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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Allan Miller

Briefly

## Farmers Market moves to park

The Norton County Farmer's Market will have a new home this year at the west entrance to Elmwood Park on the south side of the cottonwood trees.

The market will be held 7 to 9 a.m. each Thursday during the growing season.

The market allows produce growers a chance to sell their goods to the public.

A variety of vegetables, produce and baked goods are usually available.

## 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 donate, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health. Drinking extra water before and after donating blood is recommended.

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

## Scavenger hunt planned at library

Seventh-12th graders are invited to attend Fun Night, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Norton Public Library Community Room.

This week there will be a scavenger hunt. Those attending are asked to bring chips, dips or vegetables for snacks.

Weather

## Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s with south winds 10 to 20 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. **Thursday** — Breezy with increasing clouds. Highs around 102. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

## Howell report:

Friday ..... High 89, Low 65  
Saturday ..... High 86, Low 70  
Sunday ..... High 91, Low 69  
Monday ..... High 97, Low 67  
.02 of an inch of precipitation  
Week ago ..... High 72, Low 51  
Month ago ..... High 93, Low 65  
Year ago ..... High 81, Low 56  
June precipitation ..... 2.89 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 10.29 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for keeping us firmly grounded and for opening our eyes to the blessings around us daily. Amen

# Curfew violators get to clean up

By VERONICA MONIER

The City of Norton has a curfew and some young people are finding out the hard way that it isn't a good idea to break it.

Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn said anyone under 16 is not permitted to be out late without being with a parent or guardian.

He said the curfew goes into effect at 11

p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on Friday and Saturday. The curfew ends at 5 a.m. no matter what day it is.

Officer Kuhn said the curfew has been in place for at least 10 years. He said the city set the curfew to keep crime down and youngsters out of trouble.

Recently, the punishment for being out past curfew is community service.

Municipal Court Judge Jerry Hawks said he's been giving a community service sentence to curfew violators and underage drivers for the first offense.

Generally, community service, he said, has been pulling weeds in sidewalks and parking lots and picking up trash.

A first-time violator, he said, will find himself or herself responsible for pulling weeds in a three to four block area for

three to six months. A second violation will get the offender more community service and probably a fine.

However, he said, he hasn't had any second time violators.

The fines range from \$10 to \$20 with a \$60 court fee for the first violation. After that, the fines go up.

"We're getting more than \$70 worth of (Continued on Page 5)



With horses, clowns, kids and cars, the Lenora Jubilee's annual parade on Saturday had everything. A little boy (above) helped toss candy out of the fire truck. On Friday, people enjoyed a concert by Trent Willmon and Wade Hays (below) — Photos by Veronica Monier and Jill Edgett



## Jubilee draws crowd to Lenora

By VERONICA MONIER

The weather cooperated and the annual Lenora Jubilee drew good crowds to the town in southern Norton County.

The jubilee started Friday with a concert by Trent Willmon and Wade Hays.

Lenora City Clerk Gayle James said the concert was a big success with about 500 people in attendance.

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# Family shelter asks for donation

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Although Norton County didn't donate any money this year to the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, a representative visited with the county commissioners on Monday in the hopes of getting something for next year.

Erin Sexton of Hays told the commissioners that the shelter serves the 18 counties Northwest Kansas region with help for rape and domestic violence victims.

While most of the staff's time is used to help victims, she said, they work on prevention and education by putting up posters and visiting health fairs and schools.

"Domestic violence and sexual assault don't go unnoticed by officers, schools and parents," she said. "But they are so private, most of these crimes go unreported."

Ms. Sexton said that with a county population of just under 6,000, at the na-

tional average 893 women and 399 children would suffer domestic violence, abuse or rape in their lifetime.

This statistic may be a little high, she said, because there is less violence out here than in most cities.

However, that doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

"Norton County isn't known for school shootings or anything like that but domestic violence is everywhere," she said.

Commissioner John Miller wanted to know what other counties in the area are contributing to the shelter.

Ms. Sexton said that Decatur County has contributed \$500 and has a volunteer task force to fight domestic violence. Phillipsburg has donated \$500, she said, and Phillips County has been asked for a donation but hasn't responded yet.

She said that the shelter gets by on donations and grants. Since the office is in Hays, a lot of the donations come from that area.

"It's kind of beg, borrow and steal in our agency," she said.

The shelter worked with five victims from Norton County in 2004, she told the commissioners.

All services are open to men, women and children. While men can't stay at the shelter's safe house, other accommodations are found for them.

# County moves market

## Popular produce sale to leave courthouse

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The popular farmers market held each Thursday will be moved from the north side of the courthouse because of traffic and safety worries.

The Norton County commissioners talked to county Extension Agent Keith VanSike on Monday about moving or increasing supervision on the farmers market, which is every Thursday during the growing season.

The commissioners told Mr. VanSike they have had some comments from people who are worried there will be an accident because of the vehicle and pedestrian congestion.

Also, they said, several county employees have complained about people park-

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# Schools' budget up in air

By VERONICA MONIER

Budget time is here, but the Norton School District can't finalize anything until the state legislature says what it is going to do.

Superintendent Greg Mann said if the Legislature's March 30 plan is left as it is, the school district will have a general fund budget of \$4,497,506, compared to last year's general fund budget of \$4,445,540, an increase of about \$50,000.

But, he said, a lot of the new figure is increases in special education and at-risk waiting.

Mr. Mann said he's projecting about \$75,000 in additional discretionary money with the March 30 plan if things are done right.

But, that isn't enough to cover projected increases in the district's general fund budget for next year.

He said personnel costs are going down about \$75,000 with the elimination of two full-time positions.

However, going up are property insurance, \$27,000; utilities, including water and sewer, electricity and natural gas, \$45,000; fuel, \$6,700; retirement benefits, \$27,000; longevity raises, \$12,000; and estimated educational attainment

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## Governor to visit Norton

Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius will mix a little business with pleasure this Fourth of July.

The governor will be coming on Monday, July 4, to watch the fireworks display at Prairie Dog State Park and will give a speech on tourism before the show.

The visit is part of a Kansas tourism promotion.

The governor will then be in Oberlin on Tuesday, July 5, where she will speak at The Gateway before heading to Colby.

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ing all over the place. Mr. VanSlike said that he thought the market could be moved to the city park. Several people have asked to have it downtown, he said, but he doesn't want to have any accidents and cannot be at the market every week to supervise.

The biggest problem with the weekly produce and bake sale is it's too popular.

"It's a nice little opportunity for people," Mr. VanSlike said.

"People like it," Commissioner Leroy Lang agreed.

"We'll look for another opportunity," Mr. VanSlike said of the change of location. "We know it gets a little congested."

"We just don't want to see anybody get hurt," Mr. Lang agreed.

The market, which opens at 7 a.m. Thursday, will be at Elmwood Park this year.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Talked to Tom Brannan, county road and bridge supervisor, about what needs to be done to the roads before harvest starts

- Signed an agreement with the state for inspection of a hinge pin bridge a mile south of Densmore.

There is only one in the county and only 70 or 80 in the state, Mr. Brannan said. The county pays 20 percent, which cost \$172 two years ago.

- Approved applying for a grant for non-priority airport money from the federal government to help pay for the new taxiway and other improvements.

- Went out with Mr. Brannan to look at several roads where the commissioners have had complaints.

## Concert parade, fun draw crowd

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Saturday brought a carnival, garage sales, an antique show and sale, a parade, classic car show, trap shoot and kids games like creatures races and a peddle power pull. The night ended with a dance and karaoke.

On Sunday, a gymkhana and horse apple Bingo were both held.

"We had great weather all weekend and haven't had a single negative comment," said Mrs. James. "I think it turned out really well."

This year's prince and princess were Oren and Mattison Rhea, the son and daughter of Nicole Rhea and David Brooks.

Contest winners were:

Best of Parade — Wild Wacky Women and their 1967 Volkswagen Bug; float; Norman Wendall, Farmall, tractor; Country Corner Delivery Wagon, youth; Solomon Valley Stampede, equestrian; John Showers, Ulysses, 1946 two-door Ford sedan, car.

Antique Tractor Show — Myron Veh, McCormick Deering tractor.

Classic Car Show — Richard and Marcia Wiltfong, Norton, 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster with a rumble seat, driven by Gary and Linda Matson, prewar original; Mr. and Mrs. Wiltfong, 1929 Model A Speedster, prewar custom; Eddy Showers, Spring Hill, 1941 Ford Convertible, postwar custom;

Mel Juenemann, Norton, 1957 Thunderbird, postwar original; Bill Steinmetz, Norton, 1949 F-4 truck, rebuilt by Rob Britz, Norton, best custom vehicle; and Dave Long, T-Bucket, best hot-rod.

Peddle Power Pull, ages 5-6 — Lexi Voss, first; Marshall Otter, second; Cade Peterson, third.

Peddle Power Pull, ages 7-8 — Courtney Schnider, first; Brendon Frack, second; Derick McKeever, third.

Peddle Power Pull, ages 9-10 — Dalton Schnider, first; Dane Simoneau, second; Kelsey Marx, third.



Austin Hager (below, left) and Ryan Johnson, measured ingredients while Tranda Watts, multi-county Extension agent helped during a cooking class on Friday at the Norton County 4-H Building. Young cooks (above) made muffins. They are Marisa Maddy, Olivia Lowry, Kylie Kinderknecht, Marc Miller and Molly Maddy.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



## Kid cooks mix up some fun

Applesauce muffins were the main course during a Norton County extension-sponsored event Friday at the 4-H Building.

Twenty-seven boys and girls ages 6 to 12 were enrolled in the Kids a Cookin' class taught by Multi-County Extension Agent Tranda Watts. She was assisted by Norton County 4-H leader Patsy Maddy with several junior leaders lending a helping hand.

While one group prepared muffins, another group took part in a cooperative exercise, where as a team, they had to balance a ball on strings held between them. The object was to work together and move the ball to a basket. A third group played whiffle-ball and with a nylon parachute. The groups rotated so that each group had a chance to take part in all the activities.

The next Kids a Cookin' class will be Friday. Cost is \$3. For more information call the Extension office at 877-5755.

## Norton school budget in limbo while Legislature meets in Topeka

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raises, \$11,000.

He said through December the district drove 3,000 miles less this year than last, but it cost \$4,000 more.

The only thing in the list that doesn't come out of the general fund is retirement, which comes out of the local option budget.

The district will have to make its first payment on the interest free roof loan at \$53,000, which should come out of capital outlay.

Not included in the projected \$102,000 increase in the general fund is a raise for all district employees or additional health insurance. A 1 percent raise and \$10/month more for health insurance is estimated to cost around \$42,000. That would also have to come out of the general fund.

Mr. Mann said the board needed to think about whether or not the district needed to raise the local option budget and/or reinstitute a capital outlay levy.

Another thing that needs to be

thought about, he said, is when the district will publish its budget. He said there are two scenarios — the "normal" scenario and the "last-possible minute" scenario.

Mr. Mann said the budget is due in Topeka no later than Aug. 26 and a public hearing has to be held ten days after the budget is published in the paper.

He said in the normal scenario, the district would know what the Legislature is going to do by the July board meeting.

A special meeting would be held on July 20 to review and approve the budget, it would be published on July 22, and then the hearing would be held at the Aug. 8 board meeting.

In the last-possible minute scenario, he said the budget would be approved at the Aug. 8 board meeting and it would be published Aug. 12. The hearing would be held Aug. 23, 24 or 25 and then it would either be sent by priority mail or someone would drive to Topeka.

Mr. Mann said it was probably 50/50 whether the district would have everything in place by the July meeting. He said the board will probably have to look at something in-between the two scenarios.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted a bid from Boxler Insurance, Norton, for the district's property, vehicle, workmen's compensation and liability insurance for \$84,331 for next year.

- Accepted a bid from the Naught-Naught Agency, Columbia, Mo., for the district's student accident insurance for next year.

- Signed a letter of agreement with the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center in Oakley to continue the district's participation in the Head Start program.

- Heard a presentation on this year's high school site council activities from Chairman Lamont Shirk.

- Approved the 2005-'06 student-parent handbook.

## Judge gives community service

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work out of them (violators)," he said.

"I think it's (community service) a lot better than having parents pay a fine."

Officer Kuhn said the police department agreed.

"We feel that the community service sentence is very appropriate," he said, "since it's the juvenile

that is having to take responsibility for his or her actions, rather than having their parents pay a fine."

The judge said, in addition to pulling weeds from sidewalks, he's also had juveniles pulling weeds from the Church of God parking lot.

"I'm looking for community service projects," he added.

Judge Hawks said if non-profit or community groups need something done, they should call him. He said he plans on talking to a couple of groups to see if they would like those with community service to shovel snow for the elderly this winter.

# County accepts engineer's ideas for road repair

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

After much finger pointing and wrangling, the Norton County commissioners have done, what they hope, will take care of a road problem in the northeast part of the county.

Tom Brannan, county road and bridge supervisor, complained to the commissioners that there was a problem on a road near Fancy Creek. Mr. Brannan felt because terraces were being removed in nearby fields runoff water was draining onto the road and ruining it after silt from the field had clogged the ditches.

The commissioners told him that he could lodge a complaint with the Kansas Department of Agriculture since terraces would fall under that agency's jurisdiction.

A short time later Terry Nelson, who farms the area, came to a commission meeting with his lawyer to complain about the condition of the road and ask the county why a complaint was lodged against his operation.

Mr. Nelson said the road was dangerous because his large farm trucks have trouble getting through and that, he thought, the culvert was too small for the runoff and water was getting on his fields from the road.

Mr. Nelson also said he had removed terraces from the property so he could put in a center pivot and that he was no tilling the land to help prevent erosion.

The commissioners asked Mr. Brannan to have BG Consultants, the county's engineers, look at the road and give them recommendations.

Last week the commissioners received a preliminary letter from BG but would not share it with Mr. Nelson.

At their meeting on Monday, after a 15-minute closed session with County Counselor Doug Sebelius, the commissioners entered two letters into public record.

The first was from the Kansas Department of Agriculture dated May 18.

Leonard Bristow, water struc-

tures engineer for the state, wrote the commissioners that he did not have jurisdiction over the case because the drainage area is less than 227 acres and does not require a permit.

He said that while his agency has no authority, the county can open any ditches that have been obstructed by private landowners and that he understood the problem of erosion is being studied by the Norton County Farm Service Agency.

The second letter dated June 13 was from Steve Berland of BG Consultants.

Mr. Berland drove the road in question with Mr. Brannan and he felt the road was well designed and in good shape, but the ditches were full of silt and wind-blown deposits and needed to be cleaned and widened.

An intersection, which Mr. Nelson had complained there wasn't enough turning room, is adequate for normal farm vehicles but not for larger ones, Mr. Berland said and should be widened.

The culverts appeared adequate for two-year storms but would be overtopped by 10-year storms. However, he did not suggest that the county replace any.

The commissioners directed Mr. Brannan to clean the ditches and increase the radius of the curve without encroaching on any private land to do so.

They decided not to change out the culvert because it is the size normally used on farm roads.

Mr. Brannan said that Mr. Nelson has asked for some help with a dike he is building to help with erosion.

The county crew could get a forklift and take some concrete pieces of the old viaduct out to help stabilize the dike, he said.

"We've done it for other farmers and it only costs a days labor to move them," Mr. Brannan said, adding that it would probably be in late summer.

"As soon as we get a telephone line moved we will get those ditches cleaned," he added.

## Kansas searches for logo for governors' signs

Kansans are invited to submit designs for the Governor's Hometown Logo Competition.

Kansas has had 44 governor's, and new signs will make it easier to identify where they lived.

Designers must submit a sketch in color or black and white. An explanation of the concept may also be submitted.

The design:

- Must include the state capitol dome.

- May include landmarks, landscapes, historical buildings, symbols of resources or industries, state flower and/or outlines of the state or combinations.

- Should be kept simple. Logos of commercial, private,

educational, civic, religious, sports organizations are not acceptable.

- Shall have dignity, broad appeal and avoid controversy.

To enter, the sketch must be submitted on the official form, found at [www.kansascommerce.com](http://www.kansascommerce.com). Enter Connect Code HOMETOWN. Computer generated designs may be submitted in hard copy only. No electronic submissions will be accepted.

All entries must be postmarked on or before July 15. Send entries to The Governor's Hometown Logo Competition; c/o Kansas Department of Commerce; 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 100; Topeka, KS 66612-1354.

### Norton County Weather ----- June 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
95/68	98/65	98/65	95/63	93/63

Normal High: 85  
Normal Low: 57

Sunrise: 6:11 to 6:12am  
Sunset: 9:12 to 9:12pm

Temperatures are beginning to feel more like summer as they warm into the 90's this week. The heat and breezy south winds will put harvest into full swing by the weekend. Strong high pressure to our west will keep the Jet Stream well to our north, thus very little chances for rain. Hot, dry and breezy conditions may be with us for the rest of the month other than some scattered chances for precipitation this weekend and later next week. Higher humidity will make this heat spell more uncomfortable so if you are outdoors drink plenty of water and stay in the shade as much as possible.

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