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Norton, Kansas
Home of Carrol Hall

Briefly

Real Estate taxes are due today

Norton County taxpayers have until Monday to pay delinquent real estate taxes without their names being published in the next Friday's edition of *The Norton Telegram*.

County Treasurer, Cynthia Linner said today was the official deadline to pay taxes without interest charges. If taxpayers pay their taxes on Monday, they will not be charged a \$16 publication fee and their name will not be printed.

Teachers picnic planned in park

The public is invited to the annual teachers picnic at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Elmwood Park. Guests will be the faculty and staff of the Norton school district. This event is sponsored by the Norton Lions Club, Norton Community Schools and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. Members of those organizations and returning teachers are asked to bring a salad and a dessert. Fried chicken, rolls and drinks will be furnished.

Motorcycle races to be held Aug. 14

The National Flat Track Racing Association will be holding motorcycle race at Elmwood Park Speedway on Sunday, Aug. 14. The gates are set to open at 4:30 p.m. and races will start at 6 p.m. In addition to motorcycle races, professional and amateur all terrain vehicle racing will also be held.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the 50s. South winds up to 10 mph.
Saturday — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night — Mostly clear with lows in the lower 60s. South winds up to 10 mph.
Sunday — Increasing clouds with highs in the mid 90s. South winds up to 10 mph.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 108, Low 68
Wednesday High 105, Low 66
.03 of an inch of precipitation
Thursday High 81, Low 62
Week ago High 97, Low 64
Month ago High 88, Low 60
August precipitation03 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 13.83 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 your faithfulness. Though we may not feel your presence all the time, help us to recognize that you are always with us. Amen

Sunday liquor sales move ahead

By VERONICA MONIER

Despite protests, people in Norton may be able to buy a bottle of alcohol on Sundays in the near future.

During its meeting on Wednesday the Norton City Council moved forward with an ordinance to allow Sunday sales of both beer and liquor.

But, not without opposition.

Ila Virgil, Delores Atkinson, Bonnie Laughlin, Sandy Preuss, Denzel and Ruth Lofgreen and Liza Deines were at the meeting carrying petitions asking the council to vote no on the proposed ordinance.

Mrs. Laughlin read part of a letter and

asked what kind of examples the adults in the community would be if they allowed this to happen. She said she wasn't asking that the laws be limited or changed, just that they aren't expanded. She said the costs outweighed the benefits.

Mrs. Atkinson said she didn't think the city needed more people working on Sun-

day.

"That's the way I was brought up," she said. "Dad always said if you combine wheat on Sunday, you break down on Monday."

Mrs. Virgil read statistics about alcohol and how it relates to violence and damage. (Continued on Page 5)

Power plant equipment overheats

By VERONICA MONIER

The citizens of Norton aren't the only ones to be overheated recently. The engines at the city's power plant had to be shut down when they started to overheat during a capacity test.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said the city needs to produce power for one hour when asked to do so to prove that it can generate electricity.

This is part of its agreement with Sunflower Electric, the company that supplies the city with most of its power.

However, Mr. Lawson said, the plant only generated power for 16 minutes before having to shut the engines down because of overheating.

He said they need to install separate water taps for the three engines to cool the turbo chargers.

Right now, he said, there is just one water tap for all three engines, and it isn't enough to provide the cooling needed to keep the big machines from overheating.

Mr. Lawson said Sunflower has certified welders who could help the city install the extra water taps. The company will also sell the city the pipe needed to put in the taps at cost.

He said there is money in the electric replacement fund and that the problem needed to be fixed as soon as possible. But, he said, he didn't know how much it was going to cost.

The problem isn't a new one, he said, but it's just reached the stage that it needs to be corrected.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Mayor David Corns that the June sales tax receipts were \$16,356 for the city and \$11,809 for the county, making the total \$28,165.

- He said last year at this time, \$30,342 had been collected.

- The year-to-date total is \$198,353, compared to last year's year-to-date total of \$197,125.

- Learn that Keith VanSlike, the county (Continued on Page 5)



Safari entertains Bible class

Safari Adventure, Discover Jesus the King, was the theme for this week's vacation Bible school at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton. More than 50 children, eight adults and 15 volunteers attended. In the preschool class Jacob Peterson (above, left) and Ryan Lively worked on projects while. Darci Bainter (left) tried on a safari hat before story time.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Megan Wentz (center) displayed a plate of baked goods for bidders to see at the annual 4-H Food Auction at the 4-H Building. Monte Jessup (right) and Duane McEwen (left) took turns conducting the auction. Don McMullen, not shown, assisted by "catching" bids. Mark Keilig was the auction clerk and Jon and Elaine Lofgreen were the clerks. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Food sale helps 4-H'ers, fair board

By KEITH VANSKIKE,
County Extension director

4-H'ers and the Norton 4-H Council held the best food auction in recent memory bringing in more than \$4,000.

The record sale was held July 26 at the 4-H Building, where bidders paid \$4,103.50, a 67 percent increase over last year.

The food auction has become a tradition at the Norton County Fair. Money raised is used for 4-H Council programs.

4-H'ers, who do not sell an animal, can sell an item and keep the money. Twenty-three 4-H'ers did this and received \$1,517.50 for their efforts.

The 2005 4-H Food Auction and Sale was conducted by Don McMullen, Duane McEwen and Monte Jessup. Mark Keilig assisted in making entries of the purchases.

The 4-H council netted \$2,586 for its projects. There were 78 items sold.

Last year there were 81 items sold and (Continued on Page 5)

Electric engines get hot

City's capacity to make power is compromised

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Extension director, sent a letter to city employees, thanking them for their work in preparing for the Norton County Fair, which was last week.

- Spoke with Thaniel Monaco of Miller and Associates, the city's engineering firm for the water and wastewater renovations.

Mr. Monaco said a revised design of the wastewater plant has been sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. As soon as it is approved, the final plans can be done.

He said the city is waiting for confirmation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the water treatment plant application.

He said there are a few questions on the agreement and once those are answered, it will be determined if the city is eligible for money.

- Heard from Mr. Lawson that Living Independently in Northwest Kansas has recognized Norton for the lift chair the city installed at the swimming pool.

- Adopted a resolution on a revised procurement policy.

- Suspended the rules and waived the three reading requirement for Ordinance 1550, allowing the mill levy to be increased for the 2006 budget.

City Clerk Darla Ellis said the ordinance is passed just about every year and the reason the three reading rule had to be waived was so that it can be included with the budget when it is certified on Aug. 25.

- Approved sidewalk replacement requests for Jon Sloan at 305 E. Holme, James Green at 508 N. Norton, and William Neff at 321 W. Lincoln.

- Went into a 10-minute closed session for attorney-client privileges.

- Paid bills in the amount of \$244,918.



Sara Campbell, Norton, daughter of Glen Campbell and Karri Sisk, proudly displayed the American flag before the ranch rodeo got underway at the Norton County Fair. She was chosen as the 2005 Solomon Valley Stampede Queen at the Lenora Jubilee. She also participated in the Hill City rodeo.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Norton retailers could sell alcohol on Sundays, soon

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She said if sales increase, then damage costs will increase as well.

Mrs. Lofgreen said she agreed with the statistics. She said she also didn't think the store owners wanted to be open on Sunday either. Everyone needs a day of rest, she said.

"People have six days a week to buy beer," she said. "You'd be a pretty poor planner if you didn't buy it before hand."

Mr. Lofgreen and Mrs. Preuss both agreed.

Mrs. Deines said three people in her family have had their lives ruined by alcohol. She said her son was an alcoholic and always would be. He can buy it six days and would buy it on the seventh if allowed too. She said she lost a sister-in-law, whose husband had been drinking at a reception on a Sunday. They wrecked and she spent 10 years in a nursing home not being able to move before dying.

"I think it'd be nice to see alcohol sold one day a week with the other six without," she said. "But, I'm realistic."

Councilman Jerry Jones said if the ordinance passes, the council isn't telling the retailers that they will have to be open.

Mrs. Deines said that is what the Salina City Council said when they were deciding on whether or not to pass a similar ordinance. But, she said, retailers there said if they weren't open on Sunday, then they would be losing money to anyone who was.

Mrs. Laughlin said that was really the least of their concerns.

Mr. Jones said it was good to see people concerned about this. He said there has been a lot of other

things the council has had to consider that no one seemed to care about when they should have been.

Councilman Ron Briery asked if any of them had contacted their state legislators. He said they are the ones who passed the bill to allow cities to choose.

He said he had to keep in mind that people could buy alcohol in Nebraska and Hill City and who is to say that people buying it out of town won't open it up and start drinking it on the way home. Also, he said, the pool hall was open on Sunday and people could drink there.

Councilwoman Donna Foley said since she has gotten a couple of phone calls, she's tried to think of how many citizens would benefit from it.

Mrs. Laughlin said she didn't see any economic benefit.

The council waived the formal second reading on the ordinance, No. 1549, allowing liquor and beer sales on Sunday from noon until 8 p.m., except on Easter and holidays including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, with a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Foley voted no.

City Attorney Chuck Worden said if the ordinance passes, voters have 61 days to file a petition, which would put the issue on the ballot.

"This is a special deal," he said. "The voters will have the opportunity to override the city council's decision. But a certain percentage of the registered voters have to sign the petition."

Mr. Jones said in his opinion, the council needed to pass it and then let the voters decide.

Mr. Briery agreed.

Food auction helps 4-H council projects

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the council took in \$1,638.

Purchasing food items were: Jamboree Foods, The Bank, Bill Goscha, Lofgreen Enterprises, Worden Law Office, Gale Hays, Security Abstract, New Age Industrial, Moffet Drug, Zwickle Accounting, State Farm Insurance, Braun Farms, KQNK Radio, Norton County Farm Service Agency, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Flying S Partnership, Whitney Law Offices, The Sewing Box, Town and Country Kitchen, McEwen Auction, Johnson Construction, Engel's Sales/NAPA, Norton County Abstract, D&M Service, Farm Bureau, Gary Bruinekool, The

Norton Telegram, Mama Millie's, McMullen and Wyatt Real Estate, Elden Ambrosier, Jerry's Body Shop, Daffer Construction, Sebelius and Griffiths Law, First State Bank, Beverly Kindler, Norton Animal Health, Almena State Bank, First Security Bank, Redwing Termite and Pest Control, Sprigg Farms, Nelson Construction, Becky Delimont, Kansas Land Tire, Burrow Woods and Associates, Mortensen Computer Service, Jessup Realty and Russ' Jewelry.

The committee members for the auction and sale were Elaine Lofgreen, Lois Wentz, Katrina Wentz, Mary Wentz and Kathy Holste.



Tom Thwing, Allyn, Wash., stopped for a moment outside Jamboree in Norton on Wednesday as he prepared

to continue his round-trip journey from his home-town to Maine and back.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Coast-to-coast cyclist stops to shop

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Tom Thwing, 49, Allyn, Wash., is a school bus driver. But, during the summer, he becomes a cross-country, bike-racing, evangelist.

He and his wife, Sandra, have a ministry they call, "Mission Awaiting Christ".

Part of his trek focuses on collecting prayers coast-to-coast.

The trip is also dedicated to the memory of Cassie Bernall, the teenager killed in the Columbine

High School massacre, when she avowed her belief in Jesus.

Mr. Thwing has made a cross-country trip from his home in Washington to Maine and back every summer since 2000. His goal is to beat his own best time of crossing the country in less than 14 days, 13 hours.

This week, his only goal was to reach Denver by Tuesday, Aug. 9, when his wife is to meet him there so they may celebrate their 25th

wedding anniversary together.

Wednesday found him in Norton. He stopped to make some tire repairs and for supplies at Jamboree Foods. While there, several people stopped to wish him well and give him money for his mission.

After leaving Norton, he rode to Norcat, where tire trouble again forced him to stop.

The shade of Elden Auker Memorial Park, on Decatur Avenue,

was a welcome relief from the 100 plus temperatures he had endured for the past several days.

He ended up spending the night in the park.

Norcat resident Jim Plotts had a bike repair kit and offered it to Mr. Thwing, allowing him to make his repairs and continue his trip.

His progress can be viewed on his website: www.orgsites.com/wa/mac.

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