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Norton, Kansas
Home of Joyce Rima

Briefly

Knights to hold free fish fry

The Knights of Columbus from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church will hold a fish fry tonight at the parish hall. There is no charge for the meal and is open to anyone.

Serving begins at 6 p.m., with Stations of the Cross beginning at 7 p.m.

Toy show to be held Saturday

Hundreds of collectors and hobby fans are expected in Norton on Saturday for the 17th Annual Toy and Sports Card Show, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

Supported by the Norton Chamber of Commerce, the event is sponsored by the Norton Methodist Men's organization. Dealers display everything from sports cards to automotive, farm, trucking, construction and other toys of all sizes both new and antique.

Proceeds are used to pay for mission activities, student scholarships and contributions. Admission is \$1 for adults and free for children under 12 with an adult.

Secretary of State to visit Norton

Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh will be in Norton at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, at Town and Country Kitchen.

The meeting is open to the public and is sponsored by the Norton County Central Republican Committee.

A breakfast buffet will be available for \$5.50 per person.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows around 19. North winds 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night — Increasing clouds with lows in the upper 20s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday — Breezy and mostly cloudy with slight chance of sprinkles in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 60, Low 24
Wednesday High 63, Low 37
Thursday High 72, Low 33
Week ago High 70, Low 45
Month ago High 48, Low 39
Year ago High 63, Low 41
March precipitation 0.00 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 1.40 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, we may not say it enough, but thank you for the big and small gifts in our life. Thank you for those who teach us the importance of thanking you daily. Amen



Steven Somers (above left) and his brother David Drive at the Norton American Legion. Sarah Kimbrell, 19, Norton, (below) squeezed a rubber heart while she donated. — Telegram staff photos



Blood drive in Norton exceeds goal

Exceeding the goal of 125 units of blood by six, Red Cross Blood Drive chairwoman Laura Gilhousen declared Thursday's drive a success.

"It was the smoothest running blood drive we have had in the last five years," she said. "It only took donors 45 minutes to an hour."

She said there were actually 146 people who checked in to donate blood, but for one reason or another, 11 were deferred.

There were 131 units of blood donated, 12 from first-time donors.

The next blood drive is set for Tuesday, Sept. 13.

City may change school office lease

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council is going to be looking at its lease agreement with the Norton School District for the Alice Tweed building.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said the lease on the office was coming up and the council needed to let the school district know before April 1 if it wanted to change anything.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said if the council didn't want to change anything, then the lease agreement would be extended for another five years. He said the city pays for the building's maintenance and utilities, including water, electric, sewer and gas.

Councilman Jerry Jones said he knew

it probably wouldn't be the popular thing, but the council probably needed to look at changing the agreement. He said because of a lack of money, some of the utilities might need to be paid by the school district.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said it would probably be a good idea to look at the agreement, even if nothing was changed.

"It doesn't hurt to look at things," said Mr. Lawson.

Mrs. Mann said it is the city's building, but it is good someone is in there.

Mr. Jones said he thought the matter needed to be taken to Finance Committee, which the council agreed to do.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Mr. Lawson that *The Norton Telegram* had requested city employees' salaries using the open records policy. He said he would give the paper what was requested, but that he didn't approve of a story about public employees' salaries and so wasn't making it easy to get. He said the council should expect some calls and comments once the story is published.
- Approved a cereal malt beverage license for the Elmwood Park speedway. The alcohol will be sold in a confined area east of the grandstand and can be consumed throughout the grandstand.
- Waived the formal second reading of Ordinance No. 1543, regarding raising (Continued on Page 5)

Elections to be held on April 5

School districts, cities have jobs up for grabs

By VERONICA MONIER

Candidates for city and school board positions are getting ready for the general election, which is coming up on Tuesday, April 5.

Because most of the open boards or councils didn't have enough people file, no primary election was needed in Norton County this year. Some groups didn't even have someone file for every job, which means that a qualified write-in candidate will have to fill the seat.

If no one is elected from the ballot or by write-in, the board or council will appoint someone to fill the position until the next election, when the seat would be on the ballot again.

Also coming up is the voter registration deadline, which is 5 p.m. Monday.

The City of Norton has a candidate for each open position.

Incumbent Mayor David Corns filed for re-election and will have no opposition.

On the city council, incumbents Elaine Mann, Ward II, and Ron Briery, Ward III, both filed for re-election. In Ward I, newcomer Kelly Gaer filed for election.

None of the city council candidates will have opposition on the ballot.

The Norton School District has four positions up for election with only two filers.

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County tests tornado siren

As a part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, Norton sounded its tornado sirens Tuesday.

The drill is to make sure everything works right and to give people the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the safest place to go in case of a tornado.

People should know a tornado warning for anything over two blasts of the siren. One blast mean a rural fire, while two blasts means a city fire.



Sgt. Brant Marble

Sergeant serves country in Iraq

Sgt. Brant Marble, son of Esther Marble of Almena, is stationed in Iraq in supplies. He also served his country during Desert Storm.

Sgt. Marble graduated from Northern Valley High School in 1978.

He has a brother Blaine and wife Susie of Almena and a sister, Roxanne Melia and husband Clyde of Rozel.

Mail will reach Sgt. Marble at 74th QM, Co. Unit 91702, APO AE 09391.



Residents and guests came together in the commons area at Whispering Pines Retirement Center and Assisted Living Center Thursday for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. — Photo by Carolyn Plotts



Genny Poage pre-counted ballots Tuesday morning at the Norton County Courthouse to get ready for the April 5 general election. The counted ballots will be sent to

individual polling places, where they will be re-counted before being given out to voters at the election.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Candidates file for April elections

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Incumbent Elaine Lofgreen and newcomer Craig Renner both filed for the board. Mrs. Lofgreen filed for position six, which represents Ward III and those outside the city limits. Mr. Renner filed for position five, which covers Wards I and II.

Still open are positions two and four. Position two is a two-year term and will represent Wards I and II and is currently held by Gary Lacy. Position four is a four-year term and represents Ward III and school district residents outside the Norton city limits and is held by Anna Foley. Neither filed for election.

To run a write-in campaign for either election, candidates must be at least 18 and live in the area he or she wants to represent. In the city election, candidates must be a registered voter in the area.

The City of Almena still has one open position, but the Northern Valley School District had some-one file for each seat.

The Almena city council had two people file for election, but still has one open position.

Incumbent Monte Montgomery and newcomer Kevin Sides both filed for office.

The open city council position is a four-year term.

On the school board Glenn Brands, Blaine Marble and Alan Woodside have filed.

If Mr. Brands is elected, he will have to resign from the school board position he holds now and then someone will be appointed to fill the remaining two years left of the term. Mr. Brands moved, which is why he filed for a new position.

The City of Lenora had some-one file for every open position.

Mayor Raymond Heikes and councilmen Edwin Loyd Schoen and Daniel Mannel all filed for re-election.

On the Lenora School Board, incumbent James Ninemire and newcomer Nicole Rhea both filed for election. There is still one open four-year term position left on the board.

The City of Edmond has one city council position that no one filed for.

Newcomer Sherry Showers filed for the mayoral position, while Robert Richard, Tammy Kachel and incumbent Norma Riley all filed for the open city council positions. The open position is a four-year term.

The City of Clayton is short a mayor and two city council members.

Incumbents Carl Robinson, Richard Mather and Ralph Brook all filed for re-election, but the city still has two open seats on the council as well as the mayor's seat. The open positions are four-year terms.

City to look at school district office lease

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the municipal court fines to \$60.

- Appointed John Engelbert as the city's second at-large representative on the Norton County Economic Development Board.
- Mr. Engelbert is already on the Norton Development Committee.
- Heard from Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn that the equipment would be installed on the new police car this week. He also said Officer Asa Stiles had finished his field training program and would be going on patrol by himself.

- Learned that Mrs. Griffiths has a draft of the updated procurement policy. She said she was letting a procurement officer review it.
- Heard from Mr. Lawson that the lights at the race track are up and working.
- Set the city's clean-up week for April 18-20.
- Reminded the public there was a city sidewalk replacement program. Mr. Lawson said anyone wanting to replace their sidewalk just needed to pay for the materials and a city crew would take care of the labor. He said those inter-

ested needed to go to the city office.

Mr. Lawson also said that weeds in yards along public highways were the responsibility of the property owners and needed to be maintained.

- Learned that the power plant has two roof leaks. Mr. Lawson said he has gotten one bid and planned on getting two more. Once the bids were in, he would take it to committee.
- Heard a report on the Norton County Economic Development Board from Councilwoman

Donna Foley. Mrs. Foley said the board came up with a vision statement, which she read to the council.

- Approved the renewal of a class A pub license for the Norton American Legion.
- Went into three closed sessions lasting a total of 35 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Heard from Officer Kuhn that the community service workers have been picking up trash in the library parking lot and along Army Drive.

Time to renew 'B' tags

March is the month for renewing automobile, pickup, motorcycle and/or motorized bike tags for those whose last name begins with "B", or businesses whose name begins with "B".

You must bring in or include proof of insurance for each vehicle, which includes the vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date.

The treasurer's office will close at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 25,

for Good Friday. Regular office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The computers shut off at 4:30 p.m. to balance each day's business.

The Norton County Treasurer's office is a limited service driver's license station for renewals on regular driver's and commercial licenses.

If you have questions, please call 877-5795.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON

Senior High:

Monday — Cheer practice, 7 a.m.; Jay Singers, a.p.; Cheer parent meeting, high school gym, 6 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FFA Livestock at Oakley, 8 a.m.; Problem solving activity, a.p.; Cheer tryouts, high school gym, 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Activity period, 3 p.m.; SAC, a.p.; National Honor Society Induction, a.p.; Cheer tryouts, high school gym, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday — Artist of the Month; Immunization clinic, 9 a.m.; FFA, a.p.; FCCLA, a.p.; FCCLA story hour, 10 a.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FFA livestock, here, 9 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Eleventh-grade reading assessments; Tenth-grade science assessments

Junior High:

Monday — Pep Club, a.p.; Eighth-grade social studies assessments

Tuesday — Pep Club Dance, junior high gym, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday — Site Council, 5 p.m.

EISENHOWER:

Monday — Section A kindergarten reports; Site Council, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Spanish II Reading to third grade, 2:45 p.m.; Spanish II reading to first grade, 3 p.m.

Wednesday — Sixth grade Knowledge Master Open, band room, 3 p.m.; Team meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday — Grade 5 and 6 meeting, 7:40 a.m.; Spanish II reading to second and fourth grade, 2:45 p.m.

Next Tuesday — School resumes, section A kindergarten reports; Fourth grade science assessments

ALL SCHOOLS:

Wednesday — Grades go home

Friday — No school

Next Monday — No school

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, grape juice, milk; Lunch:

Chicken fry, potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage patty with biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Western bean bake, cheese stick, corn, Jello with peaches, cornbread, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Banana bread, peaches, milk; Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, French fries, dill spear, baby carrots, rosy applesauce, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Hard cooked eggs, toast, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Cavatini, salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread, milk

Friday — No school

High School Menus

Monday — Breakfast: Long John, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, green beans, coleslaw, pears or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Waffle stix, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken enchilada, French bread, pineapple or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Granola snack bar, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry, whipped potatoes/gravy, broccoli and cauliflower with dips, banana split dessert or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chili and crackers, salad, peaches, cinnamon bubble, or chef salad, milk

Friday — No school

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — Kansas Assessment test; Coordinated school health meeting, conference room, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Kindergarten, first and second-grades Grandparents' Day, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Post Prom meeting, 7 p.m., high school lunchroom, Almena

Tuesday — FFA Livestock and District Horse Evaluation at Oakley, 9 a.m.; Third and fourth-grade Grandparents' Day, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Kansas Assessment test

Wednesday — Kansas Assessment test

Thursday — Kindergarten play, 3 p.m., Almena, grade school gym; Kansas Assessment test; Norton County Health Department 10-year tetanus/diphtheria booster shots; Fifth and sixth-grade Easter Egg Hunt

Friday — No school.

Saturday — FFA banquet, 7 p.m., high school gym, Almena

Monday — No school, Easter break; Post Prom meeting, 7 p.m., high school lunchroom, Almena

Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Cinnamon raisin biscuit, ham, pineapple, cereal; Lunch: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes, peas and carrots, pineapple

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage in a blanket, strawberries, cereal; Lunch: Parmesan chicken, bread stick, salad, frosted pear

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, peach, cereal; Lunch: Wiener wagons, tater tots, beets, vanilla pudding

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon butterflake biscuit, sausage patty, fruit punch, cereal; Lunch: Nachos with ground beef, salad, California blend vegetable, cubed Jello cookie

Friday — No school

JENNINGS

Wednesday — Grade cards sent home with students

Thursday — Kindergarten through fourth-grade Easter parties, 2:30 p.m.

Friday and Monday — No school.

Breakfast/Lunch Menus

Monday — Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, salad bar, tropical fruit

Tuesday — Chicken patties, Doritos, baked beans, salad bar, pineapple brownies

Wednesday — Cavatini, peas, salad bar, garlic bread, peaches

Thursday — Ham patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad bar, applesauce

Friday — No school.

Daily Breakfast — Toast, cereal, milk/juice. All meals served with milk