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Tuesday
June 22, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Jim Green

Briefly

Gospel group
plans performance

The Cooleys, a gospel singing group, will be performing at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Norton First United Methodist Church. The Cooleys have recorded several albums and have received numerous awards. They travel throughout the United States and Canada every year sharing their full-time ministry.

70s Night set
at Norton Library

Thursday will be 70s Night at the Norton Public Library Community Room. There will be ice cream sodas, a dance contest and the making of tie-dye T-shirts. The fun will begin at 7 p.m. and last until 9 p.m.. All 7-12th graders are invited. Admission is free, but make sure to bring a white T-shirt.

Money needed
for fireworks

Donations are needed to finance the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at Sebelius Lake. Russ Erbert is once again designing and coordinating the project with the support of Larry Nelson and the fireworks crew. Contributions may be made at Norton businesses or by sending contributions to the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, Box 97, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Clear with a low around 52. Wednesday — Mostly sunny with a high near 87. Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy then gradually becoming clear with a low near 60. Calm wind becoming south southwest between 7 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Thursday — Mostly sunny with a high around 92. North northwest wind 6 to 9 mph increasing to between 14 and 17 mph. Winds could gust as high as 38 mph. Thursday Night — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Friday — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7 a.m. Partly cloudy with a high around 72.

Howell report:

Friday High 59, Low 47, Prec. .03
Saturday High 62, Low 58
Sunday High 81, Low 56
Monday High 82, Low 51, Prec. .06
Week ago High 90, Low 60, Prec. 1.10
Month ago High 85, Low 50
Year ago High 97, Low 68
June precipitation 2.09 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 9.34 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, we know that you love and care about each of us. You will always provide what we need. Help us to trust in you always. Amen

Raindrops keep fallin' on the fields

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Nobody in northwest Kansas ever wants to complain about getting rain these days. But sometimes the timing is not the greatest. Rains from last week and yesterday, coupled with the unseasonably cool weather, has brought the wheat harvest to a virtual halt.

Marvin Slabaugh, who works at the Norton County Cooperative, said they

haven't had any wheat brought in since last Monday, but some samples were brought in yesterday. Moisture content ranged from 18.2 down to 14.2, Mr. Slabaugh said.

"All I can say is, thank goodness for the rain," he said. "It can't do the wheat any good now, but maybe it'll help the fall crops."

Optimistically, he said some farmers

may try as early as today to get back out in the field.

Mr. Slabaugh said a couple of custom cutters had been in his office Monday looking for work. They told him that they had not seen much wheat from the Oklahoma line on up.

Staying a couple of days at the Brooks Motel is custom cutter John Rabenberg from Britton, S.D. He has two combines

and five men working for him. Mr. Rabenberg said he had two small jobs, totaling 500 acres, lined up in the area. He said it looked like they might make 15-20 bushels per acre.

Mr. Rabenberg said that when his crew is finished with those two jobs, they are going to move on to southern South Dakota.

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Skaters show off at park

Despite the cold crowd gathers to watch tricks

A little bit of drizzle was no deterrent to the 13 skateboarders who competed in Saturday's skateboard competition at Elmwood Park.

Tanya Temmel, organizer of the event, said the competition was held to raise money for some hoped-for improvements to the park. She said they managed to raise around \$200.

"It went better than I thought it would," she said. "We had a lot more spectators than we had planned for."

Twelve of the 13 skaters in the competition were from Norton, while the 13th, who used to live in Norton, came from Kearney, Neb., to show his stuff, she said.

There were three divisions—giddy-up, lightweight, and hard-knocks—and two rounds.

In both rounds, each skater had two minutes to do whatever tricks they knew. When the individual rounds were over, the three judges from the White Chocolate Experience, Hays, each gave the boarder a rating of 1 through 5. The skaters with the highest total score at the end were the winners.

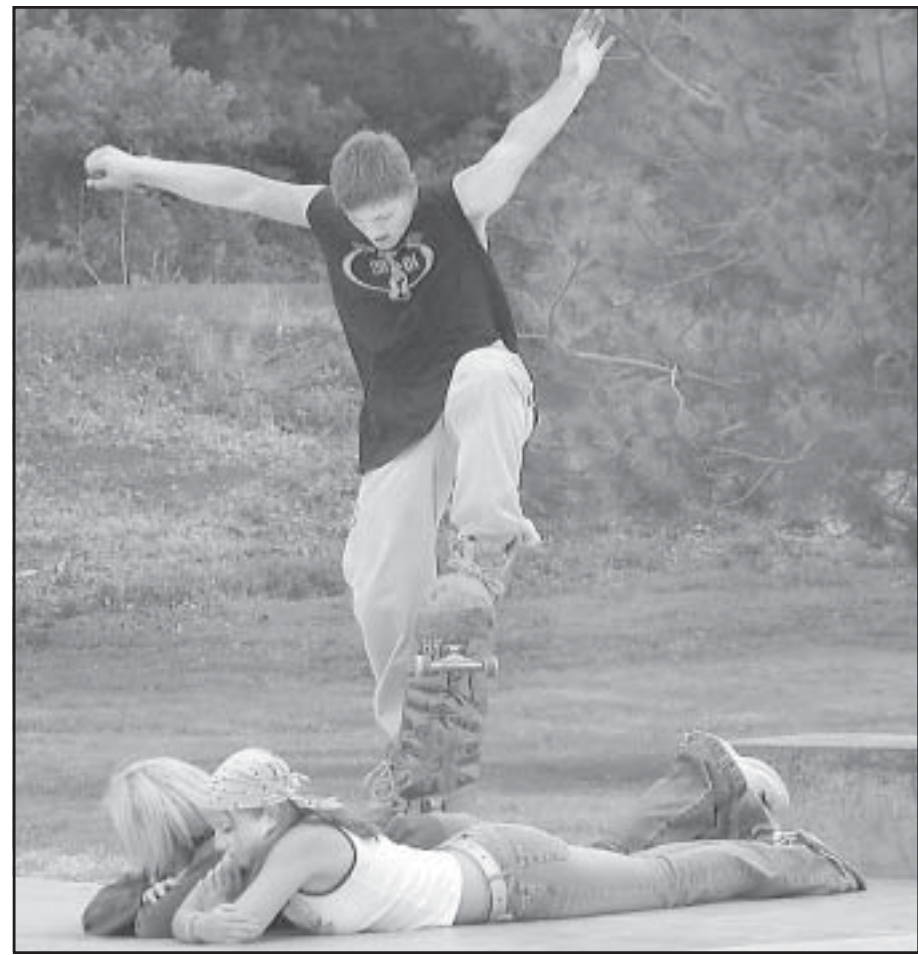
Division winners were:
Giddy-up — Seth Batson, first; Cydnie Milnes, second; and T.J. Stiener, third;
Lightweight — Todd Zink, first; Isaiah Lucero, second; and Sam Batson, third; and
Hard-knocks — Dan Schlegel, first, and Mica Morel, second.

"The skaters thank everyone who contributed to this," Mrs. Temmel said. "Hopefully, it can be a yearly thing."

The competition was sponsored by local businesses and was hosted by the White Chocolate Experience.



Daring feats and amazing tricks made Saturday's skateboard competition something worth watching. Todd Zink (right) flew over two girls on the pyramid as one of his tricks. Seth Batson (above) and T.J. Stiener (below) picked up some speed on the quarter-pipes to perform their tricks. — Photos by Veronica Monier



Widow to fill vacant state Senate seat

By TISHA COX

Sen. Stan Clark Clark's widow Ruth will fill the seat until January. A permanent replacement will be selected in the November general elections.

The meeting Saturday was called to order by Thomas County Republican Chairman Bill Adams, who then was selected as chairman of the convention.

Ruth Clark's name was the only one that came up when the floor was opened

for nominations. Darren Jameson of Gove County was one of several people who gave nominating speeches. He said he had known the Clarks for more than a decade and believed Ruth Clark had the background and knowledge to fill the seat.

"She would do an outstanding job representing this district," he said. (Continued on Page 3)

Hospital plans to end 2005 with cash reserve

By BRANDON GAY

The Norton County Hospital plans to be in the black next year.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller presented a budget for the 2005 year with a positive bottom line to Norton County Commissioners on Monday.

The budget proposal projects operating expenses of \$6.6 million and revenues of about \$6.4 million.

Other income, including interest income, grants, contributions and county

tax money is projected at \$220,000 bringing the hospital a small surplus at the end of the year.

The proposed budget includes a request for four mills of tax money, a 2 mill increase.

Charges for hospital services would go up 2 percent to 20 percent.

Wage increases are projected to be 3 percent.

Mr. Miller said the hospital had been short a few registered nurses for a long

time and \$50,000 was included in the budget in case the hospital needs to hire contract nurses. He said because of the expense, this would only be done as a last resort, however.

The budget projects a slight increase in patients per day from 9.8 to 10.4.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Heard from County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannon, who reported that the county's bridges received a good (Continued on Page 8)

Pep Club to be optional at high school

By BRANDON GAY

The Northern Valley High School won't support a pep club next year but won't forbid it either.

Cheerleader Sponsor Niki Kinderknecht asked the school board in a letter at its June 14 meeting to consider reinstating the club.

The board decided to allow people interested in the club to pursue it, but decided it would not be funded, organized or sponsored by the school.

The board authorized spending \$25 per participant for new uniforms for cheerleaders and dance team members.

Dan Donaldson asked the board if

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Lynn Anderson keeps his covered wagon at a good clip in the parade. Riding in the wagon with him are Betty Riepe, Phyllis Braun,

Trey Anderson and Cinch Anderson.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



The Solomon Valley Stampeders (above) showed America's colors while leading the jubilee's parade. While being careful not to touch their frogs, the youth who participated in creature races (below left) felt free to cheer their pets on with loud voices and by slapping the concrete. Marshall Otter (below right) pedaled away in the Kids Pedal Power Pull Saturday afternoon.

Lenora Jubilee

Lots of folks enjoy the fun

Saturday was a nice day for a jubilee — the annual Lenora Jubilee that is. Beginning with a breakfast and ending with a karaoke dance, the day was filled with activities.

A parade down Main Street was the highlight of the morning with horses, classic cars and tractors, politicians, princesses, covered wagons and much more.

A classic car show, an antique tractor show, gymkhana and trap shoot filled the hours of the early afternoon.

After that, the kids had some fun with creature races, a pedal power pull, a dog show, races and a balloon toss.

The evening events included a barbecue, a concert from Tommy Watts and the Circuit Breakers and a karaoke dance.

This year's prince and princess

were Trey Mindrup, son of Troy and Lisa Mindrup, and Leah David, daughter of Troy and DeAnn David.

Contest winners were: Best of Parade — James and Brady Keith, youth; Vic Waggoner's team and buggy, equestrian; Ivan and Steve Suchland, tractor; Lenora Youth Group, float, and Richard and Marcia Wiltfong's 1929 Model A racer, car and truck.

Antique Tractor Show — Steve Suchland.

Classic Car Show — Charlie Kaiser, 1956 Chevy, custom regular; Richard and Marcia Wiltfong, 1929 Model A racer, pre-war custom; and 1938 Ford pickup, pre-war original; Mel Juenemann, 1960 F-1 Custom, post-war custom; and Gerald Wiltfong, 1922 Cadillac El Dorado, post-war

original.

Turtle races — Dakota Wilkinson, first; Anna Otter, second; and Trent Merchant, third.

Toad races — James Berry, first; Ashley Boland, second; and Devon Mannel, third.

Dog show — Kylie Barlow, first, chihuahua "Chiquita"; Bailey Ambrosier, second, pomeranian/schitzu "Samantha"; and Judy Arnold, third, poodle mix "Janc". Other entries were Doyle Rupke, rat terrier "Angel"; and Casey Ambrosier, lab "Sly".

Pedal pull, ages 5-6 — Lexi Voss, first; Marshall Otter, second; and James Berry, third.

Pedal pull, ages 7-8 — Kelsey Marx, first; Garrett Otter, second; and Ethan Ross, third.

Pedal pull, ages 9-10 — Clayton Becker, first; Kate Hagans, second; and Allison Vahling, third.



A little advertising never hurts, as Brad and Wendy Keith's son James and his friend Addson Day know. They did their part by pulling signs in the

Lenora Jubilee parade Saturday. James also pulled Keldon Groff and his little brother Brady in a wagon behind his tricycle.