

Tuesday,  
April 12, 2005

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Kenny Leiker

## Briefly Senior party set for Sunday

The annual Senior Citizens Spring Fling, sponsored by the Family Career and Community Leaders of America will be 5 p.m. Sunday at the high school cafeteria. Attendees should RSVP to the high school office by 2 p.m., Thursday.

A meal will be served and entertainment will include musical performances by Norton high school students.

## Airport board to meet Thursday

The Norton Airport Board will be meeting Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Norton Airport to review the airport master plan. Acting director of Aviation for the Department of Transportation, George Laliberte will be in attendance.

## Potato supper set at senior center

Norton CARES is sponsoring a potato bar supper from 5-7 p.m., Saturday at the Senior Center.

Next week is National Volunteer Week. The program is recognizing all the volunteers that give of their time to help shut-ins in Norton.

There is no charge for the evening, but free-will donations will be accepted. Several items have been donated and will be given away during drawings held that evening.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows around 40. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Guests up to 35 mph early in the evening. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with patchy fog after midnight. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with patchy fog in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s with southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

### Howell report:

Friday ..... High 71, Low 45  
Saturday ..... High 76, Low 54  
Sunday ..... High 54, Low 41, .19 Prec.  
Monday ..... High 51, Low 34  
Week ago ..... High 82, Low 54  
Month ago ..... High 70, Low 45  
Year ago ..... High 58, Low 28  
April precipitation ..... 1.29 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ..... 4.88 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Loving God, help us to spread your good news through the lives we live. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

# Dancing the night away



Queen Claudia Lacy (above left) danced with King Aaron Overlease while Princess Shannon Jones and Prince Blake Hillebrand danced after being crowned Saturday night at the Norton Prom. Darci Darling and Lance Roe (below) showed off their finery. — Telegram photos by Charlotte Stephenson

## Students enjoy enchanted evening

Saturday night was "A Moment Like This" for Norton Community High School prom attendees.

At 11 p.m., the moment everyone had been waiting for arrived.

With parents and other prom goers looking on, the coronation committee made the announcement and placed the queen's crown on the head of Claudia Lacy and the king's crown on Aaron Overlease.

Blake Hillebrand was named prince and Shannon Jones was chosen as princess. Prom royalty is selected by a vote of juniors and seniors.

Prior to the crowning of the royalty other festivities had been planned for the evening.

First was the promenade at 6 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The formally attired young people entered the gymnasium for parents, family and friends to see. Later, they gathered in the decorated junior high gymnasium for dinner. Former teacher Peggy Stull gave the main address after the meal and before the music and the dancing started.

The prom party lasted until midnight when the action moved over to East Campus. A post prom committee of junior and senior-class parents, chaired by Kathy Holste, had the rest of the evening mapped out for the students.

Junior class sponsors are Karen Cox and Victoria Robison. Senior class sponsor is Jennifer Hauser.



# School seeks new scoreboard

By VERONICA MONIER

Athletic Director Larry Mills is working on getting a new scoreboard for Travis Field.

Mr. Mills told the Norton School Board Monday night that the scoreboard the district has is obsolete. The parts for it aren't made anymore, so replacement parts were being taken from other scoreboards like it that have been discontinued. The problem, he said, is that they are almost out of parts.

He said the scoreboard uses mechanical relays, electrical switches and small incandescent light bulbs. The new boards, for which he has received two bids, use light emitting diode (LED) lights, which are more expensive, but last practically forever.

The new boards also have 24 and 18-inch digits, tenths to be used for track timing, a time-outs remaining feature, lighted sponsored sections, football possession lights, and wireless control panels.

Mr. Mills said he received bids from Electromec in Georgia and PowerAd in Salina, whose bid is cheaper. Electromec, he said, has outstanding service. PowerAd is just getting into football scoreboards, but has done business in both basketball and baseball scoreboards. He said he wanted to talk to a couple more people before making a decision.

The new scoreboard will have sponsor

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# City OKs economic payments

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council committed itself to paying 40 percent of the Norton County Economic Development Board's budget at last Wednesday's meeting.

Councilman Jim Williams said the board had put together a proposed budget for the remainder of the year. He said it wanted to set itself up with an interlocal agreement similar to the one the city has with the county for jail and dispatch services.

The board would have an interlocal agreement with all of the local governments involved, including the city, county, Alma, Lenora, Clayton and Edmond.

Councilman Ron Briery said the maximum amount the budget would be for the remainder of this year was \$66,400, 40 percent of which the city would agree to pay. That figure, he said, was for eight months, but it could be a shorter time and so a smaller budget.

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# Norton takes state BB gun championship

By DICK BOYD

The Norton County Rotary BB gun team lived up to the town's long-time winning tradition with a steady team performance on Saturday to win the 40th annual Jaycees State BB Gun Shooting Championship in the Flint Hills Christian School gymnasium in Manhattan.

It was the 36th state BB gun championship for Norton, which did not compete in 1982.

Since the top three teams from Kansas towns qualify to compete in the Daisy/Jaycees International BB Gun Championships in Bowling Green, Ky., on July 1-3, Norton will return to the international shoot for the 36th time.

Teams from Norton have won the international title eight times, more than any other team in the world.

Norton's team has always been sponsored by the Jaycees but the Jaycees chapter no longer exists so the Rotary Club has taken over the sponsorship.

The Norton Yellow team, with a former international team member and two former international alternates, took an early lead with a score of 482 out of a possible 500 points on the written test, which accounts for 20 percent of the team score.

The first shooting position was the prone, or easiest position. The Norton shooters scored 467 and placed third behind Ark City No. 1, 474, and Manhattan Purple, 470.

Norton held a slim 949-948 lead over Manhattan and Ark City was third with 934.

Next, came the standing, the hardest shooting position. The Norton shooters extended their lead.

Norton tallied a 438 compared to a 436 by the Flintheil Junior Shooters No. 1.

Ark City No. 1 recorded a 417 and Manhattan shot a 413 in standing.

After standing competition, Norton led with 1,387. Manhattan was second with (Continued on Page 6)



Norton Head Coach Dan Lauer loaded the BB gun for Yellow team member Nish Millan during marksmanship from the sitting position in the State BB Gun Championships. — Photo by Dick Boyd

# Logan attends first meet

The first meet of the Logan High School's track season was Friday at the Norton Invitational. The Trojans placed sixth on the women's side with 39 points, and seventh in the men's division with 30 points.

"Everyone competed well in a very tough opening meet," said Coach Linda Nighswonger. "There were several individuals who achieved career bests in the respective events, which was great to see this early in the season."

In the men's division, Bryant Reese placed in three events. He was third in the high jump at 6 feet, fifth in the triple jump, 36-8, and sixth in the long jump at 17-10.

Other Trojans placing at the meet include: Tim McElroy, second place, shot put, 45-9; Zack Sammons, fourth, shot put, 44-2, and sixth, javelin, 146-5; Kyle Brobst, fifth, 400-meter dash, 56.73 seconds; and the 4x800-meter relay team of Tanner Pabst, Kevin Burge, Brobst and Kevin Pinkerton, third, 9:21.

In the women's division, the Lady Trojans placed three in the 800-meter run — Lanee Webb, first, 2:32.73; Bethany Clements, second, 2:40.87; and Shelley Kemper, sixth, 2:47.96.

Other placers include Megan Brumbaugh, fifth, javelin, 88-3; and Anne Hartman, fifth, 100-meter dash, 13.56.

The women also placed in all three relays: the 4x100-meter relay team of Brumbaugh, Jenny Archer, Darci Goddard and Hartman, fifth, 55.89; the 4x400-meter relay team of Clements, Hartman, Kemper and Webb, third, 4:35.42; and the 4x800-meter relay team of Clements, Archer, Kemper and Webb, second, 10:01.09.

The next meet for the Trojans is the Stockton Invitational today. Next Tuesday, Logan will compete in the Eastern Heights meet to be held in Logan, starting at 3 p.m.



Northern Valley's Kelli Cole ran well in the hurdles at the Norton Invitational last Friday to place fourth in the 300 meter hurdles in 54.25 and fifth in the 110 hurdles in 17.93. Kelli also placed first in the high jump with a leap of five feet.

—Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Husky track teams do well at Norton

The Northern Valley track and field teams opened their season Friday at the Norton Invitational with the women's team placing fifth with 48 points and the men's taking sixth place with 60 points.

Scoring for the Huskies were:

First place — Kelli Cole, high jump, 5 feet;

Second place — Joey Copper, 110-meter high hurdles, 16.12 seconds, and triple jump, 39; Jesse Hilburn, 300-meter hurdles, 43.68, and high jump, 6; and Lindsey Graham, shot put, 32-11;

Third place — Thomas Ostmeyer, long jump, 19-1.5; Avery Thalheim, javelin, 160-1; Graham, javelin, 95-4; and Clarke Nelson, pole vault, 11-6;

Fourth place — Cole, 300-meter hurdles, 54.25, and triple jump, 29-4; Jesse Hilburn, 110-meter high hurdles, 17.15; Joni Hilburn, pole vault, 7; Graham, discus, 103-9; and women's 4x800-meter relay team of Andrea Lowry (3:10), Janelle Fritz (2:52), Amanda Hopkins (3:04) and Kylenea Hager (3:11), 12:09.68;

Fifth place — Cole, 110-meter hurdles, 17.93; and men's 4x800-meter relay team of Cody Lowry (2:23), Thalheim (2:27), Bryce Marble (2:21) and Casey Dole (2:26), 9:39.09;

Sixth place — Ostmeyer, 100-meter dash, 11.68; Jessie Redeker, long jump, 13-9; Marble, 3,200-meter run, 11:45; men's 4x100-meter relay team of Ostmeyer, Jesse Hilburn, Copper and Nelson, 47.40; women's 4x100-meter re-

lay of Hager, Hopkins, Jessica Largent and A. Lowry, 1:00.84; men's 4x400-meter relay team of Nelson (59.91), Henry Griffiths (58.71), Chase Miller (67.44) and C. Lowry (59.46), 4:05.53.

Others competing were: Griffiths — 300-meter hurdles, 54.00; 200-meter dash, 26.70; long jump, 17-7; triple jump, 31-4; Copper — 300-meter hurdles, 48.09; Chase Miller — 300-meter hurdles, 53.68; 200-meter dash, 27.18; Nelson — 100-meter dash, 12.05; Chris Lee — 100-meter dash, 13.84; 400-meter dash, 1:10.28; high jump, 5-2; Ostmeyer — 200-meter dash, 24.28; Cody Hardy — 400-meter dash, 1:12.27; long jump — 15-4; Chance Miller — 400-meter dash, 1:14.05; shot put, 35-10; javelin, 115-5; Casey Dole — 800-meter run, 2:37; C. Lowry — 1,600-meter run, 5:40; Blake Johnson — 1,600-meter run, 6:15; 3,200-meter run, 13:25; Fritz — 1,600-meter run, 6:40; 3,200-meter run, 15:07; Andrew Sheley — discus, 118-6; shot put, 41-5; javelin, 133-2; Cameron Duede — discus, 91-5.5; shot put, 34-4.5; Hopkins — triple jump, 28-7; Largent — 400-meter dash 1:23; Redeker (77.54), A. Lowry (75.8), Hopkins (76.77) and Hager (80.19) — women's 4x400-meter relay, 5:10.56.

The Northern Valley team is competing in the Triplains Invitational today and will travel to Logan for the Eastern Heights Invitational for a 3 p.m. start next Tuesday.

# Norton commits to paying 40 percent of economic bill

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He said the council could commit to 40 percent of the board's budget for the rest of this year, but would have to have a firm figure for next year so it could put it in the budget.

Councilman Jerry Jones asked where the money would be coming from to pay for this, since it wasn't budgeted.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said it had been discussed before that the money would come from sales tax revenue this year, and then there probably would need to be a mill levy in the future.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said she wanted to make sure they were just talking about commit-

ting to a percentage at the moment, rather than an actual figure.

Mr. Briery said it was.

The council accepted the proposed budget and said the city would pay 40 percent of it up to \$66,400 this year.

In other business, the council:

- Heard that city crews will be flushing hydrants on Friday and that the city-wide clean-up is set for Monday-Wednesday, April 18-20. Mr. Lawson said the water will not be at its best while the hydrants are being flushed.
- Waived the formal third reading of Ordinance No. 1543, regarding increasing the municipal court fines from \$56 to \$60. The

council then adopted the ordinance as written.

- Heard from Mayor David Corns that he went to the library board meeting, where the board reviewed the monthly financial report. He said Roofmasters had recently fixed leaks in the roof but, after Tuesday's rain, more leaks were found.
- Heard that the Bradley Sterrett estate does not have enough money left in the estate to satisfy a bequest to the city
- Heard from Mr. Lawson that installation of the playground equipment for Elmwood Park has been scheduled for the week of April 25 and that the Lions Club

has been notified.

- He said he's also talked to Overlease Construction about getting an estimate for new restrooms in the park.
- Learned that Joy Lauer has been hired as the 2005 pool manager.
- Heard that Kansas Department of Transportation Aviation Division's George Laliberte will be at the Norton City/County Airport at 5 p.m. on Thursday to talk about the master plan and discuss future projects.
- Approved about 300 feet of sidewalk replacement at 313 W. Lincoln for the Community Full Gospel Church.

- Heard that City Clerk Darla Ellis has completed the necessary work to have a second level membership in the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Master Municipal Clerk Academy.
- Approved about 60 feet of sidewalk replacement at 319 W. Main for Glenda D. Hahn. Mr. Lawson said the city planned on working on the street at the same time.
- Learned from Mr. Corns that the February sales tax receipts were \$14,111 for the city and \$12,174 for the county for a total of \$26,285 which compared to last year's total of \$32,857. The year-to-date total is \$88,247. Last year's total was \$90,175.

# School to get new scoreboard

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sections, but, he said, he didn't want to name the sponsors just yet, because he hasn't heard from all of them.

"It hasn't been difficult to get sponsors," he said. "People were really happy to help."

The school board accepted the offered or yet to be offered donations and gave Mr. Mills permission to pick the board he feels would be best.

In other business, the board:

- Learned from Superintendent Greg Mann that student information and performance system will be held in August with administrative training set for Aug. 2 and the rest of the staff to be trained Aug. 15-16.
- Heard a presentation from Junior High Site Council representative Brian Carlton. He said the site council focuses on school improvement, state funding and Mid-Continent Elementary League scheduling. He said the council gets a lot of help from the teachers.
- Adopted the revised general fund budget. The state auditor found that the district has 0.2 more student full-time equivalency than it had originally budgeted. Mr. Mann said the increase equaled \$773 that could be added to the general fund budget authority.
- Reviewed rewritten job descriptions for the district's staff. Mr. Mann said job descriptions needed to be updated every year, something that hadn't been done for a long time.
- He rewrote the descriptions using many sources and then, once he had a rough draft, sent them to the staff to get anything he missed. He said the issue would be brought up again at the May meeting and that no action needed to be taken right now.
- Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss negotiations.

**Norton County Weather ----- April 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
63/35	68/38	70/38	68/35	58/33	65/38	70/43

Normal High 62      Sunrise 6:57 to 7:06am  
Normal Low 34      Sunset 8:14 to 8:21pm

**Another .25" to 75" fell across the region Sunday and Monday keeping yearly precipitation totals at or slightly above normal. Today and tomorrow will be perfect, then winds increase Thursday and Friday, ahead of our next storm system. Showers and storms will be possible Friday night and Saturday. This time of year any storm could reach severe levels, so be prepared. Extended forecasts have April being wet, which is great news for this year's wheat crop.**

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