

Tuesday
July 11, 2006

Norton, Kansas
Home of Beth Heikes

Briefly

Thursday is last fun night at library

Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Marcia Wiltfong will be the reader during Storytime at Norton Public Library. During the 2 p.m. Summer Reading program, Mary Luehrs will be turning the pages.

Thursday night is the final episode of Fun Night at the library for seventh through twelfth graders. It is Costume Night so everyone is invited to dress for the occasion and bring fruit for fruit smoothies.

Carp derby set for this weekend

Carpers beware! This Saturday and Sunday, the 26th annual Busch Carp Derby will be held at Sebelius Reservoir west of Norton.

The weekend activities will center around the carp contest, as two-man teams of "archers" or "fishermen" attempt to bring in as many carp as possible.

The contestants will hit the water at 9 a.m. each morning of the two-day event. A weigh-in will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday with the final weigh-in taking place at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The top ten teams will receive prize money.

Entrants have until Wednesday to take advantage of the \$30 early entry fee. After Wednesday, entry will cost \$35. Entries may be taken to the Norton Chamber of Commerce.

Busing deadline is this week

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 Thursday.

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, but must be filed in the Oberlin office.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Wednesday — A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. **Wednesday night** — A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s.
Thursday — Highs in the upper 90s.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 66, High 95
Saturday Low 68, High 90
Sunday Low 69, High 88
Monday Low 65, High 85
Year ago today Low 69, High 96
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lead us, dear Jesus, to those who need to feel your touch through our hands. **Amen**

It's all about cars



Paint jobs gleamed and chrome shined (above) as 228 cars and motorcycles assembled in downtown Norton Saturday for the Third Annual Norton Car Show. Kristine Posson (below) was the official starter for the drag races held at Norton City/County Airport.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Car show, drag races thrill Norton

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The 2006 Norton Car Show was almost twice as big as the show last year drawing 187 show cars and motorcycles from all across the midwest. Members of the Norton Classic Cruisers car club added 31 cars to the number for a total of 228 vehicles in the show.

Hundreds of people strolled the town square Saturday enjoying the cars, vendors and meeting other car enthusiasts. Exhibitors came from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Missouri.

The road rally began at noon with a course mapped out between Norton and Lenora. Drivers and their navigators had to maneuver the course correctly and on time maintaining certain speeds and mileage.

First place went to Shawn and Pam McDiffett, Central City, Neb., driving a 1968 Ford Mustang; second place was won by Jerry and Marie Moritz, Norton, driving a 1948 Ford Coupe belonging to Richard Wiltfong,



Norton; third place was also won by a Norton couple, Ed and Kathleen Berlier in a 1955 Chevy Bel Aire.

Race organizers and members of the Classic Cruisers were Chriss and Evelyn McDiffett. She said, "We just love to do it."

Perhaps one of the most exciting events were the drag races held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Norton City/County Airport. More than 1,100 people turned out to watch the

races.

To add a touch of nostalgia, Kris Posson was the official starter. After two cars were precisely lined up opposite each other, Ms. Posson would drop the flags and both cars would peel out, heading for the finish line.

About 40 cars took turns running the quarter mile track. Official speeds were checked and verified by Norton City police using radar guns.

Several cars ran more than 100 miles per hour during the afternoon. Gary Bills of Phillipsburg took the trophy in a nostalgic drag car by clocking a blazing 162 miles per hour.

Mark Griffin, president of the Norton Classic Cruisers Car Club said plans are already underway for next year's show. "We plan to make it bigger and better."

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Airport playing the waiting game to get money

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It's become a waiting game. The Norton City/County Airport Board is waiting to see how long it will take the Federal Aviation Administration to come forth with the \$77,000 in non-primary entitlement funding it has been promised.

Board chairman, John Miller said he spoke with Tom Bennett of B & G Consultants who have been working with the board on this project. He said Mr. Bennett assured him that everything was okay.

This is 2003 funding the board has applied for. Mr. Miller said the board should also be eligible for additional funding from 2004, 2005 and even some from 2006.

George Land, a pilot for Valley Hope, (Continued on Page 5)



The Norton School District is "overhauling" the football field. On Thursday, 30,000 square feet of the 60,000 square feet of sod arrived in Norton. Each roll of sod is 4 feet wide and 120 feet long.

— Photo by Greg Mann

Football field will have new grass this fall

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton football team will be playing on a "like new" field this fall. In February, the Norton School board decided to re-do the football field as part the district's projects.

Included with this "overhaul" was re-crowning and re-sodding the football field and also raising the sprinklers. Right now, Windmill Farms, who the school hired to take care of the project, is in the process of putting down 60,000 square feet of rolled sod.

Superintendent Greg Mann said part of the sod arrived last Thursday. Windmill Farms was hoping to finish the project Monday, but because of rainy (Continued on Page 5)