



Jacob VanSlike got an up close and personal look at the moose hanging in the lobby of the Andbe Home. The trophy is on loan to the home for two weeks until the new owner picks it up. Meanwhile a contest is being held to give him a name. Place your suggestions in the "thank you" box at the home. A winner will be chosen next week and receive a prize. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

City, county finalizing board to take over airport operations

By VERONICA MONIER

Now that there's a new airport board agreement, the city and county are working together to get things done.

Norton County Commissioner John Miller said at Monday's special meeting of the board that the new agreement had been signed by the attorney general and asked if the city knew who was going to serve as its representatives.

Mr. Miller said that he and Commissioner Chairman Leroy Lang would be serving as county representatives and would continue to serve if re-elected. He said they have talked about the at-large position, but haven't chosen anyone yet.

He said the county will reimburse the city for half of the insurance premium, it has just paid, and will pay 50 percent of the cost of the airport operation.

Norton Mayor David Corns said

he thought the city should have two of the three council members from its Finance Committee serve on the board.

City Councilman Ron Briery said he couldn't be on the board, because he works for the state and does inspections at the airport.

City Councilmen Jerry Hawks and Jim Williams were appointed to represent the city. The city's at-large position has not been filled yet.

City Councilman Jerry Jones said although he knew nothing could be done about it now that the agreement was official, he thought there should be more individuals on the new board who are involved, personally, with the airport.

City Councilman George Jones agreed, saying there needed to be a pilot on the board. City Councilwoman Elaine Mann suggested that a pilot could be one of the at-

large members.

Mayor Corns asked Craig Renner, a member of the previous airport board, if he would be interested in serving on the new one.

"On the city side of this, I think we need to ask the members of the old airport board before going to the general public because of the experience they have," he said.

Mr. Renner declined.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said an organizational meeting needs to be held after the at-large appointments are made. At the meeting, which was set for 5:30 p.m. Monday in the city building, the new board will go over any and all records, bills, documents and files and will appoint a treasurer.

She said a letter will be sent to the old board telling them when everything needs to be turned over.

Both the city and the county will appoint at-large members at their next July meeting.

Visiting moose needs a name

Name that moose.

The residents at the Andbe Home have a new face in the hallway of the south entry doors. It's kind of long and hairy; has big brown eyes; and antlers about five feet across.

Richard Rude of Oberlin went on a hunting trip to Alaska where he shot this very large moose, whose head he had stuffed and

mounted

Recently Mr. Rude had an auction of his belongings conducted by Duane McEwen of McEwen Auction Co. The sale bill showing the moose head was listed on the Internet where it caught the interest of Richard Wallace of Illinois. He called in his bid during the sale and purchased the head for \$1,300. Mr. Wallace will pick it up in

two weeks, but in the mean time, it hangs in the lobby of the Andbe Home and staff thinks it needs a name.

Suggestions may be left in the "thank you" box at the home. Volunteers who help with activities next Monday and Tuesday will vote on the best name.

A prize will be awarded to the winner.

Fair provides fun for everyone

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4 p.m. — Enter Open Class and 4-H Woodwork Exhibits
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. — Enter Open Class Photography Exhibits

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m.-noon — Animal Weigh-In at Norton Livestock (Market lambs only weigh-in at Fair Livestock Barn, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.)

By noon — Swine entered at Livestock building

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Superintendents will receive all 4-H Exhibits at 4-H building, and all 4-H and Open Class Livestock Entries at Livestock Barns and Poultry building.

5:30 p.m. — Auction of 4-H Food Exhibits, 4-H building

6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. — Home-Owned Carnival on fairgrounds
8 p.m. — Gospel Concert, "The Advocates", sponsored by Norton Ministerial Alliance

9 p.m. — 4-H Building closed

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.-10 a.m. — Enter Horticulture

9 a.m.-noon — Enter Flower Exhibits

10 a.m.-noon — Enter and Judging 4-H Heritage Fiber Arts

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. — Petting Zoo and Ag-Citing Experience, 4-H Ambassadors and FFA

5:30 p.m. — 4-H Porkburger Special. Watermelon Feed sponsored by Jamboree Foods

6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — Home-Owned Carnival of fairground

7 p.m. — Jackpot Team Roping, equine facility
9 p.m. — 4-H Building closed

THURSDAY

9 a.m. — 4-H Building open

9 a.m. — Shooting Exhibition

1 a.m.-11:30 a.m. — Challenge of Agricultural Champions

2:45 p.m. — Round Robin Showmanship Clinic, Livestock barn

3:30 p.m. — Picture taking in 4-H building

4 p.m. — 4-H and FFA Round Robin Showmanship, Livestock barn

6 p.m. — Market Animal Sale, Livestock barn

6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — Home-Owned Carnival on fairground

8 p.m. — Ranch Rodeo, sponsored by Norton County Horse Council

8 p.m. — Check-out at Poultry building, Livestock barn and equine facility (after livestock sale)

9 p.m. — 4-H building closed

FRIDAY

8 a.m.-10 a.m. — Clean-Up at livestock buildings

9 a.m.-10 a.m. — Check out all entries - 4-H building

10 a.m. — Clean-up at 4-H building

5:30 p.m. — Pedal Power Pull Check-in

6 p.m. — Pedal Power Contest for kids 4 to 11 years. Sponsored by Phillips County Implement

6:30 p.m. — Registration for Mutton Bustin'/Kids Ranch Rodeo

6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — Home-Owned Carnival on fairground.

Kiddie Arm Band Night (one ticket rides only - no games)

7 p.m. — McClain's Mutton Bustin' at Equine Facility

8:30 p.m. — McClain's Kids Ranch Rodeo at Equine Facility

SATURDAY

6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — Home-Owned Carnival on fairground, Arm Band Night (all one and two ticket rides - no games)

7 p.m. — Car Races

Almena adopts 2005 city budget

The Almena city council met last week to discuss and adopt the 2005 budget.

Donelle Stewart was selected to serve as a board member for the Almena City Library.

Fleta Hanlon reported to the board she was short \$950 for the PRIDE project at the roadside

park. She said the Chamber would put up \$450 and Shad Chandler would add another \$50. The council agreed to pay the \$450 needed.

The council would like the public to know about the siren codes in Almena. Sirens blown two times is a call for rural firefighters. Sirens blown three times is a call

for city firefighters. A tornado siren is a continuous up and down blast. Sirens blown four times is an all clear. One long siren blown for one minute indicates water shut off.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, Aug. 2.

Campaign reports due on Monday

Candidates running for state and county office must file their pre-primary election campaign reports by Monday.

These reports are a matter of public record and are available for review in each candidate's home county with the county election officer.

This is the only report disclosing the financial transactions of candidates prior to the Tuesday,

Aug. 3, primary election. These reports contain the names and amounts of most contributors and how campaign funds were spent.

The office of the county election officer will have both state and local candidate receipts and expenditures reports available for review during regular business hours.

Norton County Clerk Robert Wyatt is the election officer. His

office on the second floor of the courthouse is open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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Valley Views — "Fresh Air! Times Square!"



I'll bet you are thinking "Whoa Nellie" he's fallen off his rocker on this one! In doing research and making fact finding missions (many trips to investigate other new hog production facilities), it was actually the environmental technology and the state of the art processing of the manure that was really exciting!

The bi-weekly flushing and continuous feeding of those 'good bacteria' in the digesting lagoons has been revolutionary in making our facilities far superior to previous construction. As we previously discussed, our operations organically fertilize the crops under a dozen pivots a year with the push of a button.

The working environment and air quality inside of our hog facilities is some of the best in the world. And we have also learned a lot over the last four years which has even enhanced the air quality. Besides the weather station controllers to control drift from pivots, we have been planting trees around our facilities. We have also changed the application methods which allow the fertilizing process to average only three to four days per pivot.

What about that Fresh Air? I have been very pleasantly surprised by the last four years of Environmental Results. Out of the dozens of tours of our operations since 2000, everyone has been surprised at the lack of odor even when driving around the lagoons. Our family residence, farm shop and office are located just 1/2 mile North of our largest site. That's right, we are considered down wind and half the legal separation distance! It is rare if any of us detects an odor from the sow operation even once a month and then it may be for only an hour or two. After our last hearing at Almena, a city mayor came up to me afterwards and wanted to let me know that his family had never detected the hog operations odor at their home in Almena. Just three weeks ago, a city council member and spouse shared with me that they also have never smelled the operations. It is a pretty good bet that the only thing you will smell on Friday night in Almena is the fantastic aroma of prime rib from "The Station"!

"New York is where I'd rather be," sang Eva Gabor. I would rather side with Eddie Arnold and say "Farm living is the life for me". However, when it is time to invest in businesses, sometimes it takes more capital (money) than is available at that time. I feel very fortunate that banks out of St. Louis and a partner out of Kansas City had enough confidence and faith in our resources and abilities that they were willing to invest in our community. The nice thing about hog operations investment is that it is non-competitive to neighbor farms because you don't need to buy grass or cropland for expansion.

Many of us have retirement accounts, IRA's, 401k, etc. When you invest part of your pay check in those accounts, did you know that those investments in stocks and bonds are nearly always investments in a business in a far off community like New York? When you invest in a house, garage or business, you are investing in the community in which you live. It has always been one of my goals to find ways to attract new money to invest in our community so that our communities can grow. That is one of the reasons I have tried to keep my families investments local.

Even though Soil, Water, Renewable resources, Air and Investments are extremely important to our community, they are still not our Most Precious Resource. Have you discovered our most Precious Resource?

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