

Around town



Alta May VanGundy, in white shawl, watched as Dorothy Foland petted a pet hamster held by Marisa Maddy. Marisa entered her pet in the 4-H Pet Show held Monday afternoon in front of the Norton Andbe Home.

—Photo by Patsy Maddy



The new concession stand at the Equine Center at Elmwood Park proved its worth last Tuesday during the District 4-H Horse Show. Members of the Norton County Horse Council operated the stand serving food out of the almost-completed facility. Appliances are still to be installed and the showers need to be finished.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

EcoDevelopment: No solid negotiations

(Continued from Page 1) since Country General closed down. Orscheln's Chief Financial Officer could be coming to visit the town in August. There currently are no solid negotiations for Orscheln to come to Norton.

in Economic Development meetings. "We take the effects on Orscheln coming to town very seriously," she said. "Our primary focus isn't on recruiting new businesses to Norton, but the retention and expansion of existing businesses and entrepreneurs."

"Helping a business such as Natoma expand is more profitable than bringing Orscheln in, but we also don't want to keep new businesses out. When you have a healthy business climate, as Norton does, other businesses will want to move in," the director said.

School board: Arts Council receives help

(Continued from Page 1) ing district agreement" with the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland at an annual fee of \$150.

- Approved to contribute \$2,000 to the Norton Arts Council and waived the feed and insurance for using Norton School District facilities for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Designated Principals Rudy Perez, Jeff Wallingford, and Corey Roy as student welfare officers for their respective buildings for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Designated Superintendent Mann as the PL874 representative, the federal programs representative, hearing officer for free and reduced meal applications, representative for state programs, Freedom of Information Officer, and coordinator of services for homeless children.
- Appointed Frank Otter as the Norton School District representative to the Board of Control for the Northwest Kansas Technical College.
- Voted to have board President Mark Keilig give the staff welcome at the beginning of the school year.

- Voted to continue to have their meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of the special end-of-year meeting, and for the monthly meetings to not continue beyond 11:30 p.m.
- Voted to approve resolution #90-5: City and county laws and ordinance enforcement to be allowed on school grounds. Superintendent Mann also said that it was recommended by the Kansas Association of School Board to approve that resolution.
- Approved the district credit cards, their uses and limits as presented for 2008-2009.
- Approved to designate building principals as the custodians of their respective activity funds and gate receipts.
- Approved to continue the annual alternation of the district's checking account between the First State Bank and the First Security Bank & Trust and locate the checking account with First State Bank for 2008-2009.
- Learned of the changes, revisions and additions to the Board of Education Policies Book. They included: The gifted program was expanded to include 10th graders.

There will be "No expectation of privacy" by students or staff who use school computers or networks. Anything of value created using the schools' computers or networks belongs to the school. The School Board will not condone pirated software, nor is "freeware" allowed on school computers.

The policy regarding varicella vaccines has been changed to require only one shot, while recommending the second as well. Examples of cheating were added to the policies book.

Also:

- The 2008-2009 Classified and Personnel Handbooks were approved.
- Requests for out-of-district transportation were approved. Fourteen students that live in Norton will ride busses to Northern Valley, and busses will pick up two students from the Northern Valley school district and bring them to Norton schools.

Mark Keilig assumed the presidency of the school board and Jeff Nieslen vice president.

There was no more business brought before the board, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

School safety: Some tips for drivers

(Continued from Page 1) stands before trying to pick it up. The driver may not see a child bending down.

In addition, a child is less likely to drop something in traffic if he or she carries the school supplies in a backpack.

Obey the bus driver, sit facing forward in the seat, use an inside-voice, and do not stick anything out the windows.

Tips for Drivers

When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or riding a bicycle to school.

When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Slow down. Watch for children congregating near bus stops.

Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

Know it is illegal to pass a school bus stopped to load or unload students. In Kansas, the fine for this potentially deadly violation is \$300 plus court costs.

Learn the flashing signal light

system that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions.

Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.

Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicates the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

Motorists must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before starting to drive again.

Water restrictions imposed

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**
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Oberlin's mayor declared a Stage 2 water warning Thursday, meaning the city is now on water rationing using an even/odd outdoor watering system, but homeowners got more than an extra month of unregulated water use this summer.

In past years, the even/odd watering has started at the end of May or beginning of June. This year, with timely rains and an unseasonably cool start to the season, homeowners apparently hadn't been watering as much.

The triggers for a Stage 2 water warning include the city water tower falling below 50 percent of capacity, pumping lowers water levels within 10 feet of the screens in the city wells or the demand for one day is above 700,000

gallons.

At a City Council meeting Thursday, Mayor Joe Stanley said the last trigger had been hit last Wednesday when the city used 760,000 gallons and on Tuesday at 750,000.

It had been over the trigger level for a few days earlier in the summer, he said, but then it would go down. People have been lucky that the city was able to wait this long before the restrictions went into effect, he said.

Councilwoman Marcia Lohoefer said the people have done a great job of conserving water. She said she doesn't see as many people in town watering.

With the declaration of the water warning, the council passed a resolution implementing the restrictions unanimously.

Until the warning ends, people

with odd-numbered addresses, ones that end in one, three, five, seven or nine, can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Those with even addresses, ending in zero, two, four, six and eight, can water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Outdoor water can be used only between midnight and 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight on the specified days, said Mayor Stanley. That includes watering lawns and gardens, washing cars, filling swimming pools and any other kind of outdoor use.

According to the written plan emergency water rates can be imposed. People who need to use water to establish a new lawn or wash house siding prior to painting may get special permits from the city administrator.

CITY OF ALMENA BUDGET HEARING

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of City of Almena, KS will meet on the 4th day of August, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Almena 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 Almena City Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2009 Expenditures and Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2009 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2007		Current Year Estimate for 2008		Proposed Budget for 2009		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate *
General	151,338	63.180	161,500	60.482	186,870	72,297	58.964
Library	8,105	3.564	8,500	3.473	8,600	4,248	3.465
Special Highway			37,268		38,121		
Water & Sewer	160,299		175,500		175,039		
Trash Collection (SW)	34,475		45,304		49,705		
Fire	522						
Non-Budgeted Funds-A							
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	947,348						
Totals	1,302,087	66.744	426,072	63.955	458,355	76,545	62.429
Less: Transfers	44,000				40,000		
Net Expenditure	1,258,087		387,072		418,355		
Total Tax Levied	75,535		75,748		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,131,716		1,184,410		1,226,115		

Outstanding Indebtedness,	2006	2007	2008
January 1,	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	440,464	981,238	925,332
Lease Purchase Principal	2,372	0	0
Total	442,836	981,238	925,332

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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NORTON USD 211 BUDGET HEARING

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STATE OF KANSAS Budget Form USD-A 2008-2009

NOTICE OF HEARING 2008-2009 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 211 will meet on the 11 day of August, 2008 at 7:30 pm, at 105 E. Waverly for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2008 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2008-2009 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2006-2007 Actual		2007-2008 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2008-2009			
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2008 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)	
OPERATING								
General	06	5,111,040	20,000	5,303,471	20,000	5,370,580	426,048	20,000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	963,634	13,916	1,089,000	15,694	1,315,792	468,393	18,948
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	250,586	1.999	346,892	2.999	912,997	98,879	4.000
Driver Training	18	9,641		12,974		19,721		
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	299,956		320,263		376,767		
Professional Development	26	946		1,237		22,886		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	2,194		1,991		14,124		
Special Education	30	964,700		1,046,348		1,305,788		
Vocational Education	34	84,663		95,546		125,065		
Area Vocational School	36	0		0		0		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
Federal Funds	07	128,862		131,703		137,586		
Gifts and Grants	35	899		7,889		15,838		
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11	0		0		0		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
At Risk (K-12)	13	202,862		288,684		330,702		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Fund—Continued								
Code 99 Line								
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	254,032		271,745		339,682		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	16,048		20,142		0		
Tuition Reimbursement Fund	57	0		0		0		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES**								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	8,290,063	35.915	8,937,885	38.693	10,287,530	993,320	42.948
Less: Transfers	105	1,317,210	xxxxxx	1,516,493	xxxxxx	1,634,773	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxx
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	6,972,853	xxxxxx	7,421,392	xxxxxx	8,652,757	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	793,112	xxxxxx	872,197	xxxxxx	993,320	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxx
OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	83,852	2.997	85,812	2.999	100,000	74,160	3.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	83,852	2.997	85,812	2.999	100,000	74,160	3.000
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	84,983		845,111		1,067,460		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	128	\$20,542,076		\$20,885,355		\$21,302,381		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$23,950,381		\$24,292,273		\$24,719,849		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2006	2007	2008				
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0				
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0				
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0				
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0				
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0	0	0				
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0	0	0				

* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
** Sponsoring District Only

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