

# Waiting in the wings to console us was 'Kitty-Kitty'

The "grim reaper" made a pass over the Plotts' house this weekend. Saturday morning our tomcat, "Sammy", had been his usual playful self.

Jim had fed him; Sammy had taken his usual nap on Jim's lap; and he had tormented his half-sister, "Sissy", with his normal swats, slaps and chases.

But, then, something went horribly wrong. He became sick; he yowled a mournful, pain-filled yowl; and his back legs just drug behind him.

"Jim!" I yelled. "Something's wrong with Sammy!"  
"Call the vet!" Jim said. "And, get the cat-carrier."

Within five minutes Jim, son James, and Sammy were in the van and on the way to town. Half an hour later, the call came. Sammy had had a stroke. Blood clots had broken loose and cut off circulation to his hind quarters and probably hit his lungs, too. Nothing to do for the old boy but end his suffering. Jim was pretty torn up, but knew it had to be done. It was a sad guy who came home with his buddy wrapped in a towel. Our little pet cemetery had to expand. Sammy has joined the ranks of Snuggles, Max and Petey.

I didn't know how Jim would take it, but when I hung up the phone I immediately dialed my friend, Charla, who owns the female cat that is the mother of Sissy and Sammy.

I told her the situation and asked if her mamma cat might be having another litter of kittens anytime soon.

"As a matter of fact," she said. "I have one of her kittens in the house right now. She looks like a Siamese and is already house-

**Out Back Carolyn Plotts**



however, she and "Sissy" were playing like old friends.

I woke with "Kitty" sleeping on my pillow and purring in my ear. I think she's going to fit right in.

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Death wasn't done with us yet. I went out to feed the chickens this morning and found one of our pullets hanging; her head caught in the fence. Then, on the way to town I hit a rooster pheasant and sent him to that big game preserve in the sky. Anything with feathers or four feet better give me wide clearance.

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Am I bad. The only brother whose birthday I can remember is Jim Kelley's. He was born on the Fourth of July. All day, Saturday I told myself to stop and call him. But, I was cooking for a big barbecue and was constantly stirring, frosting, filling or mashing. Before I knew it, the day was gone and we were watching fireworks at the lake when I remembered I had forgotten.

So, in an effort to gain forgiveness I'll try to make up for it here:

Happy Birthday, Jim!

## Council

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Mr. Bainter said the court is not unusable now, and he said he has seen people on the court recently.

He said people playing tennis have to battle the cracks in the court.

Work on repairing the court is scheduled to start later this summer.

"We have a lot on our plate this summer," Mr. Bainter said.

In other city business:

- A motion was made to waive the formal second reading of ordinance 1584, amending section 15-204 of the city code relating to utility service water tap fees. The fees were last adjusted in 1992. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Mayor David Corns reported sales taxes in May 2009 totaled \$19,643.07. County sales tax receipts totaled \$14,856.40. Taxes to date totaled \$211,915.27.

- Mayor Corns said he signed a proclamation declaring July 25 "Kansas All-Star Football Shrine Day." Zac Dreher will represent the community at the shrine bowl.

- Norton City Administrator

Rob Lawson said he has prepared a work list for summer projects. He said the crews have put up the fair rides so they will be ready for inspection before the fair. He said the crews have done a good job.

Mr. Lawson also said the block has been laid on the restroom project and the roof and plumbing will begin in a week.

He also said crews have been spraying for mosquitos.

Mr. Lawson also reported that Chris Frack is now certified as a class II water operator, Jeff Urban, wastewater plant operator, will be testing for his certification in September. Kim Gallentine has been hired as the new account clerk and began employment on June 15 and Michael Coffey has been hired as the new power plant trainee and started on June 22.

- Councilman Jeff Otter said a jail detention fee was discussed at the last Public Safety Committee. The committee discussed charging inmates for their jail time. This issue is still being discussed.

- Councilwoman Kim Snyder said the Public Works Committee discussed an informational sign. The Methodist Church is

constructing the sign, which will be used to advertise events and other community announcements. A motion was made to allow city crews to dig and pour the base for the installation. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve chip and seal repairs for the Bieber Cottages alley. The Andbe Home will pay the cost of materials, estimated at \$3,920, and the city will provide the labor. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve Charles Hadley's sidewalk replacement request. Mr. Hadley will pay for materials and the city will provide the labor. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the temporary beer license for the Norton Legion to have a beer garden during the Norton County Fair. Vote taken, motion carried.

Mayor Corns presided over the meeting. Council members present included Jeff Otter, Donna Foley, Toby Kuhn, Kim Snyder, Roberta Ryan and Joe Leroux. The next city council meeting will be held July 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the city building.

## Project

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"Anyone is welcome to help," she said.

Ms. Becker will also look into getting help from Norton Correctional Facility, but nothing has been decided.

The insurance company of the person who rammmed into the building and the city's insurance will cover fixing the damage caused by the accident, Ms. Becker said.

Ms. Becker said the next step is to find someone to bid on the project.

She said she is having trouble finding a contractor who is able to demolish and lay brick.

The first step, according to Ms. Becker, is to fix the damage from the accident.

"We just need someone to fix the north and east walls. Hopefully we will be able to find someone to do it," she said.

She said some work can be done by volunteers while she looks for a contractor.

The volunteer work would include tearing up the cement floor in the station's bay area. She said there are pit areas used for mechanical work when the station was still operational.

Ms. Becker said the pits will have to be filled in, cement re-poured and a new floor put in.

Construction is expected to begin sometime after the car show, she said.

Ms. Becker began work on the station in March 2008. She said a lot of work has gone into the project.

The south building, a café, was demolished in April 2008. She said it was structurally unsound and was not made with the same

materials as the station.

"Constructing a new building would not be as cost effective because there are not grants available for new construction," Ms. Becker said.

"This is really the best option for us. We don't want to tear down another building when we already lack space in the community for businesses," she said.

## • PUBLIC NOTICE • IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WESLEY E. FRIDAY, DECEASED

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In the Matter of the Estate of WESLEY E. FRIDAY, Deceased Case No. 2009-PR-18

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 26, 2009, a Petition was filed in this Court by Chad E. Snyder, devisee, legatee and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Wesley E. Friday, deceased, dated November 3, 2003, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record that Chad E. Snyder, Executor named in the Last Will and Testament, be appointed as Executor, without bond, and that he be granted letters Testamentary.

You are hereby required to file your

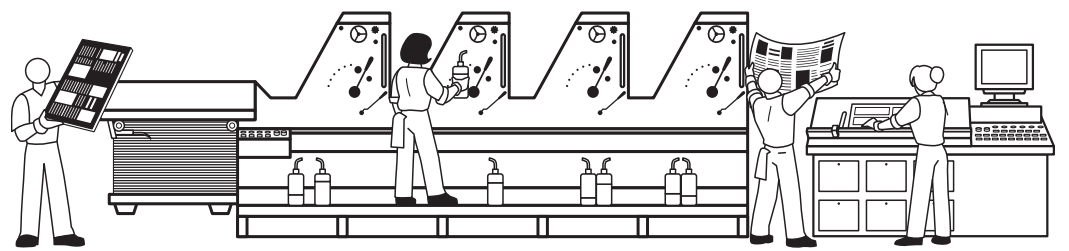
written defenses thereto on or before July 30, 2009, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in said Court in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

CHAD E. SNYDER,  
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