



Fun at the Fair:
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Don Moody

Briefly

Disc golf tournament set

A disc golf tournament will be held in Norton on Saturday at the course in Elmwood Park. Organizer Don Mordecai said there will be a players meeting at 9:30 a.m. and tournament action will begin at 10 a.m.

Mr. Mordecai said the winner of this tournament will qualify to participate in the end of the year tournament to be held in Salina in November. Prizes will be awarded.

For more information call Mr. Mordecai at 877-5475.

State park plans Christmas party

Prairie Dog State Park is sponsoring its second annual Prairie Dog Christmas on Saturday.

Campers are encouraged to decorate their campsites in a Christmas theme.

Campers need to register at the park office by 1 p.m. Saturday. Campsites will be judged between 9 and 10 p.m. Saturday night and prizes will be awarded at 10 a.m. on Sunday at Campsite No. 8, the Camp Hosts' site.

Even if you don't enter the contest, you are still invited to "Think Cool", join the fun and come out to view the creativity of others. A vehicle permit is required. Daily permits are \$6.50 and annual permits are \$45.50.

For more information call 877-2953.

Veterans' helper to be in Norton

A service representative from the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Building from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, to assist veterans and their families with veterans' benefits.

Weather

Forecast:

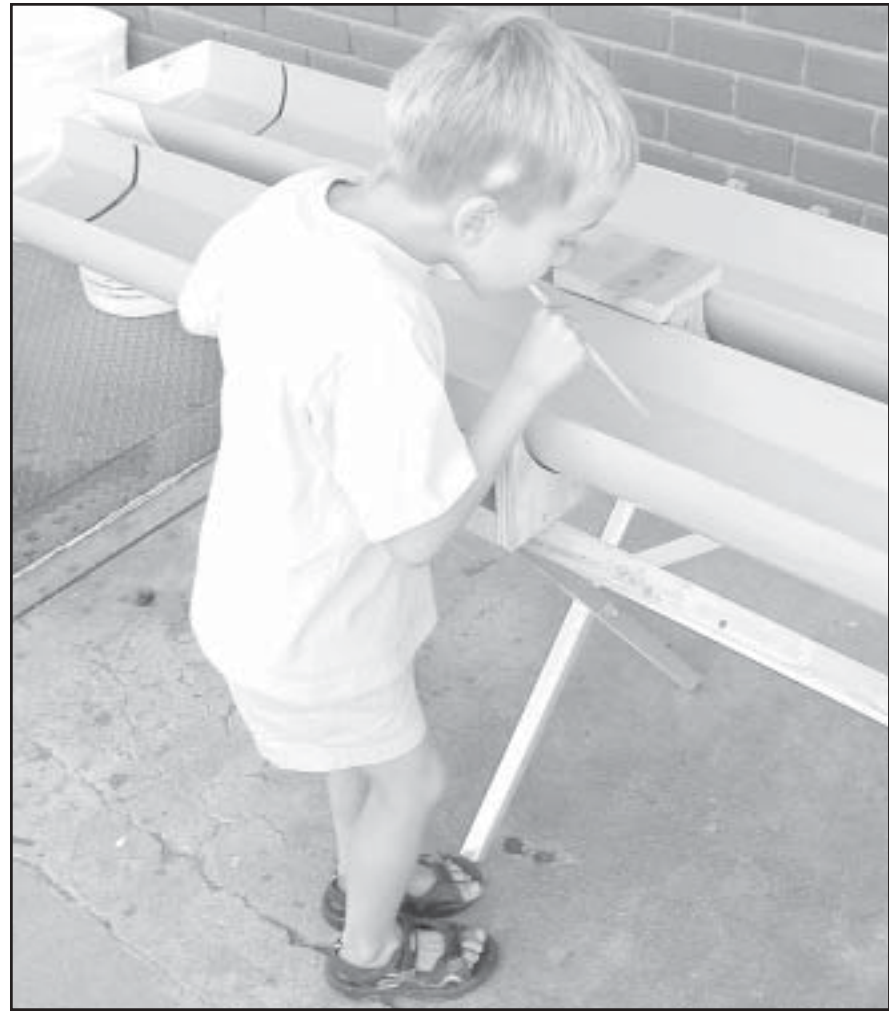
Tonight — Decreasing clouds with lows in the lower 70s. **Wednesday** — Increasing clouds with highs around 104. **Wednesday Night** — 30 percent chance of thunderstorms with lows in the mid 60s. **Thursday** — Decreasing clouds with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Howell report:

Friday High 97, Low 64
Saturday High 100, Low 70
Sunday High 107, Low 68
Monday High 108, Low 67
Week ago High 101, Low 61
Month ago High 93, Low 64
August precipitation 0 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 13.80 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, give us the courage to share our faith each day through our actions and our words. Amen



Kids race little fishes on Crazy Day

Cale Patterson (left) tried his hand at getting his goldfish to move during this year's minnow races on Crazy Day. Gage Hardiek and Lexi Hardiek (above) worked up a little, friendly sibling rivalry to see who could get their fish to move fastest.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

New moms may get Lamaze help

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County might be getting a Lamaze program in the near future.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller told the Norton County Hospital Board at its July 20 meeting that, despite all the hospital's emphasis on obstetrics and the number of deliveries, the county hasn't had a Lamaze program in a long time.

The Lamaze program helps expectant mothers prepare for a more pain-free child birth.

He said a group of people have expressed an interest in starting a program. The program would be separate from the hospital, but would probably be held there. The group would like to start fairly soon, he said.

Mr. Miller said he told them the hospital would help them find grants and would supply what it could to help.

"I think we need to offer any kind of help we can," said board member Dennis Gilhousen. "We have a unique situation

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A helper at this year's McClain's Mutton Busting did a good job keeping the young riders from falling off.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Clerk fights for budget

Cash for courts cut by commission

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Darla Engel, clerk of the district court in Norton, is worried because the county commissioners are proposing to cut her budget by \$6,000 to \$7,000 next year and she is looking at having to pay for several jury trials.

Mrs. Engel talked to the commissioners on Monday about her budget, which was \$26,900 this year and is slated to go to \$20,000 next year.

She told them that she has never been over budget in 28 years and feels it would be a black mark on her if she was next year. But, she said, there is no knowing how much jury trials will cost. Most run from \$700 to \$1,000.

Mrs. Engel admitted that she is frugal and usually has several thousand dollars left in her budget at the end of each year. This money goes into a capital improvement fund, Norton County Clerk Robert Wyatt said.

"We never spend the money unless there's something we need," Mrs. Engel said.

"You're always conservative," Commissioner Leroy Lang agreed.

Commissioner John Miller said that the commissioners are trying to keep next year's county budget at about what it was this year. To do that they have to cut a few places, he said.

"I don't want to go over budget," Mrs. Engel said.

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Norton supports stock sale

Animals bring second best prices during fair auction

By DICK BOYD

Norton area residents supported our young men and women during the 57th annual FFA & 4-H Livestock Sale Thursday evening during the Norton County Fair in the Livestock Barn at Elmwood Park.

There were 52 animals auctioned for \$38,784, the second largest in recent years.

The largest recent total was \$41,727.88 last year when 47 animals were sold.

In previous years, receipts were \$35,577.60 in 2003, \$36,842.47 in 2002, \$37,224.50 in 2001, \$24,610 in 2000, \$31,258.75 in 1999 and \$35,999.88 in 1998.

This year, 11 beef, 26 hogs and 15 sheep were sold.

BEEF SALES

Beef sales totaled \$18,986, which was down from last year's \$23,971.88 but three fewer cattle were sold. Average sale price was up \$14 from \$1,712 to this year's \$1,726.

This year's average auction price was \$1.33 per pound, which was 1 cent higher than last year's \$1.32 and 24 cents higher than the year before.

The high price paid was \$1.45 per pound, the same as last year, and the low was \$1.15 per pound. The floor bid price was 78 cents.

The average premium paid over resale value was \$808, which was \$214 more than last year's \$594. The average weight of the cattle was 1,177 pounds compared to 1,299 pounds last year.

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Animals sell well at auction

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HOG SALES

Hog sales totaled \$12,855, an increase of \$1,027 from last year's \$11,828. However, only 21 hogs were sold last year.

The average auction price of the 26 hogs sold was \$494, down from last year's \$563.

The average price was \$1.95 per pound, down from \$2.15 per pound last year.

The price per pound ranged from a high of \$3 to a low of \$1.50. Last year's price ranged from \$2.75 to \$1.80. The floor bid price was 51.5 cents compared to 56 cents last year.

The average premium paid over resale value was \$362 compared to \$417 last year. The average weight was 257 pounds compared to 261 last year.

LAMB SALES

Lamb sales were up \$1,015 from last year's \$5,928 to \$6,943.

Average auction price for the 15 sheep was \$462, down by \$32 from last year's \$494 when 12 were sold.

This year's average auction price was \$3.60 per pound compared to \$4.10 last year. The high price paid was \$4.55 and low, \$3.20 compared to \$5.75 and \$3.70 last year. The floor bid price was 95 cents compared to last year's 90 cents.

The average premium paid over resale value was \$341, down by \$153 from last year's \$494 and the



Amanda Brandyberry, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, put her Grand Champion Market Lamb in the proper stance during the FFA and 4-H market animal sale Thursday while auctioneer Don McMullen accepted a bid.

average weight was 130 pounds compared to 120 last year.

"Many thanks to the businesses and individuals for their support at this sale and other youth events," said Keith VanSkiike, county extension director.

"It is special to see so many people support programs like

this."

Auctioneers promoting the sale and working the sale were Don McMullen, Duane McEwen, Monte Jessup and Byron Bine.

Receiving bids for the commitments were Norman Nelson, Mark Griffin, Norm Stockham, Shad Chandler, Ken Rutherford, Dave

Ward, Karl Kohfeld and Joe Herman.

Sale clerks were Kathy Holste, Karen VanSkiike and Patsy Maddy.

The beef resale animals were sold to Esslinger Ranch.

Jim Herredsburg purchased the floor on the lambs. Garrett Beydler hauled the lambs to Smith County.

Chris Harting, Chuck Griffith, Monte Montgomery and Lee Juenemann hauled the beef that were butchered to Kensington.

Superintendents were: Chris Harting and Chad Brooks, beef; Monte Montgomery, Dwight Sprigg and Jay Holste, hogs and Spencer Braun, Garrett Beydler and Patsy Maddy, sheep.

Lamaze program would help moms

(Continued from Page 1) here with our OB program. The interest is great.

"I think we should help with that, maybe financially as well," he added.

Mr. Miller said the group was very excited about it.

The board passed a motion showing support.

In other business, the board:

- Went over quality improvement reports and reviewed patient surveys.
- Elected Mr. Gilhousen as the board president, Don Lowry as vice president, Jennie Goldsby as secretary, and Kathy Holste as treasurer. Each position has a two-year term.
- Learned that in June the hospital had 349 patient days, 68 admissions, six births, 22 surgeries,

3,603 outpatient procedures, and 1,182 Doctor's Clinic visits. For the fiscal year, which ended June 30, the hospital had 4,133 patient days, 669 admissions, 45 births, 286 surgeries, 60,911 outpatient procedures, and 15,091 Doctor's Clinic visits.

• Went into a 20-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Granted Lisa Arnold medical staff privileges. Ms. Arnold is a nurse practitioner in Hays who comes to Norton to help sometimes.

• Learned that the Medicare Interim Payment Rate has gone up for both inpatient and skilled services. The payment rate is what the hospital receives from Medicare for its services. Mr. Miller said the

Court clerk worries about budget cuts

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Engel said, adding that her budget has to pay for the upkeep of the courtroom and for both Judge Deb Anderson's office and the district clerk's office.

Mr. Miller said, because there is usually money left in the district court budget, the commissioners did not see any justification for it to be as high as it has been.

However, he assured Mrs. Engel that her office would not suffer because of budget cuts if unforeseen expenses, like jury trials, came up.

He said that it is a simple thing to republish the budget if an office has to go over its allotment and has good reason for doing so.

This year's budget will probably have to be republished, he

said, due to unexpected expenses in both the noxious weed and solid waste departments.

"I don't see a problem with leaving it the way it is," Mr. Miller said. "If you have a problem we can republish."

The commissioners also discussed other problems in the courtroom including the lighting, broken chairs and tattered seat cushions.

Mrs. Engel said they also need to purchase some new computers for the courtroom.

In other business, Mrs. Engel:

- Thanked the commissioners for overseeing the restoration of the mural on the fourth floor. Commissioner Dean Kruse said the cost was about \$1,500.

Racers earn cash in Bud Shootout

By MIKE HUGHES

Elmwood Park Speedway was host to the 3rd annual Bud Shootout Sunday evening. The event, sponsored by Western Distributing in Norton, saw added purse money in all four divisions.

David Murray Jr. of Oberlin took the lead on lap 3 of the 25-lap IMCA Modified main event and drove away for his seventh win of the season on the half-mile oval to collect the \$1,000 winner's check. A couple of cautions and one red flag kept the field close, but each time Murray was able to pull away for a lead he would not relinquish.

Jeff Walters was able to win the battle for second over Mitch Kline as the two swapped the runner-up spot throughout the race. Jordan Grabouski and Doug Holzmeister rounded out the top five. The red flag came out on lap 20 for a nasty four car crash in turn one that involved Justin Basart, John Fose, Roger Boland and Mike Petersilie. The cars were heavily damaged but all the drivers were able to walk away from the wreck. Heat race winners were Holzmeister, Tim Watts, and Murray.

Aaron Koch of Cambridge, Neb., passed leader Nathan Glendening on lap 5 of the IMCA Stock Car feature and was able to hang on for a hard earned win. Glendening's run came to an end on lap 7 when he stalled, but Koch was chased by Jason Schoenberger, Josh Hudson and Tyler Hahn. The final caution waved on lap 14 when Troy Attwood broke and bunched the field the final 7 laps. Hudson sneaked past Koch on lap 17 for the lead but Koch came back the following lap and was able to hold off Hudson to the checkers. Heat race winners Jason Schoenberger and Bryan Lariviere finished a close third and fourth, with Hahn claiming fifth. J.R. McCreery also won a heat race.

Wade Wagenblast of Deshler, Neb., bounced back from problems the night before to lead all 15 laps in the IMCA Hobby Stock main event, his fifth win of the season at Norton. The lone caution in the race came on lap 4 when Rhett Kingsbury spun in turn 1. Kelly Karnopp chased Wagenblast most of the distance but gave up the runner-up spot to Justin Wagner late in the race. Karnopp finished third, followed by heat one winner Brady Schoen and Jared Remus. Wagenblast won the other heat race.

There was also bonus money on the line in the stock car and hobby

stock divisions to those drivers competing at The Speed Bowl in Red Cloud, Neb., and Elmwood Park Speedway over the weekend. Stock car bonus money went to Josh Hudson (\$100) and Bryan Lariviere (\$75), with Wagenblast and Schoen picking up the bonus money (\$100 and \$75) in the hobby stock class. Those picking up an extra \$50 in the stock cars were Troy Attwood, Matt Streit and Cory Struckhoff, with B.J. Dauer and Rhett Kingsbury claiming the extra cash in the hobby stocks.

Hometown drivers Wes and Chuck Eagleburger won their fifth Cruiser main event and third in a row at Norton. The local duo led all 12 laps to make their way to victory lane.

Heat one winners Kirk Persinger and Justin Graham worked their way up to second, followed by Michael Hockemeier and Jim Ellis. Jason Albrecht & Terry Gradig won the other heat.

Racing returns to Elmwood Park Speedway Saturday evening, August 20, at 7 p.m. with the regular four divisions in action.

RESULTS

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Doug Holzmeister, 2. Mitch Kline, 3. Jordan Grabouski, 4. Tyson Garrison.

Heat 2: 1. Tim Watts, 2. Jeff Walters, 3. Marty Clark, 4. Randy Porter.

Heat 3: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Rick Schwab, 3. Corey Lagroon, 4. Roger Boland.

Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Walters, 3. Kline, 4. Grabouski, 5. Holzmeister, 6. Lagroon, 7. Randy Wilson, 8. Watts, 9. Clark, 10. Schwab, 11. Porter, 12. Garrison, 13. Justin Basart, 14. John Fose (DNF), 15. Mike Petersilie (DNF), 16. Boland (DNF), 17. Brice Riley (DNF), 18. Darren Pollmann (DNF), 19. Brian Calhoun (DNS), 20. Doug Shearer (DNS).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. J.R. McCreery, 2. Josh Hudson, 3. Brett Behrends, 4. Jason Rogers.

Heat 2: 1. Jason Schoenberger, 2. Brady Koch, 3. Tyler Hahn, 4. Nathan Glendening.

Heat 3: 1. Bryan Lariviere, 2. Jason Davis, 3. Troy Attwood, 4. Caleb Peters.

Feature: 1. Koch, 2. Hudson, 3. Schoenberger, 4. Lariviere, 5. Hahn, 6. Rogers, 7. McCreery, 8. Cory Struckhoff, 9. Kelly Ford, 10. Peters, 11. Davis, 12. Zach Schultz, 13. Jay Hachmeister, 14. Michael Zajic, 15. John Annon, 16. Attwood (DNF), 17. Glendening (DNF), 18. Terry Franz (DNF), 19. Behrends (DNF).

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Brady Schoen, 2. Gene Sneath, 3. Jared Remus, 4. Rhett Kingsbury.

Heat 2: 1. Wade Wagenblast, 2. Barry Schoen, 3. Justin Wagner, 4. Kelly Karnopp.

Feature: 1. Wagenblast, 2. Wagner, 3. Karnopp, 4. Brady Schoen, 5. Remus, 6. Barry Schoen, 7. B.J. Dauer, 8. Dustin McClurg, 9. Sneath, 10. Phil Hinger, 11. Brandon Naasz, 12. Rhona Annon, 13. Laura Hinger, 14. Kingsbury, 15. Brian Fink, 16. Curtis Littrell (DNS).

Cruisers

Heat 1: 1. Kirk Persinger/Justin Graham, 2. Michael Hockemeier/Jim Ellis, 3. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 4. Joe Carter/Jim Carter.

Heat 2: 1. Jason Albrecht/Terry Gradig, 2. Macy Thomas/Kimberly Thomas, 3. Nick Horn/Tim Horn, 4. Colby Larson/Monica Larson.

Feature: 1. Eagleburger/Eagleburger, 2. Persinger/Graham, 3. Hockemeier/Ellis, 4. Thomas/Thomas, 5. Jebb Tally/Gerry Tally, 6. Brandon St. Clair/Scott St. Clair, 7. Brian Smith/Heather Brown, 8. Carter/Carter (DNF), 9. Horn/Horn (DNF), 10. Albrecht/Gradig (DNF), 11. Colby Carpenter/Hawk Ellis (DNF), 12. Larson/Larson (DNS), 13. Bret Marietta/Brent Stallman (DNS).

After 13 Years of Service

Jerris McMullen is Retiring from the Norton County Cooperative Assn.

The daily grind has been left behind!
We wish her the best as she kicks back to relax.

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