

THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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Friday

November 11, 2005

Norton, Kansas
Home of Weldon Brooks

Briefly

Pheasant dinner set for Saturday

The Norcat Methodist Church will hold its Annual Pheasant Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Educational Building next door to the church. The menu will include turkey and dressing, ham loaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salads and desserts. Admission is \$6 for adults, 6 to 12 years, \$3; and children 5 and under eat free.

Water, sewer meeting set

A public meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday on Norton's proposed water and sewer plans.

The meeting will start with a tour of the water plant, 706 S. Johnson Rd., followed by a discussion of the proposed water plant. Tours will then be held at the water well field and the sewer plant.

Representatives from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas State University, Miller and Associates Engineering Firm, U.S. Department of Agriculture/Rural Development and the city will be available to answer questions. For information, call the city office at 877-5000.

School play set for weekend

The Norton Community High School play, "Putting On Heirs", will be 7:30 p.m., Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the East Campus auditorium.

The comedy centers around a rich woman's attempts to avoid the hassles of managing her millions and her greedy children's attempts to gain it for themselves. Joan Hale is the director of the play, assisted by Marilyn Donahey. Admission is \$4/adults, \$3/students and preschoolers free.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — 20 percent chance of showers after midnight. **Saturday** — 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 60s. **Sunday** — Highs in the 50s.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 78, Low 35
Wednesday High 51, Low 33
Thursday High 70, Low 42
Week ago High 61, Low 34
Month ago High 53, Low 48
Year ago High 50, Low 26
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

Loving Creator, we thank and praise you that amid the uncertainty of life, your love and promises remain constant. Help us to find the faith to trust you and to always rest securely in your care. Amen



A red heeler (above) is one of 11 dogs being housed at the Norton Animal Shelter right now. Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman rescued two litters of kittens from a garage recently, including twin calicos, one of which she was holding (below). — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Pets crowd pound

By VERONICA MONIER

It must have been raining cats and dogs last month because the Norton Animal Shelter is full again.

Animal Control Officer Sherry Hickman said the shelter has 11 cats, seven of which are kittens, and 11 dogs.

Among the list of dogs, she said, are a black lab puppy, a female chocolate lab, a 3-year-old black lab, two Chihuahua/mini-Doberman pincher mixes, a red heeler, two Airedales and several other mixes.

The red heeler, she said, just came in and the 3-year-old lab is great with kids. She said she thinks the heeler was a farm dog that just got lost and couldn't find its way home.

Just in time for winter, she said, the shelter had six new dog beds made at Skrdlant Welding. The beds were paid for with money donated from the memorial of John Holeman.

"The memorial was established because of his and his wife's love of animals," she said. "We're going to get a plaque made for them, which will be placed at the pound.

"It was really nice of them to do that. There are many other things people could



put their money toward and to give it to help the shelter is great of them."

The new beds, which when added to the old beds makes 12, are just in time to keep the dogs off the cold ground in winter, she said.

Before the beds can be used, though, they have to get mats, which will also be paid for with the Holeman memorial.

Mrs. Hickman said people need to be more careful with their pets in winter.

If a dog is outside, it needs to have a shelter with something inside it, like hay or straw, to keep the animal warm. Straw or hay work better than a blanket because it maintains the animal's heat, whereas a blanket doesn't. Blankets also get wet and (Continued on Page 5)



Mark Saintz and his limousines are ready to carry passengers anywhere in Norton or the surrounding area. Mr. Saintz will also provide pick-up and delivery service. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Secretary has office in Norton

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The Grand Secretary's office of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has moved to Norton.

Bill Cochran, the new grand secretary of the benevolent fraternity, has his office in the upstairs of the Lodge Hall in downtown Norton.

The office has been in Frankfort for the last 10 years as it is usually wherever the grand secretary lives.

Mr. Cochran has held all five executive offices of the group including grand treasurer, grand warden, deputy grand master, grand master and now grand secretary.

He has been a member of the Norton lodge for 26 years.

His duties include publishing the Kansas Odd Fellow and Rebekah News and keeping the accounts between subordinate lodges and the grand lodge.

Mr. Cochran has been assigned to the Board of Assistance, which provided financial aid to almost 90 lodge members who needed help over the past year.

The Odd Fellows is an international organization with lodges in the Scandinavian countries, Poland, Switzerland, eastern Europe, England and Australia, as well as the U.S.

"There are a lot of things we do as an organization," Mr. Cochran said. "The Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University, known as the best in the world, is endowed by the Odd Fellows.

We also assist with children's care villages, called SOS Villages. These villages are worldwide. In other countries, each village has 150 children. We have some in Chicago and Florida."

Mr. Cochran came to Norton 30 years ago when he was the manager of the Gibson Store.

He and his wife Frances have four children, Connie Dale and Butch Cochran, Norton; Joyce Romero, Billingham, Wash.; and Mary Martinez, Dodge City.

Norton man serves country in Coast Guard

Information Technologist 3rd Class Matt Speer graduated from Norton Community High School in 1991.

He attended the University of Kansas before joining the Coast Guard in 1996, taking his boot camp training at Cape May, N.J.

His first assignment was on the Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton, based in San Pedro, Calif.

After his discharge, he continued in the active reserve. Following 9/11, he was again on active duty in Portland.

He took a six-month training program with the Coast Guard in information technology and went back on active duty. He is stationed at the Coast Guard pay station in Topeka.

He received an associate of arts degree in computer technology from Herald College, Portland, in 2003. He is the son of Bob and Rita Speer, Norton.



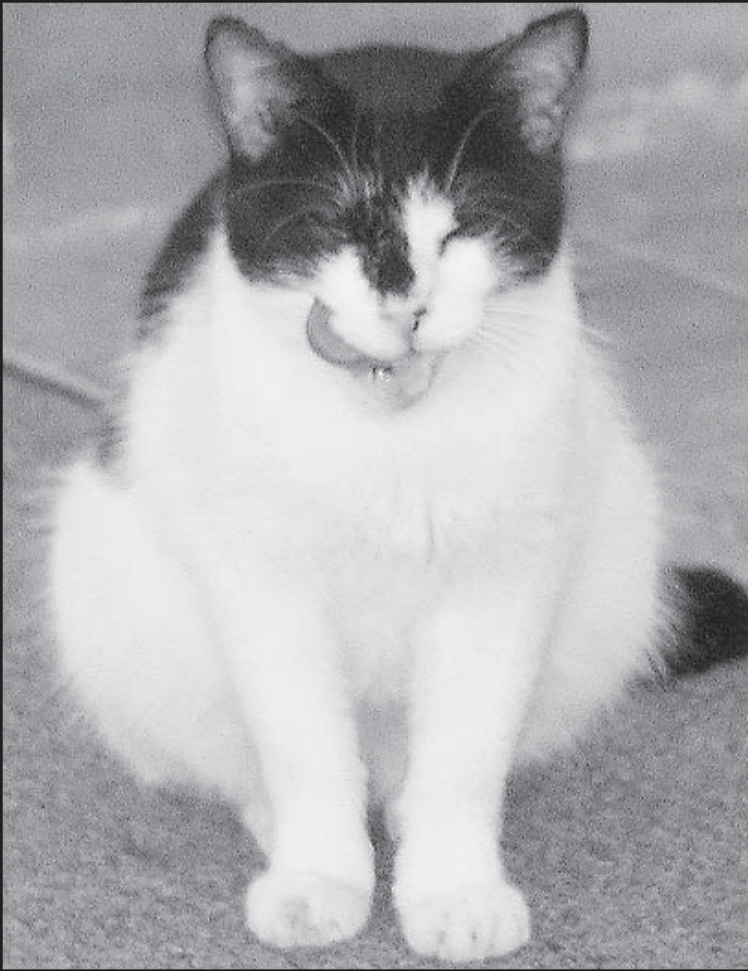
Matt Speer

Car service stretches into Norton

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Mark Saintz has big ideas and big cars to match.

A native of Norton, Mr. Saintz had moved to Kansas City, but returned recently with three Lincoln limousines and (Continued on Page 5)



A black and white cat was satisfied after being fed. It is one of 11 at the Norton Animal Shelter.
— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Cats, dogs fill pound

(Continued from Page 1) then freeze.

Also, she said, just like people, animals get dehydrated. People need to make sure their pets have fresh water and that the ice is broken. Larger containers of water are less likely to freeze.

Outside animals need to be fed more in winter, she said. They use more energy to stay warm and so need more food. They also need more protein to keep their coats thick enough for warmth.

Keep antifreeze away from animals. It's sweet like syrup, but even just a teaspoon can kill a pet.

As for cats, she said they tend to automatically go where it is warm and so a lot crawl inside engines. People should tap on their hoods before starting their vehicles to make sure no animals are inside.

Mrs. Hickman said people should contact her or the police if they notice an animal outside for long periods of time without food, water or shelter.

New limo service ready to roll

(Continued from Page 1) an idea for a new business to serve Norton and the surrounding area. He is the owner of Affordable Classic Limousine and Car Service.

"I want to offer a special, but affordable, car service," Mr. Saintz said. "Besides, being available for weddings, prom, anniversaries, funerals and a special night on-the-town, I will pick up your groceries, prescriptions or take you to a doctor's appointment." He could even be called if someone knew

they had too much to drink and shouldn't drive.

He explained the difference between taxi service and a car service. He said taxis charge by the mile, while his car service will offer reasonable rates based on actual driving time. He said he will have a special rate for out-of-town travel. Waiting time is not included.

The stretch limos were purchased in New Jersey, Indiana and Kansas City. They will offer all the luxuries you would expect like

leather interiors, and two seats facing each other.

Mr. Saintz has two other drivers, Joe and Karen Koelting, to help during peak times. They are friends, originally from Kansas City, who visited Norton, fell in love with the community and decided to move.

His mother is Alice Saintz, Norton.

Affordable Classic Limousine and Car Service may be reached at 785-202-0952.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.
Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Students Against Drunk Driving, a.p.; FFA District Poultry at Hays, 4 p.m.
Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; SAC, a.p.; 10th-grade PLAN Test, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Site Council, 5 p.m.
Thursday — Model United Nations at Hays, 8 a.m.; FCCLA, a.p.
Friday — Artist of the Month; Jazz, a.p.
Saturday — FFA district leadership and public speaking at Hill City, 9 a.m.
Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; FFA Bingo, 7:30 p.m.

Junior High:

Tuesday — Basketball versus Phillipsburg, here, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday — Basketball versus Osborne, here, 5:30 p.m.
Next Monday — Basketball versus WaKeeney, here, 5:30 p.m.
Eisenhower:
Wednesday — Faculty Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Thursday — Grade fifth and sixth level meeting, 7:30 a.m.; Kindergarten through sixth, photo re-takes
Next Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

All Schools:

November 13-19 — American Education Week
Monday — Board of Education Meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 p.m.; Winter sports practice begins
Tuesday — Curriculum Coordinating Council, 7:30 a.m.
Friday — Progress reports go home

High School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Cinnamon bun donut, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ground beef gravy, potato, carrots, strawberry banana fruit cup or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Yogurt, bagel/cream cheese, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken enchilada, peaches or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage pockets, tater wedge, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, pears or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Roast beef/cheese sandwich, corn, coleslaw, Jell-O with whipped topping or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Birthday Meal — Chicken strips, potatoes/country gravy, carrots, chocolate sheet cake, or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Menus:

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

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

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

Thursday — Breakfast: Canadian 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, corn, tater tots, bananas, milk

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — High school basketball practice starts; High school Dance Team practice, 6 p.m.; School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Bus drivers' meeting at Long Island, 8:45 a.m.; Jun-

ior high basketball, 4:30 p.m.; High school cheerleading practice, 6 p.m.

Wednesday — KASFAA Workshop at Hays, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Principal meeting at Phillipsburg, noon; KAY Daddy/Daughter Banquet, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday — Picture retakes, 8 a.m.; Third-grade Thanksgiving feast, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday — FFA District leadership school at Hill City, all day

School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Egg/cheese biscuit, pear half, cereal; Lunch: BBQ beef/bun, tri-taters, carrots, vanilla pudding

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cherry coffee cake, sausage link, grape juice, cereal; Lunch: Nachos, tossed salad, beets, frosted pear

Wednesday — Breakfast: Waffles, ham, apricots, cereal; Lunch: Turkey/dressing, potatoes/gravy, salads, green beans, pumpkin dessert

Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage in a blanket, orange juice, cereal; Lunch: Submarine sandwich, French fries, spinach, tapio-ca pudding

Friday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, sliced peaches, cereal; Lunch: Beef tamale pie, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup

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Monday — Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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Steve Hirsch (left) Norcat city attorney and a representative of Sheridan County Fire Department, gave a safety presentation to the Norcat pre-school class last week. Paying close attention were Bryndon Wentz, Amy Wentz, Isaiah Hughes, Joslyn Smith and Ainsley Kier.
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Youngsters learn fire safety

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
It's never too soon to teach children about fire safety.

Steve Hirsch, Norcat city attorney and training officer for the Sheridan County Fire Department, used a new training tool to warn pre-schoolers in Norcat about the dangers of playing with matches and the need for fire safety.

A federal grant from the U.S. Fire Administration enabled the fire department to purchase "Hazard House". The "house" arrived in April and has already been seen by hundreds of children in northwest Kansas.

"It's set up for children of all

ages," Mr. Hirsch said. "Even the very youngest can understand the basics (of fire safety)." He added, "It's good for old-timers, too."

The "house" unfolds to reveal "rooms" with dangerous situations.

The children were able to identify a person sleeping in a chair with a lit cigarette. They also noted a roll of paper towels above a stove.

One little boy spotted a match on the floor in the basement. Another scene illustrates how a child should check a door before opening it during a fire, to determine if it is hot or not.

He allowed the children to place

"smoke detectors" in all the rooms. Then, using switches and buttons, Mr. Hirsch was able to set off "fires" and trigger the alarms.

He also instructed the children to "Get Out and Stay Out" of their own house, if it ever were on fire.

He said the "Hazard House" can be set up for safety programs including choking; poisoning; and swimming pool, playground, bicycle and lake safety. The house is available for presentations throughout the northwest region.

To schedule a safety program with Mr. Hirsch and "Hazard House", call him at (785) 475-2358.



A city fire truck rounded the corner on its way to a fire at 804 N. First St.
— Telegram photo by Cynthia Haynes

Curtains too close to candle cause blaze

A small fire ended in minimal damage Tuesday.

At 12:07 p.m., two trucks and nine men from the Norton City Fire Department responded to a

fire caused by a candle at the home of Tony and Heidi Mackey on First Street, said Chief Mitch Jones.

Curtains were laid on a table too close to where the candle was

burning and caught fire, he said. The only damage was to the curtains.

The fire department was at the scene for about 30 minutes.

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