

# Lanky lad entertains teens

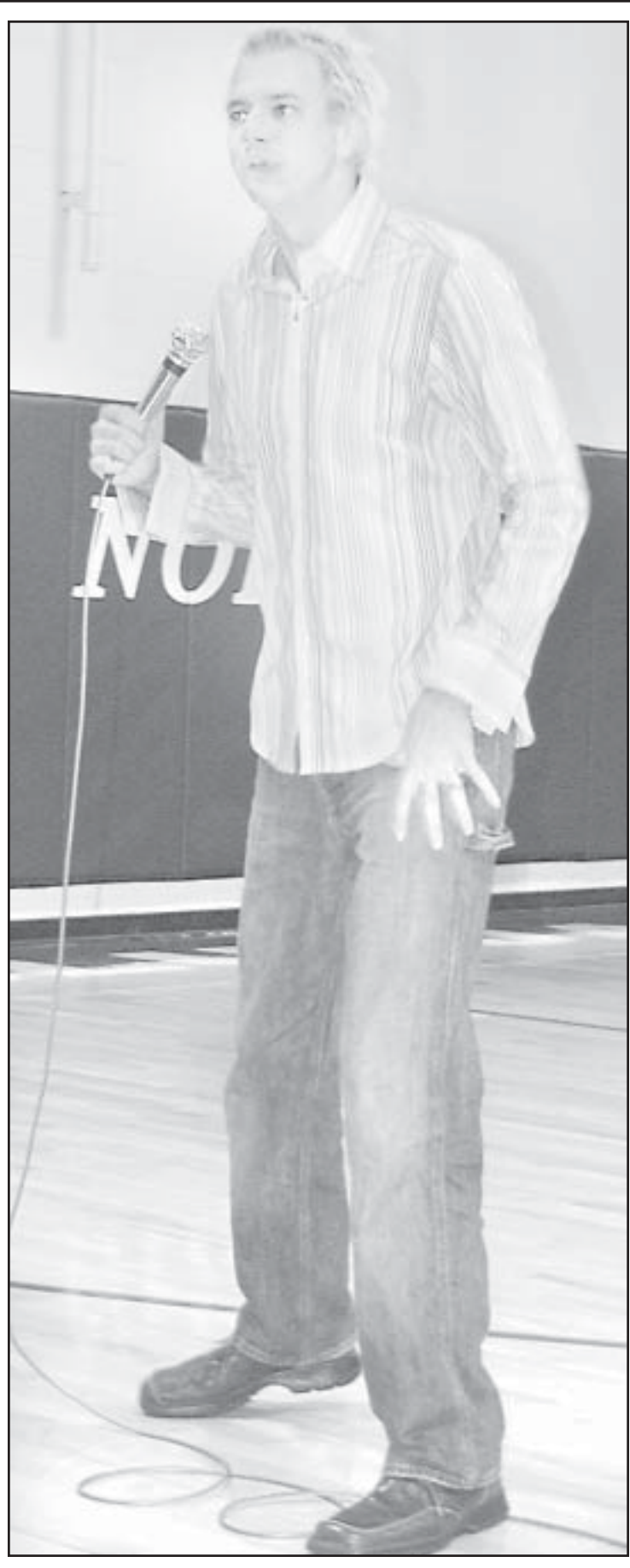
Justin Lookadoo, a motivational speaker from El Paso, Texas, used all of his 5 foot 19 inches (6' 7") to get his message across to Norton and Northern Valley junior high and high school students.

Mr. Lookadoo spoke to the students Tuesday in two separate presentations. He asked the junior high students what they wanted to do with their lives. He discussed their attitude, their character and their values.

The senior high students heard his presentation about dating. He said his most recent book titled, "Dateable?" answers the questions, "Why boys are jerks" and "Why girls are crazy."

Mr. Lookadoo, who, himself, has problems reading and writing, told the students they have to figure out a way to accomplish what they want. He has published eight books, so far. Two more books are about to be released.

To learn more about the books he has written and his speaking engagements, go to his website: lookadoo.com.



Motivational speaker, Justin Lookadoo, talked to junior high and high school students Tuesday. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# County holds off on new 911 addressing system

**By CYNTHIA HAYNES**

While there are lots of agencies that want Norton County to adopt a set of 911 addresses, the county commissioners are reluctant to do so.

The appraiser's office has been handing out 911 addresses for those people who have asked for them, Sheriff Troy Thomson told the commissioners at a meeting earlier this month but the county has never adopted the system of giving long numeric addresses to everyone in the rural areas.

County Clerk Robert Wyatt said that his office has been running into problems with the addresses since people have been trying to use them for voting and payments to the county. His office doesn't have the 911 addresses and their computer doesn't recognize them.

"When those come in to us," Mr. Wyatt said. "I have no idea where they're located."

Commissioner John Miller said that one of the biggest problems with the 911 addresses is there is no standardized system for applying them. Some counties are going from east to west, some from west to east and some the other directions.

"There's no uniform system," Mr. Miller said. "There's no standardized deal."

"Part of what has already been put in effect (in other counties) will probably be in other counties."

"We've been thrashing this around but we've never found an authority, that's why we've never moved," Commission Chairman Dean Kruse said.

"No one will say we're requiring you to do this," Mr. Wyatt added. "And absolutely nobody is putting any funding or money into it."

Appraiser Alan Hale said that the post office has said they would send mail to the 911 addresses and still deliver to the old rural route address for up to two years. He said utilities companies are asking for a 911 address before they will go out to people's property.

The sheriff said that his office hasn't had any problems so far because the county doesn't have 911 addresses since the dispatchers and emergency personnel know where most everything is. However, he said he worries about getting new people with less county knowledge.

"(About) 99.9% we have no problem with the calls but we're getting a lot of ambulance personnel who are not from here," the sheriff said.

"We have road signs, doesn't that help?" Mr. Miller asked.

"We don't get more calls for road signs but we sure get a lot of requests for 911 address," the sheriff said. "It's not going to help my dispatch any. It's going to help people responding to it."

The men all agreed that the state and federal government wants the 911 addresses to be similar all over the county but since there are no guidelines, they aren't similar and some day many will have to be changed.

Mr. Miller noted that several years ago the county renamed all its roads to numbers and letters so that you can now locate things by saying its at the corner of roads W

and 6 or whatever.

"We have all our road signs," Mr. Miller said. "They're different from Phillips, Decatur and Graham counties. We spent all this 911 money to put up our road signs. What if someone — the state or post office — comes back and says you have to replace them."

Just putting up new signs for that project cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000, he said.

The sheriff agreed that signage would be expensive.

"What do we do?" Mr. Miller asked. "Is there a direction we take or do we just hold off?"

Mr. Wyatt said that while the larger counties have adopted 911 addresses most of the smaller ones are still holding off, just like Norton County.

"Most small counties are sitting around saying when the funding comes down we'll address the situation," he said.

The commissioners decided to hold off doing anything for a while longer.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that Unit 4, the county's oldest ambulance, has had electrical problems. Nobody from around here has the expertise to work on it, Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen said. A York, Neb., man is coming down to look at it but it might have to go to Hutchinson.
- Agreed with Sheriff Thomson that an increase in his deputies salaries can be taken out of general fund after he talked to the county auditor at Mapes and Miller, a certified public accountant firm.

# Former Norton graduate is larger than life as part-time model

**By CAROLYN PLOTTS**

Some people did a double-take when they saw the new Nex-Tech Wireless billboard on State Street in downtown Norton.

Lots of people said, "That girl sure looks familiar."

She should. The "teeny-bopper" with the wireless phone is Norton's own Sarah Streck.

Miss Streck graduated from Norton Community High School in 2003. She is in her second year as a musical theater performance student at Wichita State University.

Miss Streck saw an ad posted by the Gregory Agency, a local Wichita talent agency, for an open casting call.

When she arrived at the agency, she was handed an application to become one of the agency's regular clients. She signed a contract with them and has since done

photo shoots, been sent on commercial auditions and does promotions for local companies where she promotes their products in stores or in a mall.

She said she did a photo shoot for the Coleman Company.

"Now, I think I'm on an inflatable mattress box," she said.

When asked about the Nex-Tech Wireless billboard, she said the agency told her the kind of clothes they wanted her to wear, but her make-up and hairstyle was done for her. The agency wanted her to look like a typical teenager.

She said she will be filming a television commercial for the phone company in November. It should be airing before Christmas.

Miss Streck, who eventually wants to be in New York, said, "I love Norton, But, I don't mind being a city girl. It's my dream to live in New York."

She likes her part-time work with the agency.

"Being in theatre at school, I'm always in a production or rehearsals and there's no way I could hold a regular job," she said. "This is perfect. I can pick and choose when I want to work."

She said modeling and working for the agency has helped her be more comfortable performing. She considers her modeling as a stepping stone, not a career.

"It's just something to do on the side," she said.

Her parents, Steve and Joan Streck, Norton, said they are very proud of their daughter.

Last weekend when she was in town for homecoming, her mother made her pose in front of her billboard.

"It was so embarrassing," she said.



Sarah Streck, Wichita, is larger than life as she appears on a billboard in downtown Norton. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Roof-walkers get caught for trespassing

It is not a good idea to be up on the roofs of downtown businesses. Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn said in late June, there were two incidents of people being charged with criminal trespass for being on the roofs of businesses without permission.

The first, he said, was on June 21 with six people involved.

Dispatch received a complaint at 4:04 a.m. that people were on the roofs of the buildings on the west side of the 100 block of South State Street. The department checked and caught those on the roofs, which are connected.

Access to the buildings' roofs, he said, was gained from the alleyway.

He said two minors, a 15-year-old and a 16-year-old, and four adults, Dustin Russell, 19; John

Horesky, 18; Jeremy Bradford, 19; and Dustin Rowe, 18, have been charged in the incident.

Both Russell and Bradford have already been sentenced in municipal court for the class B misdemeanor. Both received \$500 fines and 48 hour jail sentences, plus the court costs of \$60. Horesky and Rowe's cases are both pending summons.

The two juveniles were referred to juvenile court through the Norton County Attorney's office.

The second incident, which involved both the same 15-year-old and Rowe and a second 15-year-old, happened on June 23.

Officer Kuhn said the police department set up surveillance of

the downtown buildings after the first incident and caught the three on the roof of Northwest Kansas Pawn Brokers, 112 N. Norton, at 1:18 a.m.

Access to the roof was once again gained from the outside of the building.

Once again, the charges brought up were criminal trespass. Both the juveniles were taken to juvenile court.

Officer Kuhn said the maximum fine for a class B misdemeanor criminal trespass charge is up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail.

There was no evidence of alcohol or drug use in either incident, he said.

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