

Cyclists pedal to coast

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Ten cyclists going from San Francisco to Washington passed through Norton Wednesday as they pedaled from Oberlin to Phillipsburg.

The Bike-Aid team, nine riders and a truck, is on "a mission of peace and justice," trying to bring the world a little closer together, said James Duncan of Denver.

The riders take turns driving the rental van, which is packed with food, water and equipment. Wednesday, Nicolas Bell of Alameda, Calif., was driving.

He had pulled off to the side of U.S. 36 just west of Reager waiting for the riders. They were strung all along the road from Oberlin, where the group had spent the night in a park.

Each rider had to raise \$3,800, or \$1 per mile, Mr. Duncan said, to join the ride, which left San Francisco on June 24. The group plans to be in Washington Aug. 15.

Along the way, they are gathering messages to take to the Congress, Mr. Duncan said.

The group is riding under Global Exchange, which sponsors Bike-Aid, a cross-country cycling experience.

"Since 1986, Bike-Aid has been taking people to places they never thought was possible," says the group's web site at www.globalexchange.org.

The group is traveling as economically as possible, Mr. Bell said, trying to make the \$3,800 each cover most expenses. While they occasionally eat at restau-



Steve Tchudi rode along U.S. 36 between Oberlin and Norton Wednesday. He was headed for a van, where fellow riders Nicolas Bell and James Duncan were repairing equipment. — Photos by Cynthia Haynes and Carolyn Plotts

rants, most of their food is purchased at stores on the way or donated.

At night, the group camps out, as they did in Oberlin, or sometimes stays at churches, said rider Amber Broch of Reno, Nev.

While many groups travel down U.S. 36 during the summer, Bike-Aid got on at Boulder, Colo., and planned to head south to U.S. 24 and at Beloit after spending the night in Phillipsburg.

"We take the back roads," said Steve Tchudi, one of the oldest riders in the group, which has riders from 20 to 63.

The riders average about 70 miles a day, Ms. Broch said, about 12 to 15 mph.

Mr. Bell said that one of the reasons he came on the ride is to see the inside of the country. He lives in California and has been to the East Coast, but hasn't had a chance to get to know the heartland.

"Pretty much everyone are nice people," he said. "They're not



radically different from people in California or New York."

It's not easy to take most of three months off to ride a bike across the country.

Ms. Broch just finished graduate school and some riders are stu-

dents, she said. However, some quit their jobs to join the ride.

"All of us are pretty much jobless when we get home," she said.

The group is also doing community service along the way, she said, helping at a food bank in Boulder, painting a fence in Walden, Colo., and picking up trash in Utah.

Candidates picked for development job

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Eight people have applied for the job of Norton County economic director and the top three or four candidates will get a chance to interview.

The Norton County Economic Development Board received the last several applications at a meeting last Wednesday and decided to score the candidates according to how well their qualifications match the job description.

On Tuesday the board met again in closed session and chose several people to interview.

Last Wednesday, however, the group was still looking at how to deal with the job seekers.

"Most of them pretty much wrote their resumes to the job description," noted Curtis Eveleigh, Norton City Councilwoman Donna Foley said the group knew what types of projects Norton might be seeking and could look at who has experience with similar projects.

Mrs. Foley suggested that the candidates could be interviewed by phone. However, other members there weren't comfortable with a phone interview.

It was decided that each member would rank the candidates 1 through 8.

Although some of the applications were dated July 5 and the deadline was June 30, the group decided to accept all the applications due to the July 4 holiday.

Norton County Commissioner John Miller said other area groups

looking for an economic development director, including Wakeeney and Sherman County, haven't received any more job seekers than Norton.

The group also discussed audits. Mapes and Miller, the accounting company, audits both the city and county of Norton.

John Engelbert suggested getting bids.

Elaine Mann asked if the group would actually need an audit.

"Yes, it's public money," Mr. Eveleigh said.

The Norton County 4-H Archery would like to thank the businesses, clubs, organizations and individuals for helping the 2005 state champions compete in the national competition at Columbia, Mo.

- Norton Archery Club •Pizza Hut •Pheasants Forever
- Norton County 4-H Council •New Age Industrial Corp Inc.
- Prairie Dog 4-H Club •First State Bank •Norton Lions
- Norton Rotary •Jim Moser

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Alma Notice of Budget Hearing

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The governing body of City of Alma will meet on the 1st day of August, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Alma City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the City Office, 415 Main Street, Alma, Kansas and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2006 Expenditures and Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2006 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2004		2005		Proposed Budget 2006		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Current Year Est of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate *
General	119,980	61.888	130,376	62.279	162,179	71,317	62.042
Library	7,476	3.139	7,500	3.470	7,500	4,002	3.482
Special Highway	20,970		20,239		24,000		
Fire	3,257		3,825		493		
Water & Sewer	83,093		187,782		197,722		
Solid Waste	32,499		45,648		47,777		
Crime Reward							
Equipment Reserve							
Solid Waste Reserve							
Water Reserve							
Payroll Clearing	15,624						
Utility Deposit	360						
Capital Projects	98,580						
Totals	381,839	65.027	395,370	65.749	439,671	75,319	65.524
Less: Transfers	17,000		25,000				
Net Expenditure	364,839		370,370		410,671		
Total Tax Levied	72,972		74,915		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,122,184		1,140,534		1,149,490		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1, G.O. Bonds	2003	2004	2005				
Revenue Bonds			0				
Other	7,500	418,707	448,830				
Lease Purchase Principal		11,938	7,353				
Total	7,500	430,645	456,183				

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
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Ambulance survey hits some snags

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Norton County ambulance crews have been going door-to-door to gather surveys so the county can be rated as partially low income and be eligible for a grant to help pay for construction of a new ambulance barn or renovation of the present one.

Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen said he was surprised as people are refusing to take the surveys and even shutting the door in the crews' faces.

"We get people telling us to talk to their attorneys" Mr. Nielsen said. "I'm surprised at how people have treated us."

"I guess I didn't know there're rude people out there when you're just trying to help the community."

He said he would have a tent at the county fair and try to reach people that way.

Commissioner Dean Kruse suggested putting a notice in Alma newsletter and Commission John Miller suggested using the Meridian, a newsletter circulated in Lenora.

Mr. Nielsen said he and his crew have gathered about 1,020 out of 2,000 surveys, which means they are about 600 short of the 80 percent necessary.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Learned that a first responder class will start on Monday and run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Here's Our List:

FAW'S GARAGE INVENTORY LISTING

•NEW 2006 DODGE CHARGER R/T 4 DOOR SPORTS SEDAN — Inferno red crystal pearl with gray leather bucket seats, 5.7 liter HEMI V-8, 5 speed automatic overdrive with auto stick, dual zone automatic climate control, tilt and telescoping wheel, cruise control, power seats, heated front seats, power adjustable pedals, mini trip computer, temperature and compass display, information center, stereo CD with Boston speakers, steering wheel radio controls, Sirius Satellite radio, aluminum wheels, keyless entry.
LIST PRICE \$32,535.00

•NEW 2006 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING SEDAN — Satin jade pearl coat with two-tone leather bucket seats, 3.5 liter high output V-6, automatic overdrive, dual control climate controls, tilt/telescoping wheel, cruise control, power seats, heated front seats, power windows, locks and mirrors, stereo CD player with steering wheel controls, Sirius satellite radio, side air bags, electronic stability control, 17" chrome plated wheels, drivers information system, keyless entry.
LIST PRICE \$31,685.00

•NEW 2006 CHRYSLER 300C SEDAN — Cool vanilla clear coat with luxury leather trimmed bucket seats, 5.7 liter Hemi V-8, 5 speed automatic, dual control climate controls, tilt and telescoping steering wheel, power seats, heated front seats, power sunroof, power windows, locks and mirrors, stereo with CD player, Sirius satellite radio, genuine walnut wood trim, side window curtain and supplemental front air bags, all speed traction control, compass/temperature display, 18" chrome wheels, keyless entry.
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•NEW 2005 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT — Butane blue pearl with gray cloth 7 passenger quad with stow 'n go seating, 3.8 liter V-6, automatic, front and rear air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, power seat, windows, locks, mirrors, tailgate and sliding side doors, stereo cassette/CD player, keyless entry, sunscreen glass.
LIST PRICE—\$27,585.00 NOW \$22,522.00

•NEW 2005 DODGE DAKOTA QUAD CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Atlantic blue with gray cloth 40/20/40 bench seat, SLT decor, 4.7 liter V-8, 5 speed automatic overdrive, air conditioning, tilt wheel, speed control, power windows, locks and mirrors, stereo with CD player, touch-shift transfer case, trailer tow package, aluminum wheels, keyless entry.
LIST PRICE—\$29,855.00 NOW \$23,898.00

•NEW 2005 DODGE DAKOTA QUAD CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Bright silver metallic with gray cloth, 40/20/40 seating, 4.7 liter Magnum V-8, 5 speed automatic, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors, stereo with CD player, 17" chrome wheels, lettered tires, touch shift transfer case, trailer tow package, keyless entry.
LIST PRICE—\$30,875.00 NOW \$24,764.00

•NEW 2005 DODGE RAM 2500 QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Atlantic blue pearl with gray cloth 40/20/40 seating, SLT decor, 5.9 liter H.O. Cummins turbo diesel, 4 speed automatic, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, power seat, windows, locks and trailer tow mirrors, stereo with CD player, chrome wheels, trailer tow package, keyless entry.
LIST PRICE—\$40,700.00 NOW \$33,324.00

•NEW 2005 DODGE RAM 2500 QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Silver with gray cloth 40/20/40 seating, SLT decor, 5.9 liter H.O. Cummins turbo diesel, 4 speed automatic, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, power seat, windows, locks and trailer tow mirrors, stereo with CD player, chrome wheels, trailer tow package, keyless entry.
LIST PRICE—\$40,795.00 NOW \$33,405.00

•NEW 2005 DODGE RAM 3500 DUALY QUAD CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Bright white with gray cloth 40/20/40 bench seat, SLT decor, H.O. Cummins turbo diesel, 6 speed manual, air conditioning, tilt wheel, speed control, power windows, locks and trailer tow mirrors, stereo with CD player, anti spin rear axle, tow hooks, trailer tow package, keyless entry.
LIST PRICE—\$41,525.00 NOW \$34,173.00

•2004 CHRYSLER 300M SPORT SEDAN — Deep lava red pearl coat with gray leather seats, 3.5 H.O. V-6, automatic with auto stick, automatic temperature climate control, tilt wheel, cruise control, power front seats, heated front seats, power windows, locks and mirrors, stereo CD with Infinity speakers, 17" aluminum sparkle wheels, keyless entry, 21,000 miles.
LIST PRICE \$14,900.00

•2004 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER TOURING EDITION 4 DOOR HATCHBACK SEDAN — Electric blue pearl with gray cloth bucket seats, 2.4 liter engine, automatic, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors, stereo with CD player, keyless entry, chromed wheels, 26,000 miles.
LIST PRICE \$14,200.00

•2004 CHRYSLER PACIFICA SPORTS TOURER ALL-WHEEL DRIVE — Butane blue pearl with taupe leather 6 passenger bucket seats, H.O. 3.5 liter V-6, automatic, front and rear air conditioning and heating, tilt wheel, cruise control, power seats, power windows, locks, mirrors and liftgate, power adjustable pedals, load leveling suspension, stereo with CD player, Infinity speakers, aluminum wheels, keyless entry, 24,000 miles.
LIST PRICE \$25,500.00

•2004 CHRYSLER CONCORDE LX 4 DOOR SEDAN — Inferno red pearl with gray cloth 50/50 seating, 2.7 liter V-6, automatic, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, power seat, windows, locks and mirrors, stereo with CD player, keyless entry, aluminum wheels, 23,000 miles.
LIST PRICE \$15,900.00

•2004 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO LS COUPE — Sandstone beige metallic with neutral cloth 55/45 seating, 3.4 liter V-6, automatic, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors, stereo with CD player, keyless entry, chromed aluminum wheels, rear spoiler, 28,000 miles.
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Don't forget to check out the lunch special at the Trojan Cafe and special bargains at Logan Hardware

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