

Nineteen drivers lined up for Speedway Bud Shootout

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Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton was host to their annual Bud Shootout Sunday evening, July 27. The event was sponsored by Budweiser/Western Distributing in Norton.

Nineteen IMCA Modifieds lined up for their main event with 'The Z Man' Mark Zorn of Russell taking the lead at the drop of the green. After a caution on lap 2, track officials sprinkled the track for dust.

After the restart, Rodger Peck took the lead from Zorn on lap 5. The only other caution came on lap 6 when Jordan Grabouski stalled in turn 1. Peck continued to lead until he got high in turn 2 on lap 19 and Zorn, who challenged Peck the entire race, took advantage and dove underneath to retake the lead and hold on for the win, his second of the season at Norton. Peck settled for second, followed by Marty Clark, Josh Hudson, and Chad Sterling. Heat race winners were Zorn, Tim Watts, and Gary Kline.

The IMCA Stock Car feature was just as exciting with the top 6 drivers in a close race. Nathan Glendening led early on, followed by Terry Cunningham, Dustin McClurg, Pat Bedore and Cory Struckhoff. The second and final caution came on lap 13 when McClurg spun, ending his run at the front. After the restart, third place Struckhoff got past both Glendening and runner-up Travis Sherfick to take the lead.

The Kensington driver held the pack at bay the final 6 laps for his second win. Sherfick finished second, followed by Tyler Hahn, Bryan Lariviere, and Glendening. Marty Barth, Lariviere, and Cunningham were the heat race winners.

The IMCA Hobby Stock feature was also exciting with several drivers challenging for the victory. Ricky Runnion led the first 4 laps before the lone caution flag waved on lap 5 for a 3-car tangle. On the restart, fourth place Rhett 'The Rocket' Kingsbury shot past the leaders to sit in the top spot. Kingsbury led through lap

11 before hometown driver Kelly Karnopp took command. Karnopp held off hot two winner Runnion for his 5th win of the year at Elmwood Park. Jerry Hudson finished third, followed by heat one winner Austin Davis, and Kingsbury.

Victoria's Jesse Dunlap led all 10 laps to win his 4th main event at Norton for 2008. Loyd Schoen was second and Michael Smith third. Drew Eagleburger rolled his car hard in turn one on lap 6, and fortunately was not injured. Dunlap also won the heat race.

Racing returns to Elmwood Park Speedway on Saturday evening, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. The regular four divisions will be joined by the Sport Mods.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Austin Davis, 2. Jerry Hudson, 3. Jeremy Wagner, 4. Mathew Crowell.

Heat 2: 1. Ricky Runnion, 2. Kelly Karnopp, 3. Kaid Calhoon, 4. Michael Thummel.

Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. Runnion, 3. Hudson, 4. Davis, 5. Rhett Kingsbury, 6. B.J. Dauer, 7. Frank

McClurg, 8. Wagner, 9. Norman Wiechman, 10. Laura Hinger, 11. Matt Christensen (DNF), 12. Calhoon (DNF), 13. Crowell (DNF), 14. Thummel (DNF).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Marty Barth, 2. Dustin McClurg, 3. Brett Behrends, 4. J.R. McCreery.

Heat 2: 1. Bryan Lariviere, 2. Travis Sherfick, 3. Bob Rutherford, 4. Michael Zajic.

Heat 3: 1. Terry Cunningham, 2. Pat Bedore, 3. Cory Struckhoff, 4. Nathan Glendening.

Feature: 1. Struckhoff, 2. Sherfick, 3. Tyler Hahn, 4. Lariviere, 5. Glendening, 6. Jason Davis, 7.

Adam Balthazor, 8. Cunningham, 9. Barth, 10. Bedore, 11. Rutherford, 12. McClurg, 13. Zajic, 14. Lippelmann, 15. McCreery, 16. Ozzy Kenney (DNF).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Mark Zorn, 2. Josh Hudson, 3. Brett Behrends, 4. Rodger Peck.

Heat 2: 1. Tim Watts, 2. Chad Sterling, 3. Barry Maupin, 4. Marty Clark.

Heat 3: 1. Gary Kline, 2. Jordan Grabouski, 3. Brian Calhoon, 4. Tyler Hahn.

Feature: 1. Zorn, 2. Peck, 3. Clark, 4. Hudson, 5. Sterling, 6. G. Kline, 7. Watts, 8. Calhoon,

9. Maupin, 10. Mitch Kline, 11. Corey Lagroon, 12. Behrends, 13. Rick Schwab, 14. Hahn, 15. Dylan Sherfick, 16. Doug Shearer, 17. Randy Wilson (DNF), 18. Grabouski (DNF), 19. Mark Hamel (DNF).

4-cylinder Young Guns

Heat: 1. Jesse Dunlap, 2. Alex Loveless, 3. Drew Eagleburger, 4. Loyd Schoen.

Feature: 1. Dunlap, 2. Schoen, 3. Michael Smith, 4. Tyrel Smith, 5. Loveless, 6. Drew Eagleburger (DNF), 7. Dusty Eagleburger (DNF).

Power outage darkens town

The lights went out, as did everything else electric, last Thursday in parts of Norton for approximately 30 minutes. They aren't entirely sure, but city workers think an

overloaded circuit caused the power outage. Most of downtown was out, along with areas west of Second street and east of Grant.

Hallmark now housing catalog store

GOODLAND — Jacque's Hallmark is now the home of a J.C. Penney catalog service center giving shoppers an alternative as the company-owned store at the other end of the block closes the end of August.

The expanded store will offer shop-at-home and online catalog

ordering from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday at 1124 Main Ave.

The owners, Jacque and Kendall Cooper, asked Sherman County Economic Development Council on Tuesday if they could get some of the support offered to Penneys to keep the retail store open here.

The retail store will close on Friday, Aug. 22. It will cost Coopers about \$13,500 to do necessary renovations.

"The center will provide the same customer services provided by the catalog desks in our department stores," said Rob Hubner, catalog merchant coordinator.

Commission: updates include vehicle

(Continued from Page 1) mission about her budget proposal. Mrs. Frack said she would like to increase her request for capital outlay since she will be looking at some updates including a car and copier. Mrs. Frack reported that her funding and budget continues to remain in the black and sees her grants/revenue remaining the same. She also gave a brief of the meetings she'll be attending and the topics that will be discussed.

• Norton County Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald delivered his weekly report, and also the monthly report for June. Mr. Archibald reported that he had a meeting with the Department of Corrections on Friday of last week. One of the concerns with the Department of Corrections is that the solid waste grounds will be a no-tobacco facility. The Department of Corrections has also determined that a pre-work interview will be conducted by them prior to inmates working there. They have also made the decision to limit the number of workers to two rather than the four they have now. The inmates will also be restricted to work only in fenced-in areas. There was also a discussion about using both county and state inmates together at the solid waste facility. Mr. Archibald was informed that he would have to visit with the Warden of Corrections,

and that if he gives his approval, then the commission would support that decision.

Mr. Archibald also informed the commission that he is investigating a couple of illegal dump sites. Each one will be investigated and followed up by law enforcement.

• Judy Carlyle, Norton County EMS billing clerk, talked with the commission about outstanding claims. Commissioner John Miller called for an executive session to discuss client information at 10:50 a.m. for 10 minutes.

• Norton County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan gave his weekly report. The commission told Mr. Brannan of calls received about road concerns and a road closing near Densmore. At this time, there has not been an official request for the road in question.

Mr. Brannan gave a report on road maintenance and road grading being done. Mr. Brannan said the maintenance is limited, however, they are trying to keep roads in fair condition for harvest.

He provided the commission with a list of 13 major projects that will need to be done due to the storms this summer, and he's scheduled to meet with FEMA soon.

Mr. Brannan presented the board with a bid sheet for the purchase of a new skid loader. After

viewing the bids, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the bid from Murphy Tractor for \$43,675.52 for a T-30 Bobcat. The motion passed. After further discussion, the commission agreed to make an additional upgrade for about \$1,500.

• Jane Wyatt, Norton County EMS director, talked with the commission on department operations. She also discussed the continuing education for Aden in the paramedic class through Barton County Community College. She also reported on the recent Quality Assurance meeting with Dr. Sliter.

• The commission discussed the request from Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence last week for funding. They decided to contribute \$500, the same as last year.

• The commission and clerk Robert Wyatt spent the remainder of the afternoon working on the proposed 2009 budgets.

Amount of budgets submitted totaled \$6,597,921. Upon review of all budgets and checking each department, the commission arrived at a figure of \$5,285,255. This will make the levy approximately the same as in 2008.

No more business was brought before the board, and the commission adjourned.

Election: key differences explained

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The key difference between the Republican closed primary and the Democratic semi-open primary, according to Mr. Wyatt's information, is that unaffiliated voters may vote in the Democratic primary without affiliating; whereas they must affiliate with the Republican Party before voting in that party's primary.

Mr. Wyatt's information says there are points that must be emphasized in training election board workers.

Among them:

1. Basic knowledge of what the semi-open primary means: unaf-

filiated voters may choose to vote in the Democratic primary without being required to complete a voter registration application or party affiliation card officially affiliating with the party. Unaffiliated voters may affiliate with the Republican Party and vote in the Republican primary.

Voters affiliated with the Libertarian and Reform parties are not allowed to vote in the primary at all. Democrats are not allowed to vote in the Republican primary, and Republicans are not allowed to vote in the Democratic primary.

2. Ask unaffiliated voters who come to the precinct polling place on primary election day if they wish to vote in the Democratic

primary. If they do, ask them if they wish to affiliate (this is still allowed, but no longer required), or if they wish to vote with affiliating. If they wish to vote Republican, they must affiliate.

So, the initial report appearing in Friday's Telegram by the same reporter as this is written by, was somewhat inaccurate, but was the information passed along at that time.

The term, "Semi-Open Primary" didn't appear anywhere in any of the primary election legals appearing in The Telegram. The "semi-open" designation simply allows unaffiliated voters avenues to pursue voter participation.

Questions can be directed to the county clerk's office.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING - CITY OF NORCATUR

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The governing body of City of Norcatur will meet on the 18th day of August, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Norcatur City Office for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of all valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the City of Norcatur and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2009 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2008 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2009 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2007		Current Year Estimate for 2008		Proposed Budget for 2009	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax
General	38,333	17.869	28,074	23.333	37,000	18,784
Road & Bridge	8,571	8.389	13,320	8.296	15,273	2,897
Special Bridge	2,696	5.043	3,750	4.748	6,000	3,900
Solid Waste	2,454	2.134	1,565	2.112	1,565	1,229
Employee Benefits						2,037
Library						
Special Highway			3,900		8,003	
Water			31,000		23,046	
Sewer			2,600		26,410	
Solid Waste			10,500		12,000	
Totals	111,449	33.455	95,710	38.489	131,900	26,870
Less: Transfers			0		0	
Net Expenditure	111,449		95,710		131,900	
Total Tax Levied	18,785		23,413		30,683	
Assessed Valuation	561,797		583,695		597,531	
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,						
G.O. Bonds	80,000		75,000		70,000	
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0	
Total	80,000		75,000		70,000	

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
Chris Nims, City Official Title

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING - NORTHWEST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM

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The governing body of Northwest Kansas Library System will meet on the 13th day of August, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Pioneer Memorial Library, Colby, Kansas for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Northwest Kansas Library System, Norton, Kansas and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2009 Expenditures and Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2009 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to slight change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2007		2008		Proposed Budget 2009	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax
General	312,370	0.886	352,497	0.995	360,495	323,793
Employee Benefits	18,269	0.056	20,127	0.058	20,127	19,000
Total	330,639	0.942	372,624	1.053	380,622	342,793
Total Tax Levied	300,966		335,097		342,793	
Assessed Valuation	319,597,521		318,191,432		345,521,494	

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
Leslie Bell, Systems Director

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING - NORTON COUNTY

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The governing body of Norton County will meet on the 11th day of August, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the Norton County Courthouse Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2009 Expenditures and the Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2009 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

FUND	2007		2008		Proposed Budget 2009	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax
General	1,265,167	6.740	1,495,814	10.672	1,545,328	616,799
Road & Bridge	1,202,132	15.014	1,017,974	11.982	965,049	471,775
Special Bridge	154,466	3.476	183,177	3.869	106,146	48,921
Solid Waste	225,557	0.564	200,000		204,415	
EMS-Ambulance	355,343	1.972	265,523	1.855	391,350	59,163
County Health	378,810	0.880	378,810	0.873	418,134	61,082
Noxious Weed	223,834	1.500	223,000	1.500	222,252	61,344
Election	70,140	1.287	67,525	1.505	38,350	30,043
Economic Development	139,497	1.000	120,505	1.266	120,505	113,092
Appraiser's Cost	106,355	2.198	111,185	2.395	142,795	133,052
4-H Maintenance	11,753	0.168	12,000	0.179	12,000	9,699
Fair	11,000	0.242	11,000	0.168	11,000	10,224
Soil Conservation	10,000	0.219	12,000	0.242	12,000	10,549
Airport	37,393	0.772	37,900	0.841	37,900	33,189
Mental Retardation	54,000	1.182	54,000	1.054	54,000	48,537
Mental Health	29,000	0.634	29,000	0.567	29,000	26,065
Community College	26,301		0		0	
Andhe Home Maintenance	17,500	0.400	18,446	0.400	19,286	16,358
Extension Council	70,500	1.582	75,600	1.645	75,600	65,539
Historical Society	4,400	0.100	4,665	0.100	4,847	4,000
Sr. Citizens Service	44,350	1.000	46,555	1.000	48,907	48,936
Hospital	89,200	2.000	92,425	2.000	94,471	81,792
Employee Benefits	979,633	19.765	1,175,600	21.100	1,175,600	863,988
Bridge Bond	287,507	6.384	289,052	6.171	180,500	107,177
Noxious Weed Deficiency			83		83	
911 Emergency	41,193		29,500		29,500	
Wireless E-911			24,650		24,653	
Special Alcohol Programs	9,700		15,578		15,578	
Special Parks & Recreation	700		7,607		7,607	
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay			28,565		28,565	
Special Vehicle	39,568					
Reg. of Deeds Technology	3,478		4,556		25,000	
Co. Health Cap Outlay	60,414		6,023,183		5,989,521	
Economic Development C.O.	0		2,912,122		2,912,374	
Ambulance Equipment	8,200		40,796,333		40,895,909	
Equipment Reserve	19,256					
Sp Machinery & Equip.	155,219					
Solid Waste Equipment	24,928					
Health Reimbursement	0					
Bridge Construction	0					
Bridge Construction 2004	96,653					
Totals	6,253,127	69.079	6,027,739	71.384	6,014,521	2,912,374
Less: Transfers	401,561		4,556		25,000	
Net Expenditure	5,851,566		6,023,183		5,989,521	
Total Tax Levied	2,770,036		2,912,122		2,912,374	
Assessed Valuation	40,100,236		40,796,333		40,895,909	
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,						
G.O. Bonds	1,315,000		1,070,000		815,000	
Lease Pur Prin	91,905		45,492		139,077	
Total	1,406,905		1,115,492		954,077	

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
Robert Wyatt, County Clerk