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# Sports:

Norton K-18 team plays Smith Center, 12 and Under team takes two wins. Area runners compete in Riverless Run.

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June 10, 2005

Norton, Kansas  
Home of J.D. Daffer

## Briefly



## Swimming lesson sign-up next week

Red Cross swimming lessons will be held Monday, June 20, to Friday, July 1, and Monday, July 18, to Friday, July 29.

Enrollment will be 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the shelter, west of the pool. Swimmers must be at least 4 years old.

Cost for each session is \$15. There will be a \$5 fee for late enrollments.

The class schedule is: Level V and VI, 9-9:30 a.m.; Level IV and V, 9:40-10:10 a.m.; Level III and IV, 10:20-10:50; Level I, II and III, 11-11:30 a.m.; and Level I, II and III, 11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

No phone enrollments will be accepted.

## Church set to hold day camp

The Norton Christian Church will be holding a day camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday for first through fourth graders.

The theme will be "God's Perfect Promises" and will be supervised by Youth Minister Cody Shepherd and summer intern Abigail Rhodes.

Stop by the church at 208 N. Kansas by Monday to register.

Activities will include a Bible lesson, singing, crafts, games, a field trip, lunch and a snack. The cost is \$3 per child.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall. Lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds up to 10 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms after midnight.

### Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 91, Low 61  
Wednesday ..... High 85, Low 60  
Thursday ..... High 80, Low 60, .72 Prec.  
Week ago ..... High 76, Low 59  
Month ago ..... High 82, Low 55  
Year ago ..... High 90, Low 69  
June precipitation ..... 2.43 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ..... 9.83 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, help us to see life from your perspective. Amen

# School close to getting new principal

By VERONICA MONIER

All that's needed for Eisenhower Elementary to have a new principal is the approval of the Norton School Board.

Superintendent Greg Mann said they had 12 applications and an additional six to eight inquiries for the position, which was held by Larry Hillman for the past five years.

Mr. Hillman is retiring after 34 years with the district.

Mr. Mann said the interview committee, which was made up of himself, two

members of the Eisenhower Elementary Site Council, two board members, and three teachers, interviewed three candidates.

He said before being interviewed, the candidates toured the community, grade school, junior high and high school.

The committee offered the contract to Corey Roy, an assistant high school principal in Burlington, Colo.

"We had a lot of great applicants," he said. "But, Mr. Roy had the best experience."

Mr. Mann said not only does Mr. Roy have the experience needed, but he is also very outgoing, has a tremendous work ethic, and has a strong desire to do what's best for the students.

"His level of experience really set him apart," he said. "We're really happy to have him coming here. A person of that caliber and with that experience will be a great asset to our district."

Mr. Roy, he said, has been a special education administrator and has also been either a principal or vice principal in el-

ementary, junior high and high school.

Mr. Mann said Mr. Roy has signed the contract, and if the board approves it, he will begin work Aug. 1.

He hopes to move to Norton sometime in July and plans to attend the July school board meeting.

Mr. Roy is a graduate of Smith Center High School. He earned a bachelors' degree in elementary special education and a masters degree in administration from Fort Hays State University.

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## There's lots to do at Bible school

Ida Cochran, Almena, helped Justus Severns and Dustin Harting, Norton, (right) with prayer drums during crafts class at the Church of God's Vacation Bible School on Thursday. Children attending the Bible school were served "kid-friendly" lunches everyday at noon. Pastor Terry Worthington (above) helps a young Bible school student eat his corndog.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



## Chamber board learns more money is needed for fireworks

The Norton Chamber of Commerce Board had a full schedule on Wednesday for their monthly meeting.

President Carol Erlenbusch called the meeting to order at the Town and County Kitchen.

Chamber Director Karla Reed reported that a golf tournament held May 22 was a success with 25 teams.

"Everybody had a real good time," Ms. Reed reported.

She said she has nominated Next-Tech/Rural Telephone for the Governor's Award of Excellence for all their civic activities. The awards presentation will be Tuesday at the Colby City Limits Convention Center.

Marvin Matchett, manager at KQNK Radio, commended Ms. Reed for her hard work this past year. He thanked her for all her efforts.

Members discussed the KQNK Expo. The Chamber sponsors a booth

at the annual farm and home show.

President Erlenbusch told the board there is little in the treasury for the annual fireworks display at Sebelius Reservoir.

"The Fourth of July is coming and we need money, money, money for the fireworks display," she said.

Donation canisters have been placed in both grocery stores, the Chamber office and at Dairy Queen.

Upcoming events for the Chamber include:

- Disc Golf Tournament, June 19
- The Car Show, July 8-9
- Norton County Fair
- Crazy Day, July 30
- Ribbon cuttings for Edward Jones, Waddell and Reed and the Norton National Guard Armory.

The next meeting will be at noon, July 13, at Town and Country Kitchen.

## Landfill to open as soon as road to bottom is finished

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The new Norton County landfill will be opened as soon as the new road into the pit is finished and the paperwork is completed.

Representatives of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment were out last week to inspect the facility and they told county commissioners that the site looked good.

However, the road into the bottom of the pit is still being finished. The pit was originally designed by the engineers to have trucks dump from the top but the commissioners and Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said they thought that would allow too much trash to blow away. To combat the blowing problem the trucks will dump at the bottom of the pit.

Mr. Archibald told the commissioners at their meeting on Monday that asphalt millings are being put on the road to keep it from getting too muddy.

He also told the commissioners that GeoCore, the company which tests monitoring wells for contaminants at the landfill, wants a new contract because the county has added three new wells to comply with state requirements. That brings the county up to nine monitoring wells at the new dump site.

GeoCore is asking for \$5,300 plus \$1,000 in extra costs each time it tests the wells. The company has been testing the county's wells for \$3,900 plus extras each six months.

The commissioners asked that Mr. Archibald look to see if there is anyone else doing testing on wells.

In other business, the commissioners: • Learned that Mr. Archibald has had to call on a consultant to fix an apparent bug in the new computer program in use at the landfill.

Mr. Archibald said that the new pro-

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## New park equipment is a big hit

Norton held a grand opening for its new playground equipment Tuesday. Because they are the reason for the new equipment, Norton's children (above) were a big part of the opening, lining up to be a part of the ribbon cutting. One little girl (right) ignored a broken arm to climb up and play.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



## Air conditioning on county's mind

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health department for a two-ton unit. He said the cost of the new unit would be cheaper, because Lennox gives a discount for that tonnage, but doesn't for the one-and-a-half-ton unit. He said he bid a one-and-a-half-ton because that is what was there now.  
As for the ambulance building, he said a five-ton unit is the biggest they could install with the heating system. He said they should be all right with one five-ton unit as long as they don't leave the doors open.  
The SEER rating, he said, is how much energy it takes to run a machine.

The 12 SEER uses less energy than the 10, which is standard.  
"The easiest way to explain it is if you have a 6-SEER unit and a 12-SEER unit, the 12 SEER uses exactly half of the energy it takes to run the 6 SEER," he said. "Usually, in the end, it's worth it."  
The bid for a 12-SEER unit for the ambulance barn, he said, is \$500 more at \$2,695.  
The commissioners accepted both bids from Norton Sheet Metal.  
In other business, the commissioners:  
• Heard that Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen and Mrs. Schillig

were going to a three-day director's workshop.  
• Told Mrs. Schillig that the surveys that had been sent out in hopes of getting a grant for a new ambulance barn needed to take top priority so the application could get in on time.  
• Signed a three-month WIC contract for the health department. Mrs. Frack said when the contract expires, there will be a one-year contract. She said they were doing it this way so the contract could match the federal year. She said WIC is a program that helps low income mothers get food, milk and other necessities.

## Landfill okayed to open once road finished

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gram has been a lot better than the old one but a few items are not adding up and some people, who have paid cash, are getting billed for small amounts.  
• Visited with Jim Copper, Almena, about a new oak table he is making for the commission room.  
The new table, which will be ready about Aug. 1, will be 4-feet, 6-inches-by-11-feet and will come in two parts, which will be assembled in the commission room.  
The commissioners are replacing their 3-by-8-foot table because it is too small, they say, for their

papers, especially when the county attorney is at the meeting and several people come in to talk.  
• Heard from Commissioner John Miller that he has been told by several people they like the remodeling in the county treasurer's office.  
• Were told by County Treasurer Cynthia Linner that the county received \$21,500 in sales tax receipts from the state. This is from sales in February, which were remitted to the state in March. It then takes another two months for the state to get it to the counties.  
• Learned that Alan Hale's contract as county appraiser is up for

renewal on June 30. If the county chooses to use him as the county appraiser again, the new contract will last from July 1 to June 30, 2009. He said he has completed all of the educational requirements needed to be appointed appraiser.  
Mr. Hale is the appraiser for Norton, Phillips and Decatur counties. He said he is speaking to the other counties also about their contracts.

## Bridge tournament ends for another year

By JAKE DURHAM

Yes, it is true, all good things come to an end, and so it was at the conclusion of the third round of the 16th annual Norton National Bridge Tournament.

The good thing about each tournament is the camaraderie that develops between opponents and teammates. Family teams played with other couples with old friends and new. The respect that develops is priceless.

There's always that feeling of necessity as the third round play begins as it's now or never.

As the scores were posted and totaled, there was some thought and discussion about why some teams always seem to be consistently high, and the consensus of opinions were, they bid their hands to the maximum, what ever that may be, maybe a leg, maybe a game, maybe a slam.

Although the third and final rounds of past tournaments have produced some amazing results, it was obvious this year's champions would be determined in the final round.

The leading team of father and daughter, Nancy Brown and Jim Frey was only 30 point ahead of

defending champions Sam and Bonnie Manning, and only 90 points ahead of Claudia Bridges and Ivy Roland. With teams scoring 4,000 points or more a round, anything could happen and there was optimism throughout.

Going into the final round, the top five teams and scores in order were 1. Brown and Frey, 8,000; 2. The Mannings, 7,970; 3. Claudia Bridges and Ivy Roland, 7,810; Joyce Sumner and Larry Sumner, 7,500; 5. Shirley Erbert and Myron Veh, 7,380.

The lead changed several times and it wasn't until the final hand the outcome was determined, with the top five teams and their scores:

1. Brown and Frey, 12,740; 2. Bridges and Roland, 12,550; 3. The Mannings, 11,650; 4. The Sumners, 11,370; and 5. Jackie Porter and Mary Jane Wahlmeier, 11,070.

It was the second championship for the team of Frey and Brown as they were champions year before last.

Last round substitutes were: Bill Bushnell for Ann Schultz, Jerry and Marie Moritz for Richard and Marcia Wiltfong, and Merris Brooks for Cynthia Matson.

## Two eye care employees pass examinations

Pat Hillebrand and Kathy Carlin, employees of optometrist Karen Aldridge at Prairie Wind Eye Care Clinic have passed their certified paraoptometric examination administered by the American Optometric Association.

To qualify for the exam, both

had to work for an eye doctor for at least six months. They took a year-long course which covered pre-testing, frame styling and adjusting, contact lens wear, office procedures, eye anatomy and equipment usage.

## Surveys high priority to service

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Emergency Medical Service personnel are working to get most of the surveys back that they need to apply for a Community Block Grant to get a new ambulance barn or renovate the old one.

A community needs to prove that it has a high percentage of low income families, as defined by federal guideline, to apply for the grants.

The City of Norton and the county ambulance service have gone together to get the surveys out more than 2,000 in the community in hopes of being able to apply for grants.

Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen told the county commissioners on Monday that they have sent all of the surveys out and have gotten about 1,000 of them back. However, the

state requires 80 percent so they need to get another 850 back. However, Mr. Nielsen said he wants to get 1,000 more surveys, or about 90 percent.

"I know we need 80 percent but I would like to have 90 percent just in case," he said. "I know it will fluctuate a little bit."

Mr. Nielsen said they are getting more surveys every day. However, he said, after June 15 he is planning to get his people to go door-to-door with extra surveys to get the needed number. People who need surveys before then can call the ambulance building and someone will get them one.

He said he hopes to have the surveying done by July 1 so the next step in the application process can go forward.

After getting the survey back he said they have to be separated into categories including the disabled,

Hispanic, African-American and multi-family dwellings.

Mr. Nielsen said he doesn't know why the state requires the separation, it just does.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Were told by Mr. Nielsen that he was to hold a public meeting in Lenora on Monday to see if there is any interest in starting an emergency medical technician or first responder class there.

• Found out that the ambulance barn was broken into over the weekend and a small amount of money taken. Mr. Nielsen said he had the lock replaced and the security tightened. He said the staff did inventory and nothing but the cash was taken.



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## Grade school close to getting new principal

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Mr. Mann said Mr. Roy's wife, Gail, has accepted the K-3 at-risk tutor job at Eisenhower. He said she is a certified special education teacher and has worked with high needs students.

The Roy's two children will be going to school in the district. Katherine will be a freshman and Bethany will be an eighth grader.

Mr. Mann said there were no in-house candidates for the job because the district had no teachers certified to be an elementary principal.

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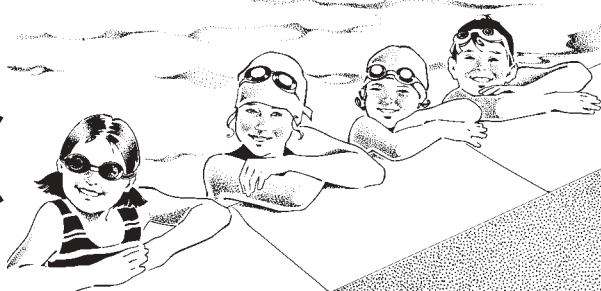
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Ice Cream Social  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 12**  
Swimming Pool Park  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
FREEWILL DONATIONS

### CITY OF NORTON

## Red Cross Certified Swimming Lessons

Lesson Enrollment will be at the Shelter West of the Pool on **Wednesday, June 15 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and 5-7 p.m.**  
NO PHONE ENROLLMENTS, PLEASE — THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 FEE FOR LATE ENROLLMENTS

**First Session:**  
JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>



**Second Session:**  
JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>

*Cost of Each Session is \$15.00. Must Be 4 Years of Age or Older*

### CLASS SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

9:00-9:30: Level V and Level VI • 9:40-10:10: Level IV and Level V  
10:20-10:50: Level III and Level IV  
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