



A total of 26 cars and trucks were on display for the Sunflower Pioneer Power Association Inc. Car Show at Almena. Several of the owners participated by driving their vehicles in the parade.

- Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

Car show favorite of Almena event

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Special to the Telegram

The 29th annual Sunflower Pioneer Power Association Show, held each year on the grounds in Almena, was another one filled with a bit of history for the large crowd in attendance last weekend.

On Saturday, there were a total of 61 tractors and 24 vehicles registered by day's end.

The volunteers who ensure the show's success shelled corn, sawed ash, cottonwood and some walnut, crushed rock-stone twice on Saturday, and threshed until a sieve break shut them down for the day.

The tractor pulls went over well with a big crowd watching them dig for that extra foot. A total of 38 tractors pulled in different stock classes on Saturday.

The parade downtown was at 1

p.m. with many tractors, cars and motorcycles participating.

Children enjoyed the kid's pedal pull which was a little light this year. In the 4-5-6 year olds, Dillon DeWitt won first prize and Brynen Staufford came away with second. The 7-8 year olds had seven pullers participating with Nick Arment coming in first and Scott Sansom pulling for second. Two pullers in the 9-10 year olds were Hannah Donaldson placing first and Makensy Schroeder placing second.

Plaque winners on Saturday were:

Best of Show — John and Rhonda Kogl, Holdrege, Neb., 1955-960D Ford;
Best Original — SPPA, Almena, 1960 Cub 154 IHC

Best Self Restoration — D&B Tractors, Prairie View/Almena, 1961 460 Gas IHC

Plaque winners on Sunday

were:

Best of Show — Raymond Bohl, Phillipsburg, 1945 JDAR
Best Self Restoration — Bill Anderson, Superior, Neb., 1959 630 Case Caseomatic

Best Original — Ron Marble, Norton, 1937 Allis WF
Small Engine — Roy Halley, Kingsdown, 1945 Fairmont Engine

Sunday's show began with a light rain and continued raining until water puddles forced the cancellation of the open class tractor pull. Later in the morning the sun came out and the wind dried things off so activities could get under way. Shelling ear corn, crushing rocks and sawing wood at the saw mill got started.

At 1 p.m., the parade around the block started with many tractors and a few vehicles.

Larry Henderson and LeeAnn Shearer provided very good mu-

sic all weekend for everyone to enjoy.

Winning the prizes were:

First Prize — 1947 WC Allis Tractor, won by George Land, Norton

Second Prize — Handmade Linen Chest made out of hackberry wood by Joe Wray of Norton, won by Kendall Nichols of Harlan

Third Prize — \$100 Savings Bond, won by Butch Vandiver, Goodland

Fourth Prize — Wooden Pheasant made by Duane Wray of Norton, won by Chuck Wagner, Colby

The Sunflower Pioneer Power Association, Inc. would like to thank all the sponsors of plaques and donations and the volunteer workers for their dedication and hard work and looks forward to celebrating their 30th annual show next year.

Farmer's market to begin here on June 25

The Norton County Farmer's Market will begin on Thursday, June 25 from 7:00-9:00 a.m. and from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The location will be at the main

entrance to Elmwood Park, by the cottonwood trees on the south side of the entrance. The market will be held every Thursday until the first frost in the fall.

The farmer's market allows local produce growers an opportunity to offer their foods to the public. "The mission of the market is to encourage private vendors to

take the opportunity to produce and sell locally grown vegetable produce and baked goods," said Keith VanSkike, the county extension agent.

Norton County cowboys to national event

Two local high school students have been chosen to compete on the Kansas High School Rodeo team and will be traveling to Farmington, N.M. where they will compete at the 61st annual National High School Finals Rodeo.

Tyler Esslinger, a sophomore at Norton Community High School, and Colton Lowry, a sophomore at Northern Valley High School,

will compete in the team roping competition during July 19-25.

The rodeo features more than 1500 contestants from 41 states, five Canadian provinces and Australia.

Contestants will be competing for more than \$200,000 in prizes, more than \$325,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the National High School Rodeo National Champion.

To earn that title, contestants have to finish in the top twenty after two go-rounds of competition before advancing to the final championship.

Along with the rodeo competition, contestants have the opportunity to meet new friends from around the world, be able to represent their team in a volleyball tournament, enjoy nightly contestant dances, participate

in a talent contest, compete in a NRA rifle shooting competition, test their skills in a knowledge bowl competition and visit the historical attractions of the Land of Enchantment.

Visit the National High School Finals Rodeo's web site, www.nhsra.com, to follow contestants. For ticket information, call 505-324-5573.

Agency office gives election refresher course

Since Farm Service Agency County Committee elections happen only once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas, or LAAs. Each area selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee.

Each year, an election is held in a local administrative area to replace the committee member whose three-year term is expiring. In counties with three such areas, one seat is up for election. In combined counties in some years, two seats may be up for election.

Nominations

Candidate nominations for the Farm Service Agency county committee election will be accepted through Aug. 3.

Producers who are residents

in the local administrative area holding the election and who participate or cooperate in a Farm Service Agency program and are of legal voting age, may be nominated to serve on the county committee.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county Farm Service Agency office.

To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Aug. 3, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 3.

Voting

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6 and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Dec. 7, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 7.

Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any Farm Service Agency program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote.

No one can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

Candidate Eligibility

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility criteria:

ria:

√Participate or cooperate in a program administered by the Farm Service Agency

√Be eligible to vote in a county committee election

√Reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate

√Not have been:

1. Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee

2. Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony

3. Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

For additional clarification about county committee elections, contact your local Farm Service Agency county office

Nebraska man sentenced in Norton court

A McCook, Nebraska man was sentenced in Norton last week to almost six years in prison for indecent liberties with two young girls.

Gary Hartwell pleaded guilty to

two counts of the four counts as part of a plea deal with prosecutors.

District Judge William Elliot sentenced Mr. Hartwell to five years and eight months in prison.

Norton attorney Mark Whitney represented Mr. Hartwell and Assistant County Attorney Karen Griffiths was prosecutor. Mr. Hartwell had a trial by judge.

Area public television station gets new boss

Smoky Hills Public Television welcomes Lynn Meredith of Pittsburg as the station's new general manager and chief executive officer.

The announcement was made by Jack O'Leary, Russell, chairman of Smoky Hills' Board of Directors.

"Smoky Hills is delighted to

have Lynn Meredith as our new general manager and CEO," O'Leary said in making the announcement.

"The board was unanimous in its choice, and is very confident in Lynn's ability to succeed."

"The reasons for this unanimity were several-fold," O'Leary said. "Lynn's commitment to Smoky

Hills' mission and values, which have been developed over the last 25 years, and his understanding of the fast-changing environment of communications, and a vision for the role Smoky Hills should play in that environment."

"Lynn also has an ability to develop people, as well as experience in development," O'Leary

said, "and as a Kansas native, a clear understanding of the people and area that Smoky Hills Public Television serves."

"I'm very excited to be joining Smoky Hills Public Television," Meredith noted, "I'm impressed with the commitment to the station from the board and staff."

Public Record

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

May 14 — Brandon Jordan, Norton, duty to report, stop sign violation and no driver's license. Fine \$510, court cost \$75. 10 days jail time will be suspended if fines paid in full within 6 months.

May 14 — Lois Unger, Colby, speeding 30 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

May 14 — Samuel Batson, Norton, driving while under suspension, amended to no driver's license on person by city prosecutor. To serve community service.

May 14 — Courtney Kaus, Norton, driving without a driver's license. To serve community service. Must pick up all trash on both sides of railroad from State Street to Archer and to keep picked up until May 1, 2010.

May 14 — Paul Gaskin, Norton, failure to have verification of insurance. Dismissed as verification provided at hearing.

May 14 — Travis Somers, Norton, unlawful riding. Dismissed.

May 14 — Adam Donald, Wichita, loud stereo, illegal tag and no verification of insurance. Fine \$110, court cost \$75.

May 14 — Theresa Estes, Norton, failure to have a driver's license and failure to use child safety restraints. Fine \$310, court cost \$75. 10 days jail suspended if fines paid within 6 months.

May 14 — Keith Mannie, Norcat, driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, failure to use seat belt and driving left of the center line. 90 days jail suspended to 5 days if total fines and court cost paid by Dec. 31, 2009. Fines \$1,090, ADSAP fee \$150, KBI Lab fee \$400, court cost \$75.

May 14 — Thomas Vilar, Oberlin, defective muffler, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Chadwick Gasper, Norton, failure to use child safety restraints and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$490, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Shylo Paxton, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, under age 18, fine \$60.

May 28 — Dana Paxton, Norton, failure to wear seat belt and failure to use child safety restraints, fine \$90, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Nicole Meigs, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$30.

May 28 — Michael Smith, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$30.

May 28 — Stephen Kahle, Kearney, Neb., illegal tag and speeding 32 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$142, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Thomas Newbern, Garden City, speeding 46 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Violet Kinderknecht, Almena, speeding 37 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$142, court cost

\$75.

May 28 — Jessica Largent, Almena, failure to obey stop sign, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Chain McMillin, failure to use child safety restraints and failure to use seat belt, fine \$90, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Eric Bell, Norton, speeding 29 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Robert Ellis, Norton, basic speed and driving in violation of restrictions, amended to no driver's license on self. To serve community service in lieu of fines, stacking 1 pallet of bricks. Court cost \$75.

May 28 — Brian Ulmer, Norton, failure to yield, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Tyler Burns, speeding 48 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Rhonda Frack, Norcat, speeding 30 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Justin Birk, Broomfield, Colo., speeding 31 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$106, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Laurel Massine, Norton, driving with an expired tag, fine dismissed as purchased next day, court cost \$75.

May 28 — Todd Lueck, Milwaukee, Wis., speeding 28 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$30.

May 28 — Scott Taylor, Lake Orion, Mich., failure to have verification of insurance on self. Dismissed as provided at hearing.

May 28 — Ronda Obermiller, Norton, speeding 50 in a 40 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Criminal

May 14 — Brett Pulec, Norton, in violation of curfew. To serve community service stacking bricks for the city of Norton.

May 14 — Larissa Henry, Norton, in violation of curfew. To serve community service stacking bricks for the city of Norton.

May 14 — Carey Crawford, Norcat, loud stereo system. Fines suspended by city prosecutor. To pay court cost \$75

May 14 — Brennan Anderson, WaKeeney, loud stereo system. Fine \$10, court cost \$75.

May 14 — Aaron Pulec, Norton, minor in possession of tobacco. To serve community service. Neatly stack 2 pallets of bricks for the city, 1,000 brick.

May 14 — Caleb Turman, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol. To serve community service. Ordered to paint all green street light poles, up to the brackets, on State Street by June 30. Fine \$200, ADSAP \$150, court cost \$75.

May 14 — Abby Bainter, Norton, driving in violation of restrictions. Amended to no driver's license on person. To serve community service by neatly stacking one pallet of 500 bricks for the city of Norton.

May 14 — Kylee Kindall, Norton, in violation of curfew, to serve community service by stacking bricks neatly for the city.

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