

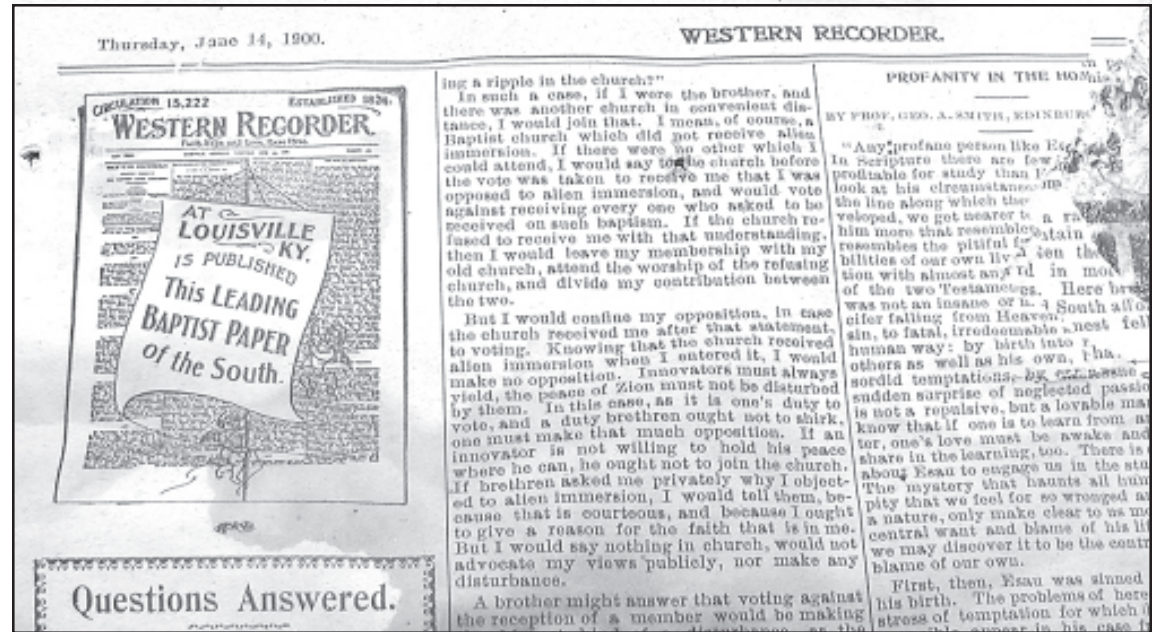
# A new branch...



Karl Kohfeld, left, President of First Security Bank, Norton, met with landscaper Kevin Wiltfong at the location of the bank's proposed drive-up automated teller machine (ATM). The projected completion date is within 30 to 45 days and will incorporate the blocks of native Kansas limestone. It will be located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Second Street and U.S. Highway 36. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Commission to meet on water program

Norton has been selected as one of the locations for meetings by the State Conservation Commission regarding implementation of the Water Right Transition Assistance Pilot Project Program. The meetings are designed to promote public interest and awareness, inform the public of possible economic and hydrologic impacts of the program, and facilitate participation by assisting potential applicants. The Norton meetings will be held Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Norton Public Library, and on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m., also at the library. The Water Transition Assistance Project is a voluntary, incentive-based program that permanently retires privately held water rights in exchange for payment by the State of Kansas. A program passed by the 2006 Legislature, the project is intended to help restore aquifers and recover stream flows in critically depleted areas. The program rules and regulations, maps, and other details are posted on the SCC website at [www.scc.ks.gov](http://www.scc.ks.gov). Anyone physically unable to attend the public meetings, or would like more information, can contact the program administrator electronically at [steve.frost@scc.ks.gov](mailto:steve.frost@scc.ks.gov) or by phone at (785) 296-8964. Correspondence can be mailed to the State Conservation Commission, Mills Building, 109 SW 9th Street, Suite 500, Topeka, Kan. 66612-1215. The other meetings will be held at St. John on Aug. 8 and Aug. 14.



The dateline "Thursday, June 14, 1900" is still visible on this 107 year old newspaper found behind the wall of a Norton home that was being remodeled. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Tickets help raise money for bikes

Bikes For Youngsters is a program at Norton Correctional Facility that restores donated bicycles. The facility is planning a celebration to coincide with its 20th anniversary and to raise money for the program. Tickets to be eligible for one of over 70 prizes that have been donated by local merchants and businesses. White Fields Coffee House also has tickets available. Tickets sell for one dollar each or six tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday Aug. 8 in the lobby of the administration building at Norton Correctional Facility. You do not have to be present to win. Prizes range from half a beef to gift certificates and coffee mugs.

# Remodel reveals a little bit of ancient history

(Continued from Page 1) On closer inspection one of the papers, *The Western Recorder*, was dated June 14, 1900. One of the ads indicated it was the official newspaper of the Southern Baptist Church with a circulation of 15,220. It was printed in Louisville, Ky. The other paper was a little closer to home. An issue dated June 29, 1900 was of *The Atwood Patriot*. A front page story mentioned President McKinley and ads on the inside listed a new treadle sewing machine for \$18 and ladies underwear for 10 cents. Mr. Hinds is an employee of Steve Jeltz, Enterprises.

# Plugged sewer causes detour on State Street

(Continued from Page 1) Mr. Lawson said they think they have it narrowed down to about a 10-foot section that's about 14 feet deep. "We'll see if we can get it unplugged," he said. "I'll be meeting with the public works department, the state and a contractor to see what we can do. We're shooting for Monday morning to start cutting the street and, hopefully, we'll have it done by Tuesday or Wednesday. It could take longer though, even though we hope it won't." Mr. Lawson said city crews will be taking care of the sewer main over the weekend so there isn't any backflow.

### ECS Adds New Sales Representative

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of Budget Hearing for the City of Alma

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, July 20, 2007.

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of the City of Alma will meet on the 6th day of August, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Alma City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the Alma City Office and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Current Year Est of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate *
General	120,243	62.004	167,652	63.180	182,000	71,635	60.484
Library	7,438	3.479	8,200	3.564	8,500	4,113	3.473
Special Highway			26,549		37,268		
Fire	493		522				
Water & Sewer	60,813		179,822		197,722		
Solid Waste/Trash Collection	34,223		39,335		45,304		
Crime Reward							
Equipment Reserve							
Solid Waste Reserve							
Utility Reserve	661						
Court Costs							
Capital Improvements							
Special Projects	12,241						
Totals	266,112	65.483	422,080	66.744	470,794	75,748	63.957
Less: Transfers	29,000		44,000		39,000		
Net Expenditure	237,112		378,080		431,794		
Total Tax Levied	75,319		75,335				
Assessed Valuation	1,150,193		1,131,716		1,184,358		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1, 2005: 2006: 2007: 0

G.O. Bonds: 0

Revenue Bonds: 0

Other: 448,830

Lease Purchase Principal: 7,353

Total: 456,183

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Twila Ingram, Clerk  
City Official, Title

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of Budget Hearing for City of Norcatour

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, July 20, 2007.

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of the City of Norcatour will meet on the 20th day of August, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Norcatour City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Norcatour City Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate *
General	30,513	17.085	34,600	17.869	39,100	13,666	23.254
Employee Benefits	4,055	4.191	3,600	5.043	5,750	2,781	4.753
Library	1,530	2.161	1,566	2.154	1,566	1,237	2.114
Bond & Interest	8,822	7.873	8,570	8.389	19,570	4,859	8.304
Special Highway	10,190		6,798		5,000		
Water	8,812		12,050		47,536		
Sewer	1,921		2,000		26,201		
Solid Waste	11,206		11,000		11,000		
Totals	77,049	31.315	79,934	33.455	155,723	22,543	38.525
Less: Transfers							
Net Expenditure	77,049		79,934		155,723		
Total Tax Levied	66,086		18,795				
Assessed Valuation	562,349		561,797		585,151		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1, 2005: 2006: 2007: 85,000

G.O. Bonds: 80,000

Revenue Bonds: 0

Other: 0

Lease Purchase Principal: 0

Total: 85,000

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Chris DeWitt  
City Official, Title

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