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## Friday

February 4, 2005

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Warren Heaton

### Briefly

## Norton students get Monday off

Monday has been designated as a special day of inservice for Norton schools. There will be no school for students but teachers and staff will work. All certified staff will be trained in the use of a new academic software package known as "Pass Key". In addition, some staff will be training in CPR and others will be testing a new locally developed on-line training program for the state curriculum standards.

## Soup lunch held to help infant

A soup lunch, to benefit Colby Menagh, infant son of Corey and Amie Menagh will be held Sunday from noon to 1:30 p.m. Little Colby was born with heart problems. The benefit is being sponsored by the Norton United Methodist Church. They will be serving chicken noodle, vegetable, chili, relishes and dessert.

## Fundraising set up for cancer patient

The United Methodist Church of Edmond is coordinating fund raising efforts for a member of their community who needs help with lodging, travel expenses and food while she is undergoing treatment in Hays. Gayla Norton, Edmond, fought off cancer last year, but has had a recurrence and is back in treatment.

If you could help Ms. Norton in any way, send your contributions to the church in care of Miriam Sansom, HC63 Box 60, Edmond, Kan. 67645.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly clear with lows in the lower 30s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday** — Increasing clouds with highs in the upper 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 30 mph shifting to the southeast 5 to 15 mph after midnight. **Sunday** — Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain.

#### Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 47, Low 28  
Wednesday ..... High 53, Low 28  
Thursday ..... High 61, Low 33  
Week ago ..... High 49, Low 28  
Month ago ..... High 33, Low 21  
Year ago ..... High 27, Low 14  
February precipitation ..... 0.00 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

O Father, we are grateful that you remember us constantly. Help us always to remember you and your promises to us. Amen



It took 87 students ten rounds to determine who the top three spellers at Eisenhower Elementary were Wednesday afternoon. Spencer Shirk (above) thinks hard to get a word read by Bruce Poage spelled right. Anthony Wentz (below) correctly spells "laser" in one of the beginning rounds of the spelling bee.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



## Spellers take the prize, go to county 'bee'

Three student from Eisenhower Elementary will get to check their spelling knowledge when they compete against other students in the Norton County Spelling Bee.

Words like "tile", "laser", "kernel", "fraternity", and "semester" were used to see who could spell the best.

For this year's Eisenhower bee, 87 students tried to spell the words they were given correctly. It took ten rounds for a winner to be found.

In the end, after some struggling with words like "insulin" and "genius", Jordan Walthmeier correctly spelled "touchdown" to take first place. Sophie Mills ended up in second place, while Katie Grose took third. Ashley McMullen earned the place of alternate.

The county bee will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at East Campus Auditorium. Students from Eisenhower Elementary, Norton Junior High School, Northern Valley Grade School, Northern Valley Middle School and Lenora Grade School will participate in the county contest.

## County questions health, environment letter about landfill

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County has received a couple of letters from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment about the small arid landfill that it is building.

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said John Mills from Geocore, the company that drilled the landfill's new water testing wells, submitted a Sampling and Analysis Plan, which is now a requirement. But, he said, the plan needs a few corrections for it to be approved.

The plan is new, he said, and is being grandfathered in.

Commissioner John Miller asked if the new plan would affect the agreements made on the county's other wells. He said before, the state was making the county test its wells every quarter, but that it got dropped down to every six months.

"So now we have to come up with a new plan," he said, "incorporating the two new wells. We need to make sure the new plan says draft. Or else they (the state) could make us do some things that they haven't said yet."

Mr. Archibald said mainly the corrections needed were wording changes.

"It's just corrections they want done with the sampling," he said. "How they want it handled."

Mr. Miller wanted to know if the new plan would include just the new wells, or all of the county's wells.

"They are not clear in here under this new plan how it is going to affect sampling on all of our other wells," he said. "If we sign this new agreement, does it mean that our previous agreements are void?"

"I just want to make sure that in signing a new agreement, we don't trip over ourselves. That they don't come back and say well you signed this new agreement and all of your wells come under this new

plan. "We need to have this clarified. Or else it could cost us a terrible amount of money."

Mr. Miller said at the moment, the

county was sampling six of its 15 wells.

Commissioner Leroy Lang said that sampling the six wells twice a year was costing the county about \$14,000 a year.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Archibald to

check with County Councilor Doug Sebelius and Pat Cox from BG Consultants.

"I want somebody to spell this out," he

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## Clients come from all over to get perfect tan

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Judy Stragey has clients from 50 miles away come to get an instant tan.

Ms. Stragey is a licensed beautician who has mastered the art of applying sunless tanning spray, dihydroxyacetone. She uses an air sprayer to apply the solution that gives customers a natural looking tan.

She said that women like to have a nice, even tan for proms, weddings, cruises or just to get ready for summer. Ms. Stragey pointed out that the "tan" is perfectly safe and doesn't wash off, but it does fade with natural skin exfoliation. She suggests waiting at least 6-8 hours after being airbrushed before showering.

Ms. Stragey offers all hair services including, cuts, perms, coloring and styles, she applies acrylic nails and gives men's barber cuts.

She works out of Gil's Barber and Beauty Shop at 201 W. Main, Norton.

For more information about sunless tanning call 877-2552. She is in the shop from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and has evening and Saturday appointments available.



Judy Stragey, left, applies a tanning solution to a customer's leg using an air sprayer. Ms. Stragey has been giving sunless "tans" to her customers since last February. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## City council hires new police officer

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council hired another police officer Wednesday night, bringing the Norton Police Department back up to five.

When probationary officer Jeff Rydquist employment was terminated last month, it left the department with a vacancy.

Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn said rather than having another application process, the department took another look at the people who had applied for the position the last time it was open.

He said one candidate looked good. Asa Stiles, a recent graduate of Fort Hays State University in criminal justice, was asked to come in for an interview.

Officer Kuhn said Mr. Stiles was interviewed twice and looked like a good person for the job. He said a background check had been done as well.

"It was pretty much unanimous," he said about the new officer's interviews.

City Clerk Darla Ellis, who was on the interview board, said Mr. Stiles tested well before, but didn't take the job earlier because he wanted to finish his degree.

Councilman Ron Briery asked if Mr. Stiles was going to stay at the Norton Police Department for awhile.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann understood Mr. Briery's concern.

"We hate to hire someone and send them to training just to have them leave in six months or a year," she said.

Officer Kuhn said Mr. Stiles has personal reasons for wanting to live in Norton.

"That's hard to tell," he said about Mr. Briery's question. "I'd love to be able to tell you that he'll be on the force for 25 years and retire here, but I just can't do that. I do think he'll be here for awhile though."

He said Mr. Stiles could start in one or two weeks and that his employer was understanding of the situation.

Councilman Jerry Jones said because of a shortage of people on the Public Safety Committee, it didn't go through the com-

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# City hires new police officer, gets department to full staff

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After the council made the decision to hire Mr. Stiles, Officer Kuhn said this brought the department up to full staff. He said Mr. Stiles will probably go through state training in March or April, but would have field training in Norton for four to six weeks.

In other business, the council:  
 • Heard new Councilwoman Donna Foley take the oath of office. Ms. Foley was appointed to take the place of Jerry Hawks, who retired to take the job of municipal court judge. Ms. Foley's term will expire in 2006.

• Learned from Mayor David Corns that the sales tax receipts for December were \$16,847.58 from the city sales tax and \$13,821.10 from the county sales tax for a total of \$30,668.68. He said last year the city collected \$23,966.28 in

sales tax, while the year before it collected \$16,700.

• Appointed Mr. Kuhn to replace Diana McGee on the Housing Authority Board. Mrs. McGee is moving and had put in a resignation that was effective on Feb. 1. Mr. Kuhn's term will expire Nov. 30, 2008.

• Approved Resolution No. 2-2005, authorizing the city to enter into a lease purchase agreement with First State Bank to pay for playground equipment at Elmwood Park.

• Heard from Mr. Jones that the Norton City Fire Department received a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to buy safety equipment. The grant is \$24,660 and the city will have to pay \$2,740 in match money.

• Approved the revised 2005 schedule for the Norton County Horse Council.

• Authorized staff to advertise for a pool manager, assistant manager, life guards and concession stand employees.

• Learned that Mr. Lawson and Parks employee Steve Cole will be getting cost estimates for adding on to the restrooms at Elmwood Park.

• Heard that fences and gates will be put up at the city's water well field. Mr. Briery said there have been complaints of people driving in the field. Mr. Lawson has spoken with the property owners in the area and they don't have a problem with it. The property owners will be given a key to get onto their land.

• Paid bills in the amount of \$308,629.68.

• Received business cards from Councilman Jim Williams for the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development and Travel and Tourism. The cards were printed by Nex-Tech, who volunteered to do so free of charge for two year. Mr. Williams said the company did it last year and will do so this year before the groups will have to pay. He said Nex-Tech does a lot for the community.

## NORTON Senior High:

Monday — FFA Winter Leadership at Alma, 4 p.m.; Kay Board, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Ninth Grade Girls Basketball at Oberlin, 4:30 p.m.; Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball at Oberlin, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FCCLA District Star Events at WaKeeney, 9 a.m.; SADD, a.p.

Thursday — FFA, a.p.; FCCLA, a.p.; Wrestling vs. Hill City and Osborne at Hill City, 5 p.m.

Friday — Jazz, a.p.; Rotary Scholarship Soup Supper, Cafeteria, 5-7 p.m.; FCCLA March of Dimes Cake Raffle; Ninth Grade Girls Basketball vs. Plainville, Here, 4 p.m.; Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball vs. Plainville, Here, 5 p.m.

Saturday — Forensics, Here, 7:30 a.m.; ACT Test Date, 7:30 a.m.; State Scholar Bowl at Rossville; JV Wrestling at Colby, 9 a.m.; FFA Meats Contest at Kensington, 9 a.m.

February 13 through February 19 — FCCLA Week

Sunday — FCCLA Board, 4 p.m.

Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Grade 11 State Writing Assessments

## Junior High:

Tuesday — Kay Board, a.p.

Wednesday — Faculty Meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Thursday — Wrestling vs. Plainville and Smith Center at Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.

Friday — Jay Day Demonstration Day

Next Monday — Jay Day Practice, a.p.

## Eisenhower:

Tuesday — Little Kids Dance Camp, Eisenhower Gym and Cafeteria, 3:45-5 p.m.

Wednesday — SIT, 7:30 a.m.; Little Kids Dance Camp, Eisenhower Gym and Cafeteria, 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Thursday — IEP Day; Grade 3 and 4 Meeting, 3:40 p.m.; Little Kids Dance Camp, Eisenhower Gym and Cafeteria, 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Friday — Section B Kindergarten, Valentine Parties, 2:30 p.m.

Next Monday — Early Childhood through Sixth Grade, Valentine Parties, 2:30 p.m.

## All Schools:

Monday — Inservice Day, No School

Wednesday — Administrators Meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 9:30 a.m.; Progress Reports Go Home

Next Monday — Board of Education Meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 p.m.

## Norton Junior and Senior High Menus

Monday — NO SCHOOL

Tuesday — Breakfast: Hot cereal with toppings, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chili Frito, shredded cheese, relish with dip, hot roll, pears or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Fish sandwich with tartar sauce, lettuce and tomato, green beans, peaches or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Taco salad, shredded cheese, lettuce and chopped tomato, peas, hot roll, mixed fruit or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Peanut butter and honey sandwich, pork and beans, cottage cheese, coleslaw, applesauce or chef salad, milk

## Eisenhower Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

Monday — NO SCHOOL

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuit, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Banana bread, peaches, milk; Lunch: Fish portions, cottage cheese, dill spear, baby carrots, rosy applesauce, French bread, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage patty with biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, peaches, cinnamon rolls, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Hot French toast, maple syrup, pears, milk; Lunch: Tunatini, tossed salad, pepper strips, fruit basket upset, milk

## NORTHERN VALLEY

Tuesday — Bus Drivers Meeting, Alma, 8:45 a.m.; High School Basketball vs Arapahoe at Alma, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Night, between A-team girls and A-team boys games; Dance Team performs at Halftime of A-team Boys Game

Wednesday — Western Kansas AD Meeting at Dighton, 9 a.m.; High School Academic Contest at Alma, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday — Junior High Basketball GNEC Tournament at Logan; Dance Team Practice; High School Forensics meet at Mankato, 3 p.m.

Saturday — State Scholars Bowl, TBA; High School Forensics meet at Norton, 8 a.m.

Sunday — Northern Valley Cheerleaders blow up balloons for Valentine's Day, Auditorium in Alma, 3 p.m.

Monday — Northern Valley Cheerleader Valentine Balloon Delivery to Long Island, 8 a.m.;

Dance Team Practice; Day at Capitol in Topeka, Mr. Zillinger; Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Valentine's Day Parties, 2:30 p.m.; Post Prom Meeting, Alma, Lunchroom, 7 p.m.; School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Alma, Conference Room

## Northern Valley Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Monday — Breakfast: Cherry coffee cake, banana slices, cereal; Lunch: Shaved ham/bun, tri-tator, buttered peas and carrots, strawberry/banana dessert

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage/cheese bagel, pear half, cereal; Lunch: Sierra chicken, tossed salad with dressing, corn, fruit cup

Wednesday — Breakfast: Banana bread, scrambled eggs, applesauce, cereal; Lunch: Cheese pizza, tossed salad with dressing, spinach, apple crisp

Thursday — Breakfast: Cheese biscuit with ham, pineapple ring, cereal; Lunch: Beef-n-noodles, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, green beans, pineapple ring

Friday — Breakfast: Plain muffin, sausage link, hashbrowns, cereal; Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, Little Smokies, French bread, broccoli, fruity Jello

## JENNINGS

Monday — High School Basketball at Atwood, 6 p.m.

Tuesday — High School Basketball at Wheatland, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Decatur County Spelling Bee, 10 a.m.; Cheyenne Conference Scholarship Test at Northern Valley, 12:30

Thursday — Spring Pictures, 8:30 a.m.; Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Junior High Girls Basketball at Monument, 4:30 p.m.; Junior High Wrestling at Oakley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday — High School Basketball at Oberlin, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday — Junior High Wrestling Tournament at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.

## Lunch Menus:

Monday — Beef nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli and cheese, salad bar, rolls, pineapple

Tuesday — Lasagna, corn, garlic bread, salad bar, fruit cocktail

Wednesday — Baked potatoes, broccoli/cheese, chili, salad bar, rolls, applesauce

Thursday — Super nachos, corn, salad bar, mandarin oranges, cookies

Friday — Potato/tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, salad bar, tropical fruit, brownie

Daily Breakfast Menu: Toast, cereal, milk, juice

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# Letter raises questions with county

(Continued from Page 1) said. "With this new plan, we could be forced to test every quarter. That will cost us twice as much, since we only test every six months now."

Mr. Archibald said the county also received a letter saying that its erosion and sediment control is not in evidence for the construction area at the landfill. He said the letter stated it doesn't appear that any erosion has happened yet, but precipitation could come at any time and cause erosion.

Mr. Archibald said they just needed to put up some black, plastic screens. He said he spoke with Mr. Cox, who said it's something that is going to be done, but just hasn't been taken care of yet.

In other business, the commission:

• Learned from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that he

is looking at steel prices and expects the steel to cost 50 percent more than it did last year.

• Heard from Mr. Brannan that the Road and Bridge Department will be building two bridges out of the 1998 bridge bond, two out of the 2004 bridge bond and one out of the department's general fund. The commissioners set the opening of bridge bids for Feb. 28.

• Set a sale for 2 p.m. on Feb. 28 on the courthouse steps. The sale is to auction a lot in Alma that has a vacant church on it. Mr. Brannan said he would send notices to the people who have stuff stored in and on the property.

• Went into a 20-minute closed session with Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen, Medical Technician Ruth Schillig and County Clerk Robert Wyatt to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Heard from County Treasurer Cindy Linner that she would like to get a fax machine/line for the treasurer's office. She said aside from the installation fees, which will cost about \$200-250, it would cost about \$30 a month.

Mr. Miller asked if she would get a lot of use out of it. She said she would. Mr. Wyatt agreed.

Mr. Lang said he was fine with that and Mr. Miller agreed.

• Went into a 10-minute closed session with Mrs. Linner and Mr. Wyatt to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Heard from Mrs. Linner that she received a quote from Komtek for applying a county logo to the laser printed documents for no more than \$660. The commission said they liked the idea, but decided to wait until the full board was available before making a decision.

# Risk Management Seminar

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When	Where	Time
Wed., Feb. 9, 2005	Elks Lodge, Hoxie, KS	7:00 PM
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 Mark can also be heard daily on KFRM in Kansas and KRVN in Lexington, Nebraska. In addition, Mark is a regular on the nationally syndicated TV shows Agday and Weekend Marketplace. He is an accomplished speaker having given presentations to the Kentucky State Soybean Association, Pennsylvania Corn and Bean Association, Iowa Soybean Association, North Dakota Winter show and more. Mark provides trading advice in risk management for both hedgers and speculators. Mark works extensively with the American Bankers Association and is a guest instructor for the Western States Bank School. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in Agricultural Economics. His website is [www.ehedger.com](http://www.ehedger.com).

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