

Lenora Jubilee



The Laughing Matters Clowns performed for the crowd during Saturday's Lenora Jubilee parade. Little Alyson Vahling was brave enough to stand between the two as juggling pins flew by her.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



The new stage in Larrick Park, Lenora, was completed just in time for this year's Lenora Jubilee. It was initiated Friday night with performances by Whiskey Falls, Heartland and headliner, Jake Owen. Saturday night, The Carbon Cowboys, Wahly and The Bassbones opened for up-and-coming country artist, Tate Steven.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Gazebo, historic bridge seen as part of Walking Trail at Lenora

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Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Becker talked to the county commissioners last week about work on the Lenora Walking Trail.

The first part will be along the old railroad bed, she said.

The group doing the work hopes to get a donated gazebo for the first part of the trail both as a starting spot and to keep motorized traffic out.

Plans are in the works to move a historic bridge to the area to become part of the trail, she said.

Ms. Becker said that the City of Lenora has a \$5,000 grant from the Hansen Foundation. It is planning to use that to help build the trail and move the bridge from its present location at the 14-mile turn to the trail.

She said that the trail, which is expected to be about eight-feet wide and a mile long, should be

covered with asphalt millings. The group doing the work had estimated the cost at \$1,500. Ms. Becker wondered if the county could help provide the millings and the commissioners would be willing to help pay for them.

She also asked about setting up an historic district in town.

Commissioner John Miller cautioned her against doing that without a lot of research.

You need to talk to everyone involved, he said, and make sure they understand what they can and cannot do if such a district were formed. Sometimes people find out that there are more drawbacks than pluses to such an idea.

"That can be a long, impractical process," he said.

In other business, Mrs. Becker told the commissioners.

• That the radio station is looking for a generator to help them keep broadcasting when the power goes out during a storm. The station is

hoping to get some help, she said, but the rules for grants and loans are different for a for-profit business than for a non-profit. However, she said there is community interest in keeping the station on air during bad weather.

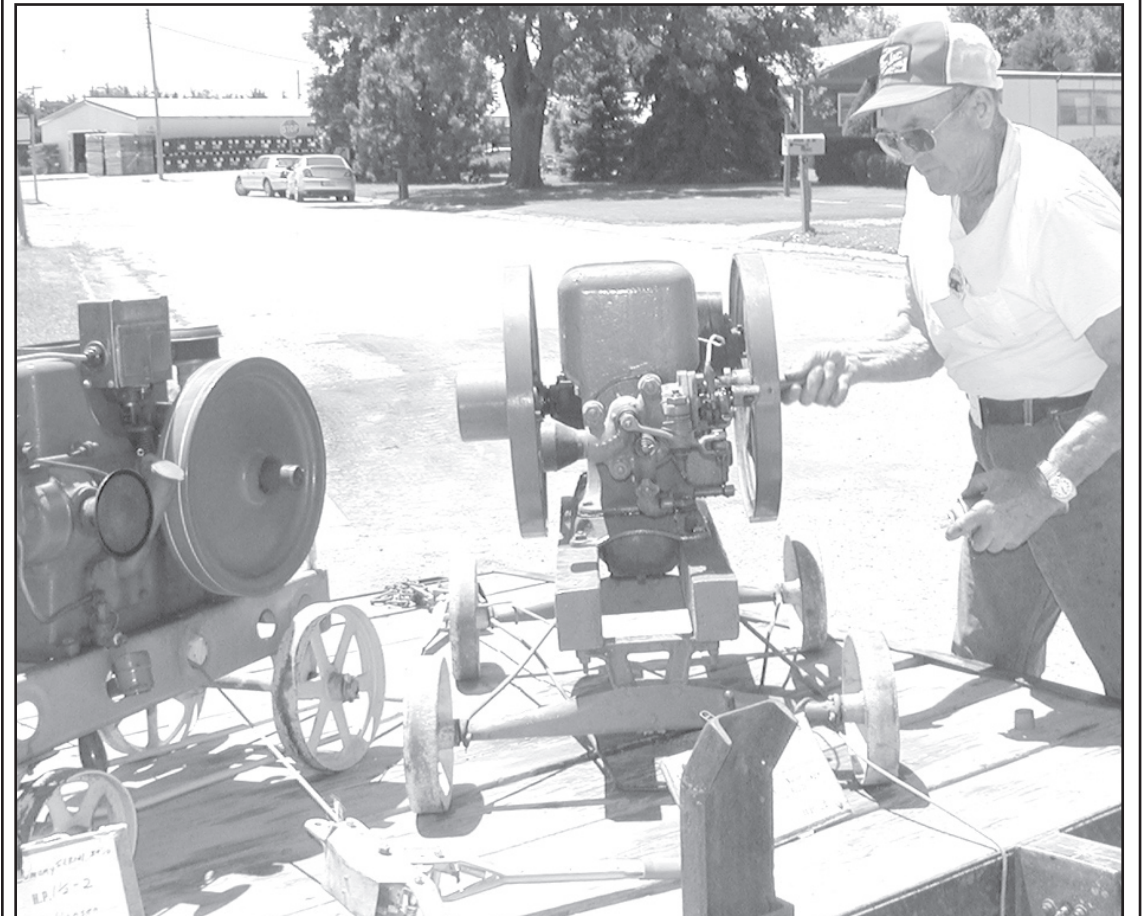
• That she had been to the U.S. 36 Highway Association's annual meeting in Washington, Kansas.

• That the Downtown Development Committee of the economic development group is hoping to be able to provide matching grants for businesses to revitalize their store fronts.

The project depends on how much the county and city are willing to put into the economic development budget next year, she said.

• That she has been giving six-month updates to the cities — Lenora, Almena, Clayton, Edmond and Norton — which have invested in the county economic development group.

Best of Show



Give it another crank. Gaylen Hansen, Minden, Neb., had a little trouble keeping one of the engines running that he brought to this year's Sunflower Pioneer Power Association's Antique Show. Mr. Hansen won Best of Show on Sunday for his 1916 Sattley with Jenson Oil Well pump engine.

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Essential needs funds available

Special to The Telegram
Grant and loan funding continues to be available for essential rural Kansas community development programs and storm shelters through USDA Rural Development. The Agency's Communities Facilities Program is designed to assist in the development of essential community facilities, including storm sirens, for public use in rural areas, and the Single Family Home Repair Grant & Loan Program may assist in removing health and safety hazards for owner-occupied single family residences, such as storm shelters.

"The Community Facilities Program is a great tool to assist rural communities in developing new or enhancing existing facilities for public safety, public service and health care. The benefits of the program through grants and low-interest loans can significantly enhance the viability of critically needed community facility projects," said State Director Eric B. Banks.

Additionally, Banks said, "Severe weather can strike unexpectedly, often with serious personal consequences. As Kansans were again reminded last year, violent storms and the unfortunate loss of life underscores the need for improved home safety measures. The installation of an approved storm shelter offers

important added safety and security when severe weather strikes. The United States Department of Agriculture can provide eligible homeowners an excellent opportunity to protect themselves and their families."

Through its Community Facilities Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities. Community Facilities Programs utilizes three flexible financial tools to achieve this goal: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program.

Projects can include storm sirens, schools, libraries, courthouses, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue facilities and equipment, police and emergency vehicles and services, community centers, public buildings and transportation. A rural area, as it applies to the Community Facilities Program, is defined as any city, town or unincorporated area with a population of 20,000 or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town or unincorporated area with a population in excess of 20,000 residents. Public bodies, nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized Indian Tribes can be eligible

applicants. USDA Rural Development can also assist homeowners with other necessary improvements or repairs.

In addition to helping finance residential storm shelters, funds have been provided for energy efficiency improvements such as installing insulation, replacing windows or new heating systems, along with roof repair or replacement, siding replacement, and providing sanitary water and waste disposal systems.

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