

Council

(Continued from Page 1) from Norton and has resigned his position of Council Member of Ward III. A motion was made to accept his resignation. Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to advertise for the vacant seat in Ward III until the position is filled. Vote taken, motion passed.

• Otter updated the council on the sludge truck. He made a motion to have the city attorney prepare a petition. Vote taken, motion passed.

He said The Rock requested a \$250 donation. A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Rock. Vote taken, motion passed.

A motion was made to enter

into an agreement with the Department of Corrections for the inmate work crew. Vote taken, motion passed.

A motion was made to enter into an inter-local agreement with Norton County. Vote taken, motion passed.

• Kuhn said a resident was concerned about the curb and gutter at Second St. and W. Crane due to drainage issues.

He said the city knows there are drainage issues in several spots, and they are pursuing a grant for the work.

• Snyder reported on the last parks committee meeting and discussed interest in having a demolition derby. She said the

current IMCA Race Promoters for Elmwood Park Speedway are promoters during the stock car races only.

Anyone interested in having other events such as go-cart races, motorcycle races, tractor pulls or other events, can bring their request to the city council for approval, as long as there are no scheduling conflicts with events already approved in the park.

• The utility committee met with Allan Miller from Prairie Land Electric to discuss different options for the power plant.

The city is considering different options including buying firm power from Prairie Land. Miller will look into what the plant

would be worth if it was sold. He suggested the city meet with Bob Johnson of Sunflower Electric. City Administrator Rob Lawson said he would contact Johnson.

• A motion was made to authorize a \$10 per month discount to Mortensen Computer Service and Lee Russell during the summer for allowing the flower committee to use their water for the flowers by Mortensen Computer Service and the swimming pool. Vote taken, motion passed.

• Ryan reported on the last Economic Development board meeting.

• A motion was made by Roberta Ryan and seconded by Jeff Otter to move the Meter Reader

position from pay range 6 to pay range 9 on the city payscale. Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to move into executive session at 6 p.m., for a period of time not to exceed 20 minutes with the mayor, city council and city administrator present for discussion of non-elected personnel. Vote taken, motion passed.

The council resumed in regular session at 6:20 p.m. A motion was made to return to executive session for a period of time not to exceed 20 minutes. Vote taken, motion passed.

• Ron Hadley was present to request a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Main Street IGA at

313 W. Main Street. A motion was made to approve the 2010 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Main Street IGA. Vote taken, motion passed.

The council resumed in regular session at 6:40 p.m. No action was taken.

The next Norton City Council meeting will be held June 2 at the city office, 301 E. Washington.

The next public works meeting will be held May 24 at 5:30 p.m., the next utility meeting will be held May 24 at 6 p.m. and the next parks meeting will be May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in the city office and are open to the public.

Reunion

(Continued from Page 1) operated. Mrs. Bob Montgomery was president. Officers elected were Mrs. Frank Ward, president; Mrs. Dewaine Stapp, vice president; and Mrs. Gale Schulze, secretary-treasurer.

The first high school class to graduate at Norcat was in 1919. The largest, 1940, will celebrate its 70th anniversary this year.

Two members of the 1935 class, Crystal Johnson-Moore of Oberlin and Frank Ward of Norton, plan to attend the banquet on the 75th anniversary of their class.

“Things were much different when we went to high school in the 1930s,” said Mr. Ward. “We had no money and our entertainment was listening to *Amos and Andy* and *Fibber McGee and Molly* on the radio. I remember when Dad was taking me to school, we often had to stop and wait for the dust to clear so we could see where we were going.

“Our family lived on a farm east of Norcat. Our class started high school with 18 and there were 12 when we graduated. I played basketball, and we were in the Prairie Dog League, which also included Jennings, Clayton, Selden and Rexford. Our superintendent doubled as the basketball coach, and we won the league championship our senior year.”

After completing grade school at a rural school southwest of Norcat, Mrs. Moore said she rode to high school with her cousin, Neal Brunk, and his sister Iva. After he graduated, she stayed with an aunt, Florence Auker. She was the mother of Elden Auker, who pitched for the Detroit Tigers and was inducted in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame into 1969.

“Whether living on the farm or in town, there were chores to take care of after school,” she said. “My job was to fill the wood box with corn cobs for our stoves, and when in town, my aunt

always had fancy work for me to do. When there was a baseball game, several of us would hide behind the fence and if a ball came over, we scrambled to get it so we would get a nickel for bringing it back.

“That paid for an ice cream cone!

“Entertainment was limited in the 1930s, but we did attend some dances at the Miller building in rural Norcat. I remember when the dirt blew so bad at our home, we had to put wet dish towels on the windows to keep out the dust.

“Forrest Dennen, the superintendent, once told us, ‘It doesn’t matter what kind of clothes you wear, ragged or otherwise; the important thing is that they are clean.’

“Of course, that was a trying job for my mother, who washed all of our clothes with an old-fashioned hand-pushed washing machine.”

Other members of the 1935 class were Glenn Ankenman, Eveyn Foley Lyon, Muriel West Christiansen, Margaret Trobee Dickson, Idah Gallentine Gilreath, Hallie Bell Case, Rena Gallentine Garwood, Delmar Clark, Elva Bell McLin, Paul Bishop, Elden Vanover, Iva Brunk Ferguson, Margaret Torrence Donald, Midred Butler Bryan, Hubert Rapp and Junior Smith.

SCHOOL HISTORY

The school census in 1886, when Norcat organized as District 45, included 42 children from 5 to 21, according to the centennial history. The first term lasted two months, but by 1887 that was increased to 60 days. In 1905, a four-room, two-story schoolhouse was built with a two-year high school conducted in the upper story. It was called the “City High School.”

In December 1917, that building was ravaged by fire, so classes were held “all over town,” the

history book says.

A new brick school was completed in 1918 for \$20,000. The Norcat Rural High School was organized in 1921, with plans to increase the high school course to a four-year one. The school grew from an enrollment of 53 during its first year as a rural high school to 87, an increase of more than 60 per cent in three years.

A bond election was held in 1925 and a modern brick building was erected and equipped in 1926 after many a wordy battle. J.W. Deeter, editor of the *Norcat Rural Dispatch*, championed the cause, according to a story in the history book.

Cost of the new structure was \$75,000. In the fall of 1952, a \$200,000 grade school was built adjoining the high school so that lunches, music, art, athletics and educational facilities could be combined.

Over the years, Norcat Rural High School boasted of outstanding scholastics, sports teams, FFA, ag classes, music, plays and more.

The school was unified with Oberlin in 1968, and the final class to graduate from Norcat Rural High School was in 1970. Members were Frank Hillebrand, Mick Miller, Betty Lawson Huff, Terri Miller Kaus, Dennis Molzahn, Brenda Alexander Kaus, Rhonda Carter Jolly, Iris Jackson Bergen, Terry Jackson, Patricia Lawn Beachel and Connie Roe Kasson. Class sponsors were Leroy Harris and Aaron Bates.

Oran and Lavern Milner were honored at one of the alumni banquets for their many years of teaching at Norcat.

Some 250 are expected for the banquet this year, said Dennis Leichter.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton Community High School

Monday, May 24

State Golf at Smoky Hill at Hays

Finals: English and Science

Tuesday, May 25

Finals: Math

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Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 26

Finals: Social Studies and Electives

Fourth Nine Weeks Reading Recognition

Thursday, May 27

Finals: Make-up

School Dismissed for summer

Friday, May 28

State Track at Wichita State University

Saturday, May 29

State Track at Wichita State University

Norton Junior High School

Monday, May 24

9 a.m. Academic Awards Assembly at Junior High gym

1 p.m. Norton Junior High at the movies

Thursday, May 27

11 a.m. School dismissed for summer

Eisenhower Elementary School

Monday, May 24

Science Fair in Cafeteria, Judging from 1-2 p.m., Open for public viewing from 2-3 p.m.

Band instrument Display in cafeteria 4-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25

8:45 a.m. A/R movie day

Wednesday, May 26

Fun Day

Thursday, May 27

8:30 a.m. Awards Day in gym

11 a.m. School dismissed for summer

All Schools

Monday, May 24

4 p.m. P.D.C. at USD 211 meeting room

Thursday, May 27

11 a.m. School dismissed for the summer

No breakfast or lunch served – Buses run at dismissal

1:30 p.m. Retirement Recognition: East Campus Auditorium

7 p.m. USD 211 movie night at Norton Theater.

Friday, May 28

Teacher check out

Norton Community High School and Junior High menu

Monday

Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/

margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Cheese pizza, combo salad, garlic bread, peaches, Rice Krispie bar or chef salad, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Monkey bread, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Cook’s choice–Hot meal

Wednesday

Breakfast: Long john, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Cook’s choice–Sandwich day

Thursday

NO Breakfast – NO Lunch

Eisenhower Elementary School

Monday

Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, peaches, orange juice, milk

Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, mixed vegetables, rosy applesauce, french bread, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Golden Waffles, warm maple syrup, fruit cocktail,

apple juice, milk

Lunch: Taco crunch, corn, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast,

grape juice, milk

Lunch: Sack lunch prepared by kitchen staff

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MEMORIAL DAY 5-31-10

There will be **NO** paper on Monday, May 31 or Tuesday, June 1

This is due to the holiday weekend and the office being closed on Monday, May 31. The Monday EXTRA and Tuesday’s paper will be combined and distributed Wednesday, June 2 just as the regular Monday EXTRA would be, free to everyone in Norton

Ad Deadline for Memorial Day
 With no paper on Monday, May 31, we will need ads for the Wednesday, June 2 paper no later than **Thursday noon on May 27.**
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