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## Briefly

### Veterans plan Nov. 11 parade

The Norton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold the annual Veteran's Day Parade at 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, in downtown Norton.

Everyone is invited to have an entry. All churches, civic organizations, youth groups, fraternal and sorority organizations, college alumni, area school bands and school organizations, horses and saddle clubs, antique autos and tractors and other personal entries are asked to participate.

All veterans are invited to march in the veterans group. This includes all past and present military personnel, active duty, reservist and National Guard.

Vehicles will be available for those who would like to ride in the parade.

Festivities will also include an open house at the Legion post home after the parade and a pot luck dinner that evening with the public invited.

To sign-up for the parade or to volunteer, call Jake Durham at 877-2400 or Richard Wiltfong at 877-245.

### Representative to help veterans

A service representative from the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton office from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday to assist veterans and their families with matters pertaining to veterans' benefits.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening, then a chance of rain after midnight. Lows in the lower 40s with chance of rain 40 percent.

### Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 89, Low 48  
.13 of an inch of precipitation  
Wednesday ..... High 61, Low 32  
Thursday ..... High 59, Low 35  
Week ago ..... High 73, Low 48  
Month ago ..... High 82, Low 63  
Year ago ..... High 59, Low 53  
October precipitation ..... .13 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 19.68 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm  
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

O God, help us to know that you will strengthen us in all circumstances so that we can resist temptation. Thank you for your faithfulness to us. Amen

# City bars Sunday sale of alcohol

Norton residents won't be able to buy alcohol to take home on Sunday at retail liquor stores or beer outlets since the city council has rescinded an ordinance that allowed it.

The council passed the resolution at the request of some business people over the objections of several citizens who attended a city meeting.

According to state law, if 5 percent of the voters sign a petition asking for a vote on an issue, a special election must be held.

Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson said such a petition was turned into the county clerk's office with the required number of signatures.

According to state law, the city can ei-

ther hold an election within 45 days to let the voters decide or rescind the ordinance.

Mr. Lawson said he was told by County Clerk Robert Wyatt that it would cost about \$3,000 to hold a special election.

Councilman Jerry Jones said the issue could be brought back up later, around the April elections.

Mr. Lawson said that would be the time

to do it, so it could be put on the April ballot.

Councilman Ron Briery said he thought the legislature was going to take another look at the law, which allows for Sunday sales, and that the city should wait to see what it did.

The council agreed and rescinded its ordinance.

## All dressed down for Homecoming



Amber Combs, sophomore at Norton Community High School, and her "dog" Spike, were ready to catch a few zzzs during homecoming week's Pajama Day. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Book tells of murder in Norton

People were packed into the Lenora Library Thursday afternoon to hear the author of a new book reveal the details of a famous killing and murder trial that took place more than 100 years ago in Norton County.

Perhaps it was a little like the way people were packed into a hot courtroom in July of 1894, ready to hear the charges brought against a young man from the Lenora area.

Gene McEnroe was accused of raping Ellen Lunney.

Mr. McEnroe never stood trial, though. Miss Lunney shot him in front of dozens of witnesses, before his trial even began.

Her grandson Doug Yocom has just released his first book, *A Matter of Chastity; The High Plains Saga of a Woman's Revenge*, in which he tells the story and what happened after.

He held a book signing Thursday afternoon in the library of Lenora, his hometown.

Mr. Yocom read excerpts from his book (Continued on Page 5)

## Few to close on Monday for holiday

Columbus Day is a holiday recognized mostly by financial institutions and government agencies.

All post offices will be closed Monday as well as the Norton County Courthouse and the Norton County Health Department. However, the Norton City offices will be open and so will the Norton Public Library.

The only area bank to be open Monday will be First State Bank.

Logan and Jennings schools will be closed but all others in the area will remain open.

All other businesses in Norton and the surrounding areas will be open for business, as usual.

# Fire fighters work at blaze prevention

## Cow may not have started fire

Besides being on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Norton volunteer firefighters spend a lot of time teaching fire safety.

National Fire Prevention Week starts Sunday with the theme "Use Candles with Care: When You Go Out, Blow Out".

The Norton Fire Department prefers to prevent fires, City Fire Chief Mitch Jones said.

The department has a program to teach children fire safety and gives tours to students, day care classes and Scouts. Fire fighters also go to the schools to explain their job and equipment.

At 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday Norton firefighters will be at Eisenhower Elementary School talking about fire prevention and candle safety.

They also hold fire prevention training for the Andbe Home personnel Tuesday night.

The mission of the Norton City and Rural Volunteer Fire Departments is to protect lives and property by minimizing

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 blaze that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on Oct. 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on Oct. 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow — belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary — kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie

has helped to debunk this.

Like any good story, the 'case of the cow' has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that she was in the barn when the fire broke out — or that a jumpy cow sparked the blaze. Mrs. O'Leary herself swore that she'd been in bed early that night, and that the cows were also tucked in for the evening.

But if a cow wasn't to blame, what was? Over the years, journalists and (Continued on Page 5)

the frequency and effects of fires, Chief Jones said. To do this firefighters use education, prevention, code enforcement, control and training.

He said the departments are committed

to using all resources at their disposal and all innovations with the goal of timely response to protect and preserve life, property, resources and the heritage of Norton.

The Norton City Fire Department has been on 22 runs, including rescue and fire calls and weather watches since January.

Chief Jones said the city department earned a 2004 Life Safety Achievement Award for its prevention programs and having no fire deaths.

"We appreciate everyone being safety conscious," he said. "It helps keep fire premiums and property damage down."

The Norton Rural Fire Department has gone on 26 calls since January, which include fires, extractions, and mutual aid to other departments.

Rural Chief Steve Otter said the department is now in its new building. A can drive to collect money for equipment is going well, he said, and the department has received eight new sets of bunker gear on a matching grant.

Chief Otter stated that everyone needs to be aware of fire safety.

"It's fall harvest and hunting season," he said. "Things are dry and so people (Continued on Page 5)

# Groups fight cancer

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Norton County Hospital, the Norton County Health Department and *The Norton Telegram* want to get the word out.

Breast cancer is the most common malignancy in women and the second leading cause of cancer death.

Every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.

The good news is, mammograms can detect breast cancer up to two years before it is large enough to be felt.

And, when breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is 96 percent.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation says women should have a baseline mammogram by the age of 40.

From the age of 40 to 49, women should have a mammogram every one to two years.

After age 50 it should be every year as mammography screening is the most effective method of early detection.

Norton is fortunate to have a state-of-the-art mammography unit at Norton County Hospital Technician, Michelle Carter said she sees about 50 patients every month.

Over the last two months, 105 women have had mammograms at the hospital.

During October the hospital is presenting a "goody" cup to every woman who has a mammogram. It contains a pink ink pen, a pink reminder pin, a book mark, a mint and a nail file.

Women should talk to their doctor about scheduling.

The county Health Department has information to determine if you might qualify for free or reduced-rate mammograms. Call them at 877-5745.

The first 36 women to come into the newspaper office, who have had a mammogram during October, will have their choice of a pink breast cancer awareness bracelet, a pink ribbon-shaped note pad or a retractable breast cancer key holder.

Everyone is welcome to a breast cancer awareness mint on the front counter.



Kansas native Doug Yocom, read excerpts from his new book, *A Matter of Chastity: The High Plains Saga of a Woman's Revenge* during a book signing Thursday afternoon at the Lenora Library.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Author signs book, set in Norton

(Continued from Page 1) and entertained comments from the crowd. Some knew his family and had opinions of their own. Others shared recollections of days-gone-by. Many paid \$25 for the book and the author signed every copy purchased.

He will be at the Norton Library this afternoon.

Copies of *A Matter of Chastity: The High Plains Saga of a Woman's Revenge* are available at *The Telegram*.

Several signed copies will be available and the newspaper will

even mail books to fill out-of-town orders.

To order *A Matter of Chastity*, send a check for \$26.64 plus \$5 shipping and handling to *The Norton Telegram*, 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Major fires gave rise to safety week

(Continued from Page 1) historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of neighborhood boys who were near the barn sneaking cigarettes. Others believed that a neighbor of the O'Leary's may have started the fire. Some people have speculated that a meteorite started several fires — in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on Oct. 8, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts say that the blaze began when railroad workers clearing land for tracks started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area 'like a tornado,'

### Fire fighters teach safety

(Continued from Page 1) need to be cautious when driving through fields."

Chief Jones said the cooperation of the area emergency personnel is excellent.

"The emergency services in the area are the best in the country I think," he said. "Everyone needs support."

Members of the Norton City Fire Department are Chief Ed Witt, John Baker, Mike Coffey, Jason Dial, Shawn Gosselin, Flint Griffin, Jason Majors, Michael Mascarenas, Michael Pfannenstiel, Steve Reedy, Travis Smith, Mike Wentle, and Jeff Wolf.

Luehrs, John Baker, Larry Enfield, Lee Russell, Steve Otter, Shawn Mortensen, Ron Rushton, Jeff Wolf, Dan Yost, Terry Smothers, Flint Griffin, Steve Reedy, J.B. Carlton, Jason Dial, and Junior Firemen Andy Enfield and Curtis Black.

Members of the Norton County Rural Fire Department are: Chief Otter, Assistant Chief Ed Witt, John Baker, Mike Coffey, Jason Dial, Shawn Gosselin, Flint Griffin, Jason Majors, Michael Mascarenas, Michael Pfannenstiel, Steve Reedy, Travis Smith, Mike Wentle, and Jeff Wolf.

some survivors said. The small town of Peshtigo, Wis., was destroyed within an hour.

These blazes changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Chi-

cago fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America — today the International Fire Marshals Association — decided to observe the anniversary in a way that would keep the public informed of the importance of fire prevention.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### NORTON

#### Senior High:

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Regional tennis, WaKeeney; FFA District fall meeting, 5 p.m., Oakley, 5 p.m.; C-team volleyball, 5 p.m., and junior varsity football, 6:30 p.m., Phillipsburg.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Assembly in gym, 2:15 p.m.; Junior varsity and varsity volleyball versus Logan and Golden Plains, here, senior night, 4 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; PSAT/NMQT, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday — FFA District Dairy Judging, 8 a.m.; Hays; Senior class meeting, 2:15 p.m.; Cross country, 4 p.m., Lakeside.

Friday — State tennis, Wichita; Pep assembly, a.p.; football against Thomas More Prep of Hays, 7 p.m., here; FFA lock-in, 10 p.m.

Saturday — State tennis, Wichita; League volleyball, 8:30 p.m., Smith Center.

Next Monday — Artist of the month; Jay Singers, a.p.

#### Junior High:

Tuesday — Kays, a.p.; Kay Dance, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday — Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Thursday — Seventh-grade football, 5 p.m., and eighth-grade football, 7 p.m., Smith Center.

#### Eisenhower:

Tuesday — Fire Prevention, ECD through Grade 3, 2:30-3 p.m.; Grade 3 Reading Night, 6 p.m.

Wednesday — Fire Prevention, Grades 4 through 6, 2:30-3 p.m.; Faculty meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday — Grades 3-4 level meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Next Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

### All Schools:

Monday — Board of Education Meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Curriculum Coordinating Council, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 a.m.

#### High School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Hot cereal, fruit or juice, toast, milk; Lunch: Beef nachos, carrots, pears, snickerdoodles or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Bagel with yogurt or cream cheese, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken strips, potatoes/country gravy, carrots and celery, pineapple or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Granola snack bar, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Pizza, salad, peaches, Rice Krispie treat, or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon bubble, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Soft taco, corn, fruit cocktail, or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast breads, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, pork and beans, coleslaw/red cabbage, lime/pear Jello, or chef salad, milk

#### Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles, bacon, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, peas, celery, mandarin oranges, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, milk; Lunch: Pizza roll-ups, salad, peaches, cookie, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, peaches, milk; Lunch: Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Cana-

dian bacon/cheese, biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: macaroni/cheese, Little Smokies, mixed veggies, rosy applesauce, French bread, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Pumpkin bread, rosy applesauce, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe on homemade bun, corn, tater tots, bananas, milk

### NORTHERN VALLEY Junior High Spirit Week

Monday — High School Dance Team practice; FFA Fall area meeting, 5-7 p.m., Oakley; High school junior varsity football versus Logan, 6 p.m., Logan; School Board meeting in conference room, 8 p.m., Alma

Tuesday — High school volleyball versus Stockton/Western Plains/Eastern Heights, 4 p.m., Stockton

Wednesday — MANDT Training and Bal-A-Vis-X training, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Glade; QSP kick off grades K-4, 9 a.m., Alma, grades 5-8, 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Thursday — High School Dance Team practice; 3 p.m., Junior High and High School Cross

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# Norton may get more stop signs

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council may be looking at adding a few more stop signs around town.

Councilwoman Donna Foley said a request was made for two more stop signs, east and west, at the intersection of Warsaw and Grant streets. This would make the intersection a four-way stop.

Police Chief Lynn Menagh said he looked at the intersection, which doesn't meet the criteria the city uses for a four-way stop intersection.

"I don't know that you actually need to make that intersection a four-way stop," he said. "It's already protected by two stop signs, but I have nothing against having more stop signs. It wouldn't bother me either way, but it's not as necessary as the four-way by the swimming pool."

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said maybe the council should look at the entire city and take care of any needed stop signs all at once, instead of doing them one at a time.

"As far as safety goes, I'd do it," said Councilman Ron Briery. "We can always take it down."

City Attorney Chuck Worden said he would do what Mrs. Mann said and have the police department and Public Safety Committee check the entire city. He said a notice could be put in the paper asking for public comment and then hold a public hearing.

Mr. Briery agreed that it would be a good idea to get comments from the public.

The council decided the issue should go back to committee and reviewed.

In other business, the council:

- Adopted Resolution 18-2005, authorizing the demolition of 409 S. State, which is in violation of the uniform housing code. Chief Menagh said it was one that was already scheduled to be demolished, but the property was sold to Scott McNamara, who lives in the United Kingdom, so the process has to be redone. A hearing will be

held at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, where the owner or his representative can show cause why the property shouldn't be demolished.

• Heard that Miller and Associates, the engineering firm working on the sewer plant renovation, held a bid opening. One bid was received from Schrieber of Trussville, Ala., for \$313,120. The engineering firm's estimate was \$344,000. The bid is being reviewed to make sure all criteria were met and a recommendation will be made at the next council meeting.

• Authorized Midstates Erectors to review the cooling system at the power plant and provide a system schematic of the existing plan with recommendations at a cost not to exceed \$12,410.

• Heard that Officer Asa Stiles should be finished with training in about two weeks. Councilman Jones said the police department applied for another click-it-or-ticket seat belt grant for \$4,000 and was approved.

• Approved Steve Horney's request for 50 feet of sidewalk replacement at 514 N. First Street, with the city providing the labor and Mr. Horney paying for the materials.

• Discussed allowing four-wheel all terrain vehicles on city streets.

Mr. Worden said it wouldn't work well, because state statute says the vehicles shouldn't cross state highways. People driving them wouldn't be able to cross U.S. 36 or 283. These vehicles also can't be driven at night unless they are equipped with the same lighting required on motorcycles. Mr. Worden said this type of thing is successful in places like Norcat, but wouldn't be feasible in Norton.

• Heard that the Norton Manor is concerned about its rising utility rates and has asked if the city would give the Manor a break since it is a city building. The issue will be considered at the next Finance Committee meeting.

## INVENTORY SALE "Pickups"

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- NEW 2006 DODGE RAM 3/4 TON MEGA CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Atlantic blue with silver lower, 40/20/40 bench seat, SLT, 5.9 liter Cummins H.O. diesel, automatic overdrive.
- NEW 2006 DODGE RAM 3/4 TON MEGA CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Inferno red pearl coat with gray cloth bucket seats, 5.9 liter Cummins H.O. turbo diesel, automatic overdrive, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, power seat, win dows, locks and trailer tow mirrors, stereo with 6 disc CD changer, power adjustable pedals, forged aluminum wheels, steering wheel, radio controls, power sliding rear window, bed liner, keyless entry
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- 2003 DODGE 1/2 TON QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Atlantic blue, SLT, 360 Magnum V-8, automatic overdrive.
- 2002 CHEVROLET 1500HD CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Light pewter, LS decor, 6000 Vortec V-8, automatic.
- 2001 DODGE RAM 3/4 TON QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Patriot blue, SLT, 5.9 liter V-8, automatic overdrive.
- 2000 FORD F250 SUPER DUTY CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Burnt orange, XLT, 7.3 liter power stroke diesel, automatic, 98,000 miles.
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