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Tuesday
October 25, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of V.E. VanDerWege

Briefly
Daylight time
to leave Sunday

The evenings will get a little shorter Sunday as Daylight Saving Time ends and clocks across the country fall back an hour.

Clocks will be set back to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday morning. Most people set their clocks Saturday night before turning in instead of waking up Sunday morning to turn the clocks back. Just don't forget.

Chamber meal
to be Wednesday

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual business breakfast at 7 a.m. Wednesday at the Norton American Legion.

This year Hospices Services will be honored. The breakfast begins the Chamber's membership drive and is a chance for everyone to get together before they go to work. It is open to anyone who would like to go; there are still a limited number of tickets available. Call the Chamber at 877-2501 for more information.

Parent-teacher
meetings set

The Norton School District will be holding parent-teacher conferences Wednesday and Thursday.

There will be no school for all students on Wednesday. Conferences will be held at Eisenhower from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and at the junior and senior high from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten conferences will continue on Thursday; there will be no school for kindergartners on Thursday.

Parents will be receiving the log-in directions to access their students' grades and attendance information at the conferences.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 30s. Tuesday — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s.

Howell report:

Friday	High 65, Low 39, Prec. .04
Saturday	High 62, Low 28
Sunday	High 49, Low 27
Monday	High 62, Low 32
Week ago	High 82, Low 49
Month ago	High 94, Low 59
Year ago	High 72, Low 35
October precipitation	1.85 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ...	21.40 inches

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

God of Compassion, forgive us for not loving others as you love them. Help us to control our anger in all situations. Amen



Little spooks ready to parade

The Halloween Parade and Wiener Roast will be held Thursday in downtown Norton.

The Norton Volunteer Fire Department and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will again co-sponsor the event.

Those who want to be in the parade need to assemble in the parking lot behind Hall's Clothing at 6 p.m. Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson and his wife Chriselle will be dividing the children into groups from pre-school to sixth grade. Representatives of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas and others will be holding sign for each age group to direct where to line up.

The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and

will move east along Main Street to State Street, then south to Washington Street and east to the fire department's station house.

When the parade reaches the station house, a free wiener roast will begin. Kids will receive apples and candy in trick or treat bags from employees of the Norton County Hospital. The wiener roast is financed through donations from businesses and individuals in the Norton area. This year the candy will be donated by the hospital.

All children are invited to participate.

For more information, call the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 877-2501.

City audit for 2004 looks good

By VERONICA MONIER

The City of Norton is in good financial shape, according to its accountants.

Accountant Steve Zodrow, with Mapes and Miller Accounting, said the city received a good 2004 audit report.

Mr. Zodrow said, compared to 2003, the city had an overall increase of about \$8,000. The general fund went up \$86,000, while employee benefits went up about \$24,000; special highway had an increase of about \$18,000; and special health had an increase of about \$73,000.

However, he said, the electric utility fund had a loss of \$171,000, but a lot of it was because of transfers to the reserve utility account, which also had a decrease. The water and sewer accounts also had decreases.

The ad valorem tax, the amount of money the city actually levies, went down by about \$15,000. The city, he said, has about a 3 percent delinquent tax rate, which is low.

The city had no budget violations, he said.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said he wanted to point out that the library will be paid off next year.

Mr. Zodrow said the city is getting rid of some of its long-term debts, but will be adding more with the renovation projects on the water and wastewater plants.

The council accepted the audit report and gave Mapes and Miller permission to file it with the appropriate state and federal agencies.

In other business, the council:

- Gave permission for the Northwest Kansas Library to remodel its office by adding a wall at no cost to the city. The library staff asked for the city's permission since the city owns the building. They estimate to cost at \$1,200.
- Heard that two abandoned cars have

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The Norton School District's roofs are looking good. Contractors were finishing up metal work and hope to be done by Halloween.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Roof work almost finished

Roofmasters is finally finished replacing the school's roofs.

The project, which started early this summer and covered five buildings, was late getting finished.

But, said Superintendent Greg Mann,

they finished East Campus last Thursday. Now all that is left to finish is the metal work and a little bit of roof over the junior high entrance.

They hope to be done by Halloween, he said, but at the latest it will be Nov. 14.

Superload to bottleneck U.S. 36 today

There's supposed to be an oversized load going through Norton on U.S. 36 around 3 or 3:30 p.m. today.

The superload will take up more than its share of the road. It will be a 492,000-pound, 219-foot long, 20-foot wide, 19 1/2-foot high boiler that is being moved through Norton County on its way to Colorado.

City crews will be raising the stop light so it can get through, since the light is 1 1/2 feet too low.

County looks at brightness of its signs

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

How bright do county road signs need to be?

The Norton County commissioners and the road and bridge supervisor, Tom Brannan, aren't sure.

Mr. Brannan said the county usually buys industry-grade signs. Lately, however, the county has been getting a better standard (diamond grade) from the company when they order industry-grade reflectivity on signs without additional cost.

Mr. Brannan said that signs can be tested for reflectivity.

"You go up to a sign and stand a certain distance back and shine a light on a sign and it has to reflect so much light back to this reflectometer," he told the commissioners at their meeting on Monday.

Commissioner John Miller said he has heard from a commissioner in Reno County that reflectivity standards are being changed and that there is an upcoming

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Ruth Sanders (left) described the mission in Brazil, S.A., her daughter and son-in-law founded. Ed Witt (center) and Ed Ballinger held the pictures.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Missionaries talk about Brazil

David and Ruth Sanders have been missionaries in Brazil for more than 50 years.

For much of that time, they have been helped by the Norton Christian Church.

Recently, the couple paid a visit to the church and shared a potluck supper with members of the congregation.

They spoke about their mission work and the on-going work of their daughter, Starla Jo de Azevedo.

Mrs. Sanders told of their program to reach the street children of Recife, a city in the state of Pernambuco.

The mission is called Kid's Place. She said contributions could be mailed to Brazil Christian Mission, c/o Pat Walker, Box, 12, Anthony, Kan. 67003.



Kindergarten teacher Terry Hillman read a book to her class Monday afternoon at Eisenhower Elementary School. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

County looks at road signs to see if they're bright enough

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ing class on the subject. Mr. Brannan said that he doesn't get information any more on state safety classes although he used to get that sort of thing every week or so.

Mr. Miller asked him to check with Reno County to see when and where the class is supposed to be.

If the county has to change its signs because they aren't reflective enough, it could get expensive, Mr. Miller said.

"If we had to go to diamond grade, oh my," Mr. Brannan said with a grimace. "I don't know anybody in this part of the state using diamond grade or prismatic (higher grade)."

Mr. Miller asked about the pos-

sibility of the county purchasing a reflectivity gauge.

Mr. Brannan said he didn't know what the cost would be and he didn't know anyone who had one.

He said he heard that some lawyers have reflectivity gauges but has never heard of a county losing a lawsuit because a sign wasn't bright enough at night.

"Your reflectivity will be down if your signs are dirty," he said. "You'll have to have someone go out and wash the signs. You're talking about mandated reforms that nobody wants to pay for, except you here at the bottom."

Mr. Brannan said his crew is well trained to put signs back up when they are knocked down or

vandalized. The only exception is the 911 signs, he said. He makes a list of those and has his crew deal with them on a day when they can't do other road work.

Some of the people who have vandalized signs in the past have been caught and punished, which included some community service work at the shop, he said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Authorized the closing of a road which, although it was on a section line, has never been open.
- Heard that bridge work on bridge OS104, 1/2 mile south of K-9, should wrap up this week.
- Learned that this will be the last week for mowing but the roads are still being bladed, even though the blades were down for a couple of days last week when it rained.
- Asked Mr. Brannan to attend a meeting in Topeka on Saturday, Nov. 19, to see if the county can move historical bridge OS75 to Norton to be put at the country club over a tributary of the Prairie Dog.
- Held a 15 minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Brannan.
- Were told by Mr. Brannan that his people can start making screens for the landfill as soon as they know how many are needed. The crews build the screens when there is bad weather and they can't work on the roads, he said.

City passes annual audit with flying colors

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been removed from city streets. The police department has issued citations on a third and, if it isn't moved, it will be towed.

• Learned that city crews will be flushing fire hydrants on Wednesday. Mr. Lawson said people should probably not do laundry on that day.

• Told Mr. Lawson to contact Staci Minson, a watershed special-

ist with Kansas State University. Ms. Minson has offered to help with a community awareness meeting in November where the water and wastewater projects will be discussed. Mr. Lawson said it might be good to let people hear someone else's point-of-view.

• Were introduced to the new economic development director, Marlene Henderson.

• Heard from councilwoman

Elaine Mann that she and City Attorney Chuck Worden had met with Bev Klein of the Cemetery Improvement Committee. She said the committee plans to finish all of phase I, but it might take a little while since they have to wait until workers are available. Once that is finished, they will start on Phase II, the Potter's Field project. She said the committee will be bringing an example of the mark-

ers it wants to use.

• Authorized staff to install a machine so people can pay their utility bills and court fees with credit cards.

• Accepted the low bid of \$20,437 from Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales of Colby for a 2006 F-250 pickup and chassis for the electric distribution department. There were five bids from six companies.

• Accepted a bid from Midwest Truck Equipment of Wichita for \$7,458 for a new service body utility box, which will be installed on the new Ford pickup. Two bid requests were sent out, but Midwest Truck was the only one to return a bid.

• Went into a 15-minute closed session to discuss confidential data related to financial affairs.

• Paid bills of \$286,060.33.

Colorado man wins Telegram Pigskin Pick-Em Contest

By DICK BOYD

Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo., was one of three football fans to turn in a perfect entry and choose the correct winner of the tiebreaker game in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and was closest to the tiebreaker score so he wins the \$15 scrip money first prize.

Vallin, Nancy Springer Moore of Hoisington and Dorothy Shearer of Edmond were correct on all 12 high school and college games. In the tiebreaker, Missouri defeated Nebraska 41-24. Vallin and Moore both picked it 24-20 or 21 total points off. A drawing was held and Vallin was the winner. Moore will receive the \$10 scrip money second prize.

Shearer chose Missouri to win 18-16 or 31 total points off and will receive the \$5 scrip money third prize.

Seven other fans also had perfect entries but they chose Nebraska to win. They are: Roger Shearer, Kirsten Baird, Long Island; and Roland Washburn, Cathy Kellerman, Jeris Norman, Luke Keilig, Keegan Smith, Norton.

Correct on all but one game were: Dale Shearer, Edmond; Bobby Jackson, Logan; Tim Moore, Bob Moore, Hoisington; Mary Boyd, Hill City; Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Frank Kaiser, Emily Vallin, Dwight Vallin, Karen Shearer, Jim Springer, Long Island; Foster Brands, Shelly Shearer, Kirk Kasson, Marilyn Lowry, Brian Thompson, Almema; Erin Hill, Georgie Rorabaugh, Kevin Jilka, Wilma Wiseman, Betty Harper, Douglas Daniels, Russ Frack,

David Riemann, Kirk Foley, Rick Green, Howard Gill, Dalton Smith, Tracey Sproul, Christian Shewey, Spencer Shirk, Lacy Keilig, Mark Keilig, Sandy Husted, Charlotte Stephenson, Tami Antrim, Tom Baumann, Arrienne Hager, Norton.

Missing two games were Tim Rowse, Burwell, Neb.; Jillian Stoelting, Orleans, Neb.; Lee Roy Schuckman, Hays; Brad Killian, Lincoln; Andy Moore, Barbara Springer, Randy Springer, Hoisington; Aaron McDowell, Lexie McDowell, Brody McDowell, Hill City; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Mike Hammond, Kenny Tharman, Jim Cole, Jerome Laurin, Long Island; Bob Covington, Glenn Brands, Dorelle Stewart, Mike Shearer, Donna Nichols, Sherri Lowry, Almema; Kaid McKenna, Laura Washburn, Lynn Nelson, Brendon Frack, Tom Davis, Nathan Morse, Craig Heskett, Doug Ray, Anastasia Foley, Craig Foley, Lonnie Kel-

lerman, Amy Daniels, Eli Warren, Austin Hager, Deb Thiele, Virginia Carlton, Mary Ann Hager, Kenney Leiker, Kristy Keilig, Sady Keilig, Marj Allen, Misty Nuzum, Norton.

Incorrect on three games were: Jared Foley, Wichita; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Denise Bailey, Norcatur; Tiffany VanDerVeen, Prairie View; Evelyn Springer, Hoisington; Ann Becker, Lenora; Donald Thalheim, Long Island; Janette Callaway, Sydney Brands, Kristen Brands, Carol Voss, Julie Hilburn, Almema; Kelly Hill, Lawrence Wiseman, Kathy Erbert, Amie Menagh, Chriselle Thomson, Norton.

The ninth week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday or you may bring them to *The Telegram* office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the full page Pick-Em advertisement in today's *Telegram* for this week's college games. High school games are not in-

cluded this week since they will be played on Thursday.

Only one entry per person is allowed but extra blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money will be paid each week. At the end of the season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.

Scores of this week's games were:

Smith Center 56, Ellis 0

Norton 35, Russell 6

Osborne 3, Plainville 0 2 OTs

Phillipsburg 53, Thomas More Prep 22

Palco 71, Logan 30

Northern Valley 66, Eastern Heights 26

Mesa State 22, Fort Hays 8

Texas A & M 30, Kansas State 28

Colorado 44, Kansas 13

UCLA 51, Oregon State 28

Alabama 6, Tennessee 3

LSU 20, Auburn 17 OT

Missouri 41, Nebraska 24

Boosters plan meeting

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

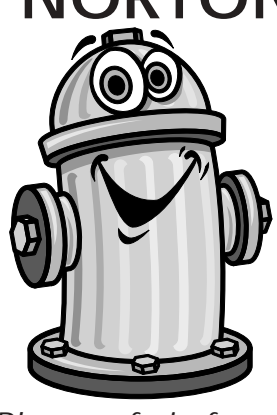
Football coach Bruce Graber, volleyball coach Jill Lively, tennis coach Jim Green and cross country coach Dayton Hager will report on their teams.

Refreshments will be served.

All fans are invited.

**ATTENTION
NORTON RESIDENTS**

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October 26,
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