

Tuesday March 29, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of Phillip Lesh

Briefly State official to visit Norton

Kansas Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh will be in Norton at 8 a.m. Wednesday 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.



R. Thornburgh

Cemetery looks for money, help

Fund raising efforts are still underway to help complete the beautification project at the Norton Cemetery.

Committee member Bev Klein said several clubs and organizations have been asked to provide help to set the iron posts and help plant the 15 evergreen and 15 Bradford pear trees that are expected to arrive by mid-April.

Letters asking for support have been sent but donations are welcome from any source, she said. Contributions can be sent in care of Alberta Slaby, 903 Sunset, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Change time Sunday

The days will seem a little longer next week as the clocks are turned forward an hour Sunday for Daylight Saving Time.

Sunday morning at 2 a.m. is the time to jump forward an hour. However, most people will change their clocks before going to bed on Saturday.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Windy and mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely in the evening, then slight chance of showers after midnight. Lows around 40.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 60.

Wednesday Night — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday — Breezy and mostly cloudy with highs in the 50s.

Howell report:

Friday	High 39, Low 33
Saturday	High 54, Low 31
Sunday	High 68, Low 37
Monday	High 77, Low 48
Month ago	High 41, Low 21
Year ago	High 60, Low 31
March precipitation	1.98 inches
Year-to-date precipitation	3.38 inches

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, guide us in your loving ways as we face the crossroads ahead.
Amen

Eggsactly what they were seeking

Parents and the Easter Bunny just tried to get out of the way as children made a mad dash for candy filled eggs that were scattered on the courthouse lawn Saturday. One girl (right) in the kindergarten to first grade age group reaches for an egg, while several children (below) in the preschool age group rush to fill their baskets. Not one egg or piece of candy was left after the four different age groups had finished with their hunts.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Election 2005

By VERONICA MONIER

The general election for the Norton City Council will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. next Tuesday at the American Legion.

There was no primary election in Norton this year and there will be no races as there is just one candidate per open position 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 will run unopposed.

Councilwoman seeks to finish projects

Norton City Council incumbent Elaine Mann felt that someone needed to represent Ward II, so she ran for re-election.

If elected, this will be her third two-year term.

Mrs. Mann said the council has accomplished a lot since she has been a member, including getting started on a new water plant and sewer plant, improving playground equipment, improving the cemetery and rebuilding almost all of the city's electrical lines. Hopefully, she said, the council members have also been good stewards of the taxpayers' money.

"I've been fortunate enough to be the representative of Ward II during that time," she said.

She said her goals for the next term are seeing the water

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Elaine Mann

Newcomer hopes to make things better

Kelly Gaer is running unopposed to fill the empty Ward I seat on the Norton City Council left by Councilman George Jones, who chose not to file for a second term.

Mr. Gaer said he has never served on a council or board before, but is running because he wants to keep his ward and neighborhood cleaned up. He said he also wants to get the parks in a little bit better shape for the children.

He said he spent eight years in the military and so thinks he has the discipline and knowledge to get certain things done and to treat people fairly.

He works for the Kansas Department of Transportation as a safety officer, which is what he has done since 2001.

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Kelly Gaer

Incumbent wants to continue in job

After serving on the Norton City Council for five and a half years, incumbent Ron Briery is running for re-election to his Ward III seat.

Mr. Briery was appointed to fill the remaining one and one-half years of a term. He then was re-elected twice more, and is running unopposed for a third full-term in office.

"I feel like I owe the citizens of Norton and I want to do a good job for the city," he said.

Some of the things the council has accomplished while he has been in office are getting playground equipment for Elmwood Park, getting the power plant in order, starting the process of getting new water and sewer plants, and improving the city's streets and alleys.

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Ron Briery

Insurance man voices displeasure

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

A Norton insurance agent seemed to feel he was being treated unjustly during a bid opening for insurance coverage for the Norton County/City Airport.

The airport board held a special meeting Monday at the Norton city office building to open bids for insurance coverage.

The board had received bids from Boxler Insurance, Norton; Kansas Counties Association Multi-Line Pool; and Hardy Aviation Insurance, Wichita.

While the board was examining the bid from Boxler Insurance, owner Jon Boxler said that he was withdrawing his quote.

He said that an Agents Letter of Record for Hardy Aviation had been signed by airport board chairman John Miller effectively negating his quote because of a policy which allows only one agent to present a quote from each company.

Mr. Boxler distributed copies of his bid and the agent of record letter for Hardy Aviation.

Mr. Miller said he had signed the letter, but said he had also signed one for Boxler.

Mr. Miller said that before signing the letters he had checked with the board's attorney Karen Griffiths.

Mrs. Griffiths said the representative from Hardy Aviation assured them that no

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Rabid skunks found in county

By VERONICA MONIER

Two cases of rabies in skunks have been discovered in Almena.

Norton County Health Department Director Gina Frack said both animals had been killed and tested for disease. Both skunks, shot by different people, were confirmed to be rabid.

The City of Norton's Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman said they were lucky that the two people who shot the skunks knew what they were doing. If shot in the head, a skunk usually can't be tested for the virus, she said, because it is such a small piece of

tissue that can be tested.

She said they were also lucky, because a person doesn't have to be bitten to get rabies. She said if a skunk sprays someone in the eyes, it is also possible for them to get the virus.

Mrs. Hickman said all warm blooded animals can get rabies, but most typically it is found in biting animals like dogs, cats, bats, skunks, foxes, wolves, coyotes and raccoons.

She said there are means of prevention, including vaccinating your dogs and cats; not feeding, touching or

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Norton senior Ryan Maddy looked for an opening in the Goodland defense during the Blue Jays' 67-56 win over the Cowboys on January 25. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Senior to play in all-star game

By DICK BOYD

Norton Community High School senior forward Ryan Maddy has been chosen by Colby Community College to play in the 12th annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday in the Colby Community Building.

The girls game will start at 5 p.m. and will be followed by the boys game.

Each team will consist of senior players from Northwest Kansas high schools.

Maddy, a 6-foot-2-inch forward, is a two-year Mid-Continent League all-league selection. He was leading scorer this season for Coach Doug Reusink's 15-7 Blue Jays with an average of 16.4 points per contest and was leading rebounder with 162 total for an average of 7.4 per game. He was third high on the Norton team in steals with 35 and fourth high in assists with 50.

Maddy will play with the team in dark jerseys. His teammates will

be Austin Panter, Kensington; Chad Baalman, Oakley; Tyler Turner, Phillipsburg; Matt Koelsch, Phillipsburg; Wade Knapp, Trego; Nolan Cox, Weskan; Beau Cox, Weskan; Jessie Miller, Golden Plains and Casey Miles, Hays.

Playing for the boys team with light jerseys will be Matt Augustine, Colby; Jared Dinkel, Colby; Lance Fortin, Oberlin; Jordan Vickers, Hoxie; Heath Baird, Brewster; Tyson Spears, Lucas-Luray; Ryan Stoppel, Lucas-Luray; Paul Flanders, Brewster; Mark Johnson, Healy and Grady Kessler, Quinter.

Coaches for the men's game will be Brent Flanders, Brewster and Parker Christenson, Golden Plains.

Playing for the girls team in light jerseys will be Emily Sloan, Colby; Monica Walker, Lucas-Luray; Kari Ubelaker, Osborne; Jacie Hoyt, Hoxie; Mona Shaffer, Tribune; Anna Irvin, La Crosse;

Ashley Kraft, Western Plains; Dayna Crawford, Natoma; Ariel Dunker, Rawlins County and Courtney Cox, Beloit.

On the girls team with dark jerseys will be Darcel Gronewoller, Beloit; Ashley Gasper, Tipton; Nicholl Weigel, La Crosse; Kaylaen Dittmer, Tribune; Toni Fuller, Smith Center; Stef Randa, Hays; Courtney Riedel, Trego; Andrea Horney, Brewster; Veronica Kuhlman, Oakley and Whitney Giesick, Leoti.

Coaches for the women's teams will be Bill Braun, La Crosse and Keith Wineinger, Waconda East.

Delayed telecasts of both games over KSNK-TV are scheduled. The girls game will be telecast at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, April 10 and the boys game will be telecast at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, April 17.

For more information, contact Tom Stephens, head women's basketball coach at Colby Community College, phone (785) 462-3984, ext. 269.

Little stinkers cause big problem

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adopting wild or stray animals; tightly capping your garbage cans; feeding pets inside; never leaving pets outside unattended; and keeping a pair of work gloves handy in case your pet is attacked.

If someone does have to feed their pet outside, she said bringing in the food at night is a good deterrent.

Most of the wildlife in the area that are rabies carriers are nocturnal. If there is no food around and the trash is tightly sealed, then there shouldn't be much to attract them.

She said if a person is bitten by an animal, they need to wash the wound immediately, capture or kill the animal if possible or call someone who can, and get immediate medical attention, which includes getting post-exposure vaccination.

She said once symptoms of rabies appear, it is too late and the infected person will likely die.

If a pet is exposed to an animal that might be rabid, then the owner needs to handle the pet with gloves, isolate it and call a veterinarian, so the pet can get a rabies booster shot.



To help people keep their pets immunized, a rabies clinic is being held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, April 8, and from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 9, at the Norton Animal Health Center.

She said the rabies shots will cost \$10 each, with half of the profits going to the Norton Animal Shelter.

She said pet owners can also get a parvo/distemper shot for their dogs for \$12 and a distemper shot for their cats for \$10.

She said the clinic will also have city tags, which are required by

law, for \$5 apiece.

"It's very important to keep your pets updated on their rabies shots," she said. "It can save a lot of problems."

Plant alfalfa in April or May

When is the best time to plant alfalfa? This question was investigated by Merle Witt and Curt Thompson at the K-State Research and Extension Center in Garden City.

A three-year study began in the winter of 1994 where alfalfa was seeded on Feb. 1, March 1, April 1 and May 1 at a seeding rate of 15 pounds per acre.

Witt and Thompson indicated that, because of dormancy and variable germination, delay of alfalfa seed emergence for each date was somewhat extended. Emergence began earliest for the February planting date, which also resulted in the greatest plant size on June 1 of each year.

However, the stand portion lost to freezing temperatures was high for February and declined with later plantings, with only the May 1 planting totally avoiding loss from freezing.

In conclusion, Witt and Thompson found spring planting of alfalfa generally should be delayed

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until after the danger of frost is over.

Plant loss from freezing temperatures causes severe losses in the Feb. 1 planting. Progressively later plantings improved stand survivability. The relative success of early planting dates resulted in final seed establishment percentages of 6 percent for Feb. 1, 10 percent for March 1, 28 percent for April 1, and 36 percent for May 1. This suggests April or May seedings of alfalfa will provide the best stands for western Kansas producers.

On another note, I have coordinated with 790 AM KXXX to provide an update on wheat jointing. Just as farmers call in with rainfall

reports, I am asking them to call the northwest area Extension office at (785) 462-6281 when their wheat is starting to joint. Please provide the county, variety, and planting date of the wheat. This will allow everyone to better manage their wheat by knowing when certain herbicides cannot be used and when to pull cattle off wheat.

Jointing is characterized as the time when the growing point is pushed up from the crown through the stem, which will cause a hollow stem to form below the joint. An update will be provided every Thursday on KXXX at 9:04 a.m. for the next month.

Brian Olson is Kansas State University extension agronomist for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. E-mail: bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic. For more information, contact the county extension office at 877-5755

Election 2005

Councilwoman seeks third term

(Continued from Page 1) and sewer plants well on their way to completion, which will bring the city into compliance with state health and safety regulations; working on curbs and gutters, a project that is just being started and will target the entire city; and working to get grants to repair standard housing.

Mrs. Mann is retired, but worked as the city's Chamber of Commerce director and as an al-

cohol and drug counselor for the Department of Corrections. She also worked in retail for many years.

In addition to being on the city council, she serves on the board of directors for the Court Appointed Special Advocate program; is on the vestry committee at Trinity Episcopal Church; and is chairman of God's Pantry, the Norton food bank.

She and her husband Don will

have been married for 56 years this year. They have four children, 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild on the way.

In her time off, she likes to do yard work and interior decorating, and enjoys reading.

Mrs. Mann is running unopposed. The general election will be held from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5.

Incumbent looks to continue work

(Continued from Page 1) His goals for the next term include finishing the water and sewer plants, getting the playground equipment installed and operating and getting bigger and better restroom facilities for Elmwood Park.

Mr. Briery works for the Kansas Department of Transportation in the materials department. In Sep-

tember, he will have worked for the department for 43 years, almost all of which has been in Norton.

"I worked in Russell for a week before coming to Norton," he said.

He is from Hoxie, where his parents still live.

He is on the Trinity Episcopal Church bishop's committee.

Mr. Briery and his wife Georgia

have been married for 40 years. They have one child, James, who is in Iraq, and two grandchildren, Samantha and Andrew.

In his spare time, he likes to walk, bicycle, trapshoot and scuba dive.

Mr. Briery will be on the ballot in the Tuesday, April 5 general election. The polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Newcomer seeks to help neighbors

(Continued from Page 1) He moved to Norton from Manhattan, where he was in the army, to take the job with the department of transportation.

Mr. Gaer has been married to his wife Elaine for nine years. They have a 2-year-old daughter.

In his spare time, he said he likes to go hunting.

Mr. Gaer's name will appear on the ballot in the Tuesday, April 5 general election. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Insurance man unhappy with board

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Mr. Miller added that when he signed Mr. Boxler's letter, he had not told him of any restrictions the letter might cause other agents.

Mr. Boxler left the meeting. Proceeding with the opening it

was learned that KCAMP's bid was only for property and liability and would have to be combined with other coverage.

Hardy Aviation's bid was for an annual premium of \$4,357 which included hangars keepers, special coverage for planes and equipment stored in them.

Boxler's bid was for \$6,703 and also included hangars keepers.

After considering the two viable bids, the board decided to accept Hardy's, citing the \$2,400 difference as the main reason.

The next regular meeting of the airport board will be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 11.

Norton County Weather ---- Mar 29 th - Apr 4 th						
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
60/30	53/28	55/30	65/35	70/40	75/38	65/35
Normal High 48			Sunrise 6:30 to 7:21am			
Normal Low 22			Sunset 7:04 to 8:10pm			

Storm chances this evening and shower chances tomorrow will keep monthly and yearly precipitation at or slightly above normal. Now is perfect timing for moisture, because soon we will be heading into traditionally wetter months. We have to get all we can now before the summer heat returns. After a very mild Easter Sunday and start to the week the next two days will seem cool. Clouds and a cool front will keep temperatures in the 50's through Thursday. Friday high pressure settles in and next weekend we can enjoy 70-degree weather! Spring forward one hour Saturday!

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