

# Storm sends Lenora in search of shelter

(Continued from Page 1) homes were peeled back.

The roof of one house blew to the south of the road, while another roof across the street blew to the north of the road, she said.

"The wind couldn't make up its mind on which direction it wanted to blow," she said. "It kept switching directions from north to south."

The wind was the major problem and caused the most damage, she said. There was also some hail.

A *Telegram* correspondent who was in Lenora during the aftermath said there were reports of dime to quarter-size hail and strong winds. Pieces of roof lay in a field, while across the street, the roof of Boyd and Doris Gregory was half torn off.

The correspondent said Mrs. Gregory made it into her basement with her two dogs to take shelter, while her husband was trying to make it home to her from his job.

Rhonda Heikes, owner of The Country Corner, told *The Telegram's* correspondent that her employee said "Lenora looks like a war zone." Mrs. Heikes was in Phillipsburg during the storm.

Norton County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Bohl guessed that

damages totaled somewhere in the area of \$100,000, but he wasn't certain of an exact figure.

In addition to all of the other damage, he said the roof of a grain bin owned by Hi-Plains Coop of Colby caved in and a trailer in the trap shoot area north of town was blown into a pole.

Residents of Lenora speculate there were actually two storms — one from the north and the other from the west — that collided over the town, causing the fiercest winds, said *The Telegram's* correspondent.

Clean-up began almost immediately. Midwest Energy, Rural Telephone, Lenora city crews and the Norton County Sheriff's Department were on the scene as soon as they could be, said Mrs. James.

As of Friday, clean-up was going well, she said; streets had been cleared and branches were being picked up.

"There's no way we could have it all cleaned up in one day," she said.

But, she said, they were getting help. The Norton Correctional Facility was sending a crew of inmates to help pick up branches and debris.

Clean-up would continue into this week, Mrs. James said.

# County decides against using old sand pit

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• Heard a maintenance report on the tractor loader used at the landfill. Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said a different radiator has been put in the loader and now it is being used. Hopefully, he said, this will solve the overheating problem.

• Went into two closed sessions to discuss non-elected personnel lasting a total of 40 minutes with County Counselor Doug Sebelius and Ambulance Director Ruth Schillig. No action was taken.

• Spoke with Mrs. Schillig about a new medical director for the service. The old director was Dr. Roy Hartley, who retired. Mrs. Schillig said she was going to speak with Dr. Glenda Maurer to see if she would like the position. They also spoke about possible compensation to the medical director for their service. The commissioners will continue to look into compensation.

• Heard from Mrs. Schillig that the new ambulance is out of line and not driving well. She said she spoke with Rocky Mountain, the company from which the ambulance was purchased. The company suggested sending the ambulance to Hoxie, where there is an agent for Rocky Mountain, to see about getting the problem fixed.

• Learned from County Treasurer Cindy Linner that county residents can pay taxes online. She said Kansas Ink is offering the choice to credit or debit card users to pay their property taxes online. There will be a service charge to the taxpayer for using this payment method.

• Spoke with Doyle Schoen

about his fence. Mr. Schoen said the commission denied a bill he sent to pay for replacing his fence. He said after the road was redone, he felt the county should replace the fence. Mr. Brannan said this was not in the agreement made before construction began. Mr. Schoen also asked that the commission check on the right-of-way on the road. The county will have the road survey checked by Wayne Dietz.

• Talked to Noxious Weed Supervisor Reggie Beckman about bindweed spraying. Mr. Beckman wanted clarification on the policy on spraying bindweed in county road ditches. The commission said that where bindweed is found, the entire area within a mile should be sprayed.

The commission also brought up stickers, or puncher vine, on the roads. They said puncher vine is causing problems in fields and with motor graders. Mr. Beckman said the chemical he is using for bindweed will also help with the puncher vine.

• Spoke with Winter Kuehn, emergency medical technician, about issues of employment at the ambulance department. She brought up several issues she wanted the commission to review and follow up with the director. They also discussed ambulance protocol and questions on several call-outs made in the last several weeks.

• Went into a 10-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Sebelius. After going back into open meeting, the commission agreed to affirm the ambulance director's decision.

# 'SHARE' deadline is Wednesday evening

The deadline for ordering the July Heartland SHARE food package is Wednesday evening. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, July 29 at the Center.

The July heartland SHARE food package contains 2.1 ounces of Oscar Meyer fully cooked bacon, 1 pound of lean ground beef, 12 ounces of thin-sliced cooked ham, 1 pound breaded chicken breast tenderloins, 1 pound boneless center cut pork chops, cauliflower, lettuce, radishes, apples, cantaloupe, kiwi, lemons, black plums and 18 ounces of creamy peanut butter.

For \$20.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive all of the food or "SHARE" listed. You can order as many shares as

you want.

You can also order a meat only (first five items) package for \$11 plus one additional volunteer hour.

There are two July Specials. Special No. 1 includes 1.7 pounds of chicken drums, 2.6 pounds of chicken thighs, 2 pounds of ground beef patties, 1 pound of boneless chicken breasts, 1 pound of boneless pork chops and 1 pound of twice-baked potatoes. Special No. 1 costs \$17 plus one additional volunteer hour.

Special No. 2 is 4, 6 ounce chicken cordon bleu and 4, 6 ounce chicken breasts broccoli and cheese. This special is an additional \$12 and one volunteer hour.

After you purchase a regular SHARE, you may order as many specials as you want.



Members of "The Ditty Bops" signed a poster Friday for one of their young fans. The Los Angeles based group is cycling and singing their way across the United States to promote

their newest album, "Moon Over the Freeway". They spent Thursday and Friday nights in Norcatour with Bee Nelson.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Musicians 'bop' their way across country

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

They didn't take a wrong turn. The Ditty Bops actually intended to stop in Norcatour.

What is a Ditty Bop? A Ditty Bop is a member of a musical group by the same name that, perhaps, marches to the beat of a different drummer. Spokeswoman, vocalist and songwriter, Abby Dewald said when the Los Angeles based group cut their latest CD, "Moon Over the Freeway," they were looking for an unusual way to promote the album.

A cyclist herself, she came up

with the idea of bicycling and singing their way across the United States. Amanda Barrett, the other singer/songwriter agreed and together they coerced their pianist, Greg Rutledge to join them as the van driver. His wife, "Boo" Rutledge rounded out the caravan as the group's merchandiser.

An acquaintance, Lynn Jeffries, of the CornerStone Theatre Company that had been headquartered in Norcatour several years ago, urged the group to cross Kansas on U.S. Highway 36 and to stop in Norcatour. And, especially take the time to meet her good friend, Bee

Nelson.

Last Thursday the group peddled into Norcatour on one of the hottest days of the summer. They found Mrs. Nelson's house and hospitality to be quite accommodating and took the opportunity to rest, relax, stock up on groceries and organic produce and do laundry. They also took the time to perform a concert Friday evening at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

The Ditty Bops have a self-described electric sound. Miss DeWald said, "You never know what you'll see in a Ditty Bop show."

The group left California the last of May. By averaging 75 miles a day, they expect to arrive in New York City just before Labor Day.

They have concerts booked all along the way and don't mind impromptu concerts like the one in Norcatour.

Other Kansas stops include The Garden of Eden at Lucas, Lawrence and Kansas City.

You can track the groups progress by logging on to their website at: [www.thedittybops.com](http://www.thedittybops.com).

# Economic development updated on survey

(Continued from Page 1) Monier said things are progressing nicely. At this point, the survey will be ready to go out in September.

• Learned from board member Gayle James that construction on the Lenora Community Center is going well.

The center will double as a storm shelter, she said.

• Chose not to contest Ms. Henderson's claim for unemployment.

ment.

• Discussed the interlocal agreements signed by the cities participating in the board. The topic came up at a recent Almena City Council meeting, when the council wanted to know if the agreement needed to be renewed annually.

Attorney Karen Griffiths said the agreement was good for 15 years or so long as the governmental bodies continued to contribute

to the board. Or, she said, a city or the county, could terminate its agreement, making it so their representatives no longer had a say in the board's decisions.

• Discussed an event to be held in Speed and the possibility of people staying in Norton as well as Phillipsburg.

• Held a 30-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individual.

# Zoo, pets will be next Wednesday

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A full description of fair departments and schedules is available at the K-State Research and Extension Office.

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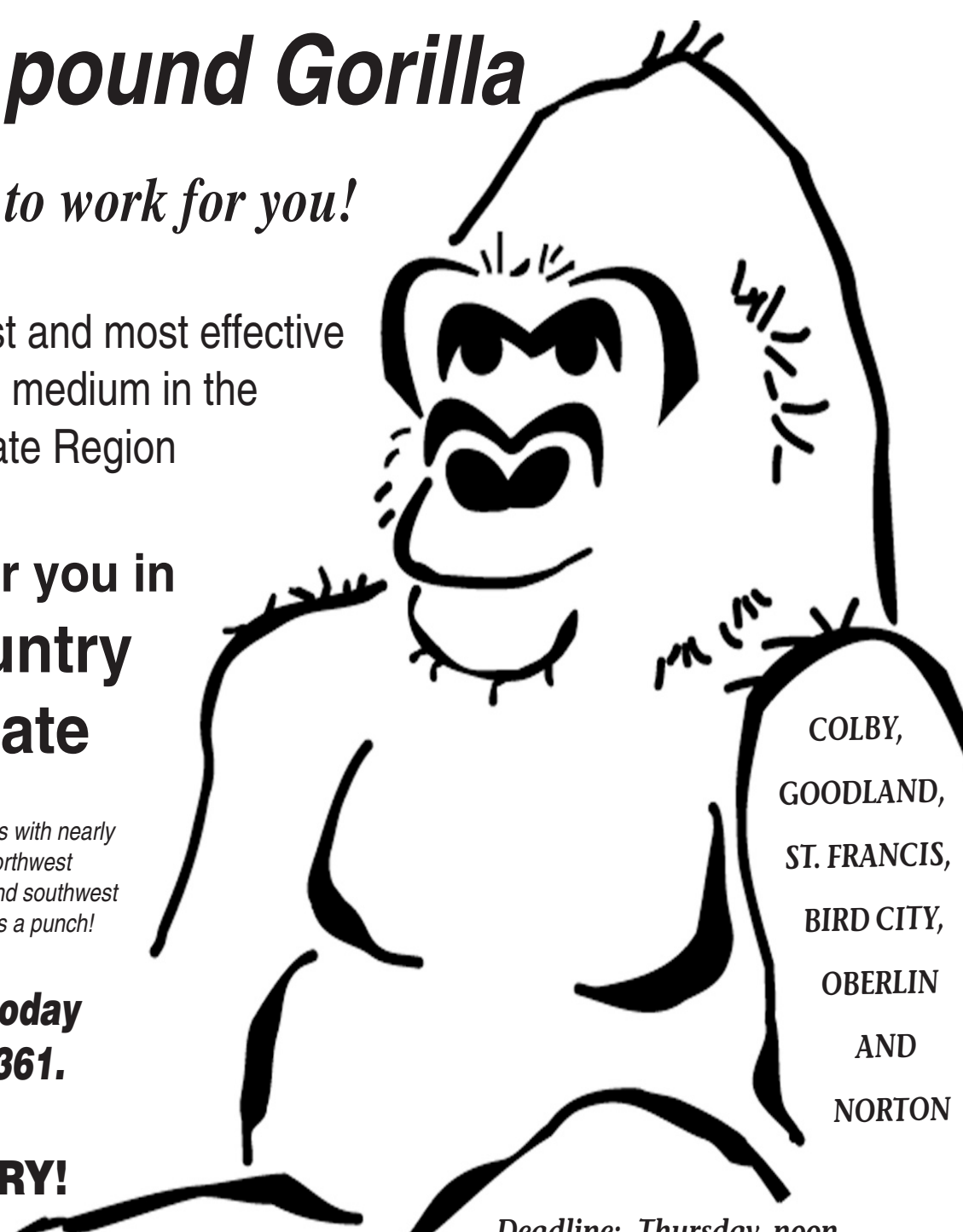
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