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Briefly

Norton goes over
the \$4 mark

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Classic cars lined both sides of the street Saturday morning around the Norton County Courthouse during the car show. The weather was perfect for this annual event, which attracted hundreds of on lookers. —Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Almena Pride sets ice cream social

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Circle Saturday, July 19 on your calendar and point your vehicle in the Almena direction. On that day, from 5-7 p.m., Almena Community Pride and Junior Pride will put on an Ice Cream Social with proceeds going toward Pride community projects. There's no set price to fill up on HOMEMADE ice cream, cake and sandwiches — just a donation. Junior Pride will provide the ice cream and Senior Pride the cake and sandwiches. Word has it that with Junior Pride making the homemade ice cream, attendees can expect some "exotic flavors." All of this activity will take place at the Almena Community Building.

City council meets Wednesday at 5:30

Here is the agenda for Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. meeting of the Norton City Council:
Approve July 2 meeting minutes; Building/Demolition Permits, John Millan, \$300, remove 10-15 feet of curb and gutter at 409 N. Brown; Visitors, Diane Becker, Economic Development report; Old Business, nothing listed; New Business, City Administrator's report, Consider cereal malt beverage license for beer garden during Norton County Fair, Finance Committee report, Consider Ordinance #1577, increasing solid waste collection charges, Public Works Committee report, Public Safety Committee report, and Pay Bills appropriating Ordinance #14.

Weather

Tonight — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 97. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 72. **Thursday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. **Thursday Night** — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 66, High 104
Saturday Low 61, High 92
Sunday Low 50, High 93
Monday Low 60, High 97
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, you know the difficulties in our lives. Let your Spirit be so strong in us that we can overcome all things. Amen

Total 128 cars displayed at show

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Downtown Norton looked like a blast from the past with all the classic cars parked around the county courthouse. The Norton Classic Cruisers annual Car Show was a big success this past Saturday with hundreds of people inspecting the variety of entries. There were 113 entries downtown, with an additional 15 drag entries, for a total of 128 cars. There was even an entry from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Results were:

People's Choice winners were Johnny and Brenda Hermann, from Cimarron, with a 64 1/2 Roadrunner; Sheriff's Choice winners were Evan and Judy Goldt from Hill City, with a 1970 Chevy Chevelle; City Administrator's Choice winner was Dwight Waldo from Republican City, Neb., with a 1955 Chevy; Legion's Choice was Mike Zimmerman, Hays, with a 1969 Pontiac GTO; Ambassador's Choice, Martha and Ron Boardman, Hays, with a 1955 Ford Crown Victoria; The Long Distance winner was Brian Friend, from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, with a 2005 Corvette; and Mayor's Choice winner

was Terry Hilker, McCook, Neb., with a 1937 Ford Sedan. Other winners: Skippy and Susan Johnson, Goodland; John and Georgia Chisholm, Indianola, Neb.; Alvin Koenig, Colby; Dave Schoenberger, Norton; Wayne Wittman, Hays; Terry and Tanya Zvolanek from Osborne took home 2 awards; Sharon Graf, Osborne, Mike and Marge Watkins, Norton; Marvin Lovenstein, Colby; Scott Schultz, St. Francis; Bruce Flipse, Colby; Larry Grant, Rocky Ford, Colo.; Mark Griffey, Norton; Mick and Collette Miller, 2 awards, Norton; Curt Schoenberger, Hays; Larry Morris,

Oakley; Matt Murray, Goodland; RG and Jolene Brown, Cambridge, Neb.; Dana Marintzer, Oberlin; Richard Scott, Thornton, Colo.; Harry and Louise Knoll, Osborne, 2 awards; Randy Conrad, Phillipsburg; and Doug Reinke, Imperial Neb. Motorcycle award winners were: Daryl Clark, Phillipsburg; Dominic Urban, of Norton; and Brock Miller, also of Norton. Mark Griffin, president of the Norton Classic Cruisers said, "We appreciate the community's support and look forward to next year."

Park's road project now underway

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The Prairie Dog State Park road project, recently delayed, has begun. The project, under contract to Hi-Plains Sand Inc., Kanopolis, will involve sealing the roads and parking areas. The process, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation Area One Office, will smooth the road and fill surface defects that could eventually shorten the pavement life. The construction company 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, said, "areas of the project will be inaccessible for a short period of time as this fast-moving process occurs." He said people wanting to gain access to the park might experience short delays during the process. The estimated cost is \$128,283. People using the park are cautioned to be alert of the work in progress and travel accordingly. Questions can be directed to either Mr. Scott at TScott@ksdot.org (785-543-2163/Phillipsburg), or Kristen Brands at kristenb@ksdot.org (785-877-3315/Norton).

Memorable day for resident

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One of seven inducted into the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame during all-day activities in Dodge City on Saturday, June 7, Norton's Eugene Wiltfong was the only inductee from Western Kansas and only the fourth from Norton County in the 31-year history of the first Teachers' Hall of Fame in the United States. In becoming one of 342 Kansas teachers and administrators who have been honored, he joined Doris Ballard, Norton, Class of 1977; Gerald Travis, Norton, Class of 1980 and Maxine Sebelius, Almena, Class of 1981. The day's events began with a get acquainted coffee in the morning at the Hall of Fame, followed by decoration of memory tables, a noon luncheon, pictures, induction ceremony in mid-afternoon and a final "Walk Down Memory Lane" at the Student Union. Eugene's popularity was apparent from the more than 50 relatives, friends, former teachers and students, including wife, Maxine, children Scott, Doug, Bev and their families, who attended ceremonies to honor him. It was by far the largest congregation attracted by any of the other six honorees. Each honoree was introduced during the ceremonies by a personal friend. Jane Kersenbrock gave the speech honoring Eugene. She used a unique format to compliment Eugene. In describing Eugene's characteristics, she inserted the following words at appropriate places: Eager, Understanding, Generous, Energetic, Nice, Equine, Willing, Intelligent, Loving,

Trust, Fond, Ought, Natural, Gregarious. Note that the first letter of each word, put together, spells Eugene Wiltfong! Growing up on the family farm north of Lenora, Eugene attended Aurora Dis-

trict 98 grade school. Sylvia Youngs was Eugene's first, second and fourth grade teacher. Sylvia later taught under Eugene at Eisenhower School in Norton. (Continued on Page 5)



Eugene Wiltfong reminisced with wife Maxine as they looked again at the photos and other pertinent information relating to his history as a teacher and administrator which were on display when he was inducted into the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame. The handsome plaque which he received is front and center. —Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Agenda includes tour Chief weighs in on scooter issue

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The Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the hospital dining room. The agenda includes a tour of the Phase 1 renovation project. Other items on the agenda are: June meeting minutes; Emergency Preparedness Planning (Mary Hicks); approval of bills; statistical/financial reports; listing of written-off accounts; medical staff applications; personnel report; board member reports; CEO report; and other business.

One of the hot-button issues confronting the city involves small motor-powered scooters. A letter to the editor by a Norton couple, Sherry and Richard Rushton, detailed the need for Mr. Rushton to make his way about town on such a device. They questioned why he couldn't use it for that need. Norton Chief of Police Pat Morel said his department is following guidelines

set down by the State of Kansas. "If it can't be insured, and it can't be tagged, it can't legally be driven outside of private property," he said. The scooters look like a slim skateboard with handlebars and sometimes a seat. They have been sold by stores such as Pamida and Wal-Mart. A group of people are upset that they aren't allowed to ride their scooters. These people are part of the older population, some with disabilities making it difficult to walk.

"If they had a Little Rascal, or even a Segway, they could ride it wherever they wanted to — sidewalks, into stores, over fields. Those are 'pedestrian transports,'" the police chief said. He said he sympathizes with the group, but state law is state law. "We can take state law, and make it more strict in city ordinances, but we can't make state law more lenient," he said. "We have not written a single ticket for the motorized scooters," he said.