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Fun Day Horse Show at 9 a.m.. The 4-H Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, July 23. Pre-entries are needed for both of the horse shows due Thursday, July 19, in the Extension Office. The Exotic Animal educational exhibit and petting zoo is set for Wednesday, July 25. Pre-entries are needed by July 19 for this exhibition.

Look again this year for the special School Children Division. All youth up to 17 years of age can enter exhibits in foods, textiles and handicrafts, quilts, afghans, flowers, plants, collections, sewing, woodworking, photography, and gardening and models. Other events include the 4-H Food Sale, Porkburger and Pulled Pork Special, Market Animal Sale (with market goats added this year), livestock shows, poultry and rabbit exhibits and shooting sports exhibition.

Special programs include a gospel music concert featuring Peter Lewis Whitebird on Tuesday evening sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. Whitebird is a Christian and Country-style singer, nationally acclaimed

singer, songwriter, recording artist and the 2000 Country Gospel Male Vocalist of the Year. A free will offering will be taken.

Wednesday evening will be the Ranch Rodeo, Porkburger and Pulled Pork Special, co-sponsored by the 4-H council and Husky Hogs and a free watermelon feed, sponsored by Jamboree Foods. Thursday morning the Norton County Fair Association will hold the 4-H and FFA Challenge of Champions which offers a \$250 scholarship award sponsored by Kowpoke Supply. The Round Robin Champion Showmanship and 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale and the Jackpot Team Roping Event will also be on Thursday. Friday evening's schedule has on tap the youth Pedal Power Pull sponsored by Landmark Implement of Phillipsburg. In addition, there will be Mutton Bustin' and Karaoke, a Norton Idol contest, sponsored by area businesses and coordinated by Norton Farm Bureau.

Also each night (Tuesday through Saturday) the Home Owned Carnival will be in full swing from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. with a special kiddie armband

night (1 ticket rides) on Friday and regular arm band night on Saturday.

As in the past, the shuttle tram will offer rides to and from the parking areas. The photo booth will be available out on the midway. The carnival rides and games are all a volunteer service and anyone wishing to offer assistance may contact a member of the Norton County Community Service Association at 877-5452. The 2007 Norton County Fair offers something for everyone. Check out the possibilities and guidelines for each department and plan to participate. Fair booklets have been distributed to various businesses in the county and also are available at the Extension Office (the ground floor of the Norton County Courthouse).

The 2007 Fair Board President is Becky Delimont, Vice President is Spencer Braun, Secretary is Julie Thompson and Treasurer is Kathy Holste. The officers of the Norton County Community Service Association are: President, Curtis Eveleigh; Vice-President, Calvin Wright; Secretary, Deanna Herredsberg and Treasurer, Jim Voss.

U.S.36 to four lanes in Missouri

By HOWARD KESSINGER
The Marysville Advocate
Missouri should complete widening U.S. 36 to four lanes across the state by 2009, a full year ahead of schedule, a highway engineer told members at the annual meeting of the U.S. 36 Highway Association in Mankato.

Don Wichern of St. Joseph, District 1 engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation, said voters in counties at the east end of U.S. 36 approved a half-cent sales tax to finish the last 52 miles of four lane near the Illinois line.

Widening and paving of shoulders on older stretches of the highway is underway, he said. There are a dozen work zones, Mr. Wichern said, and motorists traveling east through Missouri can check them out on a map at www.modot.org.

More freight is expected to run west from Chicago, he said, and Missouri eventually may push to make U.S. 36 an Interstate instead of an expressway, though he noted that farmers love the expressway because of easier access from side roads.

The Missouri official said he had driven across Kansas on U.S. 36 and was impressed with the condition of the road.

"I love driving U.S. 36 — it's really smooth," he said.

District engineers for the Kansas Department of Transportation reviewed work scheduled for this year on U.S. 36.

Decatur County has three projects, said Chriss McDiffett of Norton, district engineer for north-west Kansas.

Notice to proceed was given May 21 on a \$340,936 repair of the Sappa Creek bridge a mile east of Oberlin.

In a joint project with the City of Oberlin, a contractor is replacing pavement from Fairway Drive to Penn Avenue, .43 of a mile through town.

The road will be resurfaced from the Rawlins-Decatur line to the west city limits of Oberlin, 10.97 miles. Bid letting is to be this fall, with the work done next summer.

Work is complete on a 2-inch surface recycle and ultrathin bonded overlay starting at the U.S. 183 junction east to the Phillips County line 13.58 miles at a cost of \$1.7 million.

Traffic is flowing on a new roadway for U.S. 36 nine miles from the Decatur-Norton County line to the K-383 junction west of Norton at a cost of \$18.5 million. Grading and seeding will be completed by fall.

Rawlins County has three projects, Mr. McDiffett said. To be let this fall will be a geometric improvement for concrete curb and gutter and pavement from the K-25 intersection at Atwood east .7 of a mile to Fifth Street.

Work is to be completed July 15 on a \$1 million ultra-thin bonded asphalt overlay from 10 miles west of Atwood to K-25.

The road will be resurfaced from the Cheyenne-Rawlins line 10 miles to Beardsley, but the contract is to be let this fall and work done next summer.

Cheyenne County has two projects. To be finished July 15 is a \$372,000 surface recycle and one-inch overlay from the Colorado line to the Republican River

west of St. Francis, 12.29 miles. Let last month was a \$372,000 recycle of 16.2 miles from the east K-27 junction to the Cheyenne-Rawlins county line.

In central Kansas, a contract was let Feb. 21 for an overlay on the Smith-Jewell County line east to K-128 at a cost of \$792,684, said Don Drickey, District 2 engineer at Salina. From K-128 east to the four-lane section west of Mankato, a major rebuilding project was let Nov. 15, 2006, at a cost of \$5.4 million. New curb and guttering from Lincoln to Lebov streets was let Jan. 17 and will cost \$346,173.

A major road rehab from Mankato east 8.76 miles will be let Nov. 15 at an estimated cost of \$6.5 million.

A contract for an intersection improvement at U.S. 36 and K-15 in Washington will be let Feb. 16, 2009, at an estimated cost of \$839,000.

The road from Washington east 9.2 miles will get an overlay under a contract let Feb. 21 for \$983,800. Catherine Patrick, new District 1 engineer in Topeka, said there are no construction projects set for this year in her district, which extends west from the Missouri River to the start of four-lane pavement just west of Marysville.

In 2008, there will be two resurfacing projects, from Wathena west to Troy and from the east side of Seneca at K-63 west to K-87, she said.

Several projects are planned in Nemaha and Brown counties, but not until 2010 or after, she said. Timing depends on how much money is available after the state's 10-year highway plan is completed in 2009.

Council acts on many issues

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total \$208,478.04.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann made a motion, seconded by Donna Foley, to approve Resolution #6-2007, authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation bonds, series 2007, for improvements to the Washington Square Building. Roofmasters Roofing Co. has requested payment for materials in the amount of \$132,553.80, and this payment will be made from the General Fund. It was explained when the bonds are issued, the general fund will be reimbursed; however, an amendment to the general fund budget will probably be necessary as a result of the payment since the amount was not budgeted. Mrs. Mann's motion carried.

Bids for the interior improvements to Washington Square will be opened on July 27 at 2 p.m.

Karen Griffiths, city attorney, said she received a letter from the Northern family regarding a nuisance abatement notice they received for their property on West Main. City Administrator Rob Lawson said he was also contacted by Mr. Hazlett regarding a nuisance abatement notice he received for his property on S. State Street.

A motion was made by Councilman Briery and seconded by Councilman Jerry Jones to autho-

riize the city attorney and city administrator to negotiate with the above property owners about their options in having their properties cleaned up or demolished. The motion carried.

City Attorney Griffiths reported that the State Historical Society will not travel to Norton to look at the Moffet property at 205 S. State Street. However, if an engineer certifies that there is no feasible or prudent alternative to the demolition of the property, then the city can proceed with the demolition.

Councilman Briery's motion was seconded by Councilman Gaer to authorize City Administrator Lawson to have an engineer look at the building and make a determination as to its structural soundness.

Councilwoman Mann said she thinks the city should wait to see if there is anyone interested in renovating it before spending the money on an engineer.

The Briery-Gaer motion passed 4-2 with Councilwomen Mann and Foley voting no.

The city administrator told the council that Mayer Specialty Services will be cleaning and inspecting a portion of the sanitary sewers in Norton from July 12-20, and that notice has been distributed to the homes so affected.

He also reported that the race-track lighting has been completed.

He additionally said the Norton Car Show would be held July 13-14.

Mr. Lawson said he has received a request to vacate a portion of Manor Street, and that the request will be forwarded to City Attorney Griffiths.

Councilmen Jones and Briery made a motion/second to amend Article 4-8 of the Employee Handbook regarding funeral leave to include step-parents as an immediate family member. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Mann said she has received compliments about the quality of work and professionalism of the Norton city crews. She also said she has heard complaints about the utility rates, and has been questioned about why a city code inspector is needed.

Wade Carter and Diane Becker reported on economic development activities. They requested permission to place an a-frame sign in the middle of East Main Street between Mortensen Computer Services and The Rock, on the evening of July 12 for the Open Air Market. Councilwoman Mann made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Foley. The motion carried.

The minutes of the June 20 meeting were approved.

The council called it a night at 6:33 p.m.

School's alcohol policy questioned

COLBY — The Colby School District's alcohol policy was called into question during a board meeting last Friday by resident Pat Tubbs.

"I think the current policy is creating a negative atmosphere," she said.

Tubbs said if an incident involving student drinking is not on school property or during a school activity, the district needs to stay out of it.

Tubbs said the self-reporting part of the policy, which involves a student telling an administrator, creates dissent among students.

She said it can cause coercion or retaliation between students who are on the same team.

"If those words were removed," she said, "it would eliminate problems."

In the policy, if a student self-reports their first offense, their ineligibility would be reduced to 15 percent. That would be further re-

duced if they complete a four-hour class on substance abuse.

The policy states a "minimum suspension of one game or activity event will be imposed" if both of those steps are completed.

If they do not self-report, they will be ineligible for 25 percent of their activities for the current season.

Board president Tracy Rogers said they need the self-report policy. "Basically we're doing away with the policy if we take out self-reporting," he said.

Board member Joel Powell said a policy needs to be in place to discourage underage drinking.

"The kids know what the policy is, and don't put themselves in that position because of the policy," he said.

Colby High School principal Rocky Robbins said the self-reporting allows an intervention and opportunity for a student to learn about the dangers of alcohol

abuse.

Tubbs said the district has enough to govern on campus, and activities.

"Most parents won't know about changes in the policy until their kid gets in trouble," she said. "Students drinking happens more often than you think."

Board member Stan Molstad said the policy, as it stands, is fine.

"I don't think this is all that bad," he said. Molstad said the assumption cannot be made that all the students are drinking. The board will further discuss the matter at its July 23 meeting and when it meets in August. It took no action on the issue.

Moran names director of offices

Congressman Jerry Moran has hired Travis Murphy as director of his Kansas offices.

Mr. Murphy is a native of Natoma. Mr. Murphy previously served as both press secretary and chief of staff for Congressman Moran before leaving in 2005 to work on his master's degree in public administration at Arizona

State University. Mr. Murphy received his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University.

As district director, he will oversee the congressman's district staff and office operations in Hays, Hutchinson and Salina.

Mr. Murphy is the son of Mark and Judy Murphy, Hays.

Got the FAIR fever? Good!

New athletic director for Colby College

COLBY — Duane Arntt has coined a new phrase: like daughter, like father.

Arntt is Colby Community College's new athletic director. He followed his daughter's footsteps to Colby.

"I've always been interested in athletics," Arntt said. "My daughter went to school here. We met Carl Adams and Brittani played softball."

Brittani was a freshman last year at Colby. Arntt replaces Carl Adams who died in December.

A 20-year veteran of public education, working in schools in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, Arntt recently served as principal/athletic director of Burlington, Colo., High School.

In addition, Arntt was kindergarten through sixth-grade principal of Southern District in Wymore, Neb., from 1999-2005 and principal of Vermillion, in Centralia, from 1997-1999.

He was the head wrestling coach from 2000-2005 at Wymore and coached the 18-and-under girls' summer softball teams at Wymore and Burlington.

Arntt, 47, is not expecting a major difference between small-town high school work in Colorado and small-town community college.

"I want to take some time to get used to what's going on, then we'll get cranked up," he said.

"It's still small town and communities. I went to a small college and loved it. I really don't see a big change, but I could be wrong."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Assessment Hearing for Almena Irrigation District

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT HEARING
The Board of Directors of Almena Irrigation District No. 5 will meet as a board of equalization between the hours

of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. CST, July 19th, 2007 at the District headquarters building in Almena, Kansas.

Owners of land classified as irrigable in said District may discuss any problems they may have concerning irrigable acres.

Estate of Donald J. Moody

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2006-PR-12
In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD J. MOODY, deceased
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed in this Court on June 25, 2007, by Rita L. Bieber and Barbara Wassinger, co-executrices of the estate of Donald J. Moody, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as co-executrices, allowance for costs, fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to

the estate, and assignment to them in accordance with the law, the will of the decedent, and the orders of this Court.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 17, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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A representative from Kansas Correctional Industries will be in Norton on Monday, July 23 to discuss opportunities for area businesses to use inmate labor. The meeting will be in the Norton City/County Economic Development conference room at 116 N. First at 1 p.m.

Norton's first Open Air Market will be held on **THURSDAY, JULY 12** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Kansas Avenue west of the Courthouse
VENDORS WANTED
For more information see: discovernorton.com

A representative from USDA Rural Development will be in Norton on Thursday, July 12 to discuss housing loan programs. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the Prairie Land Electric meeting room. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Questions may be directed to the Norton City/County Economic Development office at 785-874-4816 or e-mailed to nortoned@ruraltel.net.

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