

# Topeka Constitution is now available on Kansas Memory

The Kansas Historical Society announced that an original copy of the 1855 Topeka Constitution recently discovered by the National Archives is now available on Kansas Memory. The Topeka Constitution is most notable as the first of three free-state constitutions to prohibit slavery in the territory. At the time it was drafted, the original was to have been filed in the office of the executive committee of Kansas Territory, but it was never in the holdings of the State Archives. The location of the original is unknown, and it was only recently discovered that an 1855 handwritten copy was found in the records of the United States Congress. The National Archives placed the first page online and the Friends of the Free State Capitol from Constitution Hall Topeka discovered its existence and notified the Historical Society. The Friends of the Free State Capitol made a presentation about the document's discovery at the Kansas Historical

Foundation Annual Meeting in November 2013. The National Archives provided images of the 26-page document to the Historical Society, which are available at [kansasmemory.org/item/221061](http://kansasmemory.org/item/221061).

The State Archives holds original documents for the other three constitutions written for Kansas: proslavery Lecompton (1857) and free-state Leavenworth (1858) and Wyandotte (1859), which became the state constitution. Kansas Memory is the Historical Society's online digital archives.

The Friends of the Free State Capitol preserve the history of Constitution Hall Topeka where the original document was signed.

The Kansas Historical Society is a state agency that operates the Kansas Museum of History, State Archives, Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center, and 16 state historic sites. For more information, visit [ksks.org](http://ksks.org).

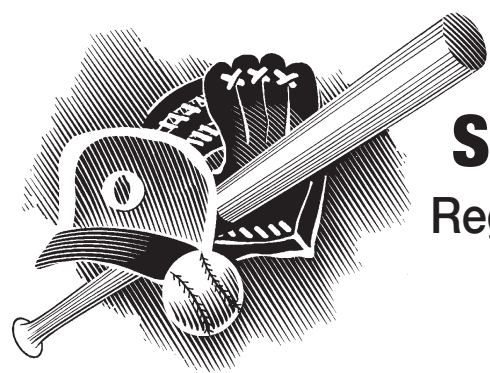
# Ragtime pianist to perform

Richard Egan, Ragtime pianist, will perform at The Gateway in Oberlin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, and will bring forth the beauty of the classic and folk ragtime form, performing the music of Scott Joplin, Oberlin's Brun Campbell and other Midwestern composers, past and present.

He began his ragtime career playing piano aboard the Goldenrod Showboat on the St. Louis levee in the mid-1980's. He helped open the Scott Joplin House in 1991, instituted the monthly Ragtime Rendezvous in 1997, and organized the erecting of a monument on the grave of ragtime patriarch Tom Turpin in 1999.

He is a member of two bands and travels around Missouri and Illinois playing for groups in these bands and has also three solo compact discs. He will also play at the Last Indian Raid Museum on Friday evening, playing saloon-style ragtime. The Saturday night event will be a more refined form of the genre.

The Saturday evening program is sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission and is a season ticket event or \$12 for adults, and \$5 for students grades 1-12 at the door. For information, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.



Let's Play Ball!!

## Softball and Baseball Registration

Registration Form and Registration Fee is \$10.00 to the Norton Recreation Commission by 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014

T-Ball, Age 4 Entry Form: \$10.00 Late Fee: \$20.00

T-Ball, Ages 5 through Kindergarten, (Must be 5 years old by 5-1-14)

Girls Softball, Division I - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade

Girls Softball, Division II - 4th, 5th, 6th Grade

Boys Baseball, Division I - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade

Boys Baseball, Division II - 4th, 5th, 6th Grade

For K-18 Baseball - Contact Rick Green

Any ASA Girls' Softball or Boys' Baseball Traveling Team(s) need to get their own sponsor, coach and schedule, NRC only provides sponsors, coaches, schedules and umpires for the Norton Recreational Teams.  
Norton Recreation Commission, PO Box 96, Norton, KS 67654, Telephone 785-877-3087

### COACHES MEETINGS:

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

•T-Ball, 9 a.m. •Boys Division I, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

•Boys Division II, 12:00 noon

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

•Girls Div. I, 1:00 p.m. •Girls Div. II, 2:15 p.m.

## Youth Track and Field Fun Day

Saturday, May 10, 2014 9:00 a.m. Field Events • 10:45 a.m. Running Events  
NO RAIN DATES - CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Participants may enter no more than 3 events. There will be separate divisions for boys and girls. Participants must be in kindergarten through sixth grade. See Norton Recreation Commission Facebook page for more information.

### AGE DIVISIONS AND EVENTS - (NO JUNIOR HIGH)

**5 AND 6 YEAR OLDS:** Long Jump, Softball Throw, Base Running-(4 Bases, 60 Ft. Apart), 75 Meter Dash, 50 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, \*400 Meter Relay, 200 Meter Dash

**7 AND 8 YEAR OLDS:** Long Jump, Softball Throw, Shot Put (6 Lbs.), 75 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash, 50 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, 800 Meter Run, \*400 Meter Relay, 200 Meter Dash

**9 AND 10 YEAR OLDS:** Long Jump, Softball Throw, Shot Put (6 Lbs.), 1600 Meter Run, 75 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash, 50 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, 800 Meter Run, \*400 Meter Relay, 200 Meter Dash

**11 THROUGH 13 YEAR OLDS:** Long Jump, Softball Throw, Shot Put (6 Lbs.), 1600 Meter Run, 75 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash, 50 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, 800 Meter Run, \*400 Meter Relay, 200 Meter Dash

\*4 X 100 METER RELAY: List Team Members AND Turn Entry Forms in Together:

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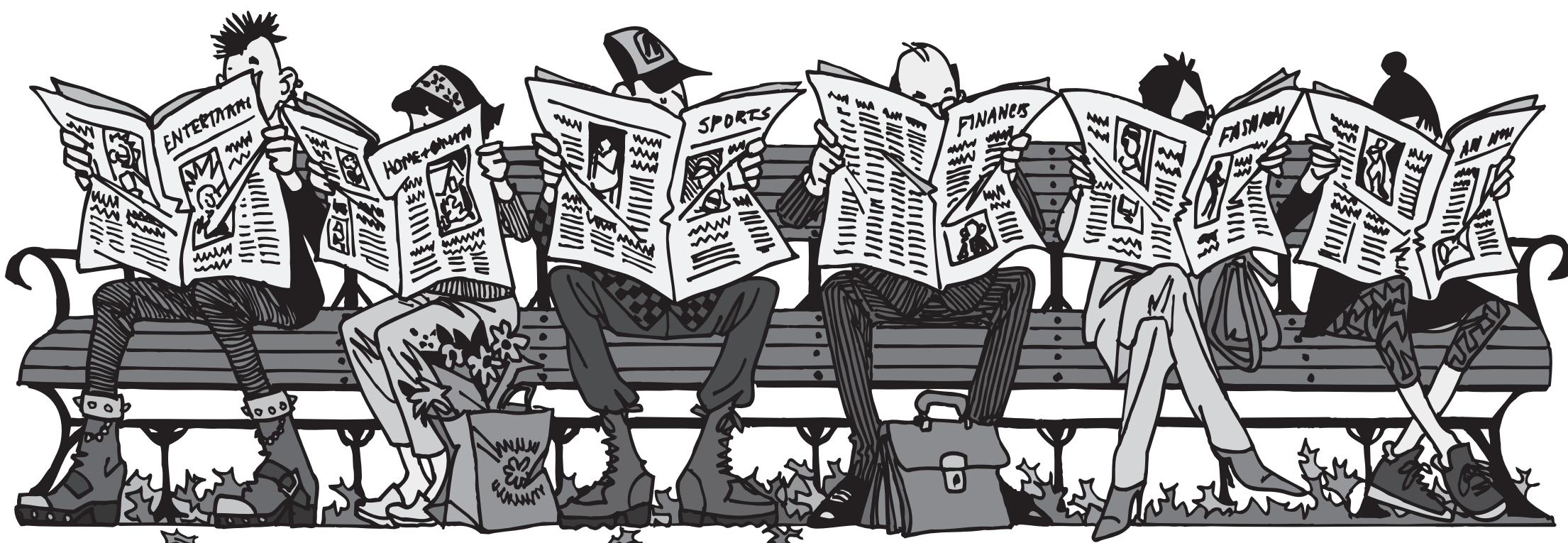
For more information, call 877-3087. Entry fees due by Tuesday, April 1 to the Norton Recreation Center, or mail to: Norton Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 96, Norton, KS 67654.

ENTRY FEE: Norton County Participant: \$2.00; Other Participant: \$7.00

LATE FEE: Norton County Participant: \$7.00; Other Participant: \$12.00

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