



Friday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Julia Roeder

Briefly

Man shares county history

Retired highway surveyor Jim Miller, Phillipsburg, has researched how Kansas was surveyed in 1862, in preparation for homesteading. Mr. Miller will present his findings in a program for the Norton Genealogical Society at 2 p.m. Monday in the Community Room of the Norton Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

If you have wondered how such precise measurements were made in hilly, northwest Kansas you won't want to miss this presentation. Refreshments will be served.

'Americans' and students perform

The Internationally recognized Young Americans and participating Norton students in grades 4-12 will be performing a spectacular show open to the public at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the high school Stull Gymnasium.

The Young Americans will perform the first half of the show, just as they have done around the world. The Young Americans and students will perform together the second half of the show. It will be a very dynamic, high-energy show full of song and dance of many different musical styles.

The public is encouraged to attend. Tickets for adults will be \$8; student tickets will be \$5 and may be purchased at the door that night. Doors will open to the public at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Eisenhower rounds up kids

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding its annual Kindergarten Roundup from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday.

At 5 p.m., there will be a meeting in the school cafeteria with Principal Corey Roy, the kindergarten teachers and the school nurse.

Parents can come between 4 and 5 p.m. to visit the classrooms and the school with their child.

For more information, call the school at 877-5113.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Windy and mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny and windy with highs in the mid 30s. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with lows around 18. **Sunday** — Sunny and not as cool with highs in the lower 50s. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 20s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 22, High 49
Wednesday Low 22, High 47
Thursday Low 27, High 44
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for your promises and your unflinching faithfulness in keeping them. **Amen**

Search for missing man ends

By VERONICA MONIER

The extensive search for a missing Rawlins County man has come to an end.

When Dale Nelson's truck was found near the shoreline of Sebelius Reservoir last November by Wildlife and Parks employees, park rangers began a ground search.

No sign of Mr. Nelson was found and the Plainville Rescue Squad's dive team was brought in to search the water, as well as the Kansas Highway Patrol, who searched by air.

After hours of searching, Mr. Nelson, 81, couldn't be found.

Around 3 p.m. Monday a park ranger

spotted a body in the reservoir, said Sheriff Troy Thomson. Plainville Rescue Squad was once again called out to the lake and a body was recovered.

Mr. Nelson's family identified the body, said Sheriff Thomson. An autopsy was requested and Mr. Nelson's body was sent to Hays.

A preliminary autopsy report said the cause of death was drowning.

Sheriff Thomson couldn't say if it was being considered an accidental death or not and that it wouldn't be known until the full autopsy report was finished.



Third through sixth grade students at Eisenhower Elementary have spent the last two weeks participating in Jump Rope for Heart, a national program to raise money for research and education programs fighting heart disease. The students jumped individually and in groups, like these sixth

grade students in Mrs. Teresa Schulze's class. La Nae Dial and Jared Bohl handled the rope, while Cassius Dole and Kaitlyn Campbell jumped as high as they could, and Jade Cressler and Chalise Christensen waited for the right moment to join in. —Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Eisenhower students jump to fight heart disease

By VERONICA MONIER

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Eisenhower Elementary have been jumping like someone's life depended on it.

And someone's life did, several someones in fact. The third through sixth grade students have been involved in Jump Rope for Heart, a program that allows students to raise money for research and educational

programs in the fight against heart disease.

Not only were they jumping to raise money, but they were also jumping for someone they care about. This year, students were allowed to dedicate a heart to someone they wanted to jump for, like a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or friend. On the hearts, they wrote a personal message, like "I miss her," as one student wrote about her grandmother. The hearts

were then hung up on the hallway wall next to the cafeteria in a special design — a big heart in the middle with veins flowing out from it. The dedication hearts were attached to the veins.

Six of the 11 classes jumping met their class goals and several more were just under their goals. La Nae Dial, a sixth grader in Mrs. Teresa Schulze's class, raised the most money individually at Eisenhower, getting \$300 in donations on

sheer perseverance alone.

The students have been jumping in their physical education class for the past two weeks. They are finishing up today.

Jump Rope for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Norton hospital looks at starting evening clinic

By VERONICA MONIER

An evening clinic is a likely possibility for the Norton County Hospital.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller told the hospital board at its last meeting that Patricia McCartney, a nurse practitioner who works in the emergency room, is interested in holding an evening clinic. The medical staff approve of the idea, he said.

He said she's thinking about having a two-hour clinic, once a week, in the hospital's out-patient area. But, he said, some of the business department would need to be recruited to help out. In addition to Ms. McCartney, they would likely need a nurse and someone to do registration.

Mr. Miller said the details haven't all been worked out yet, like whether or not to have walk-ins or scheduled appointments. Ms. McCartney would like to schedule the appointments, so that the patients' charts can be available. But, walk-ins might be accepted. Visits to the evening clinic would be considered Doctor's Clinic visits.

He said the medical staff thought Monday might be a good day to hold the clinic, because the clinic is always busy coming off the weekend.

Board President Dennis Miller said it was a great idea.

"This would be a great service to offer," he said. "It's really the next logical step. It's a good example of thinking outside box."

Board member "Doc" Peterson said as someone who has held an evening clinic for 40 years, it is a good idea to have scheduled appointments instead of walk-ins.

Board member Jennie Goldsby said they could maybe allow a couple of walk-ins and see how it goes. If it's busy enough, she said they could possibly offer it two nights a week instead of one.

Although the details have yet to be finalized, the board endorsed the concept of establishing an evening clinic.

In other business, the board:
• Approved the January board meeting minutes as written.

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County commission wants paramedic for emergency service

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Commission wants its emergency medical service to have a paramedic.

Ambulance Director Ruth Schillig said she would like to hire another emergency medical technician to relieve some of the pressure on her employees and volunteers. The service, she said Monday, is up to 84 runs, which is about 20 more than it had last year at this time. Her workers can't take any time off, which is why she would like another technician.

Commissioner John Miller asked how she was doing on the search for a paramedic.

"We're dead in the water," she said. Ms. Schillig said an applicant was scheduled to come to Norton to meet the commission, but failed to show up.

Mr. Miller said she should go back through the applications and see if one of the other applicants would still be interested. He said they promised the state board and the county service director that they would get a paramedic.

"We need to figure out what we need to add to our package to make it more enticing," he said. "We need to do what we can to get these people on board. If the problem is they are nationally certified, but not Kansas certified, then we can get them Kansas certified."

He said the commission would like to meet with the four remaining candidates and would be willing to change the package to make it more desirable.

"Get back in contact with these people," he said. "Tell them your board wants to meet with them. Having a paramedic will allow you to focus more on being a manager."

In other business, the commission:
• Met with Hospital Administrator Rich Miller, board members Warren White and Dennis Gilhousen, and Financial Officer Ryan Stover. Mr. Miller told the commission that in the hospital's and its legal council's opinion, the hospital bylaws were violated with the recent appointments of two

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