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July 12, 2005

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Marie Hewett

Briefly

## Time to sign up for school bus

The deadline for students who live in Norcatar but attend school in Norton to turn in out-of-district transportation busing applications to the Oberlin School District Office is Friday.

The application must be filed in order for Norton buses to be able to pick up students in Norcatar. All students are required to renew applications annually.

Applications may be picked up at either school district office.

## Reading expert to put on show

Magician and reading specialist Rob Holladay will present a program on motivating children to read.

At 10:15 a.m. Thursday Mr. Holladay will be at the Norton Rec Center gym to share his message using illusions, puppetry, comedy, story-telling and audience participation.

Mr. Holladay's appearance is part of the summer reading program, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds". He is being sponsored by the Norton Public Library, Northwest Kansas Library System, Midwest Energy and the Almena Naphtali Lodge.

His website is [www.dontblink-illusions.com/libraryoklahoma2-005.htm](http://www.dontblink-illusions.com/libraryoklahoma2-005.htm).

## Movie theme set for Fun Night

The theme of Norton Library's Thursday night Fun Night will be all about the movies. Seventh-12th graders are invited to come play "Scene It" a board game that tests your knowledge about the movies. Soft drinks and popcorn will be served.

## Weather Forecast:

**Tonight** — Lows in the lower 60s.  
**Wednesday** — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. **Wednesday night** — Lows in the mid 60s. **Thursday** — Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. **Thursday night** — Lows in the mid 60s. **Friday** — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

## Howell report:

Friday ..... High 97, Low 71  
Saturday ..... High 90, Low 68  
1.17 of an inch of precipitation  
Sunday ..... High 92, Low 68  
Monday ..... High 96, Low 69  
Week ago ..... High 93, Low 64  
Month ago ..... High 82, Low 58  
Year ago ..... High 98, Low 68  
Year-to-date precipitation ..... 12.07 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Thank you, God, that through dealing with our faults we allow you to display your power and grace. Amen



With their hoods up, classic cars and trucks (above) were ready for inspection as the crowds gathered to look over the entries. Bill Steinmetz, Norton, (below) backed his 1922 Ford truck into the lineup on Saturday.

— Photos by Charlotte Stephenson and Carolyn Plotts

## Car show draws enthusiasts from all surrounding states

Norton Car Show volunteer Chriss McDiffett said the event grew from 120 cars last year to 150 cars this year. He declared the Friday and Saturday show an "overall success".

Storm clouds gathered early Saturday and rain fell off and on during the morning. It managed to dampen the enthusiasm for the road rally, so it was canceled.

By mid-day the skies were clear and 500-600 people gathered at Norton City/

County Airport to watch the drag races. About 44 cars were entered in the drag races.

Mr. McDiffett said a few cars from Oklahoma and Missouri came for the show and lots of cars from Nebraska. Some came from Colorado with the promise that more Denver cars will be in Norton next year for the show.

"Sounds like it will continue to grow," he said.



Four hot rods were lined up in front of the Norton Theatre during the Second Annual Norton Car Show. — Photo by Charlotte Stephenson



## Lawyer receives plaque, offers advise to city

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Former Norton City Attorney Karen Griffiths offered the city some advice after receiving a plaque and a round of applause on Wednesday for her years as city attorney.

Mrs. Griffiths, who was the city attorney from 1987 through this year, told the council that she hoped it wouldn't pass an ordinance banning the city attorney from also being the county attorney for Norton County.

Earlier this year the council decided that it needed a new attorney after Mrs. Griffiths won the November election to

be Norton County Attorney. At the time, city council members said they were worried about conflicts of interest because of the many projects the two entities work on together including the airport and economic development.

Longtime Norton attorney Charles Worden was hired to replace Mrs. Griffiths as city attorney.

Mrs. Griffiths said that when Mr. Worden retires there may be some bright, young attorney available to take both the city and county jobs and she didn't think that the city should back itself into a corner and not be able to hire that person.

She said she has seen Norton growing during her long tenure as city attorney and knows that the town will continue to grow.

While she was city attorney, she said, she helped get bonds issued for the city library and helped to get them refinanced for lower interest payments.

Mrs. Griffiths said she has kept all her files on that and other projects for the city and she will make them available to her successor and the city administration. This may be important, she said, since the city is looking at helping pay for a new water plant by issuing municipal bonds. This is an area that is complex and con-

fusing, she said, and experts are needed to guide the way. Her records might help the city find those experts, she said.

Mrs. Griffiths showed that she had no intention of trying to regain her old job or of stepping on toes but said that she would help the city in any way she could.

"I always loved the city and I will always love the city of Norton," she said.

She said that the city could call her anytime it needed help and that she would be happy to work with Mr. Worden, whenever he wanted any assistance.

"Call me whenever you need any old advise," she said with a smile as she left.

## Playground equipment off limits during car races

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Norton City Council is worried that children using the playground equipment at Elmwood Park might be in danger during car races.

After hearing that the city is making a sign to go up at the park so people will know the park rules, council members said they would like to add that no one should be on the play equipment during races.

City Administrator Rob Lawson told the council that it wouldn't be a problem to put that the equipment is off limits during races.

Councilman Rob Briery said that he thought it should be closed and Councilman Jerry Jones concurred.

While it is unlikely that a car would go out of control so badly it went into the equipment, council members said, they didn't see any reason to take any chances.

City Attorney Charles Worden said that if the council really wants to keep people off the equipment during races it should have an ordinance with penalties. Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn agreed.

However, the council decided that for now it will just put the rule on the sign and ask race promoter Don Bolt to see that people stay away from the equipment.

"I say try it," Councilwoman Elaine Mann said.

"At least Don (Bolt) can tell them it's closed," Mayor David Corns agreed. (Continued on Page 5)

## County fair starts July 23

By KEITH VANSKIKE, county Extension director

The 2005 Fair Premium books are available at the Norton County Extension office in the courthouse, the Chamber of Commerce and some businesses.

The table of contents and daily schedule is printed in the first few pages.

The 2005 Norton County Fair will run Saturday-Saturday, July 23-30, with the kick off of the Fun Day Horse Show and 4-H Clothing Fashion Revue on Saturday, July 23.

The finalé will be the home-owned carnival and car races held Saturday, July 30.

The dog, cat and hand pet show will be an early pre-fair activity on Monday, July 18, and judging of the 4-H clothing will be done on Tuesday, July 19.

All Norton County residents can enter one or more exhibits in open classes — livestock, poultry and rabbits, crops, horticulture, culinary, fancywork and handicrafts, flowers, home sewing, photography, quilts and art.

Each department has a listing of related classes.

There is a section on models for youth and adults who work with model crafts.

Entry day for most open classes is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at the 4-H Building.

Monday's entries include 4-H rockets, 10-10:30 a.m.; 4-H and open class art, 10 a.m.-noon; 4-H and open class photography, noon (4-H) and 4:30-5:30 p.m. (open); 4-H and open class (Continued on Page 5)

# Safety concerns council

## Play equipment to be shut down during car races

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The council also discussed safety at the races for an American Legion beer garden but had no problem authorizing the fundraiser.

Mrs. Mann said the Legion has applied for all necessary permits and licenses for selling beer at the county fair during the races.

Councilwoman Donna Foley asked about safety since the fenced off area will be near the track.

Mr. Lawson and Councilman Briery said they thought the area was as safe as possible. Mr. Lawson said that most of the area was reinforced several years ago.

In other business, the council:

- Authorized a six-month building/demolition permit for Jimmie L. Shewey for a mobile home, which he plans to use for storage and then remove from the property at 503 N. Archer, and a permit to Emil Oswald, Jr. for a hanger at the city/county airport.
- Authorized the preparation of an ordinance to sell liquor in town on Sunday with Councilwoman Mann voting no.
- Agreed to help with sidewalk replacements for Greg Engel at a car lot on West Lincoln Street and Eva Wendel at 505 W. Waverly.
- Heard that the Fourth of July fireworks ordinance helped the police to know when to tell people they could no longer shoot off firecrackers and night works.
- Decided to shop around for a bond agent to sell the municipal bonds for the new city water plant.

The financial committee recommended getting more information before making a decision and it was suggested that the staff could ask former City Attorney Karen Griffiths for information she has on the last time the city did a bond issue.

• Learned that there had been a problem with dispatch on a skunk call. The dispatcher had told the caller there was nothing the city could do. Police Officer Toby Kuhn said he thought that no one had explained what to do about skunk calls to the new dispatcher and that the problem could be quickly solved.

The city does answer skunk calls and removes the animals, Mr. Lawson said.

• Heard that the public safety committee is looking into the cost of buying a euthanasia chamber for the animal shelter. Now when animals need to be put down a veterinarian does the job.

• Were told that the public safety committee is also planning to have a complaint form made up for any complaints the city gets.

• Held two closed sessions. One was for 15 minutes for attorney-client privilege and one for 10 minutes to deal with financial matters pertaining to issuing municipal bonds.

• Talked to Officer Kuhn about asking merrymakers to clean up the debris from fireworks.

• Were told that the city, including the parks and ball fields, has been sprayed twice for mosquitoes this year.

• Learned that a letter explaining what was happening with the city had been written by Mr. Lawson and sent out by City Clerk Darla Ellis and her staff. Councilman Jerry Jones said he appreciated the effort. Mr. Lawson said that it costs about \$600 for the mailing but that the city had to send out the mailing on water quality anyway.

• Heard that the power crew had received a thank you from Jack Barnard for removing a tree from power lines at his home.



Norton Lions Club members John Gall (left) and David Will (center) helped as Greg Mann, work chairman, set a fence post firmly in the hole at the Norton Cemetery — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Lions set posts to help beautify cemetery

Overcast skies Saturday morning made work a little cooler for Norton Lions Club members who showed up for work at the Norton Cemetery.

As part of the beautification project at the cemetery, the club volunteered to set the posts on the west side that will hold decorative white chain.

Norton School Superintendent Greg Mann, chairman of the work detail, said his crew set 60 posts that morning.

Helping him were Lions Club members and John Boxler, Curtis Eveleigh, John Gall, Craig Heskett, Mel Rice, Doug Sebelius, Don Skipton, Roy Skrdlant and David Will.

## All residents can enter exhibits at Norton County fair

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woodwork, 4-4:30 p.m.; and open class youth and adult models, noon-2 p.m.

Horticulture and flowers are entered on Wednesday morning.

4-H and open class livestock are entered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 26. (Swine must be entered by noon).

Consultation judging of open class quilts will be Tuesday afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m.

The open class culinary will be judged at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Culinary can be entered between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. that day.

4-H entomology, electric, geology and small engines will be entered and judged at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

4-H heritage arts includes crochet, knitting, needle arts, quilting, macrame and weaving. These will be entered Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be judged from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

The 4-H skill art and crafts will be entered and judged Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Saturday, July 23, the 4-H Fashion Revue will be at 7 p.m. and the fun day horse show at 9 a.m.. The 4-H horse show will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, July 25.

Pre-entries are requested for both of the horse shows and are due Thursday, July 21, in the Extension Office.

The exotic animal educational exhibit and petting zoo is set for Wednesday, July 27. Pre-entries are requested by July 21 for this exhibition.

There is a special school children division, where all youth up to 17 can enter exhibits in foods, textiles and handicrafts, quilts, afghans, flowers, plants, collections, sewing, woodworking, photography, and gardening and models.

Other events include the 4-H food sale, porkburger special, market animal sale, livestock shows, poultry and rabbit exhibits and shooting sports exhibition.

Special programs include a Gospel Concert featuring The Advocates on Tuesday sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance.

Wednesday evening will be the jackpot team roping, porkburger special and a free watermelon feed, sponsored by Jamboree Foods.

Thursday morning the Norton Fair Association will hold the 4-H and FFA challenge of champions which offers a \$250 scholarship,

sponsored by Kowpoke Supply.

The round robin champion showmanship and 4-H and FFA livestock sale and the ranch rodeo will also be on Thursday.

Friday evening's schedule has the youth pedal power pull, sponsored by Phillips County Implement; mutton busting; kid's ranch rodeo; and the Blaine Younger Band.

The home-owned carnival will be in full swing 6:30-11:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday with a special kiddie armband night (1 ticket rides) Friday and regular arm band night Saturday.

One of the new attractions this year is the mechanical crane drag line prize game.

The shuttle tram will offer rides to and from the parking areas.

The carnival rides and games are all a volunteer service and anyone wishing to help should contact a member of the Norton

# SHARE signup Thursday

The deadline for ordering the July Heartland SHARE food package is noon, Thursday. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 23, at the Norton Senior Center.

The July SHARE package contains 1.5 pounds shrimp skillet dinner, 1 pound fajita seasoned chicken breast strips, 1 pound Johnsonville brats, four 4-ounce Hot Pockets, two 8-ounce bags of chicken nuggets, potatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, apples, pears, oranges, peaches, nectarines and a tube of ready-to-bake cookies.

For \$18.50 plus two volunteer hours, you can receive all of the food. You can order as many shares as you want.

You can also order a meat only (first five items) package for \$10.50 plus an additional volunteer hour. There is no limit to the number of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase a SHARE you can order as many July Specials as you want.

This month there are two specials. The first is six 10-ounce sirloin steaks, individually wrapped for \$15 and one additional volunteer hour. The second is a box containing 1.7 pounds of chicken drumsticks, 2.6 pounds of chicken thighs, 1 pound of ground beef patties, 1 pound of all-meat franks, 1 pound of boneless pork chops, 1 pound of boneless chicken breast fillets and 1 pound of bratwurst, all for \$16 plus one additional volunteer hour.

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