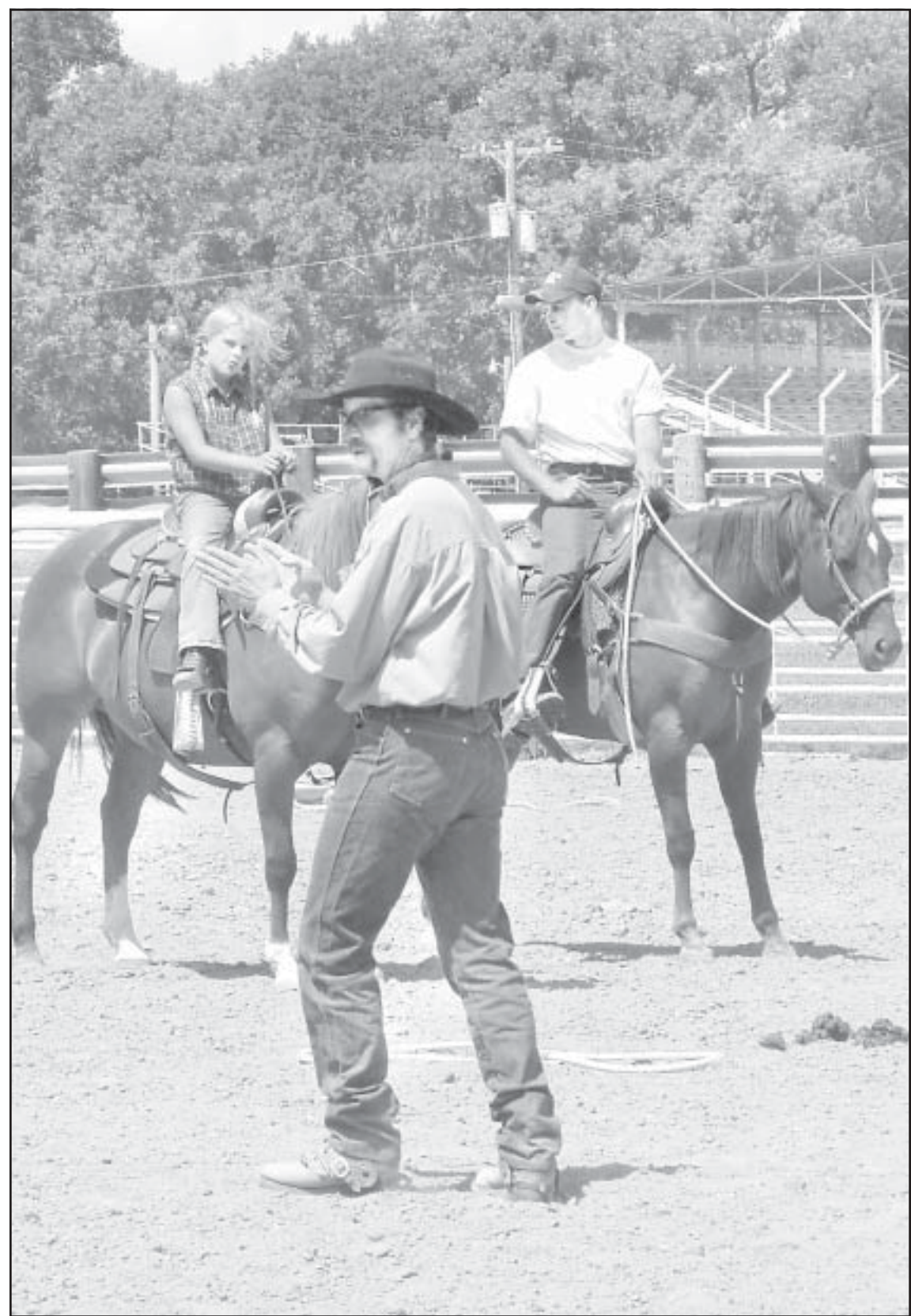




Billy Schneurle (right), an instructor at this weekend's horse clinic, breaks down the finer points on horsemanship. As part of the lesson, he helped Scott Sproul (above) to get his horse to step over a wooden block.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Riders learn at horse clinic

Horse lovers from around the area got the chance to learn a little bit more about their animals and how to handle them at a horse clinic over the weekend.

The clinic, which was sponsored by the Norton County Saddle Club, was a two-day event helping people learn to be safer and do more with their horses, said Saddle Club President Kim Kasson.

Ms. Kasson was one of 11 students in the class receiving instruction from Billy Schneurle and Barb Grasz. This is the third time the pair has instructed horse clinics in Norton.

She said they went over basic horsemanship skills, learned how to gain respect from a horse and get it to be less afraid of objects and maneuvers. They also covered the

fundamentals of reining.

She said clinics like this one wouldn't be possible without the great facilities at Elmwood Park.

"A lot of volunteers put a lot of sweat and time into building these facilities and we really appreciate it," she said.

The club hasn't scheduled another clinic at this time, but hopes to have more in the future.

Airport apron calls for joint meeting

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Commissioners want to hold a meeting on the City/County Airport's apron project before construction gets underway.

Commission Chairman Leroy Lang said it would be in the best interest of everyone.

"Think we need to have a meeting here with BG Consultants on a Monday before anything gets started at the airport," he said. "That way we'll all know what's going on — us, the city and the airport board. That way there's no problems."

Mr. Lang said the tentative starting date of construction is Aug. 1 and that, if nothing changed, the meeting needed to be sometime in July at the commissioners meeting room on a Monday.

Commissioner Dean Kruse agreed that the meeting would be a good idea.

He said he hadn't found anyone from his district yet to be on the new airport board, but is looking.

In other business in the afternoon, the commissioners

- Signed a grant release for the Norton County Health Department Director Gina Frack. She

said it was a chronic disease risk reduction grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

This year, she said the department was receiving \$3,000 more than in the past. They should get 50 percent of it up front on July 1.

"It's the latest grant I've ever gotten," she said. "But it seems to be pretty straight forward."

The total grant was for \$5,000.

- Held a 35-minute closed session for attorney-client privileges.
- Met with Gil Otter of the Norton County 4-H building committee to discuss bids for new

tables. Mr. Otter said the committee wanted to get 12 tables at about \$170 apiece with the possibility of a discount. He gave the commissioners the two bids that were turned in.

Mr. Otter said they might take the old tables down to the livestock barn to replace the table there.

- Updated a resolution, which gives authorization for the use of county credit cards.

- Met with City Councilman Jerry Hawks to see if the city would support having a meeting on a Monday about the airport apron project.

Wheat samples show some freeze damage

By BRANDON GAY

Norton County Extension Agent Keith VanSkiike said that 30 percent of the wheat samples he has looked at have showed freeze damage.

Mr. VanSkiike gave his report on recent Extension activities to the Norton County commissioners on Monday.

He also reported that the April rainfall was 41 percent below the 30-year average and the May rainfall was 73 percent below the 30-year average.

From the available information he said, he believes Norton County is drier now than it was during the 1930s.

Two 4-H members, Keesha Holste and Josh VanSkiike, will receive trips to the National Congress.

The commissioners also gave permission for a farmer's market to be held at the courthouse. The market will begin on Thursday, June 24. Mr. VanSkiike said it would likely be slow at first, but would pick up as the summer progressed.

Donna Munsch, a representative from the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, gave the commissioners a summary of the shelter's activities and asked them for a donation. Ms. Munsch said a typical donation from a city or county is \$300 to \$1,000.

The shelter provides help to

victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the 18-county area of Northwest Kansas. Their services include 24-hour crisis intervention, a safe shelter, public education, counseling and support groups.

Ms. Munsch said the group receives money from state and federal grants that come from criminal fines.

It is having a tough time, however, because money from the fines is being diverted to other areas.

She said most of the shelter's expenses in Norton County are for transportation.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Received a report from Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor, who asked if the landfill will accept dead animals. Mr. Archibald also said that he still has not received any bids for waste transportation.

- Heard from Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge supervisor, who reported on road construction projects in the county.

- Went into executive session with Andy Nielsen, acting Ambulance Service director, to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Went into executive session for attorney/client privilege with County Attorney Doug Sebelius.

Norton walkers cover 6,967 miles

An eight week, health and fitness program - "Walk Kansas" has just been completed in Norton County. The fitness program, sponsored by K-State Research and Extension — Norton County, was open to adults, students and children ages 5 and older. Sixty-six Norton County residents in 11 teams participated in the program.

Team members have reported walking a total of 6,967 miles.

The goal of Walk Kansas is to encourage 30 minutes or more of aerobic exercise five or more days a week. Walking is encouraged because that is a form of exercise most people can do easily and continue after the program.

Miles or minutes of exercise were logged as teams of six people tried to accumulate 423 miles to "walk" across Kansas.

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The Norton County team which turned in the most miles was the Validated Gang Members with a combined total of 991 miles in eight weeks. Members were Kelly Gill (team captain), Jenny Braun, Vickie Brungardt, Barbara Thompson, Hazel Peterson and Deb Kaus.

Nine of the 11 teams walked all the way across Kansas and part way back.

Nina Melroy, a member of The Saint Francis Strollers turned in

the most miles walked by one person. She walked 331 miles during the eight-week program.

She was followed by Connie Glenn (Meadowlark Trotters) with 303 miles; Bill Goscha (Walk Abouts) 287 miles; Barbara Thompson (Validated Gang Members) 234 miles; C.J. Woodmansee (Knee Benders) 230 miles; and Kathy Donaldson (Huff 'N Puff-ers) 213 miles.

Team Captains were also recognized for all the work they did in putting together mileage totals and sending them in.

Cheryl Mann (NCH Pit Crew) and Marilyn Colip (3-D) were recognized for having their paper work completed and sent to the office first.

Other team captains were Kelly Gill, Bill Goscha, Janell Morel,

Carol Woodmansee, Joyce Schemper, Sue Hillebrand, Pam Menagh, Kendra Merchant, and Marilyn Collins.

Team captains who did not attend the wrap-up meeting are asked to stop by the Extension office to pick up their team awards. Every member who walked will receive an award.

K-State Research and Extension of Norton County and the 2004 Walk Kansas participants would like to challenge other Norton County residents to participate in Walk Kansas 2005.

Watch the newspaper for information in the fall and next spring.

If you have questions, please e-mail me at twatts@oznet.ksu.edu or contact K-State Research and Extension/Norton County.

HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, Director

The Hansen Museum was busy this weekend with another Continued Education class being conducted in the community room. Students learned the "Joy of Painting" They came from Logan, Phillipsburg, Norton, Hill City, Jennings, Ransom, McCracken, Alma, Almene, Agra, Morland, New Almelo, and Beaver City, Neb. The next "Joy of Painting" classes are scheduled for Oct. 23 and 24.

The exhibit on display portrays the southwest in 60 paintings and several bronzes. The exhibition, "West by Southwest", focuses on works of the 20th century, with paintings from the Taos Society of Artists, as well as historic and contemporary Santa Fe artists. See the

beauty of the southwest. This collection includes works by Willard Nash, William Henderson, Wilson Hurley, Gene Kloss, Clark Hulings, Bettina Steinke, Peter Hurd and others.

LaVerne Burtis, Oberlin, brings some fabulous primitive furniture to the museum as the honored "Artist of the Month" for June. This popular furniture style is produced by Burtis in shades of red, navy, black, sage, and mustard. His display includes benches, quilt racks, shelving units, cupboards, cabinets, towel holders, cookbook and rack/recipe holders.

Another Continued Education program will get underway Thursday with a water aerobics class. Thirty women are signed up for this workout under the instruction

of Jean Kiser. These ladies have too much fun at these classes to be considered a workout.

Join the Museum and stay abreast of the many events and opportunities offered. For more information, call 785-689-4846 or visit the website at www.hansen-museum.org.

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