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Briefly

Council agenda for Wednesday noted

Norton's city council will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The agenda includes: Second reading of Ordinance 1576, amending court cost fees; discuss legalities of scooters on city streets; city administrator's report; discuss parking lot on S. State Street; Utility Committee meeting report; consider license for beer garden during Norton Car Show; Public Works Committee meeting report; and Public Safety Committee meeting report. Building permits include McEwen Auction, \$3,250, construct building addition and install storage container at 601 E. Holme, and John Little, \$5,000, construct addition to garage at 333 W. Main. The meeting is open to the public.

Like chocolate? You'll love library

All area seventh through twelfth graders are invited to be part of Library Fun Night at the Norton Public Library. Thursday at 7 p.m. is Chocolate Night. Everyone is asked to bring a bag of chocolate to build with and something good like strawberries, pretzels or marshmallows to dip in chocolate fondue. There will be competitions and prizes given. Call 877-2481 to learn more about the summer reading program.

Boyd sports photo on page 8, one for the books

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog after 4 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy with a low around 61.

Wednesday — Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 84. **Wednesday Night** — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 64. **Thursday** — A 30 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 46, High 96
Saturday Low 54, High 96
Sunday Low 64, High 89
Monday Low 55, High 77, .22 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust you always, even when we face great challenges. We overcome challenges not by our own power but only by your spirit. In Jesus' name. **Amen**

State park road work postponed

By TOM DREILING
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The Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager for the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kristen Brands, Norton, told The Telegram Monday that the road construction project at Prairie Dog State Park, originally scheduled to begin this week, has been postponed until mid-July.

The project was to seal the roads and fill surface defects that can eventually shorten the pavement life. Workers will first spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement, then coat it with a layer of lightweight aggregate, which is then pressed into place with heavy rollers.

The prime contracting firm out of Kanopolis — Hi-Plains Sand Inc. — will be unable to start the resurfacing until after the 4th of July, due to a scheduling project, according to information provided by Kristen Brands.

The process will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can eventually shorten the pavement life. Workers will first spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement, then coat it with a layer of lightweight aggregate, which is then pressed into place with heavy rollers.

Travis Scott, Kansas Department of Transportation Construction Engineer at Phillipsburg, said, "Areas of the park will be inaccessible for a short period of time as this fast-moving process occurs. People wanting to gain access to the park may experience a short delay during the construction process."

The estimated cost of the project is \$128,283.

Questions relative to the project can be addressed to either Mr. Scott at TScott@ksdot.org or call him at (785) 543-2163 in Phillipsburg, or Kristen Brands at KristenB@ksdot.org, or call (785) 877-3315, Norton.

ATVs enter discussion at city meeting

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Norton City Councilmen Toby Kuhn, who chairs the Public Safety Committee, asked, at an early June council meeting, if — under the ATV ordinance — all-terrain vehicles could be operated at night if they have headlights.

City Counselor Karen Griffiths said she would check to see how the state statute is written. Police Chief Pat Morel chimed in that he has not seen any abuse of the use of ATVs or work site vehicles.

Councilman Ron Briery wondered if someone buys a scooter that cannot be licensed at the courthouse, whether it could be ridden on city streets if it is inspected and a \$25 ATV permit is purchased. Counselor Griffiths said small scooters are not licensable under any state or city ordinance and there is no exception to allow them to be ridden on city streets.

Mr. Kuhn also discussed a stop sign request at the intersection of S. Archer and E. Washington. He said a temporary stop sign was installed for 30 days and its placement will be reviewed at an upcoming council meeting.

In other matters coming before the council:

- Jon Boxler was present on behalf of EMC Insurance to present a dividend check in the amount of \$27,246.31 to the City of Norton. The Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance program through EMC Insurance includes over 450 cities, and the total dividends paid out equaled \$3,094,392.
- Motion was made by Mr. Briery and seconded by Councilman Jeff Otter to waive the formal third reading of Ordinance #1574. Vote taken. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Mr. Briery and seconded by Councilwoman Elaine Mann to adopt Ordinance #1574, accepting the dedication of the public right-of-way for

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Lane Gitchel, 2, Phillipsburg, was fascinated by the "whirly-gigs" on display at the Sunflower Pioneer Power Association's Antique Machine, Engine and Car Show held this weekend in Alma. About 120 tractors, cars and engines were on display over the two-day event.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Good show, turnout at Alma

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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The 28th Annual Sunflower Pioneer Power Association Tractor Show at Alma is now in the record books. Bob Underwood, Norton, said all the demonstrations went well without any breakdowns. He said there was very good attendance at the show with about 80 tractors, 30 autos and 10 small engines on display.

"We really appreciate all the businesses who sponsored plaques for the show — everyone really appreciated it," he said.

Mr. Underwood said the weather was great which made it comfortable for everyone. He said there was a good parade with lots of spectators lining the sidewalks of downtown Alma. He said the Quilt Show was a great success with lots of quilts nicely displayed.

Saturday winners of "Best in Show" plaques were given to:

Brian and Angie Schick, Densmore, 1942 John Deere AR; Bob Robinson, Garden City, Small Engine, Rawleigh Schyler, 1916 1 1/2 HP; Brad Anderson, Glade, Self-Restored Tractor, 1941 Farmall BI.

Other Best of Show: Cathy DeWitt, Prairie View, 1950 IHC "C" Demonstrator; John Gallentine, Clayton, 1949 John Deere "M"; Norman Wendel, Alma,

1943 Allis Chalmers WC; Bernard Hinrichs, Bruning, Neb., 1935 Case "CC"; Richard Smith, Upland, Neb., 1953 Oliver 77 Row Crop.

Best of Parade Award, donated by City of Alma: Bernard Hinrichs, Bruning, Neb., 1918 Rumley Oil Pull 16-30.

Car Show (Saturday): Best Paint, 1968 Pontiac Catalina, owned by Daryl Clark,

Phillipsburg; Best Pre-'59 Original, 1928 Whippet, owned by Jim Marshall, Oberlin; Best Muscle Car, 1970 Chevelle, owned by Shad Chandler, Alma; Best of Show, 1971 Pontiac Trans Am, owned by Carol Bales, Logan; Best of Show Motorcycle, owned by Daryl Clark, Phillipsburg; Best Custom Motorcycle, owned by

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Glenn Brands held up a couple of beer steins that were being auctioned off Saturday night as part of the second annual Party on the Prairie Dog. Lance Kinderknecht was the auctioneer. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Blue Jay tennis seeks coach

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Lisa Henderson, Norton Community High School graduate, stepped in last year to keep the Blue Jay tennis program going. In the role of head coach, she experienced a good season.

Ms. Henderson played the sport while in high school and left behind her own legacy, having climbed to the coveted spot of #1 singles player.

Now the coach has taken on a different title, "former coach," submitting her resignation and hoping someone steps in like she did to keep the courts hopping.

Employment responsibilities entered the picture this year. Subsequently, the

Norton School District Board of Education approved her resignation on a 6-0 vote, then moved to advertise for a replacement with a recommendation to be made by Aug. 11. If there is no response, there will be no tennis program for the 2008-09 school year.

In other staff-related matters, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Dr. Sue Ann Stutheit, as Eisenhower Elementary School 4-6 At-Risk Tutor.
- Approved Shirley Wilcox as Concession Coordinator for the 2008-09 school year.
- Approved Trudy Stockham as assistant Norton Community High School

KAY sponsor for the 2008-09 school year.

- Approved the work agreement with Pam Shelton as K-3 At-Risk Tutor for the 2008-09 school year.
- Approved the contract with Eric Richards as Norton Community High School Language Arts, Forensics/Speech Teacher and assistant junior high school girls' basketball coach for the 2008-09 school year.
- Approved the supplemental contract with Don Mordecai as the junior high school assistant volleyball coach for the 2008-09 school year.
- Approved the pay for substitute and

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