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with school activities, civic projects, festivals

Every year, Nov. 11 finds State Street in downtown Norton lined with hundreds of people who have flocked to town for the annual Veterans Day Parade. Initiated by Jake Durham, the parade has dozens of volunteers and hundreds of participants all assembled to recognize the men and women of the armed forces who fought for freedom.

Norton residents love parades and kids. The two come together each Halloween for a parade down State Street. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the parade, followed by a wiener roast sponsored by the Norton City Fire Department.

Santa Claus has a home on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse. Every holiday season Saint Nick arrives the Saturday after Thanksgiving. One of the highlights of the Christmas season is the sleigh rides made available during the holidays. Santa, his house and the rides are sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

During the rest of the year, entertainment can be found all over the place.

Rainbow Lanes on West U.S. 36 offers bowling for leagues and individuals. Call them at (785) 877-3632.

The tennis courts and Norton City Swimming Pool are located side by side at 804 W. Wilton. The phone number is (785) 877-5080.

Elmwood Park has a new playground area for children. Part of the equipment was purchased by the local Lions Club.

A disc golf course in Elmwood Park will find players sharpening their skills every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

There is also a skate board park on the northeast side of Elmwood Park.

If you enjoy golf, Prairie Dog Recreation

Association Golf Course offers nine holes with grass greens. This is considered to be one of the finest golf courses in northwest Kansas. Call 877-3643 for green fees and times.

Baseball diamonds are in Elmwood Park with summer leagues for all ages organized by the Norton Recreation Commission. Call them at 877-3087.

Norton Recreation Center, at 3 Washington Square, offers racquetball courts, basketball, a walking track, and aerobics. Call 877-3087 for more information.

Weightlifting is available to the public through the schools. The weightlifting room is at the East Campus, 877-3338.

The Norton Theatre, operated by volunteers, features twin screens and a snack bar. Show times are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m.; closed Thursday. Call 877-2075 for information, or check page 2 of each issue of The Norton Telegram for movie information.

Fit-to-Go Fitness Center is the newest addition to the list of things to do in Norton. A circuit of exercise equipment is geared to provide you with an adequate workout in 30 minutes. Call owner Gloria Zwickle at 877-3666.

Even the most avid reader will be able to find enough material at Norton's Public Library to keep him or her busy for a long time. If you have any questions call them at 877-2481. If the Library doesn't have the book you want, let the Northwest Kansas Library System know at 877-5148 or toll free at (800) 432-2858. They can get most books to Norton in a few days.

and prairie chickens exist, but in lower numbers. Hunting pressure is heavy on the opening weekend of November, therefore planning hunts after November or during the week may be more productive. Both whitetail and mule deer are present in the wildlife area, and hunting pressure is heaviest during the firearms deer season. Turkey hunting and dove hunting are generally minimal. Ducks and geese use the lake during their migrations. Duck hunting is allowed on the lake while goose hunting takes place only on private land. To provide a secure resting area for migrating waterfowl, the middle fourth of the reservoir is designated as a waterfowl refuge, and closed to waterfowl hunting from October 1 to March 1.

Boating facilities include a two-lane boat ramp on the east end of the park and a large parking area.

The Prairie Dog State Park office winter hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Friday. In mid-April, the hours change to 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. In mid-May office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Labor Day.

Lake provides many fishing, hunting, fun opportunities

By Kristen Brands
The Norton Telegram

Four miles west and one mile south of Norton lies the Norton Dam, impounding the Keith Sebelius Reservoir and about 2,500 surface-acres of water.

Adjacent to the reservoir is the 5,500-acre Norton Wildlife Area.

The reservoir, the wildlife area, and the park all offer fishing, camping, hunting, boating and wildlife-watching opportunities year-round.

Primary sportfish in the reservoir are wipers, saugeye, largemouth bass, crappie and channel catfish. Spotted bass, walleye, flathead catfish, blue catfish, and bluegill are also present. Special creel and length limits may be in effect for some species. Always check Kansas fishing regulations and all posted notices before fishing.

The Prairie Dog State Park offers modern and primitive camping sites year-round. There are modern hook-up sites for campers, plus one log cabin, as well as seven designated primitive areas. Walk-in camping is allowed on the entire area. Pack your trash to take home.

Pheasant hunting opportunities are usually good in the wildlife area. Quail



These clowns entertained the crowd during the 2007 Jubilee Parade. Dozens and dozens of entries make the Lenora event one that draws people from all over the region.

Lenora Jubilee to kick off with new stage this year

The Lenora Jubilee Association is making its annual event, the Lenora Jubilee, the best it can be.

To further that goal, the association is building a new stage. In the past, flatbed trailers have served as a stage.

Improving the Jubilee is an ongoing project. Future plans include new bathrooms and side walls on the stage.

A total of \$30,355 has been raised for the project. Of that, \$20,000 came from a grant the Hansen Foundation gave to the City of Lenora. Other money has been raised with pizza sales and a golf tournament in Hill City. Another golf tournament in Norton is in the planning stages.

Organizers are planning to have a big screen and rear projector to improve the concert-like atmosphere. The Ross and Mariana Beech Foundation in Hays donated \$3,700 toward that project.

A good screen and projector will cost around \$6,000. They will have some kind of screen for this year's Jubilee, even if they can't come up with all the money for the one they want. They are working

towards a large, portable screen that can be used at other venues in the area.

Because of the new stage, they will be having backstage interviews with the bands before the concert. This will be the first year they have been able to do this.

The Jubilee's headliner this year is Jake Owen, who sings "Yee Haw", "Starting With Me" and "Something 'Bout A Woman". Opening for Mr. Owens is Whiskey Falls, a new act from Nashville. Both will perform Friday, June 13 to kick-off the Jubilee.

Saturday, June 14's events include the city-wide garage sales, displays at the Lenora Senior Center, a parade, kids' events and a carnival. Wahly and The Bassbones will perform Saturday night. A gymkhana will be held on Sunday, June 15.

Because this is a leap year, the Jubilee is being held a week early, rather than on the usual third weekend.

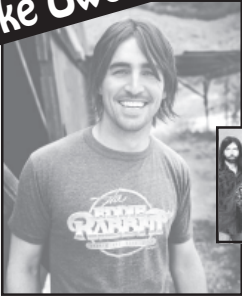
Organizers say this is an event for all of western Kansas.

For information on the Lenora Jubilee visit the website www.lenorajubilee.com.


The Lenora Jubilee Presents

Fun For The Whole Family!

Jake Owen



Friday
June 13th



*With Opening Act
Whiskey Falls*

Join Us At
The Lenora Jubilee
**June 13th, 14th,
& 15th**

Check out our full line of events and information at lenorajubilee.com