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Sunday sales cause a stir in Norton

By VERONICA MONIER

The city council gave a nod to the sale of liquor and beer on Sunday, but some citizens disagree and are mounting a petition drive to put the issue on the ballot.

To get on the a ballot, 130 Norton citizens who are registered to vote, 5 percent of those who voted in last year's November election, need to sign the petition, said the Norton County Clerk's office, which is responsible for elections.

There are 2,082 registered voters in the city.

Actually, the clerk's office said, petition organizers need to get more than 130 signatures, because past experience shows some won't be valid.

Actual names are needed, rather than Mrs. John Doe, as well as an address — post office boxes are not acceptable. And, signers must be city residents.

After the signatures are checked, it will take about 45 days to set up a special election.

Right now, there are no signatures, said Bonnie Laughlin, who is in charge of or-

ganizing the petition.

"We needed another page for verification," she said. "So we're still in the process of getting it put together."

Mrs. Laughlin said her major concern with the ordinance is that there will be more drinking and driving. The accident rate, injury rate and death rate all go up when more alcohol is available, she said. Especially on weekends, when people drink more because there is less for them to do.

She said she sees a difference in liquor

by the drink, which is served in bars, and allowing bulk alcohol to be sold on Sunday.

She said the person serving the drinks in a bar has more responsibility to make sure that those served aren't drunk before leaving.

Whereas, if someone just goes out and buys it, there is no one monitoring how much they drink and no one to stop them from driving.

Mrs. Laughlin said she also doesn't (Continued on Page 5)

Norton, Kansas Home of Julia Cutting

Briefly

Boat check to be held Saturday

A courtesy boat check will be conducted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Elmwood Park. Natural Resource officer Richard Kelly said this service will give boaters a chance before the last big holiday weekend of the summer to have their boat checked out before going to the lake.

Ice cream social set for Sunday

The Almena Congregational Church will hold its annual ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Almena Community Building. Also on the menu are sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, Jello salad, potato salad, baked beans, cake, coffee, tea, and, of course, ice cream.

Church invites all to celebration

To celebrate the uniting of Community Full Gospel and Living Word Baptist into CrossRoads Church, the congregation invites the community to an evening of fellowship and music at 7 p.m. Sunday at CrossRoads Church, 313 W. Lincoln, Norton.

Ron Scheimo, former pastor of Community Full Gospel, will speak. The Calvary Echoes, a gospel quartet, will sing after Mr. Scheimo. Donations will be accepted.

To learn more call Pastor Terry Laughlin 877-2416 or go to the website: standatthecrossroads.com.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Clear with lows in the lower 60s. Northwest winds up to 10 mph. **Saturday** — Increasing clouds with highs in the lower 90s. Northwest winds up to 5 mph shifting to the northeast around 5 mph in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Increasing clouds with lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds up to 5 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs around 90.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 81, Low 67, Prec. .21
Wednesday High 83, Low 70
Thursday High 89, Low 62
Week ago High 100, Low 66
Month ago High 101, Low 61
Year ago High 95, Low 61
August precipitation 5.08 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 18.88 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, teach us to persevere in hard times by keeping our focus on you. Amen



Darlene McEwen held the door for Molly Grose (below) as she left the aviary at the Andbe Home. Molly (above) carefully cradled a baby bird as she showed it to residents at the home.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Volunteers make all the difference

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It was her first day as a volunteer but Molly Grose handled her job like a pro.

Molly, a third grader at Eisenhower Elementary, began her volunteer career at Norton's Andbe Home Thursday afternoon.

She was there to help Activities Director Darlene McEwen tell residents all about the birds in the aviary in the home's large sunroom.

The aviary, about three-feet deep, seven-feet tall and eight-feet wide, was built for the home as part of the Alice (Continued on Page 5)



Emergency service still needs surveys

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Emergency Medical personnel are still working on getting surveys that determine low to moderate income for a Community Block Development grant, which would be used to renovate or build a new ambulance building.

Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen told the Norton County Commissioners at Monday's meeting that he would be on KQNK Radio Wednesday to talk about why it was important everyone needed to fill out a survey. The surveys are necessary to apply for the grant.

He said he and the other medical technicians and volunteers were also planning on going door-to-door again. They've done it a couple of times already, he said. Commissioner Dean Kruse asked if there were certain areas where people weren't cooperating.

Mr. Nielsen said it seemed like people on certain streets were unwilling to fill the surveys out.

"There's nothing on there that's personal is there?" asked Commissioner

Leroy Lang.

Mr. Nielsen said mainly it was just a range of income. The range is pretty wide, he said, and that he thought one was anywhere from \$3,000 to \$30,000 a year. He said it wasn't necessary for a person to put their name on it.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from Mr. Nielsen that he would be attending a meeting in Phillipsburg with Kearney AirCare. He said Kearney has a grant to get several hand-held global positioning system (GPS) units and

Norton County will be getting four of them. He said they are handy because if there is an accident and the emergency helicopter needs to land directly at the scene, technicians can just turn on the unit and it will give the helicopter the latitude and longitude of the accident.

- Learned from Mr. Nielsen that they are having problems getting the new tires on Unit Four to balance. He said the ambulance starts to shake when it's driven over 65 mph. Mr. Nielsen said the tires have

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Boosters to meet Wednesday

The first meeting of the 2005-'06 season for the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Election of officers will be held and plans will be made for the tailgate party. Voting will be held for last

season's "Booster of the Year".

Everyone is invited.

Coaches for football, volleyball, tennis and cross country will report on their teams, their members and any new rules.

Refreshments will be served.

School, city work out water issues

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School Board liked an agreement between the district and the city to water Travis Field.

At a special school board meeting Tuesday, Superintendent Greg Mann said he and board members Craig Renner and Scott Ellis went to a City Finance Committee meeting Monday to talk about water at Travis Field. They also talked about ownership of the field.

Mr. Mann said if the district agrees to buy about one mile of six-inch PVC pipe, which will cost about \$15,000, then in two or three years, the city will lay the pipe from a non-potable city water well to Elmwood Park.

However, he said, until then, the city will give the district free water for the field until the pipe is laid and for five years after.

Once the pipe has been laid, the district will have to lay a pipe from Elmwood to the field and connect it to the sprinkler system.

Mr. Mann said that means the district will have free water at Travis Field for about eight or nine years, until the agreement has to be looked at again.

He said the city is still looking at how to set up the well and pump in the park, because not only will Travis Field be using the water, but the city will be using it to water the rest of the park, including the baseball diamonds.

"I think this is a win-win agreement," he said. "For a like amount of money, we can trade paying for water for something that will probably be very permanent."

Also discussed was the ownership of Travis Field.

The city Finance Committee will be recommending to the city council to give ownership of the field to the school district.

But, said Mr. Mann, the district must first pay for a survey, a preparation of a plat, the preparation of the quit claim deed and filing fees.

Although the board signed the agreement for both the water and the land. The city council has yet to do so, but will probably look at it at the Sept. 7 meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Mr. Mann that the district and city are still negotiating water prices at the practice football field. He said the district should know how much water is needed to water the practice field at the end of August.

- Approved the 2006 budget. Mr. Mann said enrollment is around 665, about 30 students higher than expected and about 10 students higher than the three-year average. He said if the enrollment numbers hold, then the district won't have to use the three-year average in the budget.

- Received a resignation from Gail Roy as the kindergarten-third grade at-risk tutor.

- Hired Mrs. Roy as the half-time kindergarten teacher, David Harshbarger as the junior high night custodian, and Tamara Cochran as the kindergarten-third grade at-risk tutor.

- Approved an at-risk tutor for fourth-sixth grade as a new position.

- Discussed a plan for involving the community in future planning.

- Talked about board goals.

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 want to see the sale of alcohol expanded. She said the National Mental Health Association said alcohol was a contributing factor in over 20 percent of all suicides. Also, she said, it's a factor in violent crime, domestic abuse, broken homes and fetal alcohol syndrome.
 "With all those societal costs," she said, "I can't see the benefit to Norton with one more day of sales. Well over \$200 billion is spent nationally to deal with these problems."

If one more day of sales does affect the overall consumption in Norton, she said, it will more than likely push it up.
 City Councilman Ron Briery, who put the ordinance in motion, said a retailer asked him to get something put together.
 Mr. Briery said a state law allows cities to choose if they want Sunday sales. He said he would rather have people buy it here, than going somewhere else.
 Not only will it keep that business in town, but people are less likely to open a beer and drink it

on the way home when they are already in town.
 "This is not a drinking issue," he said. "Before the ordinance, people could go down to the pool hall to drink if they wanted. It's about keeping retail business here."
 Mr. Briery said he didn't see a difference between going to the pool hall to have a beer or buying it at the grocery store and taking it home.
 To sign the petition, or to volunteer to get signatures, call Mrs. Laughlin at 877-2567.

Birds delight Andbe Home residents

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 Tweed bequeathment. Since then, many residents and visitors have enjoyed watching the antics of the dozen or so birds that perch on the branches inside the enclosure or sit on their eggs in one of the nests perched on the back wall.
 Molly helped Mrs. McEwen by placing a bowl of water on the floor of the aviary. Residents watched as slowly, one by one, the birds fluttered down to the bowl and began their bathing rituals.

One yellow canary, named John, seemed to claim the bowl as his territory and amused his audience as he pecked at fellow bathers.
 "Watching the birds take a bath was fun," Molly said.
 She also got to hold a baby bird and show it to the residents gathered to watch the birds and listen to Mrs. McEwen.
 Next, Molly fed the birds some chopped, hard-boiled eggs. Mrs. McEwen explained that the birds

needed the extra protein because they had babies.
 Beside canaries, the aviary has a diamond dove from Australia and society finches from China.
 Molly said she wanted to be a volunteer because she thought it would be fun. Both her older sisters, Emily and Katie, had been Andbe Home volunteers and Molly had been there many times.
 She is the daughter of Kelli and Brad Scott, Norton.

Ambulance has problems with tire balance

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 been changed several times.
 The commissioners told him Goodyear has been having some problems with balancing its tires. They told him to do what was necessary to get the problem fixed and if he needed to buy a different brand of tire to do so.
 • Held a 20-minute closed session with Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald, County Councilor Doug Sebelius and Pat Cox, an engineer with BG Consultants, the county's engineering firm for attorney client privileges.
 • Heard from Maintenance Su-

pervisor Gary Matson that the courthouse roof is leaking. He said the leak is coming through to the probation office on the third floor. The commissioners told him to contact Knoll Roofing in Osborne, the company which put the roof on the courthouse in 1998, to get the problem fixed.
 • Received a low bid of \$353,168 from King Construction for work on the Edmond bridge. Other bids were from L&M Contractor's, \$368,234; Reece Construction, \$422,749; and Bridges, Inc., \$448,877.
 • Requested a meeting with

Conservationist George Carter to see what the county's part should be in fixing a drainage area in the northeast part of the county. The commission would like to meet with Mr. Carter next Monday, if he's available.
 • Met with Joe Herman with First Security Bank and Trust and Lance Caldwell, a business development advisor with the Promontory Interfinancial Network. Mr. Caldwell gave a presentation on a certificate of deposit service covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:
 Monday — FCCLA Take Aim Conference at Hesston; Jay Singers, a.p.
 Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FCCLA, a.p.; "C team" volleyball versus Colby and Thomas More Prep at Colby, 4:30 p.m.; Junior varsity/varsity volleyball versus Osborne and Colby at Osborne, 5 p.m.
 Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
 Thursday — Ninth and eleventh-grade hearing and vision screening, 8:30 a.m.; Kays, a.p.; Cross country, here, 4:30 p.m.; Kays Big/Little buddy party, 7 p.m.
 Friday — Football versus Oakley, here, 7 p.m.
 Saturday — Varsity tennis at Colby, 9 a.m.
 Next Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Tennis at Phillipsburg, 1 p.m.; Junior varsity/varsity volleyball versus Northern Valley and Phillipsburg, here, 5 p.m.; Junior varsity football at Oakley, 5:30 p.m.
Junior High:
 Thursday — Seventh-grade hearing and vision screening, 8:30 a.m.; Volleyball versus Plainville, here, 4:30 p.m.; Football versus Plainville, here, 6:30 p.m.
 Next Tuesday — Kay Board, a.p.; Football, volleyball and cheer team pictures, 3 p.m.
Eisenhower:
 Monday — Hearing screening
 Tuesday — Hearing screening
 Wednesday — Team meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday — Early childhood-grade 2 level meeting, 3:40 p.m.
 Next Tuesday — School resumes, Section A kindergarten reports; AR meeting, 3:40 p.m.
All Schools:
 Monday — Blue Cross/Blue Shield meeting, auditorium, 4:15 p.m.
 Friday — Early dismissal, 2:30 p.m.
 Next Monday — No school, Labor Day
High School Menus
 Monday — Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable salad, rosy applesauce or chef salad, milk
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Pizza square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Taco salad, green beans, pineapple or chef salad, milk
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Granola snack bar, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry, potatoes/country gravy, carrots, pears or chef salad, milk
 Thursday — Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, peas, coleslaw, cinnamon apples or chef salad, milk
 Friday — Breakfast: Ham, hash browns, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Turkey sandwich, lettuce and tomato, corn, pudding delight or chef salad, milk
Eisenhower Menus
 Monday — Breakfast: Strawberries, bagel/cream cheese, milk;

Lunch: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pineapple, milk
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Apple wedge, banana, oatmeal muffin square, toast/peanut butter, milk; Lunch: Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage pancake stick, strawberry fruit cup, milk; Lunch: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, corn, pepper strips, banana bread, milk
 Thursday — Breakfast: Shipwreck, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Ike burger, homemade bun, French fries, dill spear, pears, no bake cookies, milk
 Friday — Breakfast: Ham, hash browns, peaches, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Baked chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, strawberry fruit cup, French bread, milk
NORTHERN VALLEY
 Monday — High school dance team practice, noon-1 p.m.
 Tuesday — High school volleyball, Kensington/Western Plains at Kensington, 4 p.m.
 Wednesday — Hearing screening, Tina Blew, 8-9 a.m.; Coopera-




The work crew for Reece Construction Company, Scandia, poured concrete Wednesday morning for the south side of the bridge west of Norton. A power screed smoothed and spread the mixture before a workman with a bullfloat put the finishing touches on it.
 — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

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