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Briefly

Blood drive set for Thursday

A blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Norton Correctional Facility.

To make an appointment to donate, call (800) 448-3543. Walk-in blood donors are also welcome.

BB gun museum open Saturday

The Rotary Club BB Gun Museum on East U.S. 36, Norton, will be open from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday.

Oakley poker run to fight cancer

The Oakley County Relay For Life committee is sponsoring a motorcycle/auto poker run at noon Saturday.

The entry fee is \$10 for one hand or \$25 for three. Registration will be at the Oakley Country Club, 318 W. South Second. Entrants will ride to Grainfield, Hoxie and Colby and back to Oakley.

Prizes and paybacks will be presented at the country club. Barbecue and drinks will be available for sale. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. For information call Raynette Mueller at (785) 672-4804 or (785) 672-0176.

Choir to perform here on Saturday

"Highest Praise" a high school choir sponsored by Ozark Christian College, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Norton Christian Church. Kevin Hasselquist, formerly of Norton, is a member. Donations will be accepted.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 60s. Saturday — Partly cloudy with highs around 90. Sunday — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 90s.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 81, Low 54
Wednesday High 88, Low 61
..... 15 of an inch of precipitation
Thursday High 89, Low 64
Weekago High 80, Low 60
Month ago High 83, Low 60
Year ago High 77, Low 56
June precipitation 2.87 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 10.27 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, when our lives are troubled, give us faith in your promises and trust in your abiding love. Amen



Members of Soldier Ride (above) stopped for a few minutes six miles west of Norton Thursday morning. They are (from left) retired Navy man and guest rider, Bob Haley, Staff Sgt. Ryan Kelly and Staff Sgt. Heath Calhoun. Army Capt.

Lonnie Moore, (below) prepared to get back on his bicycle as he continued cycling across America. Capt. Moore lost his right leg in Iraq and pedals with his left leg.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



Soldiers bicycle across U.S.

Amputees peddle to raise awareness

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The wind wasn't giving them any help, but the riders were used to doing things the hard way.

They are taking part in Soldier Ride, part of the Wounded Warrior Project started by John Melia, a former U.S. Marine who was injured in a helicopter crash in 1992.

Bicycling across the U.S. is a difficult undertaking for anyone. When you attempt it as an amputee, "difficult" goes to a new level.

Thursday morning several cyclists and vans were strung out along U.S. 36 between Oberlin and Norton.

They had spent Tuesday evening in Oberlin.

Their destination was roughly 90 miles away at Smith Center.

Soldier Ride was formed by a group from East Hampton, N.Y., to show

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Food cost to go up at schools

Norton increases lunch by 10 cents, breakfast, 5 cents

By VERONICA MONIER

The price of meals is on the rise but textbook rental will stay the same in the Norton School District next year.

Superintendent Greg Mann said at Monday's school board meeting that the district had budgeted more this year, but the cost of food continues to go up. To cover that, he said he recommended raising the meal prices.

He said Norton is still lower than state and local averages on costs to students for meals. Even with the increase, the district will still be below the averages.

Mr. Mann said he recommended a 5 cent increase for breakfasts and a 10 cent increase for lunches.

He also said the district should increase the price of a half pint of milk from 15 cents to 20 cents.

He said this would be for milk that is bought separately from meals, rather than the milk that is served with the meals.

He said last year, the district sold an extra 1,836 half pints of milk, which isn't a lot. He said the increase in price would get the district within \$10 of the actual cost of the milk.

Mr. Mann said the increases in meal prices should generate an additional \$10,000.

The new meal prices will be:

- Lunch — kindergarten-third grade, \$1.40; fourth-sixth, \$1.50; and seventh-12th, \$1.70;
- Breakfast — kindergarten-sixth, 80 cents; and seventh-12th, 95 cents.

The board set the price of adult meals to be at least equal to the reimbursement rate.

Mr. Mann said he recommended that the district leave the text-book rental fees and mileage reimbursement where they are.

He said a survey will be done during the school year to see how Norton compared to other area schools on rental fees.

The mileage reimbursement rate is low at 26 cents, he said, but the district leaves it that way to encourage the use of school transportation.

In other business, the board:

- Continued participation in the federal

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Antique car enthusiasts drive in rally

By DICK BOYD

Norton residents and relatives competed in the 17th annual Sugar Valley Rally for antique cars and drivers on June 3-5 in Scottsbluff/Gering, Neb., and most did well.

The event is not a race but a timed event in which teams of driver and navigator receive instructions and must navigate their classic vehicle somewhere in a certain amount of time.

The driver and navigator work their way through the course with only a clock and speedometer to assist them. Teams receive a perfect score, called an "ace", by completing a leg in the exact time required. Coming in seconds ahead or behind count against them.

The rally was the first sanctioned by the Great American Race and some of the participants also compete in the Great Race.

Marcia and Richard Wiltfong of Norton have become regulars in the rally and they



Ted and Diane Hull in their 1948 Plymouth Deluxe Yellow Taxi competed in the Sugar Valley Rally in Scottsbluff/Gering, Neb. This photo was taken two

years ago in the rally. This year they finished fifth in the Unlimited Class. This was their seventh year to compete in the rally for antique cars.

loan their antique cars to friends and relatives.

The Wiltfongs have competed in 11 Sugar Valley Rallies. They started in 1994 and placed third that year in the Limited Class, pre-1942 cars that are original. They were named "Rookies of the Year".

This year the Wiltfongs drove their 1935 Ford Roadster and placed 10th out of 26 competitors.

Four other Wiltfong cars also competed.

Jim Wiltfong, a nephew, and friend Dan Ward, both of South Orange, N.J., drove the Wiltfongs' 1930 Ford Model A to a sixth place finish. They are also former "Rookies of the Year".

Keith Petracek, a nephew, and his wife, Sharon, Plattsmouth, Neb., piloted the Wiltfongs' 1931 Ford Model A Phaeton

with their daughter Samantha, 8, as a passenger. The Petraceks, who were in their fourth rally, placed 14th. They also fought the rain on Saturday. Their car had a top but no side windows.

Gary Schmucker and wife, Linda, Gering, Neb., drove the Wiltfongs' 1934 Dodge Sport Coupe in their first Sugar Valley Rally and placed 21st.

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School lunches to go up

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school nutrition program.

- Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss attorney-client privileges and three 5-minute sessions to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Approved Austin Brooks, Amy Husted, Heath Vincent and Dani Wuest as the student members of the Memorial Gym appreciation plaque committee. The board also directed Mr. Mann to contact three people to find the adult members of the committee.

- Accepted the resignation from Jody Hadachek as the high school biology teacher and to assess \$300 in liquidated damages for resigning late.

- Approved a contract with Corey Roy as Eisenhower Elementary principal, contingent upon his being released from his contract with the Burlington, Colo., public schools.

- Approved letters of intent with Dennis Burge as junior/senior high woods instructor, Melinda Fleckenstein as high school biology and anatomy instructor, and Wendy Haresnape as the Eisenhower Title I math instructor; and approved work agreements with Lynette Archer as junior high at-risk tutor and Gail Roy as Eisenhower at-risk tutor; and approved Julie Schrum as social studies chairperson and a member on the curriculum council, and Mirla Coleman as the high school KAY sponsor.

- Terminated Greg Pfannenstiel as the assistant director of maintenance.

- Offered work agreements to all classified employees who have not resigned or been terminated with salary and benefits to be determined later.

- Approved the membership of the high school, junior high, and grade school site councils.

- Recognized board members Anna Foley, Pam Shelton and Gary Lacy for their service to the district.



Aloha! Staff member Suzi White and her children dressed up in their best Hawaiian outfits to serve punch and cookies at Whispering Pines monthly coffee on Saturday. The theme was a luau, complete with leis, grass skirts and tropical drinks.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

New board will help keep scores

By VERONICA MONIER

The bright lights of Travis Field will be a little brighter once a new scoreboard is installed.

Athletic Director Larry Mills said the new board will be put up sometime in late July.

The reason for a new board, he said, is the old one is obsolete. The parts for it aren't made anymore, so replacement parts will have to be taken from other scoreboards like it that have been discontinued.

Mr. Mills said the new scoreboard should last 15 to 30 years, probably closer to 30. He said it uses light emitting diode (LED) lights, which last for a long time.

It will also have 24- and 18-inch digits, tents to be used for tracking time, a time-outs remaining feature, lighted sponsored sections, football possession lights and wireless control panels.

The new board will come from a company called PowerAd, in Salina. Mr. Mills said the Kansas company gave the district a good deal at \$9,500.

He said PowerAd has just started doing football scoreboards, but does a lot of arena scoreboards and signs, like the one in front of the junior high.

Mr. Mills said he started working on getting a new scoreboard in January, when he found out replacement parts were getting scarce.

He told the school board earlier that a lot of businesses were happy to help with the project. Sponsoring the new board are Pizza Hut, New Age Industrial, First State Bank, End Zone and Bridges Insurance.

Amputees raise money, awareness

(Continued from Page 1) their support injured in the armed forces and raise awareness and money to help support wounded soldiers and their families.

Staff Sgt. (ret.) Heath Calhoun, Clarksville, Tenn., was wounded Nov. 7, 2003, at Mosul, Iraq. He lost both his legs and rides a hand cycle.

"We really appreciate everyone's support," he said. "And I want to thank all the friendly drivers."

Sgt. Calhoun has a wife and two children with another on the way. Bob Haley, from New York, said he is an old Navy man, just along for the ride.

He was visiting his son in Colorado and decided to ride with the men to Kansas City.

He is a weatherman and said he really appreciated the 20-30 mile per hour winds they had at their

backs Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Haley is one of many guest riders who have chosen to accompany Soldier Ride part of the way.

Riders can go on-line to www.soldierride.com and select one of 12 stages of the tour.

Even those who don't ride with the team can register as a virtual rider and help raise public awareness and donations.

"The reception has been great all across the country," said Staff Sgt. (ret.) Ryan Kelly, Prescott, Ariz.

"We're getting the word out. We've got a great mechanism to help take care of our guys."

"The money goes to a good cause. It's going to help a lot of guys who are coming back."

Sgt. Kelly lost his right leg in a blast on Highway 1, south of Baghdad on July 14, 2003. He wears a prosthetic device when he

rides. He is married but doesn't have children.

Another member of the team is a van driver, Reg Cornelia, East Hampton, N.Y.

Mr. Cornelia said he has only respect for the men.

"After watching these guys, I am so impressed," he said. "Next time I complain about a headache, somebody just slap me."

He said the team would be traveling U.S. 36 across Kansas before dropping down to Fort Riley, Lawrence and Kansas City. He said the team left Marina del Ray

in Los Angeles on May 21. They plan to arrive in Montauk, N.Y., on July 19.

The men also do advocacy programs.

Sgt. Kelly helped lobby for higher insurance benefits to help injured service members.

The goal of Soldier Ride is to raise \$5 million and so far the men have collected \$116,047.

For more information on The Wounded Warrior Project, to make a donation or sponsor a rider, go to the website or call toll-free, 1-866-RIDE GI 1.

Antique cars, drivers compete in 17th annual Sugar Valley Rally

(Continued from Page 1) The Schmuckers and Wiltfongs winter in Arizona and the men played on the same softball team.

Driving and navigating the Wiltfongs' 1929 Ford Model Racer were Bobby Bolander and wife, Julie, of Wichita. Julie is the Wiltfongs' daughter. They did not compete on Saturday because their car has no top, so were relegated to 26th place. Julie is also a former "Rookie of the Year".

"They raced well, earning a race on Friday and two on Sunday, but it was just too cold for them in Saturday's rain," said Marcia Wiltfong.

Also entered in the limited class were Chriss McDuffett, Norton, and his son, Shawn, Central City, Neb. Chriss drove his 1930 Chevrolet Roadster to second place.

Completing the Norton-related entries were Ted and Diane Hull, who drove their 1948 Plymouth Deluxe Yellow Taxi to a fifth place finish in the unlimited class, which consists of cars of any age up to 1956.

There is also a pro class, in which former winners of the Great American Race or the Sugar Valley Rally compete.

Each of the top five finishers receives a trophy and money awards are also given.

The Practice Rally Trophy Run was an 80-mile course which the cars compete on Friday. Saturday was a full day, 200-mile trek, beginning at 7 a.m. with each car leaving at one-minute intervals. A break is allowed in the morning, for lunch and in the afternoon. Sunday's ride encompasses about 100 miles.

Festivities include a banquet on Saturday evening.

The unlimited cars are allowed to drive a maximum of 45 m.p.h. and the limited cars are allowed to go up to 30 m.p.h.

"Richard read about the rally after he retired and we decided to

give it a try," said Marcia Wiltfong. "People were so good and helped us. We have such a good time every year."

"The rally itself is very intense; you really have to pay attention. It helps to know your math."

"Drivers in regular traffic on the highway are courteous and don't cause any problems. In our 11 years on the rally, I've only heard of one accident and the driver and navigator were not hurt."

"If you have car trouble, other competitors try to help you at the breaks."

"It's really well organized. They have people at check points who time you and, when you finish, they have your time."

The McDuffetts were happy about their finish, especially since their car also has no top and the rain soaked them all day Saturday.

This was the fifth year for the McDuffetts to compete but Chriss said they usually don't do this well.

"In the past, we've made a mistake or two that cost us," he said.

"Even though Saturday was a cold, miserable day, we did okay."

"I like this rally because of the challenge of it and because you have the opportunity to show off your old car. It's a skill and endurance event, not a race."

"The Wiltfongs got us started and we drove their cars for several years before I purchased mine."

He now owns two more classic vehicles, a 1968 Mustang and a 1946 Chevrolet pickup.

This was the seventh Sugar Valley Rally for the Hulls, who were also "Rookies of the Year" their first year. Their Yellow Taxi is a local car which Ted restored with the help of Terry Conrad.

"The rally is really intense but it's fun," said Ted.

"At the end of the day, you relate your experiences with the others. You talk back and forth about the mishaps and highs. The camaraderie is really good."

"The rainy day was not so bad for us because we stayed warm and dry but it was hard to see at times."

There were 67 cars in this year's rally. The route for the faster vehicles went into Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota and Colorado. The slower cars drove in Nebraska and Wyoming.

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