



Lacy Frack, executive director at Norton Manor, shows off the new shower enclosures, that have been installed in all the units in the building. This year The Manor celebrates it's 35th year.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Retirement complex makes changes for birthday

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Norton Manor is celebrating its 35th birthday this year.

Thirty-five years ago the Housing Authority of the City of Norton built a three-floor, 41 unit, apartment building with comfortable units, utilities furnished and activities for the residents.

The Manor provides housing for low-income families, the elderly (62 and older), the near elderly (age 50-62) and for the disabled or handicapped.

"We are very proud of the facility and invite everyone to come see all the improvements we have made this past year," Executive Director Lacy Frack said.

The improvements include new countertops in the kitchen, new vinyl floors in the kitchens and bathrooms, new kitchen sinks, faucets and plumbing, new

shower stalls and new bathroom vanity sinks.

Long-time resident Maxine Carr said, "I've been here for 16 years and I've seen many changes. All good ones."

Other amenities include indoor mail boxes on the first floor; a laundry room on the second floor; a lounge on the third floor; trash rooms on every floor with recycle bins and a community room on the ground floor.

Every month residents gather in the community room for a carry-in potluck; there is a monthly coffee; church services every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., bridge games every Wednesday, video night on Fridays, group sing-a-longs, exercise classes three times a week, grocery delivery from both stores, Meals on Wheels and Senior Center meals delivered daily. The Sun-

shine Bus also comes twice daily for regular pick ups and any other time a special request is made.

A board of directors oversees operations. Board members are Georgia Briery, president; Robert Wyatt, vice-president; Dianne McGee, Dr. R.A. Peterson and resident member Georgia O'Neil. Non-voting board members are Elaine Mann, representing the Norton City Council and Chris Frack, the Manor's maintenance director.

Mrs. Frack said the cost of living at The Manor is based on an individual's income after medical expenses are deducted. Rent ranges from \$50 to \$450 a month with utilities included. A resident does have to pay for their own telephone service, however.

For more information call 877-2714 or come by for a tour at 213 Horace Greeley Ave.

New investment comes to Norton

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

If a neatly attired, young man, knocks on your door, it is more than likely Kelly Hill, the new investment representative for Edward Jones, a financial services firm headquartered in St. Louis.



Kelly Hill

He said he is making an effort to meet as many people as he can.

Mr. Hill, a native of Liberal, earned a degree in science and education from the University of Kansas. He began his career with the investment firm in July.

After completing a training program, He was sent to Norton, where the firm had previously had an office.

"Norton was on the priority list to replace the former office," he said. "The company had a commitment to Norton and wanted to fulfill it."

"Norton fit me perfectly. I'm a hunter, fisherman and a golfer. This is a great location."

His pleasure with being here may also have something to do with his being engaged to a local

girl. He and Erin Foley plan to be married June 4.

She is the daughter of Anna and Craig Foley. Mr. Hill's parents are Bill and Starla Hill of Liberal.

Mr. Hill is in the process of locating office space. He hopes to be settled in by March with space for an assistant and a conference room. He wants to provide investment education for college planning, retirement, women investors, business plans and professional broadcast teleconferencing to assist certified public accountants and bookkeepers.

Edward Jones is the only major financial services firm that advises individual investors exclusively, he said. The firm offers its clients a investments in certificates of deposit, taxable and non-taxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

"I'm eager to become acquainted with all the people of Norton," Mr. Hill said. "I'm looking forward to settling down here, and I am planning to become an active member of the community."

He believes that young people need to look ahead to their financial future.

"They should have a plan; develop a road map and stick to it," he said. "They should buy quality investments and hold them for the

long term. This company is all about the individual investor. We have individual offices in individual communities."

For now he can be contacted at (785) 874-4318 or on his cell phone (620) 629-1822. The Edward Jones interactive web site is www.edwardjones.com.

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County needs skills program back from Norton prison

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Norton Correctional Facility borrowed a living and parenting skills program from the county but they'll have to give it back.

Norton County Extension Agent Keith VanSlike told the county commissioners on Jan. 17 the prison had requested his copy of a living and parenting skills program to help teach inmates.

Mr. VanSlike said the county has used the program, but since it wasn't in use right now, he thought it would be all right if the prison used it.

However, Commissioner John Miller was worried since the program was purchased with money through juvenile justice and was meant to be used for youth coming through that system.

He thought it would be a good program for the prison, but felt that it should get its own copy.

"If the correctional facility wants a set, the correctional facility should pay for it," Mr. Miller said.

He suggested that Mr. VanSlike call Peggy Pratt, the juvenile justice coordinator, about getting another set for the prison.

Mr. VanSlike said he would do so and he would also get the county's copy back from the cor-

rectional facility.

He also talked to the commissioners about what the extension service has been doing since October.

These included a forage conference in WaKeeney; soil tests; referrals on questions regarding wheat, sorghum, corn and chemicals to Multi-County Agronomist Brian Olson; water quality test; and answering lots of insect questions.

Mr. VanSlike said he has had a lot of questions on bagworms as they seem to be getting worse.

Mr. Miller said he thinks that is because, after ruining all the plum thickets in the county, the insects have moved into town.

Commissioner Leroy Lang wanted to know how the water quality tests are coming back and Mr. VanSlike said most are good with little or no bacteria.

The men also discussed 4-H activities.

There are 120 youth in 4-H this year, including 28 who took 68 entries to the state fair.

The young people have won a basketful of awards, Mr. VanSlike said. Two youth attended the national 4-H congress, five went to the Kansas Youth Leader Forum, and 12 attended an officer training session.

The Extension service has also received a \$2,000 radon mitigation grant, Mr. VanSlike said, and a food and nutrition specialist has visited the county and talked to folks at Developmental Services for Northwest Kansas, Norton Manor, the Senior Center and Head Start.

The 4-H Building has had 133 events of which 54 paid fees, he said.

The cost for using the building is \$25 for kitchen only, \$40 for all day and evening and for family reunions and potlucks, \$30 for day or night meetings, \$100 for all day or evening auctions, \$175 for out-of-county groups and \$75 for fund-raising events or those charging admission.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. VanSlike to look into the cost of using the 4-H Building with increased utility costs although he noted that the building is used mostly for 4-H, school, church, scout and county events.

"We're never going to break even with two-thirds of the events being unpaid," Mr. Miller said.

The commissioners have used the building several times when they needed to hold meetings with county employees.



Reuben Fast Horse, packs up some of the equipment he used during a performance Tuesday at Logan Grade School. He and his wife, Ash, presented a program emphasizing the dance and music of the Native American culture.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Indians entertain with native songs, dance

Ash and Reuben Fast Horse, nationally known Native American performers, entertained Monday at the Logan Grade School auditorium for the public and students.

The Fast Horses are from the Sioux Tribe at Standing Rock Reservation located along the Missouri River, straddling the borders of North and South Dakota. Their permanent residence, however, is

in Minnesota.

The couple, who have a two year old son, Calin, and are expecting their second child this summer, travel the country in a fifth wheel home, bringing traditional music, dance and re-enactments of the 1800s to their audiences. They uti-

lize costumes, tools, and crafts, made traditionally by hand.

They perform at many primitive festivals, called rendezvous, throughout the midwest.

To order their CDs, go to their website at www.cdbaby.com/fasthorse.

Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin announces the sale of its facility in Norton

Dr. Mark Olson and Dr. Travis Hissong of Countryside Veterinary Clinic have sold the veterinary facility in Norton to Drs. Aaron White and his wife, Dr. Sarah Ketterl-White, of Norton.

The Norton clinic has been a secondary location for the veterinary practice since September 2002.

Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin will continue to offer veterinary medical care for large and small animals in the area, and the sale of veterinary pharmaceuticals, vaccines and supplies. They will also continue veterinary services at the Norton Livestock Auction and the Oberlin Livestock Auction, appointments at their clinic in Oberlin, on the farm or ranch, as well as 24-hour emergency service.

Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin was started in 1987 by Dr. Olson and his wife Barbara. Dr. Olson had worked in St. Joseph, Mo., where he practiced predominantly in small animal medicine. He has 23 years of veterinary experience.

Dr. Hissong and his wife Abby moved to Oberlin and joined the practice in 1996. Dr. Hissong became a full business partner in 2003. He has nine years experience.

Dr. Olson and Dr. Hissong are graduates of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Manhattan.

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