

Business in the Spotlight

Norton Used Furniture came about because Gary Lockhart felt Norton had a need for quality used furniture. Gary makes regular buying trips to Colorado for furniture pieces that he feels the community wants and needs.

Gary is an auctioneer by trade and got into the furniture business through his auctioneering service in Colorado Springs, Colo. He began selling antiques and started working up, selling better and better merchandise. Eventually he owned a 16,000 square foot building full of high-end antiques and art. In the mid 1990s he had the opportunity to sell his building; it took almost a year to clear out his inventory. During this time Gary began to notice that Colorado Springs had grown so much it was now a big city and was no longer the community he wanted for his family. And so, in 1997 Gary moved his family to Norton.

Once in Norton, Gary knew he was going to do something that would require a large amount of space. The property

where Norton Used Furniture is located, south off KQNK Road, was purchased specifically for the buildings. At any given time shoppers can find a wide selection of gently used couches, chairs, a variety of tables, headboards, dressers, and lamps, plus many other items.

Gary is also the owner of Norton Coin Laundry. After the Laundromat on North State Street closed, the building at 106 W. Lincoln came up for sale. Gary knew the community needed a Laundromat and he thought this building was a good size. He purchased the building and opened the business in 2005. Despite its small size, Norton Coin Laundry has a 50 pound washer, 4-30 pound washers and 4-30 pound dryers which is great for those large loads.

In the 1960s, when Gary was in junior high, his family lived in Norton. His father, "Hop" Lockhart, was in the military and after a few years they were moved to another community. Hop and his wife, Peggy, re-

turned to Norton after his retirement, so Gary was familiar with this community and the move here brought them closer to his family. Peggy passed away several years ago.

Gary's wife, JoLynn, is the Office Manager at the Andbe Home. Their youngest son, Kent, graduated from Norton Community High School and now lives in Norton, too. Like his father, Kent has started two businesses: Veteran Lawn Care and Fog Valley Taxidermy. They have two other children: Jason and Kate who both live in Colorado Springs. Gary's sister, Bev and husband (Charles) Eddie Whitney, live in Almena, and his other sister, Gerri Heil, lives in Hays.

Of Norton, Gary said, "We love the people, the low traffic and the variety of restaurants we have for a small town. Taxes and utilities are hard on rural communities, but I hope Norton can continue to grow. I can't think of any other place I'd rather be."

Fighting heart disease



Northern Valley Elementary students in grades 1-4 participated in Jump Rope for Heart to promote cardiovascular fitness and to raise money for the American Heart Association. Forty one students raised a school record \$3,223.

-Courtesy photo

Students in grades 1 - 4 at Northern Valley participated in Jump Rope for Heart to promote their cardiovascular fitness and to raise money for the American Heart Association. Forty-one Northern Valley Grade School students did an outstanding job raising a school record \$3,223.

The event was coordinated by physical education teacher Jim Cole. It was a great success. The participants gave the

event 100 percent. It makes sense to give heart research the number one priority since cardiovascular diseases kill more Americans than all other causes of death combined. It is also important to teach our youth about volunteerism and giving to people in need.

The students from Northern Valley who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Event would like to thank everyone who donated money.

Each student will be receiving prizes depending on how much money each of them raised. The third grade collected the most money as a class with \$1,802. Third grader Stephanie Whitney was the school's top money raiser as she collected \$332. Three other students topped the \$200 mark: Shaylee Vsetecka, Lori Moppin and Lucas Kenney.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS

Monday, April 7
Dance Team meeting for those trying out, A.P.
J.V. Track Meet at Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.
Dance Team meeting for parents, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8-Tuesday, April 15
NCHS Dance Team try-out practice: Stull Gym, 7 a.m.
Tuesday, April 8
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
SAC President Election: Stull Gym, 8:30 a.m.
Varsity Golf at Smith Center, 1 p.m.
SADD Think Fast assembly: Stull Gym, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9
KAY Board, 7:45 a.m.
District FFA Livestock contest at Oakley, 8:30 a.m.
MTSS early dismissal; meals served, buses run at dismissal, 1 p.m.
MTSS faculty collaboration, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
NCHS faculty meeting, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 10
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
S.I.T. Meeting, 7:45 a.m.
Forensics at Oberlin, 8 a.m.
SAC Vice President Election: Stull Gym 8:30 a.m.
Friday, April 11
High Plains art show: Oberlin
McCook Paint-In
NCHS Invitational track meet, 3:30 p.m.
Senior Night for track and golf athletes
Saturday, April 12
A.C.T. test date
Forensics at Minneapolis, 8 a.m.
Norton FFA chapter banquet:

junior high gym, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 13
Norton Community High School wrestling banquet: junior high gym, 6 p.m.
NJHS
Monday, April 7
Dance Team meeting for those 8th graders trying out, 2:25 p.m.
Dance Team meeting for parents, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8-Tuesday, April 15
NCHS Dance Team try-out practice: Stull Gym, 7 a.m.
Tuesday, April 8
SAC President Election: Stull Gym (8th grade only), 8:30 a.m.
SADD Think Fast assembly: Stull Gym, 2 p.m.
KAYS meeting, MTSS period
Wednesday, April 9
MTSS early dismissal; meals served, buses run at dismissal, 1 p.m.
MTSS faculty collaboration, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 10
High school SAC Vice President Election: (8th grade) Stull Gym, 8:30 a.m.
Norton Junior High Invitational track meet, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, April 11
KAYS meeting: "Wiggin' out for Cancer!" Junior High Gym, MTSS Period
EES
Monday, April 7
5/6 Vocal concert rehearsal at East Campus Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.
5/6 Vocal concert at East Campus Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9
Assembly: Food Allergies at Eisenhower Elementary Gym, 9 a.m.
MTSS early dismissal; meals

served, buses run at dismissal, 1 p.m.
MTSS faculty collaboration, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 11
I.E.P. Day, 3:40 p.m.
Northern Valley
Monday, April 7
Robotics Competition at Fort Hays State University
10th period high school Assessment Testing (Math)
NVHS Track at Smith Center
JV invite, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8
7th - 12th grade Think Fast Assembly at Norton, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9
No School
FFA District livestock at Oakley 9 a.m.
WKLL Forensics meet 11 a.m.
Thursday, April 10
Northern Valley Junior High Track at Norton, 9:30 a.m.
Forensics meet in Oberlin, 2:30 p.m.
10th period high school assessment testing (Math)
Friday, April 11
Anti-Bullying Workshop, all day
Preschool Screening at Congregational Church, Almena, 9 a.m. - noon
Northern Valley High School Track at Norton, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 12
ACT Exam, Almena
Promenade, high school lobby, 6 p.m.
Prom dinner, high school auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
Prom, high school auditorium, 9 p.m. - midnight.
Sunday, April 13
Post prom, high school auditorium, midnight - 4 a.m.

SCHOOL MENU

NCHS-NJHS
Monday, April 7
Breakfast-Sausage gravy, breakfast biscuits, bananas, grape juice and milk.
Lunch-Breaded chicken sandwich, lettuce and tomato, bbq sauce, green peppers, canned corn, applesauce w/ cinnamon, milk, chef salad and salad dressing.
Tuesday, April 8
Breakfast-Apple cinnamon bars, applesauce, orange juice and milk
Lunch-Beef burrito, lettuce and tomato, picante sauce, green beans, sour cream, chips w/garden salsa, peaches, milk, chef salad and salad dressing.
Wednesday, April 9
Breakfast-Assorted cereal, toast with margarine, peaches, grape juice and milk
Lunch-Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, broccoli and carrots, bread rolls, cottage cheese, margarine cups, pears, milk, chef salad and salad dressing.
Thursday, April 10
Breakfast-Breakfast quesedilla, pears, grape juice and milk.
Lunch-Ham and cheese rollup, ketchup, baked beans, carnival salad, pineapple, milk, chef salad and salad dressing.
Friday, April 11
Breakfast-French toast sticks, Mandarin oranges, orange juice and milk.
Lunch-Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, carrots, Mandarin oranges, bread rolls, milk, chef salad and salad dressing.
EES Menu
Monday, April 7
Breakfast-oatmeal muffin, whole grain cereal, variety, strawberries, apple juice and milk.
Lunch-Taco crunch, peaches, toss salad, chocolate cake and milk.
Tuesday, April 8
Breakfast- Star spangled

pancake, sausage links, peaches, orange juice and milk.
Lunch-Ham and cheese, homemade bun, pepper strips, pork and beans, pears and milk.
Wednesday, April 9
Breakfast-Hot ham slice, hash-browns, toast with jelly, kiwi, apple juice and milk.
Lunch-Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit cocktail and milk
Thursday, April 10
Breakfast-Sausage breakfast sandwich, fruit cocktail, orange juice and milk.
Lunch-Ham and beans, celery stick, cornbread, rosy applesauce and milk
Friday, April 11
Breakfast-Whole wheat bagel, chilled yogurt, oranges, grape juice and milk.
Lunch-Tuna salad sandwich, homemade bun 1/2, corn, sweet potato french fries, raisels and milk.
Northern Valley Menu
Monday, April 7

Breakfast-Breakfast taco, fruit, juice and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Beef-n-noodles, mashed potatoes, seasoned broccoli and frosted pear.
Tuesday, April 8
Breakfast-Sausage in a blanket, hash browns, juice and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Hamburger on a bun, potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots and banana half.
Wednesday, April 9
No School
Thursday, April 10
Breakfast-Rice Krispie Treat, eggs, hash browns, fruit and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Chicken patty, bun, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli/cucumbers and apricots.
Friday, April 11
Breakfast-Granola bar, eggs, hash browns, yogurt and assorted cold cereal.
Lunch-Pizza, tossed salad w/ dressing, seasoned cauliflower and orange slices.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

March 13

Jan. 8-Kaylee Richardson, Norton; Charge: 1. Driving while suspended, 2. No proof of insurance; Plea: 1. Guilty per plea agreement with city prosecutor; Other action: 2. Dismissed/proof; Found: 1. Guilty; Sentence: 1. Fine \$200, costs \$76, total \$276, six months jail suspended/tied to district court case.
Nov. 18-Randall Willmes, Norton; Charge: Domestic bat-

tery; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Amended to battery per plea agreement; Found: Guilty; as amended; Sentence: 1. Fine \$250, costs \$76, plus appointed attorney fees and six months jail suspended if no contact with Amanda Willmes.
Jan. 31-Roy Able, Norton; Charge: 1. Stop sign violation, 2. No driver's license on person, 3. Disorderly conduct; Plea: 1. No contest, 2. No contest; Other action: 3. Dismissed by city attorney; Found: Guilty 1 and 2; Sentence: Fine 1. \$100, 2. \$10, costs \$76, total \$186.
Jan. 15-Aaron Pinzescham, Almena; Charge: No insurance; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine waived by city

prosecutor, costs \$76.
March 2-Carlos Pano, Lexington, Neb.; Charge: 1. Speeding 50 in 40, 2. No proof of insurance; Plea: 1. No contest; Other action: 2. Dismissed/proof; Found: 1. Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.
Feb. 20-Joseph Goulet, Naperville, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 36 in 20 (school zone); Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$172 school zone, costs \$76, total \$248.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Window Display Contest Entries must be called into the Chamber by Monday, April 7 to be judged from April 10 through April 15. Prizes will be:
First Place \$100.00 in Chamber Bucks
Second Place \$75.00 in Chamber Bucks
Third Place \$50.00 in Chamber Bucks
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THANK YOU
to those who supported the USD 211 Bond Issue.
Unfortunately it was defeated but we understand the people have spoken and we believe there is still great support for our schools. We will study the election results and look for alternatives to meet the needs of our students and schools.

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