

Beautician moves to new location

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

If you look in the 1999 Norton Community High School yearbook, you will find "Elicia Wicker — Best Hair".

It seems almost prophetic now that Ms. Wicker has her own hair salon in Norton.

"I always had a knack for it," she said.

"But, it wasn't until my sophomore year of college that I decided to go to beauty school.

Graduating from Crum's Beauty School, Ms. Wicker started her career at Gil's Barber Shop in 2002.

In 2003, she and a friend opened a shop on Armory Drive.

On Nov. 1, 2003, she opened her own shop, Elicia's, in downtown Norton at the corner of Main and State.

Now, she has relocated, for what she says is the last time, to her new shop at 107 N. Kansas.

With the help of Kristine Posson and her parents Gregg and Kim Wicker, the shop has a hip, upscale

decor.

"I couldn't have done it without my parents help," said Ms. Wicker. "Especially my dad. They're great."

"I would like to add a tanning bed and maybe a nail tech. Those are some of my long-term goals."

Ms. Wicker said the beauty business is always changing — especially cuts and colors.

"You really have to take classes to keep up with everything," she said.

"I go to at least one big class every year and lots of smaller ones."

She said she attends classes in Wichita, Hays and Kansas City.

Her favorite job is hair color. She also offers perms, foiling, waxing, styling, cuts and updos for proms, parties and weddings.

Ms. Wicker has a son, Aiden, 2. She says moving back to Norton was the best thing she could have done.

She can be reached at 874-4900.



Looking as much like a chemist as a hairdresser, Elicia Wicker, owner of Elicia's, mixed color for a customer. Ms. Wicker has relocated her business to 107 N. Kansas in Norton.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Ashes to mark season

Tomorrow, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent and a time of penance and prayer for Christians as they look towards the memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church will have Masses and ash distribution at 7:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Almelo, will have Mass and ashes at 5:45 p.m.

During Lent, Saint Francis will have a soup supper at 6 p.m. every Friday followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church will have a soup supper at 6 p.m. with worship service at 7 p.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a supper at 6:15 p.m. and services at 7 p.m.

Norton United Methodist Church and the Trinity Episcopal Church will each hold services at 7 p.m.

Costs of new landfill pile up as county looks at state regulations

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The new Norton County landfill just keeps getting more expensive and the commissioners are worried that state regulations are costing too much.

Geocore, the company which drilled two additional testing wells at the landfill, has submitted a proposal for the first water test at them.

The amount will be \$2,864 with the cost of preparation of the plan to cost \$1,060 and the first sample, \$1,804.

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said the wells will have to be tested every six months.

Looking over the bill Commissioner John Miller remarked on the expense of paying a geologist \$65 an hour for 13 hours work.

"You're getting charged the first time for the preparation of the plan," he said. "I'm guessing it's a printed form."

"It's going to cost us \$8,000 every six months to test these wells," Commissioner Leroy Lang asked.

Mr. Archibald said that it could cost more than that as one of the older wells isn't producing enough water.

"KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) wants us to redrill that well," he said. "But if it's just silted in we can clean it out."

The commissioners wanted to know how he knew it was silted in

and he said that is just his hope. If the well needs to be redrilled Geocore will have to return to do that.

"They are the only ones allowed to do it," Mr. Miller said.

The commissioners went out to the landfill last week and watched a demonstration of an alternative cover for the trash.

The state requires a six-inch layer of dirt be applied each night. While the dirt can be removed the next day it is both difficult and costly to do so, Mr. Archibald has told them.

With the alternative cover the trash couldn't blow and the landfill should last longer.

The cover is a treated paper he told Commission Chairman Dean Kruse, who had not been able to attend the demonstration.

The paper is treated with a flame retardant and has a green or blue color to deter birds and glue to hold it together.

"I liked it," Mr. Archibald said showing Mr. Kruse a sample.

"It looks like the stuff you used to blow in for insulation," Mr. Kruse remarked.

"It crusted up," Mr. Archibald said about the demonstration and the product is approved by the state for use as an alternative to the dirt.

"You just have to get a letter from the state saying you have to use it and once a week you have to

put in six inches of dirt for a fire break, he added.

"If this stuff won't burn and the birds don't like it, why do you have to do that?" Mr. Lang asked.

The state requires it, Mr. Archibald said.

Mr. Lang said that if the county has to put six inches of dirt on the trash each week, he didn't see how using an alternate cover the rest of the week would help that much.

"You are putting 26 feet of dirt down into the hole every year you just dug," Mr. Kruse said.

Mr. Miller suggested that Mr. Archibald call the state and talk to them about why they insist on having six inches of dirt once a week in addition to other covers, which are fire resistant.

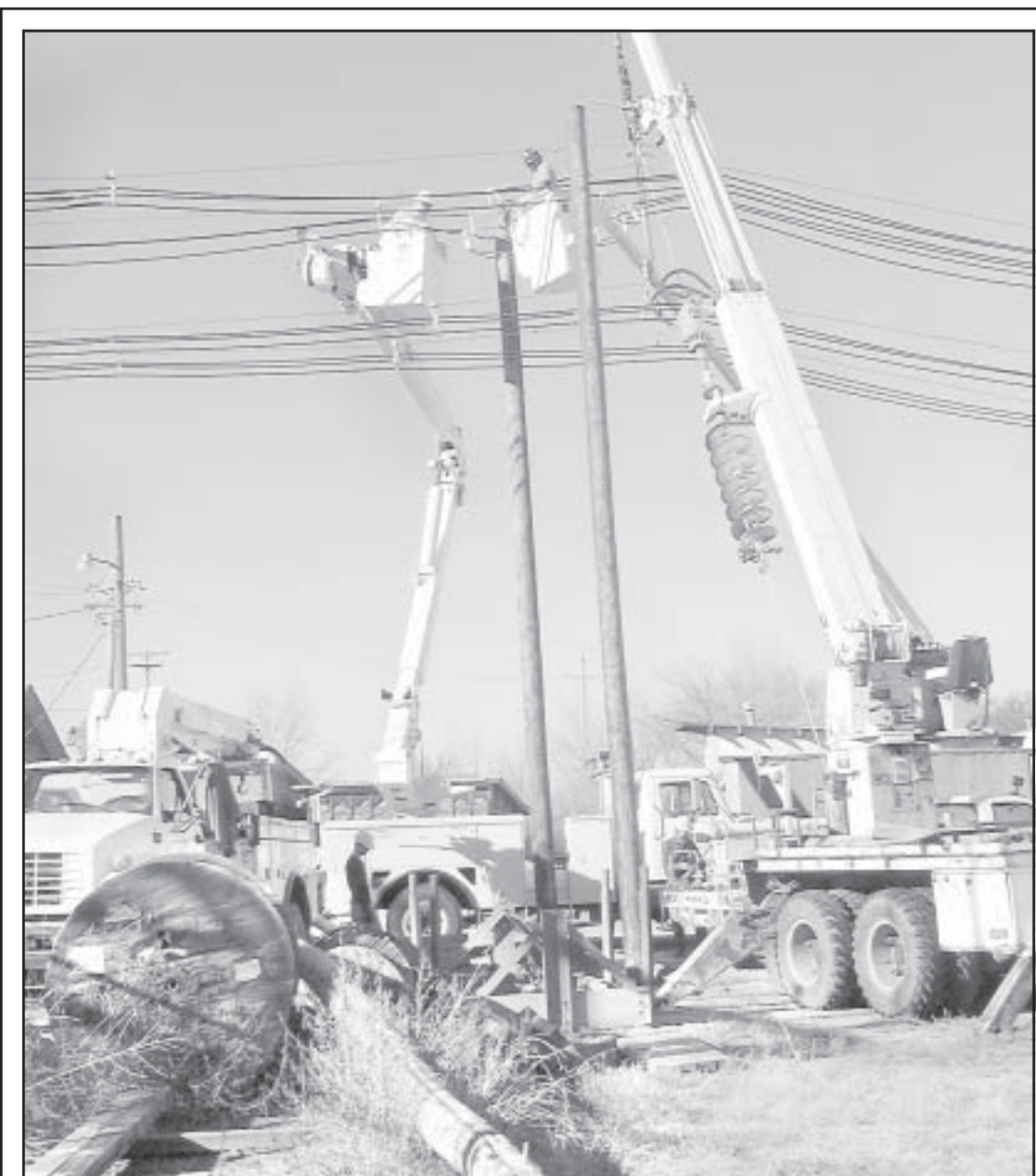
"We need a set of written rules so we can call them when we have a problem," Mr. Kruse said.

"If you get the written rules they will say that you have to put six inches of dirt on each night," Mr. Miller remarked.

"We've got so much money invested in that landfill now, and we keep putting more money in and they keep coming to us with other regulations," Mr. Kruse said. "We need to get up on our hind feet or we will be indebted forever."

"I think it's ridiculous and if it's not ridiculous, we need to know why."

Mr. Archibald said he would call the state.



City employees J.B. Carlton, left, and Brian Hickman, rode high in buckets to secure power lines while work was being done to replace one of four voltage regulator platforms at the city's power station. Mid-West Contractors, Norton, helped with the project. The work shouldn't affect anyone's power city officials said.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

CORRECTION

A story on the commissioners meeting in the Jan. 28 edition of *The Norton Telegram* said that Commissioner Dean Kruse felt that the city and county should split economic development costs 50/50. Mr. Kruse did not say this,

Commissioner Leroy Lang did. The mistake was a reporters error.

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Flowers help fight cancer

For a donation of \$5 to the American Cancer Society, you can have a bouquet of fresh daffodils delivered.

The annual Daffodil Days campaign is underway in Norton County with volunteers contacting individuals and businesses to take orders for the flowers that will be delivered in early March.

Orders for the fresh-cut flowers, in bunches of 8-10, will be taken through Friday, Feb. 18.

Gloria Heikes is the contact person in Lenora; call Laverne Graham in Alma and Jamie Wentz in Norcatur to order your flowers.

If you are not contacted, but wish to order daffodils to help raise money for cancer research, education, advocacy and patient service programs, call Norma Rumford, 877-3835 or Beverly Kindler, 877-3497.

Two young people killed in head-on wreck

A Logan High School student and a 2003 Logan graduate were killed this weekend when their trucks hit in a head-on collision.

Chassidy D. Breese, 16, Logan, and Jeff J. Chestnut, 19, Phillipsburg, both died at the scene of the accident, but Miss Breese's passenger, Eric S. Vanderwege, 18, Logan, survived and was taken to the Phillips County Hospital and then later taken to the Hays Medical Center.

The 1996 Ford Mr. Chestnut was driving hit the 1996 Chevrolet Miss Breese was driving just below the crest of a hill on Norton County Road Z, just west of the Norton/Phillips County line and about a mile south of K-9. Mr. Chestnut was driving east, while Miss Breese was going west.

Both Miss Breese and Mr. Chestnut were taken to the Norton County Hospital and then to Hays.

Miss Breese, Mr. Chestnut and Mr. Vanderwege's families were notified of the accident by the Phillips County Sheriff's Department.

None of the three were wearing a seatbelt.

Information on visitation and funeral arrangements for Miss Breese is on Page 2.

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