

Norton runners open new season with home meet

By DICK BOYD

Coach Deyton Hager's Norton Community High School cross country team will open their season by hosting the Norton Invitational Cross Country Meet on Thursday at the Prairie Dog Golf Course south of Norton.

The meet will begin at 4:30 p.m. Both varsity and junior varsity boys and girls runners will compete. The public is invited.

Coach Hager has welcomed 14 athletes to this season's team. Squad members include: Derek Volgamore, Crista Rhoades, seniors; Jeremy Harding, Jon Harding, Amber Overlease, Karlie Jones, Nathan Morse, Jake Kramer, juniors; Logan Keiswetter, Kent Mann, Morgan Bailey, Jared Engelbert, sophomores; David Counter, Andrew Black, freshmen.

Assistant coach this year will be Anne Otte. "She has some experi-

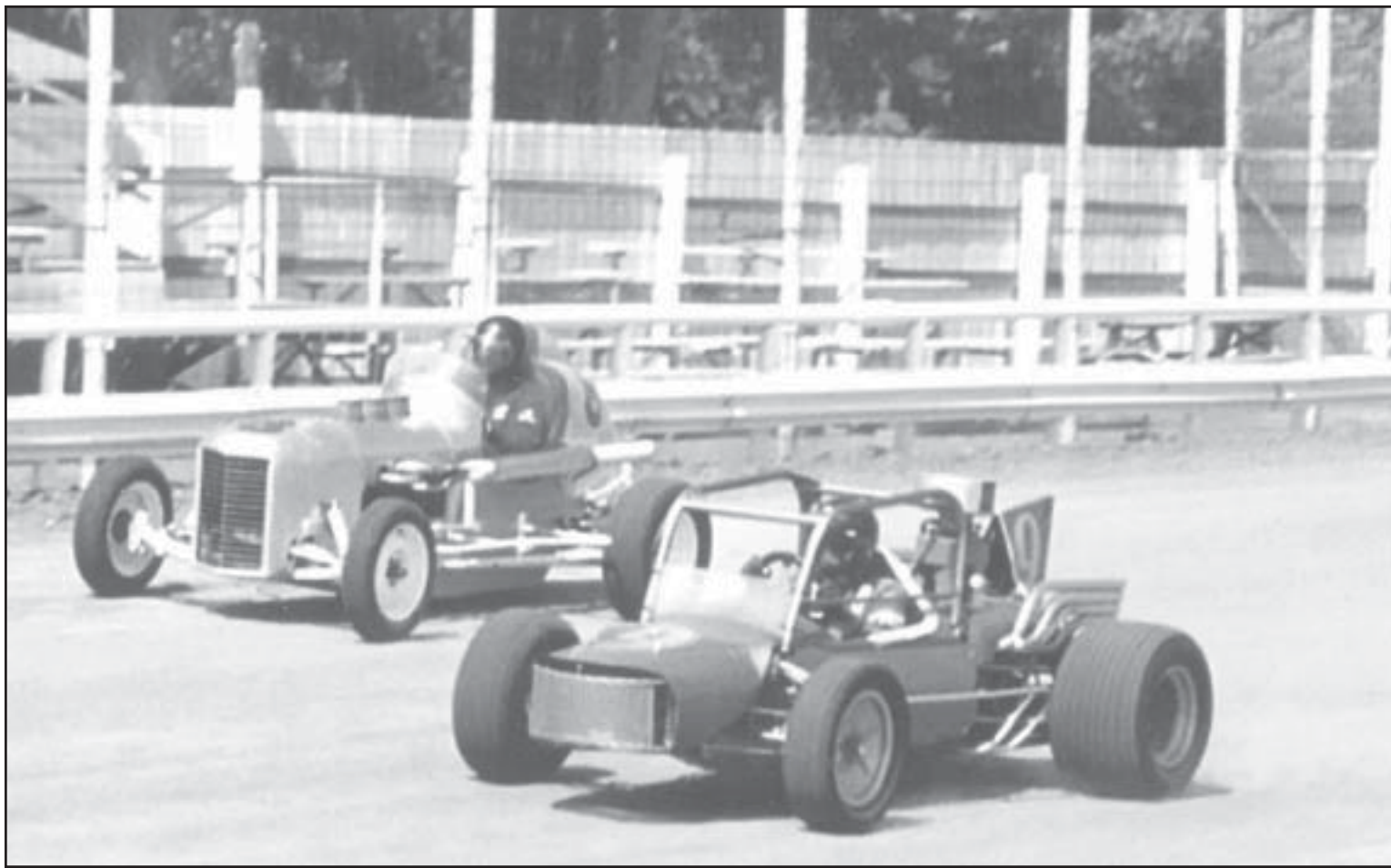
ence as a cross country runner so I look for good things from her and lots of help," said Coach Hager.

"Derek Volgamore and Logan Keiswetter are two very good runners coming back on the boys' side.

We also have Jeremy Harding returning on the varsity side. Derek should do a great job of leading this team this year since he is the only senior on the boys' team. And, Logan will be right there helping him.

"We've got some new faces, too, but it is too early to know what they will contribute to the team.

"On the girls' side, we have Amber Overlease, Crista Rhoades and Morgan Bailey returning. Crista is the lone senior on the girls' team and will have lots of help from Amber and Morgan. We also have new faces on the girls team and I'm anxious to see how they will do."



Vintage race cars from the 1950s and '60s exhibit their style and performance at Elmwood Park. The cars will be taking to the track Saturday and Sunday along with 305 winged sprint cars. Static displays will be outside the racetrack area in the mornings. Don McMullen, Jerry Bantam and Randy Bantam are the event's organizers.

—Photo by Don McMullen

Vintage race cars to hit the track

Vintage race cars from the 1950s and '60s will be taking to the track at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton Saturday and Sunday.

The Premier Racing Association has reorganized and this on-track exhibition will be the first since the 1960s.

Organizer, Don McMullen, said, "Last year we had 31 cars. This year we are expecting 40-50 vintage racers. Plus as an added attraction for our fans and drivers, we will have modern day 305 winged sprint cars."

Saturday, the sprint cars will be the main attraction. Kansas Antique Racers, Colorado Vintage Oval Racers and Big Car Racing association will also be participating between the 305 sprint car races.

Sunday the vintage cars will be on the track all day with a noon meal provided for racers and exhibitors.

The back gates open at 2 p.m. both days, the pits open at 4 p.m. and track action starts at 6:30 p.m. Mr. McMullen said, "This is

great family fun. We will have static displays outside the racetrack area in the morning. People will be interested to know that some of the cars on exhibition were built in this area."

Bruce Colip of Norton will be driving in the exhibition.

No. 9, a propane fueled sprinter, was built by Lonnie Moresck of McCook and restored by his son, Joe Moresck. It is driven by Merle Barnett of Rexford.

Darrel Wark of Colby drives No. 55. It is a flat-head Ford coupe.

Another Colby driver is Bruce Flipse. He drives No. 58, a 6-cylinder Chevy coupe, junior modified.

No. 81, jointly owned by Jerry Bantam and Don McMullen, is the first rear engine drive sprinter built in the U.S. Mr. McMullen will be driving it in the exhibition.

The different classes of vintage cars on display are the super modifieds, junior modifieds, midgets and sprint cars.

The oldest car expected to be exhibited in the show is a midget from the 1940s.

Norton High School Cross Country Schedule

- Thursday, Sept. 2, Norton, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 11, Wamego (T), 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16, WaKeeney (T), 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 23, Hill City (T), 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 28, Oberlin (T), 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 7, Phillipsburg (T), 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 14, Wheatland (Grainfield), 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 23, Regional, TBA
- Saturday, Oct. 30, State (Wamego), TBA

Old Norcatour church moving to new home

The 116-year-old St. Mark's Lutheran Church is being moved from Norcatour to the Decatur County Museum in Oberlin.

The building has been offered to the museum by three remaining council members, Bill and Bee Nelson and Lee Eckhart.

Museum Director Sharleen Wurm said the church, dedicated in December 1888, is actually in pretty good shaped.

The building will need to be repainted and will also need a new roof.

The director said the church has a long history in Norcatour. Both Mr. Nelson's and Mr. Eckhart's great-grandfathers were charter members of the church and helped build it.

The whole thing started when Maggie Eckhart and Lois Rinkenberger wanted to get married in 1888. The couple began looking for a Lutheran minister and found the Rev. J. W. Kimmel in McCook.

On Feb. 2 of that year, he came to Norcatour to perform the wedding. That brought on the discussion of having regular services.

The pastor returned to Norcatour in May to hold services. At that time, there were 17 members in the church.

Mr. Kimmel looked into buying lots in Norcatour for a church site through the secretary of Lincoln Land Co. In June 1888, he reported that he had purchased lots 7 and 8 in block 7. For \$50, a 28-foot-by-40-foot building could be completed in 12 months on the site.

In June, the first communion

service was held. John Eckhart and Benjamin Hoover were elected elders and N.B. Nelson and John Summit were elected deacons. The other members were called charter members.

Later that summer, the first load of stone was delivered and foundation work was started. All of the labor was donated. Reports show that the only cost on the foundation was \$2.50 for lime.

In a large service on Sept. 8, 1888, the cornerstone was laid. Rev. Pugh preached and the Norcatour band and choir performed.

The history of the church shows that the lumber was delivered on Sept. 3. It was purchased from C.M. Deitz of Omaha for \$387.20, with \$98 being paid for freight. The windows were bought from Chicago with \$110. Other expenses included furniture for \$115, additional lumber for \$90, hardware for \$41, a bell for \$88 and an organ for \$65.

In December, a mortgage of \$300 was given to the Board of Church Extension and one for \$400 was given to John Eckhart, each to be paid in three years.

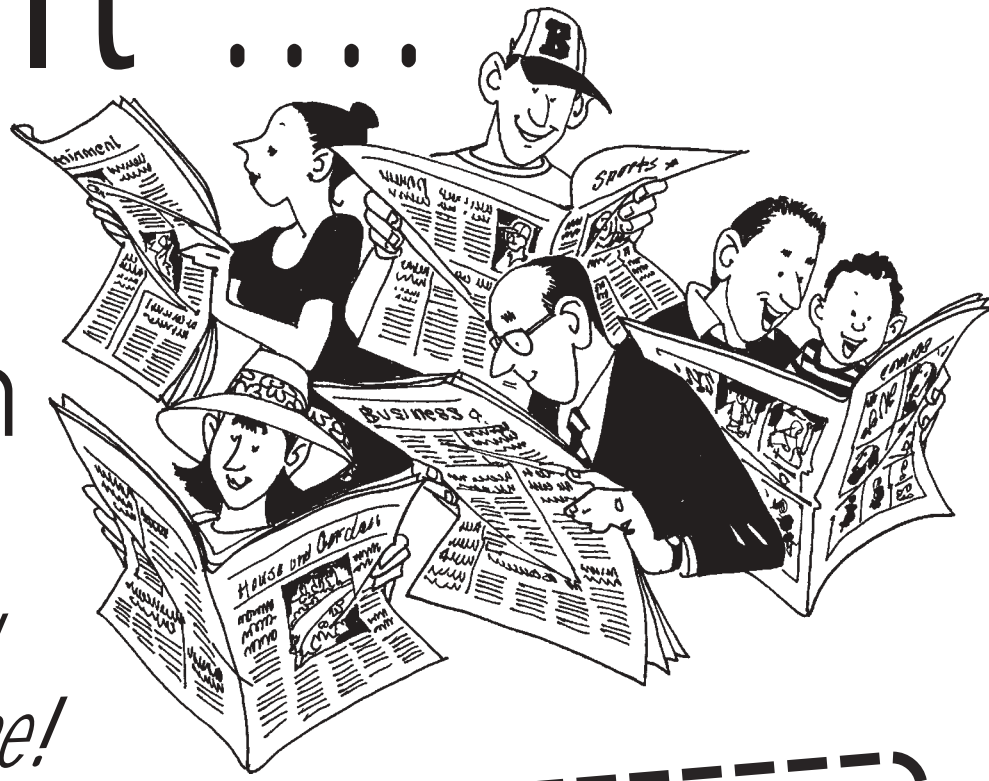
On Dec. 16, 1888, the church was dedicated.

The congregation went through many changes from that dedication to 1984, the last time the church had a pastor.

The mortgage note changed hands, a new roof was put on, the inside was replastered, a parsonage was built next door, the parsonage got a bathroom and many pastors preached in the building.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lenora City Public Hearing

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Lenora City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 125 E. Washington, Lenora, Kansas, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Community Facilities category. A specific project application to be discussed is the

construction of a new 50' X 80' facility for a public community/library building at the corner of Main Street and Washington Avenue in Lenora, Kansas to serve an area generally bounded by the City of Lenora. The estimated total project cost is \$399,200 with the grant request for \$392,700 of the project cost. Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the City's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by September 3, 2004.