

Tuesday  
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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Roger Hardiek

## Briefly

### 4-H fashion starts today

Judging of 4-H clothing construction projects will take place at 2 p.m. this afternoon at the 4-H Building. The clothing buymanship judging will be at 5:30 p.m. The 4-H Fashion Revue, where the clothing and outfits will be modeled, is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday evening at the 4-H Building.

### Costumes, trivia to be at library

Harry Potter fans, seventh through twelfth grade, are invited to a costume contest and trivia night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Norton Public Library. You are to dress as your favorite Harry Potter character. Surprise snacks will be served.

### Support group set to meet

The monthly meeting of the military support group will meet at 4 p.m., Wednesday at Adventures In Eating, Norton. If you have a friend or loved one serving in the military, you are invited to attend. For more information contact Lavonne Otter.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows around 70. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
**Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs around 102. West winds up to 10 mph.  
**Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds up to 10 mph.  
**Thursday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 104. South winds up to 10 measing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

### Howell report:

Friday ..... High 98, Low 67  
Saturday ..... High 99, Low 71  
Sunday ..... High 104, Low 64, Prec. .93  
Monday ..... High 90, High 68  
Week ago ..... High 96, Low 69  
Month ago ..... High 86, Low 70  
Year ago ..... High 101, Low 67  
July precipitation ..... 2.68 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 13.20 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Thank you, God, that through dealing with our faults we allow you to display your power and grace. Amen



Anthony Anderson (above) grooms his cat, "Calico" before the judge, veterinarian Sarah Ketterl-White, takes a look at her during Monday's 4-H Dog, Cat and Pet Show. CeDoris McMullen (below) reaches out to pet the soft fur of Marc Miller's chinchilla, "Snowball". Dog show judge, Roxanne Kent (right) carefully inspects Max, a golden retriever/Labrador mix, shown by Johnnye Ruder. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



## City council is concerned with safety

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Norton City Council would like to slow down vehicles using KQNK Road but isn't sure how to go about it.

During a meeting last week the council learned there have been some complaints about increased traffic on the curvy road that goes under a bridge and leads out to KQNK Radio Station east of Norton.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said there is a 30 mph speed limit on the road but increased traffic and lack of visibility is a problem.

He said the city could put up double yellow lines to prevent passing but he didn't think they would be obeyed.

Someone suggested rumble strips to slow things down but Mr. Lawson said

they're not considered a good idea on that type of road and mainly they just hold water.

Council member Jerry Jones asked Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn if there have been many accidents on the road. Officer Kuhn said the only time the police department has any trouble with accidents out there is in the winter when the road is icy.

Because of the location of the road, it would be too expensive to move it, Mr. Lawson said.

"It's just one of those poor situations," Mr. Jones said.

The council is hoping to help a new business as it authorized a 3.2 beer license, contingent on a favorable report by the

city police and city prosecutor, for what used to be called the State Street Steakhouse.

The former restaurant has been closed for several years but a group called Flat Mountain Enterprises is trying to renovate it and call it Attitudes, City Clerk Darla Ellis said.

Applying for the license were Lindy Hyke, Richard W. Meyers, Jan Meyers and Troy Meyers.

Jan Meyers told the council that they are planning to open a bar and get a liquor license from the state, then clean the restaurant up and hopefully, open it in the future.

The council also discussed a complaint letter it had received from Norton County (Continued on Page 5)

## County builds road into landfill pit

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Norton County commissioners accepted a bid of \$7,470 to build a road into the new landfill pit.

Contractor Doug Whitney told the commissioners that if he can get some plastic drain pipe to use instead of metal, he might be able to lower the price a little bit.

Mr. Whitney also asked if he could get culverts from the county road and bridge department for the project. He said he would replace the culverts but if he could get ones the county already has it will speed up the construction of the road, which will have a four to one slope so that it will drain well without being too steep

on the sides.

The commissioners said they didn't have a problem with the exchange of culverts.

"I'd say we just need to get it done, the sooner the better," Commissioner John Miller said, indicating that the road is needed before the county can open the new facility.

"Just get it done," Mr. Miller said. "We'll work with you. We need to get this project done."

Mr. Whitney said he would be putting asphalt millings on the road instead of gravel to help with erosion and maintenance.

"You use Whitney common sense to get

it done," Mr. Miller said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Learned that Geocore has tested the groundwater wells around the landfill and there were no changes.

- Were told by Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald that he has sent out bid requests to other well testing companies but hasn't received any replies yet. The wells will need to be tested for groundwater contamination again in January, he said.

- Learned that Mr. Archibald was asked to attend a Kansas Department of Health and Environment meeting in Topeka on revising landfill siting restrictions.

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## Fun Day Show starts fair's horse events

The Norton County Fair horse show events are coming up.

This year's Fun Day Show will take place on Saturday, with entry check-in at 8 a.m. and the show beginning at 9 a.m. The show will be held at the Equine Facility Arena in Elmwood Park.

Pre-entries are requested in the Extension office by 5 p.m. Thursday. Entrants need only fill out one section of a tri-section pre-entry card.

The show is open to youth and adults of Norton and other counties. Events that will be held include showmanship, western horsemanship, trail, reining, poles, barrels and pair sack races. Main superintendents are Cindy and Bruce Wegener and Cindy Lowry.

The 4-H and FFA Youth Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, with entry and check-in at 8 a.m. The show will begin with the halter, showmanship and pleasure classes.

Entry cards are due in the Extension office by Thursday. Only two sections per entry are needed.

The Ranch Rodeo, sponsored by the Norton County Horse Council will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 28 and the Jackpot team roping will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27.



# Woman will celebrate 100th birthday

# Council gets letter from commission

By LAURA LEIGH BROOKS  
Granddaughter of Nelle Guthrie, Norton  
Lifelong Norton County resident Nelle Guthrie will turn 100 years-old Thursday. Forty of her children and grandchildren gathered around her Saturday at the Andbe Home to help her celebrate.

Nelle is the eleventh, and youngest child, of George Washington Jones and Valena Dannevik Jones. She was born in 1905, at the family's homestead southeast of Norton and has lived her entire life in Norton County.

Nelle attended first through eighth grades southeast of Norton at Mount Carmel and completed one year of high school in Edmond before taking normal training in Norton to become a teacher. She met her future husband, Art Guthrie, while she was still a schoolgirl. He was dating her teacher at the time and had come to the school Christmas party to help the students decorate the tree. Years later, Nelle told a granddaughter that she thought he was the most handsome man she had ever seen.

From 1924 to 1928, Nelle taught at several area schools and boarded with nearby families, riding her horse to and from the schoolhouse every day. She began at District 60 and stayed with the Lambert family during her tenure there. Later, she taught at Mount Zion. Among her students were Don Moody, Leo Moody, Rita (Moody) Bieber, Helen Conard, the Mannerses, and the Mechsners.

Nelle was seeing Art Guthrie regularly during this time. Art wanted a family and he wanted to farm, but farm prices had fallen by 40 percent in 1920, and remained low throughout the '20s. The couple put their wedding plans on hold for three years and then married in May of 1928.

Nelle and Art made their home on a farm southeast of Norton. Farming continued to be a tough enterprise. The Great Depression was just getting underway at that time, coming right on the heels of the farm depression of the 1920s. Nevertheless, the two came closer



Nelle Guthrie is turning 100 Thursday. Above she is pictured in her youth (left) and today (right).

to realizing their dream of a farm and a family when Nelle gave birth to their first child, Lyman Arthur, in 1929, at age 24.

By 1936, the Guthries had added three girls to the family; Marilyn, Carol, and Aleta. As a wife and mother, Nelle developed two passions that would engage her for the rest of her life—fixing food and gathering family. Her house became the meeting place for friends and family and Nelle fed them all. It's been said that when the neighbors came to play cards, Nelle would bake a cake and frost it in-between hands.

Nelle and Art moved their family twice in the 1940s. They spent four years on a farm eight miles south of Norton before moving southwest of Alma in 1947. Lyman, Marilyn, and Carol all graduated from Alma Rural High School.

The family moved to Norton in 1951, and Nelle began working for Saunders Moline at the Norton Bakery on Washington Street. She stayed there for many years and got to know all of Norton from behind the bakery counter. Later in her life, she and Art became members of the Norton Christian Church and cleaned the church for many years. Nelle regularly gathered the church secretary, the ministers, and whichever members of



her family were helping out that day, for a mid-morning break of juice and cookies.

Between 1952 and 1974, Nelle became grandmother to 11 grandchildren. Today, she has 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Over the years, she hosted every birthday party and holiday feast. She fixed Friday night suppers and sat everyone down for Sunday afternoon teas. She became the magnetic center of a burgeoning extended family and remains so today, as evidenced by the turnout of children and grandchildren at her birthday party on Saturday at the Andbe Home.

In attendance from out-of-state were: Warren and Shishi Branscomb, Belleville, Mich.; John and Donita (Spear) Kaare, Carol Kaare and Selena, Olney, Ill.; Jerry and Colleen Hawkins,

Jeremy and Jamie, Center City, Minn.; Rob and Amy Brooks Couch, Denver; Eric and Brooke (Spear) Factor, Donny and Kena Spear, Tulsa, Okla.; Leslie (Spear) Brown and LaShae, Florissant, Mo.; David and Diane Spear, Mannford, Okla.; Jason Anderson, Lincoln, Neb.

Attending from Kansas were: Alice Guthrie, Pat and Melanie (Guthrie) Haxton, Taylor, Ryan, Alex and Lexus, Salina; Mitch Guthrie and Amanda Ervin, Garden Plain; Jerry and Erin (Anderson) Bishop, Ryan, Malia and Alana, Gary and Tracy (Spear) Orr, Oberlin; Don and Marilyn (Guthrie) Johnson, Plainville; and Don and Aleta (Guthrie) Brooks, Laura Leigh Brooks, Norton.

You may send your birthday wishes to: Nelle Guthrie at the Andbe Home, 201 West Crane, Norton, Kan. 67654.

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over a bill the county received for equipment on a rescue truck, which is jointly paid for by the city and county.

The city had authorized purchase of equipment that was, at first, thought to go on a fire truck, Mr. Lawson said. However, the equipment purchased with a \$27,000 grant was put on the rescue vehicle and the county got half the bill for the amount that the grant didn't cover or about \$3,200.

Since no one had talked to the county about the purchase or the grant, it is understandable that the commissioners were concerned, Mr. Lawson said.

The problem was one of communication, he said, and he has talked to Fire Chief Mitch Jones about it. Mr. Lawson said he and the council had thought the chief was going to talk to the commissioners.

The county will pay its half of the bill, he said, but the commissioners want the city to know they want to approve future purchases that will be using county money.

"It's a spanking is what it is," Mr. Lawson said. "I don't blame

them. We didn't do this right."

In other business, the council:

- Learned that the city has received \$15,400 in sales taxes for May. Last year the city had \$15,800 in May. Year to date amount for the city is about \$78,400. Sales taxes are always about two months behind due to the time it takes to collect them, remit to the state and for the state to send them back to the cities and counties.

- Authorized the Doctors Clinic to move its handicapped parking to north of the canopy at the clinic.

The clinic requested an okay to make the change because the present spots are too far for patients with disabilities or on oxygen to walk. The city will need to do some curb, gutter and sidewalk work for the new parking places.

- Okayed the removal of a large, old crabapple tree, which is starting to get into overhead power lines. Mr. Lawson said the city does not want to get in competition with private tree trimmers but does need to deal with limbs in its primary lines.

# Boy badly burned in accident

Lane Vanover, 10, son of Greg and Keri Vanover, rural Norton, was seriously injured in an accident July 13.

He was flown to St. Francis Burn Center in Wichita and is listed in stable condition.

He is expected to start receiving

skin grafts soon.

Mail will reach him at Via Christi St. Francis Burn Center, Room No. 27, 429 N. St. Francis, Wichita, Kan. 67214.

No live plants or flowers are allowed in the Burn Center, but mylar balloons are acceptable.

# Museum stops in Norton

Lt. Col. Marvin Jacobs hosted a traveling museum as it stopped in Norton Monday morning. The museum's journey is to commemorate the 150th birthday of the Kansas National Guard.

The exhibit displays historical uniforms from the Guard's early days, equipment and pictures from different wars the Guard was involved in.

The museum is on a whistlestop tour of every National Guard Armory in Kansas.

Sgt. Joe Leroux, of the Norton armory, served rolls and coffee and opened the facility to the public during the exhibit's one-hour visit.



Lt. Co. Marvin Jacobs of the Kansas National Guard discussed a picture in the traveling museum that depicts the Battle of Prairie Creek. The exhibit stopped in Norton for an hour Monday morning. Norton was the third stop on the tour that will take the museum to every National Guard Armory in the state. —Photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Landfill getting close to being finished

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Landfill managers from Colby, Salina and Liberal have also been invited, Mr. Archibald said.

Right now, Mr. Archibald said, the siting rule says that a landfill cannot be placed within 1/2 mile of a navigable stream and the state is looking to change that to one mile.

Norton County's only navigable stream is the Prairie Dog, he said. In eastern Kansas, however, there are streams all over the place

and some of their landfills are built right next to rivers.

Mr. Miller asked that the Kansas Association of Counties be informed of the meeting so that group can monitor any changes in landfill restrictions.

Commissioner Leroy Lang pondered the designation of the Prairie Dog as a navigable stream.

"How is the Prairie Dog navigable?" he asked. "You can't take a boat down it."

# Phillipsburg rodeo set for Aug. 4, 5, and 6

Preparations are underway for the 76th annual Kansas' Biggest Rodeo scheduled for Aug. 4, 5, 6 in Phillipsburg.

Rodeo fans will be pleased to know that their favorite rodeo personalities are returning to Phillipsburg. Six-time National Finals Rodeo announcer Randy Corley, Silverdale, Wash., returns for his third decade of announcing Kansas' Biggest Rodeo. Bullfighters Donny Sparks, DeKalb, Texas, and Greg Rumohr, Rio Vista, Texas will work hard to keep bull riders safe. Beutler and Son Rodeo Company will make their 46th trip to Phillipsburg with their world-class bucking horses and bulls.

A new face at the rodeo this year will be Keith Isley. He has been named the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association Comedy and Spe-

cialty Act of the Year five times. Fans can expect to see something they've never seen before.

Miniature bull riding is a new event for the kids this year with cash prizes being awarded each night. Qualifying riders must be between the ages of 8-13. To enter, call 785-543-5006.

Performances begin nightly at 8 p.m. Opening night all ticket holders get a free barbecue and on Friday night everyone gets a free Coors Cap. The band "Westwind" will play for a free dance after the rodeo Aug. 5 and 6. The rodeo parade will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6.

Tickets are available at Tri-County Insurance, 785-543-2448, and all major credit cards are accepted. For more information, go to their website at: www.kansasbiggestrodeo.com.



Keziah Whitsell, veteran carrier for *The Norton Telegram*, sports a brand new paper bag. All carriers are now using the wheat-colored bags with black lettering.

—Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

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