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# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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Tuesday

December 30, 2003

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Vera Reusink

Briefly

## College gives enrollment sites

Students in the Norton area, who want to enroll in an outreach class through Colby Community College, will have several opportunities.

On Thursday, Jan. 8, from 3-4:30 p.m., enrollment will take place in the Norton Correctional Facility administration conference room and again from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Norton Junior High School cafeteria.

The cafeteria will be the enrollment site from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12.

For more information about spring classes, call the college at (785) 462-4692.

## Chinese acrobats to be in Hill City

The Fabulous Chinese Acrobats will be performing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Hill City High School gymnasium.

The group of three acrobats will not only present an acrobatic performance but they will also share facts about Chinese culture, customs and school life.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from any of the five banks located in Hill City, Morland and Bogue. Adult tickets are \$4; grade and high school students are \$2; and pre-schoolers are admitted free of charge.

To learn more call Warren Stafford at (785) 421-2017.

Weather

## Forecast:

Tonight — Low: 19. Wind: SW/E 8-18. Wednesday — Sun and high clouds, breezy and cooler. High: 48. Low: 23. Wind: SE 10-20. Thursday — High: 56. Low: 28. Partly cloudy, breezy and milder. Friday — High: 60. Low: 20. Partly cloudy, breezy and very mild! Saturday — High 45. Low: 18. Partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Sunday — High: 36. Low: 17. Partly to mostly cloudy, windy and colder. Sprinkle/flurry possible.

## Howell report:

Friday ..... High 53, Low 31  
Saturday ..... High 51, Low 26  
Sunday ..... High 41, Low 17  
Monday ..... High 46, Low 23  
Week ago ..... High 50, Low 23  
Month ago ..... High 71, Low 40  
Year ago ..... High 50, Low 31  
Dec. precipitation ..... 0.5 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 19.33 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, create in us a heart ready to do our best so that others might see You living in us. Help us always to put You first. Help us never to turn our backs on the gifts You have instilled in us. May we always find favor in Your eyes. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.. Amen

Phillip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us? (John 14:8)



Norton County ambulance crew (above) rushed a young accident victim to the hospital after he was injured in a Dec. 26 wreck on County Road W-11, northwest of Lenora. A State Highway Patrol officer and Norton County Deputy Scott Bohl gathered preliminary information about the one-vehicle rollover, which occurred one-half mile north of K-9.



## Two boys injured in rollover

Two 16-year-old boys visiting their grandparents over the Christmas holiday had their vacation cut short Friday when their minivan did a flip on a gravel road in southwest Norton County.

According to the Kansas State Highway Patrol the vehicle was southbound on County Road W-11 about two and one-half miles north of K-9 when it left the roadway. The vehicle landed on its roof in the ditch on the west side of the road.

Norton County Deputy Scott Bohl who also worked the accident, said it appeared the boys were not wearing seat belts. However, they were not thrown from the vehicle.

Emergency Medical Service personnel from Norton County responded to the call and stabilized their patients before transporting them to Norton County Hospital.

One of the boys said he was fine, but his mother, who arrived at the scene insisted he be taken to the hospital and "checked over".

The other victim required more attention at the scene. The medical team immobilized him before loading him into the ambulance for the almost one-half hour ride to Norton.

The victims were identified as Jacob Stephen of Hays and Tyler Goldsby of Hillsboro.

—Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## County tells Lenora it can dump trash elsewhere

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Norton County commissioners felt they had opened a can of worms last week when they told Lenora city officials to take their town's trash anywhere they wanted, at least until Norton has its own landfill again.

The commissioners have been struggling with getting a new landfill opened and worried that they won't have any customers when they do.

Since Norton County is charging more to take trash than some other counties

nearby, this has caused some problems for city councils trying to save money.

Until the county has its own landfill, trash is transported to Phillips County through a transport station at the old landfill site.

Last Monday Lenora Mayor Raymond Heikes and City Councilman Loyd Schoen visited with the commissioners about what to do with their trash.

"We could go back to Hill City if we want to," Mayor Heikes told the commissioners. "Graham County charges \$40 per

truckload with no weighing or anything."

With Norton charging \$65 per ton, this is a problem for the city, he said.

"If it were just a small savings we wouldn't worry," he said. "But it's about \$600 a month."

Commission Chairman John Miller said that the county understood the city's problem.

"We understand about your budgets," he said. "You understand about ours."

To add to the confusion there have been two contradictory rulings from the state

Attorney General's office on whether cities have to take their trash to their own county landfill or whether they can go anywhere they want. The latest opinion says that cities only have to go to their county landfill if they have a contract with the county.

In the case of Lenora the city attorney Doug Sebelius told the council that their contract is for the non-functional incinerator.

When the county gets a new permit for (Continued on Page 5)

## Food, fuel will be available over New Year's holiday

By BRANDON GAY

While some Norton businesses and offices will be closed on New Year's Day, Norton residents will be able to buy groceries, fill their cars full of gas and eat in restaurants on the first holiday of 2004.

Grocery and discount stores will be open with reduced hours on Wednesday and Thursday. Jamboree Foods, Norton Shop and Save and Dollar General will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday. Pamida will reduce its hours to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

People who want to celebrate the day by eating out will have four restaurants to choose from on Thursday.

Town and Country will be open from 7

a.m. to 2 p.m., and Pizza Hut, McDonald's and Adventures in Eating will keep regular hours.

The Beacon Cafe and China Garden will have regular hours on Wednesday. Dairy Queen will be open until at least 8 p.m. New Year's Eve, but will stay open until 10 p.m. if there are customers to serve. K and S Center will be closed all week.

Always a holiday mainstay, most gas stations will keep their regular hours. Jackrabbit Towing, Love's, Timesaver and Total will not abbreviate their hours. Norton Co-op Service Station will keep regular hours on New Year's Eve, but will (Continued on Page 5)

## Prison inmate injured in accident at landfill

A Norton Correctional Facility inmate suffered an apparent hip injury while working at Norton County's solid waste facility.

The inmate is part of a regular crew of five to six inmates who work at the solid waste operations.

Doug Sebelius, Norton County attorney, said the incident was accidental and there was no indication legal action would be taken against the county.

"We try to take any potential claim seriously," said Mr. Sebelius. "But, our main concern is that he gets the proper care. We appreciate the inmates help at the landfill. They do a good job."

The Dec. 11 incident occurred when the inmate fell off a truck-loading platform at the facility in the former incarceration building, which is now used for recycling. The inmate fell as the truck pulled away and the platform moved. According to Mr. Sebelius, the inmate fell about four and a half feet.

After the accident an ambulance was called and arrived in 11 minutes. The inmate was stabilized and moved to Norton County Hospital. He was then transferred to Wichita for further care.

"It's very rare that we have a significant injury," said Mr. Sebelius. "All (Continued on Page 5)





Terry Petrie, who is shown here gaining yards for the Norton Blue Jays against Conway Springs in last season's sectional championship game, continued his great work this season as a running back for national champion Butler County Community College in Eldorado. — Telegram file photo

# Ex-Plainville coach named to Hall of Fame

By DICK BOYD

Larry Friend, Syracuse, well-known former Plainville and Trego Community High School football and track coach, is one of five persons selected for the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame Class of 2004.

The other inductees are Monty Beisel, Victoria and Douglass, student athlete; Emily Bloss, Wellsville, student athlete; Paul Ary, Lewis, official (posthumously) and Dale Misak, Caldwell, official (posthumously).

In 35 years of coaching football and track, Friend made an impact on many Kansas high school athletic programs. In the 1960s, he guided Cimarron High School to a football record of 46-7-1, which included a 30-game winning streak.

In 20 years at Plainville High School (1968-'88), the Cardinals won two Class 3A state football titles and numerous league and district titles. He also coached football and track at Trego (1989-'90) and Stanton County (1992-'96).

His football coaching record is 214 wins, 95 losses and one tie.

Early in his career, he coached football, basketball and track at Cherokee (Okla.) High School. From 1969-'79, he was a high school basketball official and was chosen to referee at eight state boys basketball tournaments. He was also the recreation director in Plainville from 1968-'88.

Friend was also a tremendous athlete.

At Burdett High School, he was a standout in baseball, football and basketball and also competed in track and tennis. He was a first team all-tournament selection when Burdett won the state bas-



Larry Friend

ketball championship in 1954.

He lettered both years in football, basketball and track at Dodge City Community College (1954-'56). He was an all-conference running back and named an All-American.

He took second at the National Junior College Track Meet in Hutchinson in the 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash.

He completed his competition during two years at Northwestern State University in Alva, Okla. While there, he lettered in football and track. He was an all-conference running back and defensive back. He set records of 9.4 seconds in the 100-yard dash and 20.6 seconds in the 220-yard dash while running in the Oklahoma Collegiate Conference.

Larry Jantz, Hays, a former Cimarron football player for Coach Friend, has fond memories of his former mentor.

"Vivid practice sessions are still in my mind of us A-team defensive players trying to corral him when he was playing B-team quarter-

back," said Mr. Jantz.

"As a player, he did not wear hip pads since his speed kept tacklers from getting direct hits on him. Sports writers back then called him the Kansas Speed Merchant, Kansas Comet, Burdett Blur, Sunflower Bullet, Scooter, etc.

"In the NAIA track meet in San Diego in 1957, he chased Bobby Morrow of Abilene Christian, who was the Olympic champion in 1956, to the finish line in the 100- and 220-yard dashes."

Area sports fans will remember that Beisel started his prep career at Victoria High School in the Mid-Continent League and finished at Douglass.

A high school All-American, Beisel rushed for 2,127 yards, scored 28 touchdowns and averaged 236.3 yards rushing per game during his senior season at Douglass. He also excelled in track and field, capturing three state titles in the shot put and two in the discus. After an outstanding football career at Kansas State University, he signed to play with the Kansas City Chiefs and is in his third season with them.

The Hall of Fame is housed in the Kansas State High School Activities Association offices, 601 SW Commerce Place, in Topeka and is open Monday through Friday during business hours.

The honorees were chosen from nominations sent to the selection committee. Inductees are no longer active in the field for which they are nominated. Nomination forms are available at the high school athletic association office. Nominations to be considered for induction in 2005 must be submitted prior to November 1, 2004.

The time and location of induction ceremonies will be announced later.

## Former Norton player does well

By DICK BOYD

Terry Petrie, freshman running back from Norton, had a great season as a member of the national champion Butler County Commu-

nity College football team.

Playing behind All-American sophomore Joseph Harris, Petrie played in six games and carried the ball 76 times for 670 yards and an

outstanding 8.8 yards per carry. In averaging 111.7 yards rushing per contest, he scored 11 touchdowns, the longest score coming from 77 yards out.

## HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, director

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of enjoying a luncheon date with Salina sculptor Dr. Richard Bergen.

Applebee's in Hays was selected as the delivery/pick-up point of the Hansen Museum's most recent art purchase. Dr. Bergen is the sculptor of the Logan Landscape bronze commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the Annual Hansen Arts & Crafts Fair in 1988, which graces the Museum's rock wing wall near the north entry.

Dr. Bergen is more recently

known for his two-ton, 22-foot bronze sculpture now atop the capitol building's dome in Topeka.

This giant masterpiece took Bergen 14 years to complete.

Named for the Kansas motto, Ad Astra Per Aspera (To the stars, through difficulties), the sculpture honors the Kansa Indian tribe, native to the central Kansas plains and exemplifies the aspirations of the people of Kansas.

Since the placement of Ad Astra in October 2002, Bergen has offered limited edition statues in

several sizes.

This year, the Hansen Museum celebrated its 30th Anniversary. To commemorate this event, the museum board commissioned a mini Ad Astra, signed and numbered. This mini Ad Astra represents one more great Kansas artist's work to be displayed in the Hansen Museum.

## Inmate taken to Wichita for treatment

(Continued from Page 1) workers are required to follow normal safety procedure. It's just one of those unfortunate things that can happen."

He said the county had not had any conflicts with the Department of Corrections in the past.

Mr. Sebelius praised the Norton County Sheriff's Department, the Emergency Medical Service and landfill employees for working quickly to get the inmate the care he needed.

Mr. Sebelius said the commissioners were intent on making sure the incident is reviewed closely. He said the county was retracing the steps to try to make sure that type of thing doesn't happen again.

## County struggles with trash

(Continued from Page 1) a landfill it will need to have new contracts with the cities.

Since Mr. Sebelius is also the county attorney, the commissioners were taken aback.

"Our county attorney says you have to bring it here," Mr. Miller said. "Your city attorney says the attorney general says you don't have to. But, he's the same person."

When Mr. Sebelius joined the meeting a short time later they questioned him on the issue and he said that he had wanted Lenora city officials to meet with the commissioners in hopes they could work things out.

Technically, he said, there is still a contract in effect as long as the county has its old incinerator permit.

When the new landfill permit comes through, however, things will change.

The commissioners said that they have to have a landfill for county trash and it makes no sense to spend the kind of money needed to get the permits and build one — about \$500,000 — unless the cities use it also.

If they don't have the cities as customers the commissioners said

they could put the landfill on the tax rolls as a mill levy. They do not want to do that, however.

Feeling like they were getting into something they didn't want to but still feeling like they owed the people from Lenora an answer the commissioners agreed to waive their contract.

"I say, let them haul it to Hill City until we get a landfill," Commissioner Leroy Lang said.

"I'd say take your trash to Graham County," Mr. Miller said. "I don't like saying it, but..."

Mr. Heikes and Mr. Schoen said that they would do so but that as soon as the county got its own landfill they would be back to talk to the commissioners.

After the two men left Mr. Miller voiced the commissioners feelings.

"We just spilled out a big can of worms," he said.

"We didn't have a lot of choice," Commissioner Dean Kruse said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Talked with Andy Nielsen

about continuing education and billing problems for the emergency medical service.

• Approved an agreement with High Plains Mental Health to modify its board to comply with new state statutes that require it to have at least one patient and a family member of a child patient on the board.

• Asked Cindy Boller of the probation court service to get two bids on a new copier for that office.

• Decided to pay Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Alvin Mapes \$850 a month salary for his additional workload to bring the county into compliance with state and federal regulations.

## Chamber announces winners

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of its "12 Days of Christmas Promotion".

They are, \$100 winners: Bill Goscha, Teresa Daniels, Gloria Cole, Joy Johnson, Rex Lentz, Joan Bolt, Brandy Ankenman,

Amber Rupp, Becky Smith, Lewis Roberts and Jean Ann Wilson and \$2500 winners: Cheryl Kaus, Sharon Smith, Chris Jakubowski, Pauline Poage, Deb Jones, Darrell Mintzmyer, Merrill Tibbets and Kathy Zimmerman.

## Banks, offices plan to close

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close on New Year's Day. All Norton area banks will be closed on New Year's Day.

First Security Bank and Trust, First State Bank, Almena State Bank and Commercial Federal will close at noon on Wednesday. United Northwest Federal Credit

Union will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. The Bank will keep regular hours on Wednesday.

Norton City and Norton County offices and the Post Office and will be closed on Thursday. The Norton Library will close at noon on Wednesday and reopen Jan. 2.

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**Norton County Forecast for Dec 30<sup>th</sup> - Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
53/20	48/23	54/25	59/28	35/15	28/10	33/13
Normal High		40		Sunrise 8:04am		
Normal Low		16		Sunset 5:24 to 5:29pm		

Mild weather will continue into the New Year with temperature readings ten degrees above normal. We will finish 2003 officially around 6" below normal in precipitation. For December, most places were average to about .10" above our normal total of .45". Will this continue in January? Our next chance for moisture will be over the weekend where we could see some snow with colder air sinking in behind a cold front. Normal weather for the month of January is highs around 40, lows around 16 and only .45" of precipitation

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