

# Cars line up for Bud Shootout

By MIKE HUGHES

Elmwood Park Speedway hosted the Second Annual Bud Shootout Sunday evening that drew 75 cars in the four divisions.

Western Distributing of Norton sponsored the event, which featured added prize money, and there was over \$3,500 in contingencies from various sponsors for the IMCA Modified and IMCA Stock Car divisions.

With 28 IMCA Modifieds checking in for competition, two B-features were ran to determine the 20-car field for the division's main event. During intermission, the 12 drivers that qualified for the A-feature through the heat races gathered on the front straightaway to draw for their starting position. Randy Porter of Hutchinson and Vince Leibert of Lexington, Neb., drew the top two spots to start on the front row.

Porter took the lead on the opening lap, but Oberlin's David Murray, two-time and defending IMCA Modified national champion, took a lead he would not relinquish. The 25-lap event saw its fair share of cautions, but at the end all 20 cars were running and finished on the lead lap. Colby's Doug Holzmeister moved to second on the second lap and chased Murray the entire race but fell back on the final lap. Murray claimed

the win and the \$1,000 winner's check. Chad Sterling, the feature winner the night before, finished second, followed by Marty Clark, Jim Arnold and Holzmeister. It was then a 'claimfest' as the top 3 cars all had their motors claimed. Chris Bragg claimed Murray, Darin Schartz claimed Sterling, and Porter claimed Clark.

Heat race winners were Sterling, Murray, Randy Wilson and Leibert, with Don Hagan and Bragg taking honors in the two B-features.

The IMCA Stock Car feature saw four lead changes among three drivers. Saturday night's feature winner J.R. McCreery of Stockton took the lead on the opening lap, but hometown driver Jason Davis charged to the front one lap later. But McCreery took command again on the following lap. Phil Hinger brought out a caution on lap 6 when he spun, bunching the field. When the green flag waved once again, Russell's Jason Schoenberger charged past McCreery and took the lead. Randy Clydesdale and heat one winner Josh Hudson stayed right on Schoenberger's back bumper, but Clydesdale spun on the final lap, ending his night and setting up a one-lap dash to the checkers. Schoenberger was able to hold off Hudson to the wire, with Davis finishing a close third. Kelly Ford and heat two winner Jason Rogers rounded out the top five. Schoenberger won the other heat race. Following the feature, Chad Wulf pulled into the claiming area and claimed Schoenberger's motor.

Wade Wagenblast of Deshler, Neb., led all 12 laps of the IMCA Hobby Stock feature to score his second win in as many nights. Cory Struckhoff stayed closed the first 6 laps before he spun to bring out a caution. On the restart, Kale Shank lined up second and chased Wagenblast but settled for the runner-up spot. Adam Balthazor finished third, trailed by Brady Schoen and John Annon. Wagenblast and Shank won the two heat races.

Cruiser division point leaders Kirk Persinger & Justin Graham of Norton led all 10 laps of their main event. The winners got a break on lap 2 as they drifted high in turn 2 and fell back to fifth place, but Troy Wentz & Mark Bailey brought out a caution on the same lap when their motor let go, and the Norton duo got the top spot back when the race went back to green. Third heat winners Jeff Kleen & Mark Goebel of Franklin, Neb., chased the Norton duo all 10 laps but had to settle for the runner-up position. Heat one winners Wes & Chuck Eagleburger was third. Jeff

& Mike Doty won the second heat.

The regular four classes return oval at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

## RESULTS

### IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Wade Wagenblast, 2. Cory Struckhoff, 3. John Annon, 4. Laura Hinger.

Heat 2: 1. Kale Shank, 2. Kelly Karnopp, 3. Brady Schoen, 4. Garrett Brown.

Feature: 1. Wagenblast, 2. Shank, 3. Adam Balthazor, 4. Schoen, 5. Annon, 6. Struckhoff, 7. Brown, 8. Dustin McClurg, 9. Karnopp, 10. Hinger, 11. Thomas Yakish (DNF), 12. Robert Rutherford (DNF), 13. Brandon Naasz (DNF).

### IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Josh Hudson, 2. Jason McCartney, 3. Jason Davis, 4. Kenny Schmidt.

Heat 2: 1. Jason Rogers, 2. Nathan Glendening, 3. Kelly Ford, 4. Dan Lauer.

Heat 3: 1. Jason Schoenberger, 2. J.R. McCreery, 3. Randy Clydesdale, 4. Jason Smidt.

Feature: 1. Schoenberger, 2. Hudson, 3. Davis, 4. Ford, 5. Rogers, 6. McCreery, 7. Lauer, 8. Tyler Hahn, 9. Glendening, 10. McCartney, 11. Dan Walker, 12. Schmidt, 13. Jay Hachmeister, 14. Chad Wulf, 15. Robert Hing, 16. Clydesdale (DNF), 17. Smidt (DNF), 18. Phil Hinger (DNF).

### IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Chad Sterling, 2. Larry Sutton, 3. Doug Holzmeister, 4. Jim Arnold.

Heat 2: 1. David Murray, 2. Jon Thompson, 3. Jeff Walters, 4. Travis Eggleston.

Heat 3: 1. Randy Wilson, 2. Rich Schwab, 3. Darin Schartz, 4. Don Hagan.

Heat 4: 1. Vince Leibert, 2. Randy Porter, 3. Marty Clark, 4. Chris Bragg.

B-Feature #1: 1. Hagan, 2. Arnold, 3. Roger Boland, 4. Tim Watts.

B-Feature #2: 1. Bragg, 2. Eggleston, 3. Mike Petersilie, 4. Brian Calhoon.

Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Sterling, 3. Clark, 4. Arnold, 5. Holzmeister, 6. Walters, 7. Thompson, 8. Leibert, 9. Watts, 10. Sutton, 11. Wilson, 12. Calhoon, 13. Bragg, 14. Porter, 15. Schartz, 16. Schwab, 17. Boland, 18. Petersilie, 19. Hagan, 20. Eggleston.

### Cruisers

Heat 1: 1. W. Eagleburger/C. Eagleburger, 2. Annon/Wonderly, 3. Hockemeier/Ellis, 4. Persinger/Graham.

Heat 2: 1. Doty/Doty, 2. D. Eagleburger/D. Eagleburger, 3. Sisk/Sisk, 4. Jensen/Mariman.

Heat 3: 1. Kleen/Goebel, 2. Colburn/Colburn, 3. Thomas/Thomas, 4. Horn/Horn.

Feature: 1. Persinger/Graham, 2. Kleen/Goebel, W. Eagleburger/C. Eagleburger, 4. Albrecht/Rannebeck, 5. Thomas/Thomas, 6. Annon/Wonderly, 7. Doty/Doty, 8. Horn/Horn, 9. Colburn/Colburn, 10. Haines/Allenbaugh, 11. Jensen/Touslee, 12. Hockemeier/Ellis, 13. Jensen/Mariman, 14. Marrieta/Thomas, 15. D. Eagleburger/D. Eagleburger (DNF), 16. Wentz/Bailey (DNF), 17. Sisk/Sisk (DNS).

# Norton K-18 team ends baseball season

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team's 2004 season came to a close on July 23 when they lost 13-9 to Phillipsburg in the Regional Tournament in Smith Center.

Norton took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Chris Davis walked and Jordan Durham singled him home.

Phillipsburg scored their first two runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 2-1 lead.

The Blue Jays tied the score at 2-all in the top of the second inning when Aaron Daniels doubled, Andy Horesky singled, Davis walked and Daniels scored.

Three runs by Phillipsburg in the bottom of the second made it a 5-2 contest.

The Panthers added two more runs in the bottom of the third to extend their lead to 7-2.

Norton tallied three more in the top of the fourth to narrow the Phillipsburg lead to 7-5. Blake Wolf singled, Zach Dole walked, Horesky and Durham both singled and Wolf, Dole and Horesky all scored.

In the bottom of the fourth, however, the Panthers added

three more runs to extend their advantage to 10-5.

Norton scored a single run in the top of the fifth when Todd Zink, Travis Ray and Wolf all singled and Zink scored to make it a 10-6 contest.

Phillipsburg scored its final three runs in the bottom of the fifth.

The Blue Jays scored another run in the top of the sixth when Horesky walked, Davis singled, Keiswetter walked and Davis scored.

Norton tried to get a rally going in the top of the seventh but came up with just two runs to make the final score 13-9. Ray, Wolf and Daniels all singled and Ray and Wolf scored in the inning.

Jarret Abell was the winning pitcher. He gave up 14 hits, walked six and struck out nine.

Davis was the losing pitcher. He allowed 17 hits, walked six and struck out six.

Leading hitter for Norton was Wolf, who went three for four. Also hitting well for Norton were Durham, Zink, Ray, and Daniels, who were all two for four at the plate. Horesky also hit well. He was two for three.

# Wheat yields down in western Kansas

This year's wheat sure wasn't the crop of 2003.

Officially, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported wheat production across the state was down by 35 percent compared to last year. Quality was down many fields harvested in western Kansas.

Wheat yields from the performance trials at the experiment stations were also lower. In 2003 at Colby and Hays, dryland yields averaged 76 and 88 bushels per acre respectively, with a 59.7 and 61.2 average test weights. In 2004, the average yields for Colby and Hays were 52 and 53 bushels per acre, with average test weights of 53.3 and 62.3. Although the Hays site had high test weights, typically many farmers cut wheat with much lower weights.

The top five varieties on dryland acres at Colby this year were

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ments over Trego, with higher yield potential and increased sprouting tolerance. The chosen variety will go through an increase in seed the next couple of years and will likely be available to plant in the fall of 2006 or 2007.

For a complete list of the results, the Wheat Variety Crop Performance Tests can be downloaded at the Web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) under Kansas Crop Performance icon, or visit the county extension office to pick-up a copy.

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# Season ticket sales begin for Oberlin Arts

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission began season ticket sales for the upcoming season this week.

Scheduled programs include Cambridge tour of Sondra Johnson's studio and sculptures, Aug. 28; pianist Ronnie Kole of New Orleans, (recently back from

a European tour), Sept. 25; McLemore Family Gospel/Bluegrass group, Oct. 17; a performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" by the Southwest Nebraska Community Theater, Oct. 30; U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band's Clarinet Quartet, Nov. 7; Ian Varella (ventriloquist), Jan. 22;

classical guitarist David Burgess from New York, Feb. 12; Koshare American Indian Dancers from LaJunta, Colo., March 6; and local history tour of Kanona and Norcatour, April 24.

Tickets will be purchased by calling Mary Henzel (785) 475-3329 or Ella Betts (785) 475-3557.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Annual Meeting of Valley Hope

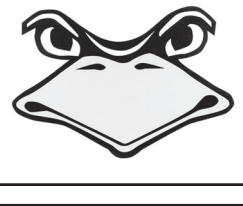
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### NOTICE OF MEETING

As required by the Bylaws of the Valley Hope Association, the

membership of the Association is hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in the Lecture Hall of Norton Valley Hope, Norton, Kansas, on Friday, August 20, 2004, at 7 p.m. The membership will, at that time, elect members to the Board of Directors and conduct such other business as may be brought before the membership. /s/Tony Jewell, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: /s/Mike Carr, Secretary



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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Norton County — Notice of Budget Hearing

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### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Norton County

will meet on the 16th day of August, 2004 at 11:30 A.M. at the Norton County Courthouse Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2005 Expenditures and the Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2005 budget. Estimated Tax Rate\* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

FUND	2003		2004		Proposed Budget 2005		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,081,885	11.407	1,397,488	18.649	1,328,488	562,036	14.393
Road & Bridge	1,135,183	13.038	828,000	10.074	771,100	325,704	8.341
Special Bridge	134,000	2.790	131,000	2.984	131,000	115,727	2.964
Solid Waste	385,000	3.942	342,398	2.882	238,050	39,047	1.000
Ambulance	240,170	1.025	189,350	1.423	205,400	83,085	2.128
County Health	301,733	0.874	293,310	0.917	313,295	34,963	0.895
Noxious Weed	90,660	1.500	90,610	1.511	73,510	41,472	1.062
Election	30,000	0.676	48,750	1.179	50,150	44,009	1.127
Economic Development	6,204	0.897	77,648	0.919	90,000	35,047	0.898
Appraiser's Cost	78,320	2.003	81,700	1.914	85,860	64,786	1.659
4-H Maintenance	13,000	0.333	12,000	0.271	12,000	4,295	0.110
Fair	11,000	0.282	11,000	0.252	11,000	8,151	0.209
Soil Conservation	9,500	0.243	9,000	0.204	9,000	6,608	0.169
Airport	29,020	0.698	27,250	0.624	32,000	26,776	0.686
Mental Retardation	56,000	1.434	54,000	1.220	54,000	39,442	1.010
Mental Health	30,000	0.768	29,000	0.655	29,000	21,217	0.543
Community College	26,759	0.807	31,500	0.721	31,500	18,497	0.474
Ande Home Maintenance	18,622	0.400	19,638	0.403	19,638	15,619	0.400
Extension Council	69,000	1.517	66,000	1.483	68,000	59,162	1.515
Historical Society	3,905	0.100	4,983	0.101	8,985	3,905	0.100
Sr. Citizens Service	47,082	1.000	49,682	1.000	46,865	39,048	1.000
Hospital	101,673	2.000	98,691	2.000	89,945	78,096	2.000
Employee Benefits	778,897	20.373	925,000	17.115	1,042,000	802,530	20.552
Bond & Interest	89,366						
Bridge Bond	174,058	3.097	271,358	7.025	318,707	213,385	5.465
Noxious Weed Deficiency			66		94		
Park	32						
No Fund Warrant	2,500						
Special Alcohol Programs	7,200		15,307		19,450		
Special Parks & Recreation			6,764		6,848		
911 Tax	57,137		36,597		65,816		
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay	860				54,071		
Co. Health Cap Outlay	55,207						
Ambulance Equipment							
Equipment Reserve	35,521						
Sp Machinery & Equip.	175,366						
Solid Waste Equipment	0						
Bridge Construction	119,983						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,394,843</b>	<b>71.204</b>	<b>5,148,090</b>	<b>75.526</b>	<b>5,205,772</b>	<b>2,682,607</b>	<b>68.700</b>
Less: Transfers	676,384		0		39,000		
Net Expenditure	4,718,459		5,148,090		5,166,772		
Total Tax Levied	2,780,865		2,879,707		2,682,607		
Assessed Valuation	39,054,720		38,117,431		39,047,928		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	1,335,000		915,000		775,000		
No-Fund Warrants	18,685		0		0		
Temporary Notes	161,671		0		0		
Lease Pur Princ	755,432		445,322		375,354		
Total	2,270,788		1,360,322		1,150,354		

Other District Funds	2003		2004		Proposed Budget 2005		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
Gettis Cemetery	1,532	1.712	1,532	1.746	1,557	1,500	1.695
Lenora Cemetery	6,395	1.349	6,378	1.465	702	0	0.000
Clayton Cemetery	1,658	1.190	1,630	2.195	1,639	1,500	2.172
Oronoque Cemetery	1,178	1.253	1,185	1.227	1,195	1,112	1.174
Edmond Cemetery	1,960	0.809	1,963	1.049	1,994	1,846	0.966
Almena Cemetery	14,469	2.224	14,439	2.338	14,647	13,041	2.281
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	14,278	2.058	14,120	2.164	14,162	12,767	2.111
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	28,897	2.500	29,669	2.489	41,967	38,789	3.489
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	11,261	2.914	11,349	3.234	11,497	10,437	2.773
Assessed Valuations							
Gettis Cemetery	876,422		858,907		884,820		
Lenora Cemetery	4,351,881		4,096,521		4,131,409		
Clayton Cemetery	698,272		683,440		690,496		
Oronoque Cemetery	887,474		906,392		946,862		
Edmond Cemetery	1,800,550						