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Tuesday

November 8, 2005

Feeding the hungry

Norton, Kansas
Home of Connie Goldsby

Briefly

Driving class

set for seniors

Anise Gill will be teaching the American Association of Retired Persons 55 Alive safe driving class at 6 p.m. tonight at the Norton Senior Citizens Center.

The next class will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday. Completion of this class will allow drivers 55 and older to receive a discount on their vehicle insurance for the next three years. Drop-ins are welcome and refreshments will be served. To enroll, call Mrs. Gill at 877-5170.

Hospice offers
holiday help

Hospice Services from Phillipsburg will hold a bereavement program entitled "Handling the Holidays" from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Norton Public Library.

The program will help make the holidays less stressful for those who have lost a loved one. The program is free and open to anyone.

Benefit help
available for vets

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

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Breezy and partly cloudy with lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph increasing to north 15 to 25 mph after midnight. Gusts up to 40 mph in the late evening and early morning. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 50s. North winds 5 to 15 mph with gusts up to 30 mph in the morning. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the lower 20s. Northeast winds up to 5 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight.

Howell report:

Friday	High 65, Low 42
Saturday	High 60, Low 31
Sunday	High 66, Low 38
Monday	High 74, Low 40
Week ago	High 60, Low 38
Month ago	High 64, Low 38
Year ago	High 64, Low 37
November precipitation	0.00 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

Almighty God, thank you for your unchanging love and care. Help us to obey you always, knowing you are able to care for us. Amen

Scouts pick up food to stock God's Pantry

By VERONICA MONIER

God's Pantry's shelves are stocked for a little while thanks to the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and people of Norton.

The Scouts put bags on people's doors a week ago and then collected the full bags on Saturday to take down to God's Pantry, Norton's food bank.

Dale Carlson, a first-year Webelos den leader, said he thought the annual drive went well. He collected food with his son Leif, who is a Cub Scout.

"I think we had a good turnout," he said. "We filled the room (with food) and a good number of kids showed up to help."

Elaine Mann, one of the food bank organizers, said they did, indeed, do well.

"We haven't taken a count, but I think it was very successful in-gathering," she said. "We're still putting it on the shelves. The kids did a wonderful job as usual."

"With this, the shelves are full. People have been very generous with their money as well."

Mrs. Mann said the pantry has more people coming in with the higher utility prices.

"Everyone who comes in is very deserving," she said. "We want anyone having a hard time making it right now to come down. That's what the pantry is here for."

Needed items for donations, she said, include flour, sugar and oil, canned fruit and other flour products that have a long shelf life.

The pantry, she said, has also had help from the Norton Rotary Club, which did a drive during Moonlight Madness, and several churches and service organizations.

"We have a lot of people and groups wanting to help," she said. "One group is taking on the challenge of getting diapers."

They did get some baby formula in as well, she said, which was much appreciated by a young mother in need of a little help.

The pantry accepts donations any time of year. To donate, bring food to *The Norton Telegram* or call Mrs. Mann at 877-2019 or Connie Johnson, another organizer, at 877-2039.

Mrs. Mann said they will either pick up the donation or will make arrangements to meet people at the pantry, which is on the south side of the Norton Trinity Episcopal Church on the corner of State and Waverly.

God's Pantry is open from 3-4 p.m. every Sunday.



The annual Boy Scout and Cub Scout food drive for God's Pantry went well this year. Trenton Sprague (right) carried as much as he could and John Risewick (above) helped Nicholas Peterson sort canned goods.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



SCHOOL CHANGES

Football banquet to be postponed

The Norton Community High School Football Banquet, which was scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 20, has been postponed due to schedule conflicts, according to Head Football Coach Bruce Graber.

Watch *The Norton Telegram* for the new date.

Booster club will not meet

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will not meet this Wednesday. The club's next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, Nov. 30, near the start of the wrestling and basketball seasons.

The club will meet every other Wednesday during the winter sports

seasons. (A notice in the Community Calendar in the *Norton Extra* was incorrect.)

Schools dismissed for Friday parade

Norton schools will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Friday to allow students and staff the opportunity to watch and participate in the Veterans' Day parade.

Buses will run their normal routes at 1 p.m. dismissal time.

If the parade is canceled because of bad weather, school will not be dismissed early.

Weightlifting area closed for week

The Norton schools weightlifting room and the gyms will be closed through Sunday for fall buffer week.

Seven tons of trash land in county dump most days

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The new NORTON landfill is taking in about seven tons of trash a day, Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the county commissioners on Monday.

Commission Chairman Dean Kruse said he was trying to figure out what the landfill takes in during an average week.

Mr. Archibald said about 35 tons. That's also about what the county hauled to the Phillips County landfill before Norton got its landfill finished.

Mr. Kruse said he was by the new landfill last week.

"I was dismayed by the amount of space that (trash) took up," he said.

"It will look like less as we go up," Mr. Archibald said. "We erred and put on more dirt than less when we started."

"We'll be spreading it (the trash) out over a bigger area after we get that first layer in there. It's an experiment and we're gaining."

He added that the state requires six inches of dirt each night but in some places there's probably a foot and in other

places maybe only three inches because it's hard to gauge.

"That's the trouble with dirt," Commissioner John Miller said. "We need to get that alternative layer going."

"Our aim is to use as little dirt as possible," Mr. Archibald said. "It's a judgment as you are going along in the track loader and sprinkling dirt."

"The six inches is to keep rodents, badgers and birds out and to keep trash from blowing. We're lucky we haven't had any of those 40 mph winds."

The county is getting a machine that will spread a fire-resistant paper product over the trash so that the six inches of dirt do not have to be put on each night.

Mr. Archibald also told the commissioners that he has decided to take part in an audit the state has offered for small landfills.

"They (the state) were happy to have us come on board," he said. "I decided to do it."

The only ones who have not decided to (Continued on Page 5)



Cast members of the Norton high school play run through their lines during rehearsal. They are (from left) Katelynn Gallentine, Brett Wyatt and Perrell Stanley.

— Photo by Robin Sides

Annual school play set for Saturday, Sunday

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
Rehearsals for the Norton Community High School play, "Putting on Heirs," continue this week in preparation for the opening at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the East Campus auditorium.
The final performance will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.
Director Joan Hale said the cast members have been working hard and she is anxious for the community to see the production.
Jessica Sprigg carries the lead role of Mrs. Ernestine Webb, manager of the \$77 million Webb fortune.
Her slightly senile friend, Miss Pomfrey, played by Darci Darling, visits and bemoans the loss of her beloved Alexandra, and the heirs think it is Mother Webb who has died. Mrs. Webb realizes that

death is one way to get out from under the hassles of managing her fortune and fakes her own death.
Her heirs fall all over each other to find her will. When they can't find it, they simply make up one of their own.
The heirs are Alex Webb, played by Dane Krizek; Donald Webb, played by Brett Wyatt; Rhonda Webb, played by Katelynn Gallentine; and Elwood Webb, played by Aaron Van Der Wege.
Other cast members are Jared Cox, Fenwick; Eisenhower Elementary second grader Lauren Mordecai, Emily; Cyndie Milnes, a burglar; Cherean Kendall, Milliecent Sweet; Stephen Mizell, Charles Canterbury; Perrell Stanley, the announcer; Jessica Cook and Lucy Gosselin, reporters;

Valerie Wagoner, a saleswoman; Cindel Harrington, an attorney; Stephanie Shepard a groupie; and Tabitha Vincent, a fanatic.
Mrs. Hale is assisted by Marilyn Donahay.
Crew members are Annette Becker, Gena Myers and Valerie Wagoner, props; Nolan Evans and Dani Wuest, set design; Lacey Roe, Karlynn Kent and Tabitha Vincent, costumes; Lisa Jones, Hannah Mills, Rebecca Ebert, Kayla Douglas, Ashley Maybon and Morgan Bailey, makeup; Carson Braun, Preston Herman and Perrell Stanley, lighting and special effects; Rebecca Ebert and Kayla Douglas, programs and advertising; Mathew Shepard and Andrew Black, stage managers.
Many other students and friends helped with set construction.

Races slated to start in mid-March at speedway

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
Race fans have to wait until mid-March to watch their favorite drivers take to the track at Elmwood Park Speedway.
Race organizer Don Bolt presented a tentative schedule for his races to the Norton City Council on Wednesday.
The first scheduled activity is a practice/play day from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 11.
The first race, the Frost Festival, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12.
In April there will be races at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, 15 and 22.
In May the time switches to 7 p.m. with races on Saturday, May 6 and 27; June 10 and 24; and July 8 and 15.
During fair week, races will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 29, and 6:30 p.m., Sunday, July 30.

land would be used for a free fair one week each year.
The time of the fair is not specified, he said, and that has to be agreed on each year between the city and the fair board.
"So, it's the city's prerogative to which week," Councilwoman Elaine Mann inquired.
Mr. Worden said it's not so much the city's right to say when the fair is held as much as it has a say in the selection time. If the fair board wants a time when the city has already something going on, the date would have to be negotiated, he said.
"They have one week," he noted and added that, in 1992, the city contracted with the Amusement Authority but a specific week wasn't specified.

Mr. Worden said the city should probably get the area re-surveyed because some of the landmarks noted in the old deeds no longer exist.
Mrs. Mann asked that the documents and various agreements be gotten together and brought back to the council, so that everything would be clear to everyone.

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5-7 p.m. — Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Oyster Soups
6-10 p.m. — Moon Walk and "Six-Sided Castle"
7:30 p.m. — Auction of Crafts, Fine Goods, Soup and Other Activities
Sun., Nov. 13 will feature Jeff Ruckman as guest speaker
Almena Congregational Church
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City purchases easements for lift station

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
Norton took another step closer to getting a new sewer plant on Wednesday as the city council authorized paying for land and easements for access to a lift station.
The city agreed to pay Louis Roberts \$4,000 for four acres. The area will be where the city builds the lift station and has been surveyed.
Mr. Roberts agreed to sell the

land for the same price he paid for it, \$1,000 an acre.
The city will pay J.D. Sanderson \$1,000 for a roadway easement across his property.
The city plans to build a cheap all-weather road across his property to the lift station. The road will be used by the city crew to maintain the station and may be used on an almost daily basis.
Mr. Sanderson requested that he have the right to farm any ground

not being used by the city.
The Eagles Club will receive \$1,000 and the city will furnish and install asphalt millings on part of their parking lot in exchange for an easement across their property.
The Eagles plan to hire Doug Whitney to level and grade the area.
It is estimated that 12 to 14 loads of millings will be needed at a cost of about \$350. Delivering and spreading will take about four

hours of crew time.
Payment for the land and easements will come from the city's sewer replacement fund, which has \$25,841 in it.
Council members said they have talked with Thaniel Monaco of Miller and Associates, the city's engineering firm, which is helping get the new sewer plant built, and he said they seemed reasonable to him.

Landfill to receive state audit

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have the audit in Northwest Kansas are Smith and Graham counties and Oakley, Mr. Archibald said, adding that he had talked to landfill supervisors in both Thomas and Phillips counties and they were having the audit done.
As part of the agreement for those landfills, that have the audit done, the state has agreed not to inspect for a year.
"Not having to deal with KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) for inspections, everyone thought this would be a plus for us," he said.
Mr. Archibald also talked about measures the county and prison takes to make sure prisoners do not use the landfill to pick up or leave off contraband, such as drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
"Those guys are strip searched each time they go back in so I know it isn't getting in from our guys," he said.
However, he said, he didn't think the prisoners working out at Sebelius Reservoir were searched as well as the ones who work at the landfill.
Mr. Archibald said that he will be going to Phillipsburg this week to thank the Phillips County commissioners for all their help in letting Norton County dump there and said he would like to take the landfill director and commissioners out to lunch.

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