



Kathy Zimmerman (above) and Scott Sproul (left) were among members of the Norton Rotary Club, who played music and read ads during a five-hour stint as deejays on Sunday.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier



KQNK Manager Marvin Matchett (left) kept everything on cue while Chriis McDiffett, signed off.

Norton Rotarians take over air waves

In the name of good causes, the Norton Rotary Club took over KQNK Radio Sunday afternoon.

Eight Rotarians deejayed from noon to 5 p.m. as they played music and read ads, that had been sold by club members.

Deejaying, with the help of Station Manager Marvin Matchett, were Kathy Zimmerman, Chriis McDiffett, Kevin Baughman, Scott Sproul, Richard Wiltfong, Gloria Zwickle and Aaron and Sarah White.

The club raised around \$3,000 during the fund-raiser, which included an auction in addition to the money earned selling ads.

Part of the money raised will go to support the Norton BB Gun team and the rest will be divided up among other projects and charities, including high school scholarships.

Commissioners worried about poor fire protection

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The lack of a pumper truck and an adequate fire station concerns the Norton County commissioners more than the possibility of a new horse arena at the fairgrounds.

Randall Hrabe, executive director of Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer County Development, talked to the commissioners on Monday about plans for a new horse facility.

The \$326,605 project, he said, would be partially paid for with tax credits.

Plans include renovation of 30 stalls and two panels and new construction of a wash rack, a restroom-concession building, bleacher and office and exercise arena.

Also in the project are the purchase of an 85 hp tractor, sound system, bucking chute, mule utility cart and panel trailer plus office equipment, computers, tables and supplies and five stationary trash cans.

The commissioners said that the plans were nice but that they didn't own the fairground. The City of Norton owns the fairground, they said, and the county only uses it one week a year for the county fair.

Commissioner John Miller asked if the project had been approved by the City Parks Committee.

When Mr. Hrabe said he didn't know, Mr. Miller called Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson and found out that the Parks Committee met with the Norton County Horse Council about the plans last year and was to have met again but none of the horse people showed up for the meeting.

"That would be a great project if they could figure out where to put it all," Mr. Miller said.

The commissioners said that they thought the project was a city problem and, except to say that they would be concerned about parking, were more interested in talking about Rural Fire District No. 1, which does not have a good pumper truck or a place to put one.

Although the commissioners noted that they have no jurisdiction over the fire district, they said they are worried about the area it serves, which seems to be growing with the addition of new homes and possibly a church in the near future.

"Is there something we're not doing to procure them a pumper truck?" Mr. Miller asked.

"We don't know if they're going to the right places for their request," Commissioner Dean Kruse said.

"That district doesn't have anything to fight a fire except for a small grass fire," Commission Leroy Lang added.

The City of Norton has promised it will send a truck if there's a fire, Mr. Miller said but the problem still needs to be solved.

"There's a need but we don't know how to fill the need because we're not in control," Mr. Miller explained.

Mr. Hrabe said he would check to see that the firemen are getting the help they need to get a grant or loan to get the equipment and housing they need.

In other business, the commis-

sioner:

- Heard that sales tax receipts were down a little last month. The county received \$18,318 in April in sales taxes which is \$152,227 year to date. County Treasurer Cynthia Linner said that April and May were the lowest months for sales taxes last year. This is the receipts for money collected by the state in February, Mrs. Linner said.

- Denied a charge account at the landfill for a company tearing down mobile homes in Norton.

"We're better off to stay cash and carry," Mr. Miller said.

- Heard from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald that the first pit is dug for the new landfill and now the contractor preparing to work on a leachate field and a methane gas collection system in the pit.

- Signed a lease agreement for use of a sand pit belonging to Clarence Tien.

- Heard that the Road and Bridge Department is hiring two people to mow. The jobs are full-time but only for the season, Supervisor Tom Brannan said.

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