

Friday  
June 3, 2005

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Ruth McMulkin

Briefly  
Ribbon cutting  
set at playground

A ribbon cutting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday for the grand opening of the new playground equipment at Elmwood Park. Members of the city crew and Lions Club volunteers will be present. The public is welcome.

BB gun museum  
to hold opening

To honor the Norton BB Gun teams, a museum is opening displaying trophies and articles written about them. The grand opening of the museum, at 412 E. Holme, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, following an informal gathering hosted by the Norton Rotary Club at 11 a.m. in the Prairie Land Electric basement. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and will cost \$7 per person.

Week-long  
Bible school set

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Monday-Friday, June 6-10, at the Norton Church of God, 1010 Churchill Drive. All children are invited from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A free lunch will be provided.

Bible class  
to take one day

The Norcatat United Methodist Church invites all area children to attend a one-day Vacation Bible School. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the church. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Call 669-2236 for details.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely in the evening, then chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Saturday — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 75, Low 49  
Wednesday ..... High 80, Low 60  
.37 of an inch of precipitation  
Thursday ..... High 76, Low 59  
.77 of an inch of precipitation  
Week ago ..... High 77, Low 49  
Month ago ..... High 59, Low 31  
Year ago ..... High 86, Low 49  
June precipitation ..... 1.14 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ..... 8.54 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm  
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to see your hand at work in our lives and to proclaim your goodness to all we meet. Amen

# Leak, life guards delay swimming

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton swimming pool is a little late in opening this year.

The pool, which was going to open Memorial Day, had to hold off a week because of a leak and a lack of lifeguards.

Officials say the pool should be open Saturday afternoon.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said there was a leak in the filter line and the

pool had to be drained to fix it. Also, he said, the guards weren't certified yet because the Kensington pool, where the certification class usually is, didn't open when it was supposed to. The class was moved to Phillipsburg.

Mr. Lawson said there was a second leak at the pool under the water slide, but most of the water is going back into the pool. He said they were going to wait un-

til after the swimming season to fix it, since it would take six to eight days to do the job, which includes taking apart the slide and digging up concrete.

Pool Manager Joy Lauer, who was previously a lifeguard, said the managers are finishing their training today, so everything should be set for tomorrow.

She has 12 lifeguards, who will be providing safety and working the concession

stand.

The lifeguards are Morgan Bailey, Amber Engelbert, Rachael Lentz, Klaire Mann, Hannah Mills, Seth Mills, Genia Myers, Justin Shirk, Heath Vincent, Reesa Volgamore, Alexi Wolf, and Brett Wyatt. Kai Mann is the assistant manager.

Miss Lauer said the pool will be open Monday through Thursday 1-5 p.m. and (Continued on Page 5)



Kids in Norton had a special treat Thursday as they watched Sparrow the Court Jester dump magic dust over a boy as his friends watched and laughed. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## Jester provides fun for young readers

The Norton Public Library had Sparrow the Court Jester perform Thursday morning as a part of its summer reading program.

Sparrow, who is actually Beth Byrd of Olathe, did mime and clown tricks for the young crowd.

Ms. Byrd said she had more than one character, but almost all of them have bird names, which is a play on her own last name.

She said she got into the clown/mime

business because her birthday is on Halloween and when she was a child, she thought everyone was dressing up for her. She said she wanted to reciprocate.

"I just couldn't figure out why we were giving them all of my candy," she said.

Red Skelton was also a big influence. "He was on TV when I was a child," she said. "I wanted to be like him when I grew up. Then I realized he never

grew up and I probably won't either."

She later met her idol when she was 21 and also studied under Marcel Marceau, who is 83 and still on tour, she said.

Ms. Byrd said she knew what she wanted to do when she was 7 and performed for the first time at 14.

"I've been doing it ever since," she said.

"I love it and my husband is very understanding of my profession."

## Lenora Jubilee to run for three days

By VERONICA MONIER

The Lenora Jubilee will be set up a bit differently this year, but should prove to be fun.

The annual event is going to be spread over three days — Friday-Sunday, June 17-19, rather than compacted into one like it has been.

The fun is going to start at 8 p.m. Friday, June 17, with a concert by Trent Willmon in Larrick Park. Mr. Willmon has a hit single "Beer Man", as well as the songs "Every Now and Then", "The Good

Life", "Population 81", "Dixie Rose Deluxe", "Medina Daydreaming", "All Day Long", "She Don't Love Me", and "Wishing Well".

Tickets are \$10 before Tuesday, June 14, or \$12 at the gate. Kids' tickets are \$5. Bring your lawn chair. To order tickets, call (785) 567-4860.

Also on Friday will be a dance, beginning at 9:30 p.m., and a carnival put on by Sunflower Amusements. Both will be in Larrick Park.

Saturday, June 18, will be a big day for

the festivities.

The day will start at 7 a.m. with a concession stand in Larrick Park. The stand will stay open until 8 p.m. A beer garden will be open in the park from 2 p.m. to midnight. The Sunflower Amusements Carnival will be held throughout the day in the park.

Garage sales will be held around town from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maps are available on Main Street.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Family and Com- (Continued on Page 5)

## Fire destroys dog kennel near Beaver City

An early morning fire at a dog kennel near Danbury, Neb., brought firemen from two states out of their beds.

The Norcatat Fire Department was called out at 2:30 a.m. today to aid the Beaver Valley Fire Department from Nebraska at a blaze at the Johnson Dog Kennel, 7 miles west and 1 1/2 miles north of Lyle.

Norcatat firemen said when they arrived a house trailer, which had been converted into a kennel was fully engulfed in flames. Two trucks and five men were sent from Norcatat and the firemen did not get back until 4:20 a.m.

The Beaver Valley Fire Department is made up of firemen from Danbury under the direction of Firechief Robbie Quador

and men from Lebanon, Neb., under the direction of Firechief Jerry Walters.

The Nebraska department had four trucks, an ambulance and 12 men at the scene fireman Galen Lafferty said.

Firemen said they believed at least one dog and several puppies were killed in the blaze, which they think was caused by lightning.

## Some use roadsides as dumps

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County officials are trying to deal with the unending problem of illegal trash dumping.

The county commissioners keep getting complaints about people dumping their trash illegally, but there isn't a lot that can be done without physical proof of who is doing it.

County Counselor Doug Sebelius said some dumping is legal. A resolution passed in 1995 gave farmers and ranchers the privilege of being able to dump some trash on their own property, but not on other people's.

He said people in the county can bury trash that is non-hazardous on their own property. The same, he said, goes for burning trash, as long as it's not hazardous, is in a contained area, and there is no burn ban. Although, he said, if it is something that should be recycled, people should look at taking it to the landfill.

Mr. Sebelius said people can't, however, let other people dump trash on their property with or without permission.

But, it's hard to catch people dumping unless there is something in the trash that directly identifies them and no one else.

The fine for illegal trash dumping, he said, can be up to \$2,500 or 30 days in jail or both.

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said the problem is ongoing.

"It's an educational process," he said. "It's been a concern forever. We're just trying to slow it down."

Almost all trash can be taken to the landfill, he said. And it's not that expensive at (Continued on Page 5)

## Archers raise cash for nationals

Norton County 4-H Shooting Sports raised some cash and had a good time doing it last Sunday during a 3D animal shoot.

The fund-raiser brought in \$100, which will go towards helping three Norton County 4-H archers finance their trip to the national competition at the end of June in Columbia, Mo.

Fourteen archers shot on the 24-animal course, which included a running coyote and two bonus targets.

There was also a scavenger hunt. Winning the hunt were Shine Fischer, Randy West and Kendra Baker, who tied. The three donated their winnings back to the club.

Going to nationals will be Jake Kramer, Fischer and Will Wilhite.

Participating in the shoot were Diedre Kramer, West, John Baker, C.J. Culligan, R.D. Wait, Jason Amlong, Casey Robison, Terry Niblock, Gary Niblock, Hayden Niblock, Baker, J. Kramer, Fischer and Wilhite.

4-H shooting sports will be sponsoring one more 3D animal shoot before nationals. It will be held Sunday with trickle start from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Norton Prairie Dog State Park archery range.

# Lenora to hold big party

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Community Education will be having an antique show and sale at the Senior Center.

Cars, trucks, tractors, horses and floats will be on Main Street at 2 p.m. during the annual parade. Line up will be at 1 p.m. at the grade school. A prince and princess will be crowned during the parade.

A classic car show and an antique tractor show will both be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the park. The car show will include pre-war originals, pre-war customs and other customs.

At 1 p.m., a trap shoot will be held at Roadside Park, while Bingo will start at 2 p.m. at the senior center.

Kids games will begin at 4 p.m. with creature races in Larrick Park, followed by the kids' peddle power pull at 5 p.m. A kids' ranch rodeo, for children 8 and younger, will be at 6 p.m. in the stampede arena, while mutton busting, sponsored by Mindrup Terracing, will begin at 7 p.m.

A dance will cap the night off,



Singer Trent Willmon will be performing in Lenora during the first night of the annual Lenora Jubilee. He'll be singing songs like his hit single "Beer Man."

running from 9 p.m. until midnight in the concert arena. Sunday's events include a Park and horse apple Bingo at 3

# Wheat plot tours set for next week

With rain falling over most of the area, farmers have an excellent opportunity to view varieties of wheat at their county tours and evaluate how they have fared during the dry conditions.

These varieties are showing wide variation in resistance to stripe rust. In addition, all sites except Norton have a no-till versus conventional-till comparison along with a seeding rate study in both tillage systems, sponsored by the Kansas Wheat Commission.

Here is the schedule:

- Tuesday from 7 to 9 a.m., Decatur County 4-H building in Oberlin. Breakfast will be served compliments of the May family. After breakfast, the tour will proceed to the plots, two miles west and one mile south of Oberlin.
- Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m., Sheridan County. The plots are three miles south and 1/2 mile west of Hoxie on Keith Caldwell's ground.
- Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Norton County. The plots are 12 miles west and a mile south of Norton on Ivan Bohl's ground.
- Thursday from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Trego County. Plots are six miles south of WaKeeney on Gene Fabrizius' ground. A supper will be provided by Citizens State Bank, First Federal Savings and Loan, AgriPro Seed and Big Creek Fertilizer.
- Next Friday, farmers in Gove County will have two sites. The tour at the first will be 3-4 p.m. The plot is south of the Midwest Coop's open grain pits, 1/2 mile south and 1/2 mile west of Quinter. The tour will then continue onto Paramount Seed Farms, which is 1 1/2 miles east of Quinter. The tour will start at 4 p.m., with a meal compliments of Paramount.

Refreshments at all sites are sponsored by the Kansas Crop Improvement Association, which will provide water and koozies to all attendees. There will be a lot of valuable information at these tours, and I encourage everyone to attend.

For the past 3 1/2 years, I have served Norton, Decatur, Sheridan, Gove, and Trego counties in the role of multi-county extension

## About ag

Brian Olson, K-State agronomist



agronomist. This has been a very rewarding endeavor. I have enjoyed working with farmers, writing news articles, organizing meetings and conferences and putting out research and demonstration plots.

I have learned a lot during this time, and I hope I have provided a few insights here and there which allowed for better decision making. Now the time has come for me to move on, but I am not moving away from the area.

I have accepted a position with K-State Research and Extension to be the extension agronomist for Northwest Kansas. In the past, this position has been referred to as the area agronomist, but the official title is extension agronomist - NWREC. The responsibilities for this job are to assist county agents and lead the agronomic programming in the 26 counties of north-west Kansas, ranging from St. Francis to Great Bend and from Sharon Springs to Mankato.

When evaluating these new responsibilities, I will be providing through what can be completed. Therefore, I will not be providing a weekly news article to the papers anymore. I will send out news releases to the county agents, but they will use them at their discretion.

I will still be providing agronomic education to farmers in the five counties in the future, but it will not be as direct as the articles I have provided.

I look forward to serving you in the future, although it will be in a new position.

The website [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) will be phased out over the next few weeks with a new web site [www.oznet.ksu.edu/nwagronomy/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/nwagronomy/) demanding my attention. Email me at [bolson@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto:bolson@oznet.ksu.edu) if you have any questions.

# Register's office to update computers

By VERONICA MONIER

The Register of Deeds office is getting a new computer system. Register Wanda Vincent said her computer uses Windows 98, which doesn't seem to be compatible with the new software. She said every time she updates, it causes a malfunction.

At first, she said she thought she could update the computer, but then found out it would cost more than \$500. When she learned that, she thought she should just get new hardware, but would keep her printer and scanner if they are compatible with the new system. She said she got three bids. The bid from Nex-Tech was \$2,797.95. She said the company thought it would take seven hours to back up the old system and then set up the new at \$100/hour.

Mortensen's Computer Service bid \$2,077.05. Mortensen's said it would take four hours to back up and install and they charge \$240/hour.

The third bid, from Computer Pro, was for \$2,031.95. Computer Pro would charge a flat rate of \$150 for labor, no matter how long it took.

She said the systems from Mortensen's and Computer Pro were from the same company. The difference, she said, was in how the warranties were set up.

Computer Pro recommended a full-service warranty, including labor, while Mortensen's warranty didn't include labor, because it limits what the company is al-

lowed to do. Commissioner John Miller told Mrs. Vincent that the commissioners knew she was a careful spender and that she should get what she needed.

"Don't short yourself in this deal," he said. "Get what you need because you do a lot over there." The commissioners told her to choose the bid she thought was best, since two of the three were so close.

In other business, the commis-

sioner told her they would talk to the Road and Bridge Department. Told Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan about the trash problem and that the department's employees needed to watch for it. Talked to Mr. Brannan about the results on an inspection on a road northeast of Norton. Mr. Brannan said Steve Berland, an engineer with BG Consultants, checked the road's construction after a complaint was made by farmer Terry Nelson. He said Mr. Berland told him he didn't see anything wrong with the road, but that they were still waiting for his final report.

"I told Steve if there was something we needed to do, we'd do it,"

Mr. Brannan said. Heard from Mr. Brannan that bridge work on OS112 was proceeding. He said work had stopped during the rains because safety comes first. But, he said, the bridge should be finished soon.

## Tri-State to meet in Oberlin

Dave Rose of Mid West eServices at the Tri-State Initiative for Economic Development meeting in Oberlin on Thursday.

The two-day meeting will be held Thursday and next Friday at the Gateway Civic Center at the corner of U.S. 83 and 36.

Mr. Rose has been successful in selling schools and other civic but unused buildings on eBay.

In northwest Kansas they have had successful sales for a home in

Downs, a church in Logan, and school buildings in Bazine, Morland and Dighton, which have resulted in new jobs and most brought in new families. Economic Development Director Anita Hoffhines from Ellsworth County will talk on Kansas free land. She will tell how communities can benefit from a free land program. For information call (785)475-2901.

## County fights illegal dumps

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## Pool to open on Saturday

(Continued from Page 1) 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Friday through Sunday 1-8 p.m. During the week, adult aerobics classes will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

She said admission prices are \$1.50 per person daily, \$25 for a 20-punch card, \$30 for an individual season pass, and \$75 for a family season pass.

Miss Lauer will be the pool manager until Aug. 5, when she is returning to school.

Mr. Lawson said if the city can find someone qualified to be the manager after Aug. 5, the pool will stay open through the end of the season. However, if not, the season may get shortened at both ends.

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