

I've been good!



Santa waits for Page Bockes to finish her list Friday night at Santa's house on the courthouse lawn during the Christmas Opening in Norton. Page held her brother, Kolby, on her lap. Page and Kolby, from Lee's Summit, Mo., were visiting their grandparents Steve and Janet Mathis.

— Telegram photo by Sherry Hickman

Two new members inducted into club

The meeting of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International was held at the home of Pam Menagh. Co-hostesses were Elvina McLallen, Belinda Thalheim and Nan Smith. Twenty members and two guests, Glenna Hackerott and Sandy Dougherty, were present.

Ms. Hackerott, Delta Kappa Gamma State Recording Secretary, gave an overview of the eight key initiatives emphasized by the State President.

These initiatives include membership, providing mentoring, communication, involvement in projects, promoting lifelong learning, expanding internationally, encouraging participation beyond the chapter level, crafting research-based legislation, promoting the image of Delta Kappa Gamma and moving into the electronic age.

President Lynn Hehn called the business meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved.

Money the Fun Way was won by Sandy Worden. For unfinished business, it was noted that members may still bring items for God's Pantry or the Andbe Home to the December meeting. Mrs. Menagh is always glad to receive magazines for the baskets at the hospital and clinic. Two new members, Diane Lambrecht and Dr. Sue Ann Stutheit, were initiated. The annual silent auction was held. The meeting was adjourned with the collect.

School menus

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, hash browns, cold cereal and juice — Lunch — Hamburger on a bun, tri-tators, buttered broccoli, brownie and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, tater wedge, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Pizza casserole, green beans, bread, applesauce, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Banana bread, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — Lunch — Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit basket upset and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Crumb top muffin, ham slice, pineapple ring, cereal and milk — Lunch — Mexi-tot supreme, tossed salad with dressing, buttered corn, vanilla pudding and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Pancakes, sausage patty, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Chicken fajitas, green peppers and onions, lettuce and chopped tomato, fruit, cookie, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Sausage patty with biscuit, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — Lunch — Ham and beans, celery stick, combread, applesauce jell-o, cookie and milk.

Friday, Dec. 5

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Cinnamon butterflake biscuit, scrambled eggs, cereal, orange juice and milk — Lunch — Monterey jack sandwich, french fries, buttered green beans, fruit cup and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Waffles with syrup, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Pizza, garden salad, fruit, Rice Krispy treat, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Hot french toast, warm maple syrup, pear, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — Lunch — BBQ beef, home made bun, potato salad, dill spear, banana pudding and milk.

Monday, Dec. 8

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Sausage bagel, fruit cup, cereal and milk — Lunch — Cheeseburger pockets, ranch wedges, buttered carrots, rosy applesauce and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Cinnamon rolls, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Slivered

roast beef sandwich, sliced cheese, lettuce and tomato, chocolate pudding, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Chilled yogurt, bagel with cream cheese, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — Lunch — Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk.

County rejects all bids for new facility

Bids for a new Norton County Emergency Medical facility were all turned down by the Norton County Commissioners at their regular meeting on Nov. 10. Tom Arpin, of BG Consultants, gave the architect's estimate as \$643,100, alternate one was \$18,000 and alternate two was \$38,000.

Coal Creek Construction Company's bids were \$945,700, alternate one \$12,500 and alternate two \$37,500; Commercial Builders bids were \$1,116,000, alternate one \$12,800 and alternate two was \$43,200; Garrett's Plumbing's bids were \$997,988, alternate one \$12,700 and alternate two \$37,410.

The commissioners and Mr. Arpin discussed the bids and options with Amy Griffey of the Northwest Planning and Development Commission in Hill City. All the bids were considerably higher than the architect's estimates. The county commission asked Mr. Arpin to review the information and concerns with the bid results. He said he would look into what's driving the costs up and report back to the commission. The commissioners asked that it be done within two weeks.

Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge supervisor, gave his weekly report. He said there was some incorrect information given on who owns Bridge #OS130, stating that Norton County owns the bridge, not the City of Norton, and that he corrected the information on file with the state.

Mr. Brannan said his department is working on roads where requests are being made and where there are bad ditches. The roads are not being bladed in full lengths, just where there is an absolute need. When the requests and bad areas are completed, the crews will go back and finish the roads. Mr. Brannan also said some tubes and wings were lost in the recent rains, and most of the rain damage on the roads has been temporarily repaired; he did not want to leave any exposed holes and each area of damage will require additional work.

The commission discussed with Mr. Brannan and Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor, the condition of the roads inside the landfill due to the weather, and about a complaint from the city. Mr. Brannan said 21 loads, or approximately 200 tons of millings, have been taken to the landfill and that it should make all the roads accessible in

all weather. Mr. Archibald gave his weekly report on the landfill's operations and the monthly report on receipts and expenditures for the year to date. His report included the delinquent rates and those individuals and businesses that are late in paying their bills.

Mr. Archibald said a trailer load of electronic waste that was collected at the landfill has been sent from Norton County.

Staff from Norton County Emergency Medical Services were present to meet with the commissioners. Jane Wyatt, Emergency Medical Services director, said they recently had a state inspection, and were given a good report. Mrs. Wyatt said she'd provide written documentation.

Mrs. Wyatt said the facility recently received a letter with a \$500 donation from a local citizen. She said the letter and funds were sent in sincere appreciation.

There is an upcoming Association of Counties meeting in Wichita and Mrs. Wyatt has been asked to sit on a panel for the discussion of "Issues with EMS Facilities." Mrs. Wyatt has been working on grants that will assist with the needs of the service, including training equipment and the possible application of a new ambulance unit.

Mrs. Wyatt presented the commissioners with a letter concerning the Emergency Medical Services calls and transfer policy. The transfer policy was approved several months ago, but there is still discussion about the process for calling in a transfer. Troy

Thomson, Norton County Sheriff joined the discussion, as well as Norton County Counselor R. Douglas Sebelius. After discussion, the commission stated the county's adopted policy will remain the same.

Adam Zerr, a rural Norton County resident, discussed his property east of Norton. Mr. Zerr said his property has been surveyed and that there are questions of property/county-state right-of-way. After discussion, Mr. Zerr said that he would like to have at least one and no more than two loads of millings. The commission said they would review the request and inspect the site.

Counselor Sebelius gave the commission an update on the action to date on Blue Sky, a grant-writing service Norton County contracted to apply for grants for the new Emergency Medical Services building. Norton County has a difference of opinion in the agreement with Blue Sky on services rendered to Norton County and the fees associated with it. The commissioners agreed to have Counselor Sebelius wait on any action at this time.

Cynthia Linner, Norton County treasurer, talked with the commission on the renewal of certificates of deposit. She told the commission of the current low rates, and that they may be going even further down. The commission asked that she get bids for six months, one year and two years. The commission said after the bids are received and reviewed, a decision will be made.

The commissioners paid bills and adjourned.

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