

Vintage cars and more cars lined the streets last weekend.

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Alberta Slaby

Briefly

High school  
reunion planned

Norton Community High School alumni will meet Saturday, July 24, for a reunion.

To make your reservations, send your and your spouses name, your class year and \$20 each to Richard Wiltfong, 1105 Nixon, Norton, Kan., 67654.

If class representatives are holding reservations, please get them to Mr. Wiltfong immediately.

Time to order

July SHARE food

The deadline for ordering the July Heartland SHARE food package is noon, Thursday. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at the Norton Senior Center.

The July Heartland SHARE food package contains 12-ounces LaChoy Chicken Egg Roll Snacks, 12-ounces Johnsville Smoked Sausage, two-pounds chicken drums, 12-ounces Triple M Ham Steak, 12-ounces lean deli turkey breast, potatoes, celery, lettuce, cauliflower, nectarines, red seedless grapes, black plums, variety six-pack Jell-O Snack Pak and 18-ounces Nestles Break N' Bake Cookies (fudge filled chocolate chip).

For \$17.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive all the food or "SHARE" listed above. You can order as many shares as you want.

You can also order a meat only (first five items) package for \$9.50 plus one additional volunteer hour. There is no limit to the amount of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase a SHARE you can order as many July Specials as you want for \$16 plus one additional volunteer hour.

"Hog Wild" is July's special. It includes one 3/4-pound boneless pork tenderloin, one 1/2-pound boneless pork chops and two 3/4-pound pork spare ribs.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 60s. Wednesday — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 90s. Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Thursday — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 90s.

Howell report:

Friday ..... High 93, Low 63, Prec. .20  
Saturday ..... High 89, Low 66, Prec. 1.03  
Sunday ..... High 98, Low 68  
Monday ..... High 100, Low 68  
Week Ago ..... High 83, Low 59  
Month Ago .. High 100, Low 63, Prec. .03  
Year Ago ..... High 96, Low 69  
July precipitation ..... 3.11 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 12.99 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

O God, help us to overcome self-imposed boundaries to walk more closely with you. Amen



Matt Rushton showed off his family's 1925 Ford Model T at the 2004 Norton Car Show Saturday. The car received an award in the originals up to 1948 class. —Telegram photo by Brandon Gay.

Cruisers,  
hot rods  
hit streets

By BRANDON GAY

The first car show in Norton since 1990 may be the beginning of an annual tradition.

Mark Griffin, an organizer of the 2004 Norton Car Show, said the show, which featured 125 cars from three states on Saturday, was a successful first effort. Cars came from as far away as Denver and Lincoln, Neb.

Griffin said an annual show was something the Norton Car Club was interested in and would consider once the show's 37 volunteers had a chance to rest from this year's show.

The show was held downtown with vehicles and people lined around roped-off streets surrounding the Norton County courthouse.

In the afternoon, a drag race was held at the Norton Airport. Mr. Griffin said 400 people attended. He said the turnout was surprisingly large.

"I didn't know what to expect," he said. "I was just shocked. The west side was just lined with people."

Several cars topped 100 miles-per-hour (Continued on Page 5)

Candidates seek  
second district seat



Leroy Lang

Incumbent  
enjoys the job,  
has things to do

Second District Norton County Commissioner Leroy Lang is running for his second four-year term in office.

Mr. Lang said he first ran for office because he wanted to help the community.

"I have lived for a long time and the community has always been good to me," he said. "I thought I could give something back to the community."

He said he is running again because he enjoys the job and likes to work for the good of the county.

Mr. Lang said he feels that there is still a lot of unfinished business left. He also wants to continue working on economic development.

"We need to make sure the county is in good economic condition," he said. "Norton County needs to keep growing."

"We need to keep everything in line. If we spend a dollar, we need to make sure we get a dollar's worth of service. It's tough for people right now with the economic and agricultural situations the way they are."

Mr. Lang farms with his wife of 38 years and his son. He also has a daughter who lives in Overland Park.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was in the National Guard when younger, and was on active duty for about a year.



Ivan Kingham

Challenger  
seeks cooperation  
with the city

Ivan Kingham is a challenger for the second district county commissioner seat. He'll run against incumbent Leroy Lang in the Tuesday, Aug. 3, Republican primary.

Mr. Kingham has served on the airport board for 20 years, the Norton County Cooperative board for 14 years and the Farm Bureau board for eight years.

Mr. Kingham said people have been asking him to run for two years and that he wanted to give people a choice.

He said as commissioner he would focus on cooperation. He said serving on the airport board, he has learned a lot about working with different entities.

"My biggest goal is to bring cooperation back to the commission and create cooperation between the county and the city," he said. "I want to be a commissioner for the rural areas and the city."

He said he wants to put more money into infrastructure to encourage business development.

Mr. Kingham and his wife, Joyce, have two adult children, Ted and Connie, and two grandchildren.

In his spare time, Mr. Kingham enjoys flying, tinkering in the shop and rebuilding antique tractors.

The winner of the Republican primary will have no Democratic opposition.

Social service office  
still plans to close

By Brandon Gay

Norton County commissioners talked to representatives from Social and Rehabilitation Services about the future of their services in Norton County.

Dennis Ford, a Hays-based SRS representative, told commissioners Norton's office is targeted for closure in February.

The closing is part of a state-wide SRS consolidation to reduce overhead. Of the original 108 offices in the state, 50 have been closed and 11 will be soon.

The representatives said Norton was targeted for closure because of declining case loads, but also because offices will remain open in strategic geographic locations throughout the state. The closest office to Norton will be in Phillipsburg.

Mr. Ford said that even though the local office was closing, services would continue as usual. To replace the office, SRS access points will be installed around the county.

Access points would vary based on what material the host volunteered to house, but could include posters, telephones, meeting rooms, brochure stands, work space and applications.

Mr. Ford asked commissioners for suggestions on access points.

Among the places discussed were the court house, Norton Senior Citizen's Center, Norton County Hospital, Norton Li-

brary, Norton County Health Department, the Almena City Building, Almena Senior Citizen's Center and the Lenora City Building.

The commissioners said they thought replacing the office with access points would be inconvenient for clients who are unable to drive to Phillipsburg, do not have a telephone, are in poor health or are hard of hearing.

Mr. Ford said clients would be able to call an 800 number instead of going to the office and, when necessary, case workers could drive to Norton.

Commissioner John Miller said he is concerned that because the phones would be public, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations could be violated. He said he was concerned that if conversations containing confidential health information were overheard, the county could be liable.

The representatives said they were aware of the concern and would work with clients to insure this did not happen.

Mr. Ford said SRS has spent a lot of money in Norton County and they intend for that assistance to continue.

The service assists with child care, getting jobs, medical care, food stamps, rehabilitation, family difficulties and mental and physical disabilities.

Airport to get new radio  
as soon as it can be assembled

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

After comparing prices, members of the Norton City/County Airport Board decided to buy a radio from Southern Avionics, costing \$6,995.

Buying the radio will enable the board to use their old coupler tuner, a move that will save a little over \$3,000 compared to a bid of \$10,008 for both the radio and an antenna tuner.

Broadcast Engineer Jerry Miller will donate his services to install the radio, which will take a month to build. The radio works with the Automated Weather Observation System, that is part of the navigation system needed to assist planes in instrument landings.

"The old radio isn't broken yet," Airport Manager Delvis Miller said. "But there are no parts (available) when it does."

What had seemed a problem at last

month's meeting regarding the widening of the taxi way to accommodate Valley Hope's larger plane has been solved without any additional expense.

Louis Roberts, Valley Hope's pilot, told the board that the treatment center's plane will be in the shop during September, so will not be using the airport at the time the problem was expected to occur.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that Warner Construction had taken soil samples for compaction tests.
- Heard that construction may be starting soon on the drainage system.
- Was told that a visibility sensor has gone bad.
- Learned that the rest of the promised county/city money will come in August.

The next meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2.





A doll and two root beers added a touch of realism to this 1974 Camaro entered in the show by RG and Jolene Brown.

# Vintage cars, motorcyles cruise on into Norton

(Continued from Page 1) during the race, with the top speed being 112 miles-per-hour. Another afternoon event was the road rally. The rally tested drivers' ability to determine the speed of their vehicles without use of speedometers. A course was set up for the fast cars through Almena. Slow cars went through Long Island. There were 15 cars in the competition.

Chriss McDiffett, who organized the road rally, said the event was a success. "We had a lot of fun," he said. "They all had a great time. We plan to do it again next year." Trophies were awarded to the three best vehicles in seven classes.

- Street machines — Matt Murray, Goodland; Lee Neitzel, St. Francis; and Cletus Roberts, Hill City.

- Streetrods — Rick Roberts, Hill City; Bev Biele, Colby; and Bob Adams, Glade.
- Custom from 1949 and up — Mid Plains Community College, North Platte; Jim Coghil, Ogallala; and Wayne Nottensmeir, Arapahoe.
- Originals up to 1948 — Doug Driggs, Phillipsburg; Terry Hilker, McCook; and Rushton and sons, Norton.

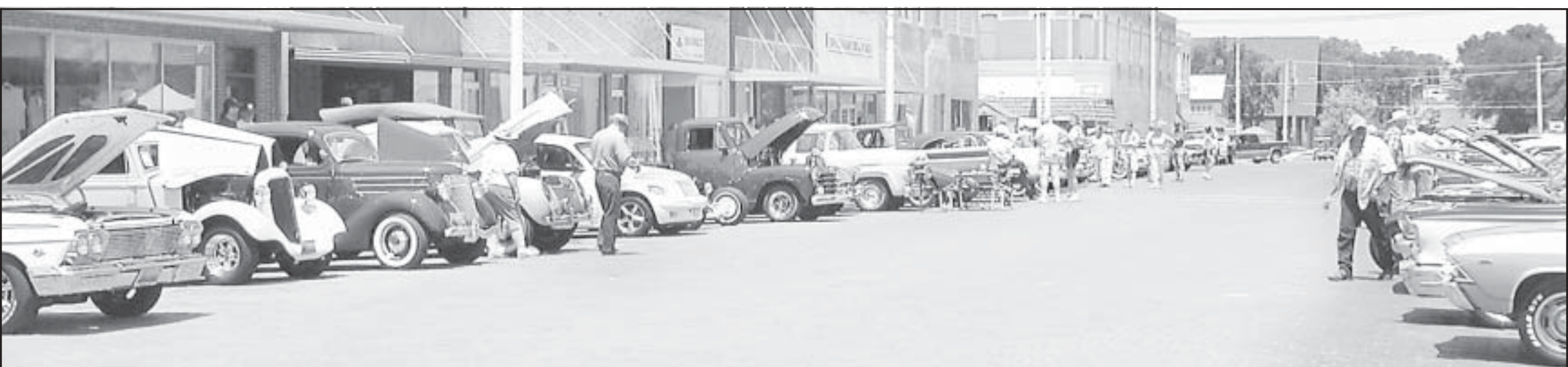
- Originals from 1949 and up — Scott Schultz, St. Francis; Dick Nemecek, WaKeeney and Del Deleplaneque, McCook.
- Motorcycles — Dominic Urban, Norton; Jerrod Lawson, Norton; and Bud Posson, Norton.
- Trucks — Dick Campbell, Beaver City; Mel Juenemann, Norton; and Tony Sanson, Lincoln, Neb.



Richard Wiltfong (above) shined his 1948 Chevy pickup. Mr. Wiltfong helped organize the show and volunteered his time on Saturday. Skylar Skrdlant (above right) took a cruise around the street. The mini convertible was available so those under the legal driving age could participate in the fun. A vintage police car (below right) lost this drag race but entertained the crowd all afternoon with a siren and antics. Cars at the drag race reached speeds of up to 112 miles-per-hour.



Telegram photos by Brandon Gay



Cars and motorcycles were lined up on three sides of the courthouse in downtown Norton.