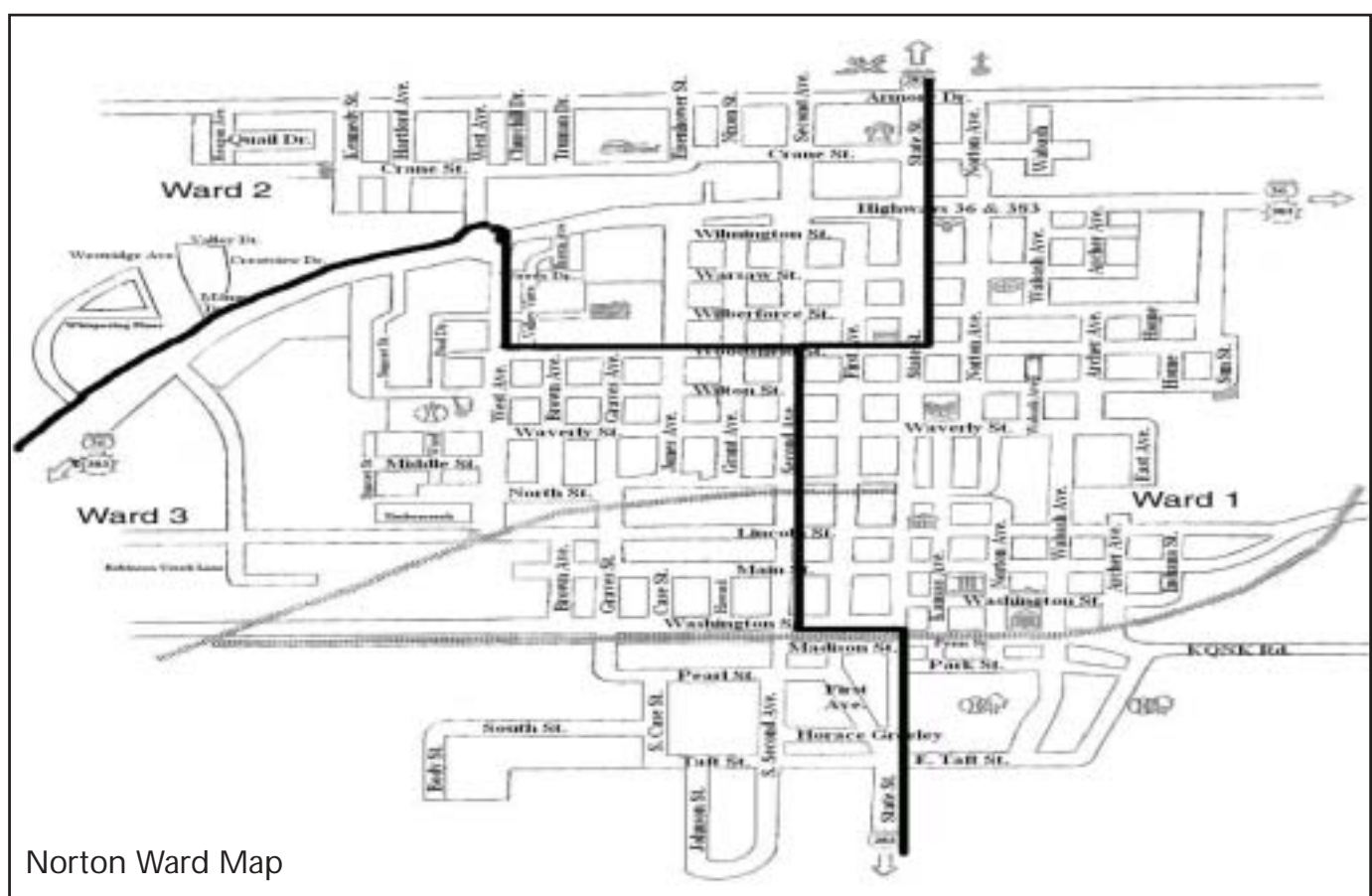
Mr. Jones said he wasn't saying if he was going to file or not and Mrs. Mann was not available.

No one else had filed.

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 1, if more than two people file for a position.

The registration deadline for voters is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, for the primary election.

The general election will be held on (Continued on Page 5)



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minum go through the press each year.

From the extrusion press, the product goes to the saw department and then the parts go to fabrication. From there, almost everything goes to welding, he said, where there are 24 welding stations and five robots.

After being welded, the product goes to the company's newest piece of equipment — the metal finishing system — where everything is cleaned and shined.

The new system, which sends the products through an acid wash, followed by a rinse and then heats it to 250 degrees to dry, is a lot easier and more efficient than the bath showers used before.

From the finishing system, the products go to shipping, where they are boxed and sent across the country and around the world.

Mr. Nelson said all terrain vehicle ramps and food service equipment are the company's two biggest lines. He said the company makes hundreds of products — half of which can be found in a brochure.

The other half are custom products, which are designed by New Age's four employees in the engineering department. The custom products are customer driven, he said. The customer tells New Age what they need and then the engineers design it.

He said the company has independent sales representatives all over the country, but the sales office is based in Dallas, where Tom Sharp, a co-owner, is in charge.

Norton is where everything is made, he said, including racks for the government that are going to Afghanistan.



Sharolyn Bredemeier, owner/operator of Route 36 Collectibles stood in her new shop at 102 E. Washington in downtown Norton. The business moved from east U.S. 36 last month. The store is open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday. To contact Mrs. Bredemeier, call 874-4219. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Co-op's owners get say on donations

Midwest Energy's customer/owners will get to help decide how the cooperative donates to charity.

Economic and Community Development Director Bob Muirhead said that five customer committees have been formed to review charitable requests from youth groups, civic clubs and other non-profit agencies.

"Until now, Midwest Energy's board and management have attempted to allocate our charitable contributions, giving to worthy causes across our 41-county service area," he said. "We believe

formation of the Midwest Energy Community Fund will improve our ability to channel dollars to causes most important to our local customer/owners."

Mr. Muirhead said it will be the job of the committees to make awards ranging from \$50 to \$500. Each of the five committees, representing several counties, will allocate money based on the size of the counties. Requests for charitable donations that benefit Midwest Energy's entire service area will be reviewed by management. "The committees can direct

funds to activities that focus on youth, arts, education, libraries, community events or other priorities they choose," he said. "After they report their decisions to us, we'll write the checks."

The community fund will accept charitable requests twice a year so that merits of the requests can be compared. The first application deadline is Tuesday, March 1.

The guidelines and applications form can be picked up from any Midwest Energy office, or found online at www.mwenergy.com.

Cash will buy fans, new windows

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four feet and should be relatively quiet as long as the cages they'll be in don't come loose. The cages are to protect them from stray basketballs and such. The fans are identical to the ones the Oberlin School has in its gym, he said.

In other business, the board:
• Passed a resolution finalizing the acceptance of the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds. Kevin Hart of McLIney and Co. told the board that with the 10-year bond, compared to a 10-year lease, the district would save about \$180,000.

"Short of a grant," he said, "there is no better deal for a school."

Mr. Hart said the board also had to have a 10 percent match, which is being put up by Learn.com, an online teaching website. Bank of America will be buying the bonds for \$600,000. The deal is expected to close around the last week of January.

• Heard a curriculum presentation on the Language Arts department from Karen Cox, the high school librarian. Ms. Cox spoke about eLibrary, a program designed to help students use the Internet for research.

• Accepted a \$163,700 donation from the Knights of Columbus, who requested that the money be used for special education. The donation came from the Knights of Columbus' Tootsie Roll drive.

• Appointed Board Member Elaine Lofgreen to serve on the district's calendar committee, which will develop the 2005-'06

school calendar.

• Designated Monday, Feb. 7, as an in-service day to train teachers on the district's Pass Key software.

• Approved a resolution for a 4 mill property tax for capital outlay. The resolution will expire in five years and replaces a similar resolution that expires soon. Mr. Mann said that, although the board has the authority to use the levy, it doesn't have to and hasn't for the past couple of years.

• Approved the submission of a 50/50 grant by Garrett Beydler, agriculture teacher. If the district gets the money, it will be used to buy laptop computers for the ag room.

• Decided to do a movie night for staff appreciation Sunday, Jan. 30. Movies that will be playing are the Aviator and Racing Stripes. Since neither movie is a premiere, the district will be able to provide the staff and their families with sodas and popcorn.

• Accepted a revision in the contract with the Lenora School District. The Lenora School District will now claim its at-risk and vocational students and then give the Norton School District the money for them during its second payment.

• Went into a 30-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Went into a 25-minute closed session with Mr. Mann to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Approved Jean Down as the Waverly/U.S. 283 crosswalk guard. Ms. Down is replacing Charles Kent.

Filing deadline nears for mayor, city council

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Tuesday, April 5, with the registration deadline, Monday, March 21.

The boundary of Ward I is the area east of State Street to West Woodsfield then going west on West Woodsfield to North Second Street, then south to West Washington then east again to State Street and south.

The Ward II boundary is everything west of State Street, going south to West Woodsfield then

west to West Avenue, north to U.S. 36 and west.

The boundary of Ward III is everything south of West Woodsfield and west of Second Street, going west to West Avenue then north to U.S. 36, then west to the west city limit, then south to the south city limit, then east to State Street, then north on State Street to West Washington, then west to South Second Street and then north to West Woodsfield.

Foster parent classes set

Youthville needs foster parents, especially those able to care for an older child or a child with special needs.

Many foster children come from families with serious problems, including abuse, neglect and ineffective parenting.

Free training, called a Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting, will be offered on Mon-

days beginning Feb. 7 in Colby and Tuesdays beginning Feb. 8 in Scott City.

Anyone 21 or older, married or single, who lives in an apartment or house and is interested in becoming a foster parent, should enroll in the free training classes by calling Youthville at (800) 570-4226, extension 194.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Rotary Scholarship Soup Supper, cafeteria, 5-7 p.m.; Monday varsity and varsity basketball versus Oberlin, here, 5 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Scholar Bowl, here, 4 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; SAC, a.p.; Site Council, 5 p.m.

Thursday — Kays, a.p.; FCCLA Board, 7 p.m.; FFA meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday — Jazz, a.p.; Ninth-grade, junior varsity and varsity basketball at WaKeeney, 4 p.m.

Saturday — FFA Ag Ed Speech at Manhattan; Snowball Dance, Junior High Gym, 8-11 p.m.

Next Monday — Honor Band and Choir to the University of Nebraska at Kearney; Jay Singers, a.p.; Federated Fine Arts Tea, Music Room, 7:30 p.m.

Junior High:

Tuesday — Kays, a.p.

Thursday — Stuco Dance, 7-9 p.m.

Eisenhower:

Wednesday — First Grade CBM's, a.m.; Fifth Grade Knowledge Master Open, Band Room, 3 p.m.; Team Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday — Grade 5 and 6 meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Next Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

All Schools:

Monday — No School, Teacher In service; Kansas Association of School Boards Meeting on School Finance decision, auditorium, 7 p.m.

Next Monday — Professional Development Council, Alice Tweed Office, 4 p.m.

High School Menus:

Monday — No school.

Tuesday — Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fajita, cheese, pepper, lettuce and tomato, pumpkin custard or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, green beans, coleslaw, Jello with whipped topping or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage pocket, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ground beef gravy, potatoes, carrots, fruit salad or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Hot cereal with toppings, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Pizza, salad, pears, Rice Krispie treat, or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — No school.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti, salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Waffles, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Canadian bacon/cheese, biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, applesauce, brownies, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Pumpkin bread, applesauce, milk; Lunch: Beef/noodles, potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, cheese rolls, milk

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — No school, Teacher in-service; High School Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament at Phillipsburg; High School Dance Team practice, 1 p.m.

Tuesday — Framework for Understanding Poverty Workshop, Norton, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.; High School Scholars Bowl meet, Norton, 4 p.m.; Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament at Phillipsburg

Wednesday — Northern Valley Spelling Bee, Grade 4-8; Long Island Gym, 2:10-3:30 p.m.

Thursday — Dance Team practice; Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament at Phillipsburg

Friday — Dance Team practice Saturday — Dance Team practice, a.m.; Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament at Phillipsburg; Dance Team to perform at Conference Tournament in Phillipsburg; Kansas State University Ag Ed Speech Contest at Manhattan, 8 a.m.

Next Monday — High School Band Clinic at Eastern Heights in Agra, 1 p.m. Practice, 7 p.m. Concert

Next Tuesday — High School Basketball vs Osborne at Almena, 4 p.m.; High School Dance Team Practice

Menus:

Monday — No School.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage gravy/biscuits, fruit punch, cereal; Lunch: Stromboli, tri-tater, green beans, strawberry shortcake

Wednesday — Breakfast: Waffles, hashbrowns, pears, cereal; Lunch: Sloppy Joes, French fries, broccoli, cherry pudding pie

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, grape juice, cereal; Lunch: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, French bread, peas, peach crisp

Friday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, sausage links, pineapple, cereal; Lunch: Submarine sandwich, tater tots, mixed vegetables, pineapple

JENNINGS

Monday — No school, teacher in-service

Tuesday — High School Basketball Tournament at Oberlin Wednesday — Wick Family Drama for kindergarten-fourth grade, conference room, 10 a.m.

Thursday — Junior High girls basketball at Atwood, 4:30 p.m.

Friday — High School basketball tournament at Oberlin

Saturday — High School basketball tournament at Oberlin

Menus:

Daily Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk, juice.

Salad bar daily.

Monday — No school.

Tuesday — Frito pies, refried beans, peaches, brownies

Wednesday — Lasagna, corn, garlic bread, mandarin oranges

Thursday — Chicken nuggets, potatoes/gravy, green beans, tropical fruit

Friday — Hamburgers, tater tots, baked beans, pears, cupcakes

OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

For a Resident of Ward II to Fill an Unexpired Term of a Council Member of the Norton City Council

Position is open immediately, with the term expiring in April of 2006. This position requires approximately 15 hours per month in the evenings for City Council and Committee Meetings. Requirements are: • Resident of Ward II • Registered Voter of Ward II • 18 Years of Age or Older

If interested in serving as a Council Member of Ward II, please submit your name, address and phone number at the Norton City Office.



THE NORTON TELEGRAM

and the Norton Chamber of Commerce welcome
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to the business community

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