



Cheri Brooks, swimming lesson instructor, and Joy Lauer, pool manager, looked through some much needed supplies, which were purchased for the Norton Swimming Pool from a grant from the Hansen Foundation. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

PUBLIC NOTICE

West Solomon Valley USD #213 Notice of Hearing 2005-2006 Budget

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NOTICE OF HEARING 2005-2006 BUDGET
 The governing body of West Solomon Valley USD #213 will meet on the 8th day of August, 2005 at 7:00 P.M., at the Lenora Grade School for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at the District Office and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2005 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2005-2006 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2003-2004 Actual		2004-2005 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2005-2006			
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2005 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)	
OPERATING								
General	06	692,657	20,000	702,669	20,000	694,317	186,167	20,000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	149,627	1,939	155,006	17,505	187,466	157,635	16,038
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	2,358	4.000	28,280	0.000	266,711	0	0.000
Driver Training	18	0		0		0		
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	48,355		44,049		58,155		
Professional Development	26	4,023		1,168		5,083		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	97,324		98,622		162,504		
Vocational Education	34	0		0		0		
Area Vocational School	36	0		0		0		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
Federal Funds	07	18,077		36,713		16,621		
Gifts and Grants	35	0		0		0		
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11	0		0		0		
At Risk (K-12)	13	0		0		13,622		
Declining Enrollment	19	0		0		0	0	0.000
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	0		17,535		19,463		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
COOPERATIVES**								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	1,014,057	25,939	1,084,042	37,505	1,410,320	343,802	36,038
Less: Transfers	105	85,772	xxxxxx	149,798	xxxxxx	100,803	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	928,285	xxxxxx	934,244	xxxxxx	1,309,417	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	208,357	xxxxxx	334,093	xxxxxx	343,802	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	208,357		334,093		343,802		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$7,944,759		\$8,663,597		\$9,308,368		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$8,461,383		\$9,183,860		\$9,828,913		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0		

* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
 ** Sponsoring District Only

James Hinemine, President
 Debra May, Clerk of the Board

Pool gets needed equipment

By VERONICA MONIER
 The Norton swimming pool received some much needed equipment from a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Diana Hanchett, executive director for the Phillips County chapter of the American Red Cross, said the Hansen Foundation, Logan, gave a grant to the Red Cross in Phillipsburg, part of which was requested to be used for the swimming program in Norton County. She said with the help of Cheri Brooks, swimming instructor, and Joy Lauer, pool manager, a list was put together of what was needed. The list, she said, includes lighting detectors, lifejackets, new safety floats for the lifeguards, whistles, whistle protectors, dive sticks and other dive toys. The dive toys are used to get the children taking swimming lessons used to getting their faces under water, said Mrs. Brooks. The lightning detectors will give the lifeguards a signal when lightning is within 40 miles, said Ms. Lauer. "It's hard for the lifeguards to watch for lightning while watching the pool," she said. "The guards can keep these with them in their chairs and it will give them a signal if it detects lightning." In addition, all Red Cross life-

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Norcatour Notice of Budget Hearing

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Norcatour will meet on the 15th day of August, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Norcatour City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Norcatour City Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
 Proposed Budget 2006 Expenditures and Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2006 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2004		2005		Proposed Budget 2006		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	35,829	15.220	44,000	15.080	43,800	9,608	17.085
Employee Benefits	2,083	6.898	4,000	6.021	6,000	2,357	4.191
Library	1,554	2.076	1,550	2.149	1,550	1,215	2.161
Bond & Interest	9,386	5.381	9,085	5.505	14,820	4,430	7.878
Special Highway	4,491		1,000		10,825		
Water	10,499		20,000		39,942		
Sewer	1,785		10,723		11,859		
Solid Waste	9,467		10,177		10,000		
Totals	75,094	29.575	100,535	28.755	138,796	17,610	31.315
Less: Transfers							
Net Expenditure	75,094		100,535		138,796		
Total Tax Levied	17,898		16,042		16,042		
Assessed Valuation	577,907		557,905		562,349		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	2003	95,000	2004	90,000	2005	85,000	
Revenue Bonds						0	
Other						0	
Lease Purchase Principal						0	
Total	95,000		90,000		85,000		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
 Chris Deery, City Official, Title Clerk

Crop disaster help available

The Farm Service Agency will be taking applications for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for this year's crops until Thursday, Sept. 1. The deadline applies to all small grain crops except oats. Crops eligible for program benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Eligible crops include floricultural, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, industrial crops, seed crops, aquaculture including ornamental fish, and forage crops for livestock, mechanically harvested or grazed. Farmers who want to participate must complete their applications and pay any service fees before the deadline. Fees range from \$100 to \$300 per crop per county, and won't exceed \$900 for multi-county farmers. Farmers are responsible for giving accurate and complete information, which includes certifying the unit's planted acreage and production. The program entitles farmers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent or greater production loss. Farmers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year and must not exceed \$2 million in gross revenue provisions, and must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be eligible. For more information, call the Norton County Farm Service Agency at (785) 877-2623.

HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE
 New York artist Whitfield Lovell created the installation, "Whispers From the Walls" while in residence at the University of North Texas in Denton. By combining visual and sensory elements, the artist explores the experience of a Southern African-American community during the 1920s. Within a one-room house and three wall-based tableaux, Mr. Lovell weaves concepts of presence, absence, memory, identity, history and loss. The Hansen Museum and the artist invite visitors on a journey back in time to visit the individuals long-forgotten by history. See "Whispers From the Walls" at the Museum Gallery through Sept. 18. This exhibit was booked through Exhibits USA. A watercolor workshop is scheduled with instructor Earl Kuhn, Medicine Lodge. He will be teaching a transparent watercolor process and discussing how artists can better market their work. This four-day workshop is scheduled for Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 4-7. The class is aimed at intermediate to advanced artists. Call the museum today for more information or your registration form. Bruce Bitter, Hoisington, honors the museum with his metal artwork during the month of July. With the days ticking away, you may want to visit the gallery and take a look at what Mr. Bitter has on display. The museum is looking for crafters for this year's Craft Fair, Saturday, Sept. 17. If you are interested in having a booth space, call the museum at (785) 689-4846.

Police investigate apparent suicide

Another apparent suicide took the life of a 59-year-old Norton man Thursday night. At 9:39 p.m., Norton County Dispatch received a call for assistance at 105 E. Woodfield, said Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn. The Norton Police Department, Norton County Sheriff's Department and Norton County Emergency Medical Service responded, with the first units on the scene by 9:42 p.m. He said Dean Lawson was found dead due to an apparent self-inflicted injury, which was later confirmed by Dr. Roy Hartley, the coroner on call at the time. Officer Kuhn said the police department has completed its investigation into the death.

REAL ESTATE PROPERTY ABSOLUTE AUCTION — NORTON, KANSAS THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005

★ TRACT I ★
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W 90' of Lots 8 and 9, Block Five, Hill Side Addition, Norton, Kansas.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 111 West Wilton, Norton, Kansas

PROPERTY INFORMATION: The property has three bedrooms, 1 full bath, living room, dining/kitchen combination and enclosed back porch. It sits on a corner lot with buildings for storage. The house has metal siding and storm windows. There is a basement. Forced air heat and air conditioning.

★ TRACT II ★
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: N 60' of Lot 10, Block One, Betterton's Addition, Norton, Kansas
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 406 North Jones, Norton, Kansas

PROPERTY INFORMATION: The property has one bedroom, one bath and a kitchen/living room combination on the main level. There is one bedroom, one bath, a laundry room and storage in the basement.

GENERAL INFORMATION:
TERMS: 10% down the day of the auction with the balance due upon title approval and delivery of a good and sufficient deed. The closing to be on or before September 11, 2005.
EVIDENCE OF TITLE: Seller will provide title insurance to the Buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price, with the premium to be paid one-half by the seller and one-half by the buyer(s). Title evidence will be provided on sale day. Buyer(s) may close as soon as closing documents are prepared — no later than September 11, 2005.
TAXES: Taxes for 2005 shall be prorated to date of closing based on the 2004 tax. Tract I taxes for 2004 were \$664.14. Tract II taxes for 2004 were \$198.58. Seller is to pay all prior taxes.
POSSESSION: Upon closing.
INSPECTION: Seller will provide termite inspection by a licensed pest control firm. Buyer may at his expense conduct any other inspection concerning pertinent facts about the property prior to the auction. Buyer(s) and Seller agree that the broker and broker's agents do not have any expertise in evaluating the environmental condition of the property and that the broker and broker's agents have made no representation, either expressed or implied, concerning environmental conditions.
AGENCY DISCLOSURE: R.J. Metcalf Real Estate and its agents are representing the seller only and will not be considered agent for the buyer.
NOTE: For viewing, please call listing agent Duane R. McEwen at 785-877-3032 or 785-871-0081 (cell). Not responsible for accidents. Announcements made the day of the sale shall take precedence over printed material.
Each Auction to be Held at the Property Sites: 7:00 p.m. 111 West Wilton; 8:00 p.m. 406 North Jones
SELLER: FIRST SECURITY BANK AND TRUST, NORTON, KANSAS
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