

Norton team wins golf tournament

For the third year in a row, the Norton Country Club team won the KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Classic golf tournament Sunday at the Sugar Hills Golf Club. The tournament, in its 15th year, featured 11 teams of 11 players each. The team scores are determined by adding the scores of each player on the team except the top individual finisher. Tournament director Kay Melia said there usually are 12 teams, but a last minute commitment kept the

Hoxie team away. He said they should be back next year. Norton's Joe Herman and Brad Leiker both shot an even par 71 and Joel Duscher shot a 72 to led their team. Herman and Leiker were the tournament's runners-up. Norton's score was 771. Colby Country Club took second with a score of 777. Kevan Taylor of Colby was tournament's champion, shooting a two-under-par 69. Jim Stanley shot a 74.

Atwood Country Club placed third, just one stroke behind Colby. Kevin Finley and Joe Kanak both shot 74 for Atwood, and Jim Kanak and Grant Glad both had 75. Sugar Hills finished fourth with 788, led by Tyson Shelly with a one-over-par 72. Chuck Osborn and Travis Jones both finished the course with 74. Warren Sweat shot a 75. Other players for Goodland were Devlin Mull, who shot a 78;

J.D. Hooper, 80; Jon McLean, 81; Jerry Fairbanks, 82; Steve Rayer, 84; Randy Topliff, 88; and Tom Rohr, who shot a 90. Burlington Country Club was fifth with 817, led by Mike Grinnan who shot a 73 and Joedy Hartman with a 75. St. Francis was sixth with 841, Sharon Springs seventh with 858, Oberlin eighth with 872, Tribune ninth with 876, Oakley 10th with 887 and Benkelman 11th with 888.

Election hangs on single vote

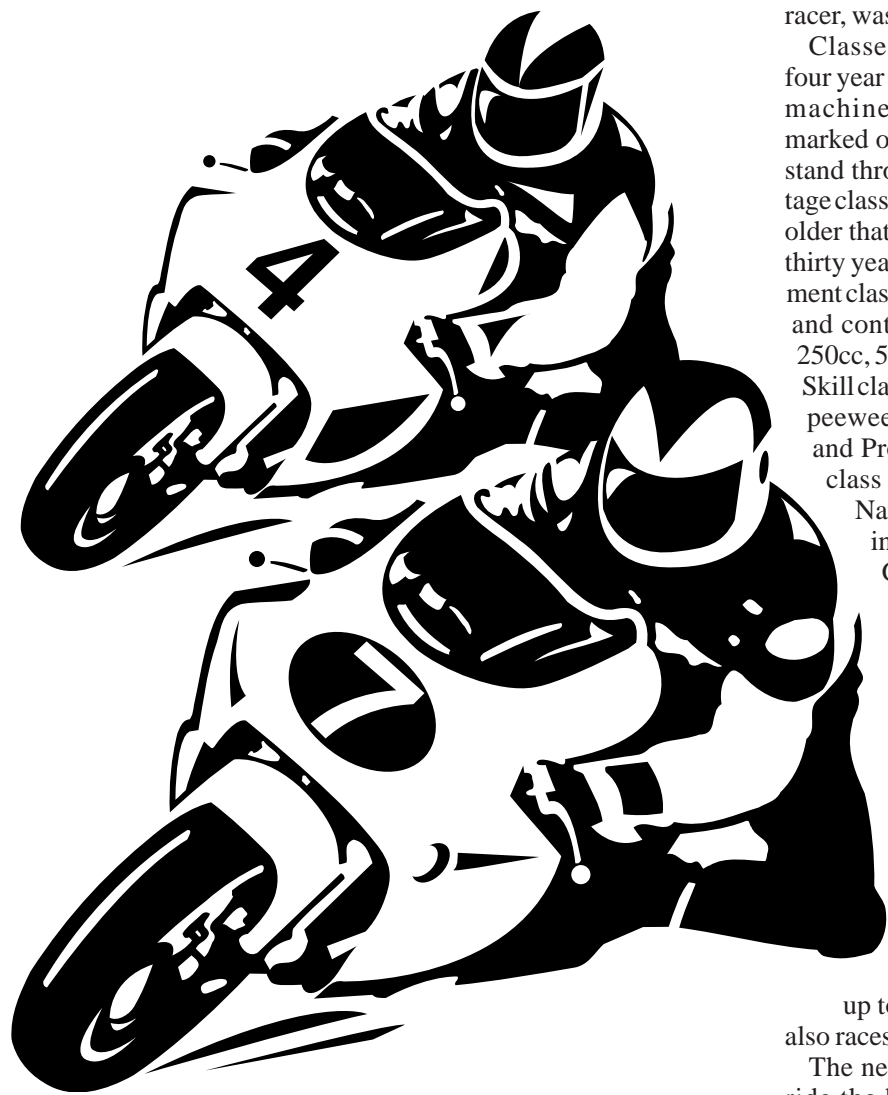
(Continued from Page 1) lengthy process were several onlookers including Mr. Gassmann and his wife, Vickie. After the canvassing board had double checked the numbers from each precinct County Clerk Robert Wyatt presented the provisional ballots and explained the reason each was in question. Out of 30 ballots in question, 19 were counted. Mr. Wyatt opened the envelope in which each provisional ballot had been placed and asked Sheriff Thomson to pull the ballot out while he explained why it was provisional and whether it should be counted or not according to the statutes. Six of the ballots were people who tried to change from Democrat to Republican or vice versa at the polls. These were not counted because although unaffiliated voters could choose to vote one way or the other, party changes could not be made at the polling place. Four ballots were not allowed because the voters were not registered. One first time voter failed to provide the required identification. The ballot was discarded because the voter failed to provide identification before the canvassing began. Nine voters had moved but their ballots were counted. Two people had changed their names and their ballots were accepted. Three people had problems because of clerical error — two were a husband-wife couple, who received incorrect information from the clerk's office and their ballots were counted. The third was a case of mistaken identity. The voter was removed from the lists because it was be-

lieved he/she had died. "We're happy to tell you he is still alive and it's a good ballot." Mr. Wyatt said. "It took us awhile to figure this one out." One voter went to the wrong polling place but the ballot was accepted. Four unaffiliated voters asked for Republican tickets and their ballots were accepted. "We never turn anyone down at the polls," Mr. Wyatt said. "If you are 18 years of age, live in the county and are a U.S. citizen, you have the right to vote." Mrs. Gassmann questioned the large number of provisional ballots, especially a problem that had developed in Highland I precinct. Mr. Wyatt said that the provisional ballots from Highland I (the Lenora area) had accidentally been put in with the regular ballots but they had been found and removed. He said he wasn't going to point any fingers at the election crews, who are low paid volunteers working long hours. The new federal voting act has also made things hard to understand, he said. While election workers go to school, he said, mistakes are going to happen but he felt they had been corrected. Mrs. Gassmann said she understood that it was confusing and difficult and that she appreciated Mr. Wyatt answering her questions. Mrs. Griffiths said that if the Gassmanns and their supporters wanted a recount of the ballots they would have to put in the request in writing and include what part of the vote they wanted recounted. Those requesting a recount must also post a bond to pay for the cost, which she estimated at \$1,200.

Kansas rich in motorcycle racing history

By PAT CONRAD, Smith County Pioneer

Motorcycle racing dates back to shortly after the second motorcycle was built. The terrain has varied from the wooden motordrums, dirt, cross-country, asphalt, ice and the flat track. Motorcycle racing in Norton County includes classic flat track races on the car tracks to the motocross races of today. A new resurgence in motorcycle racing is happening across Kansas and Nebraska with the help of several people from north central Kansas. Roger and Sandy Attebury of Wichita formed the National Flat Track Racing Association (NFTRA) four years ago. Randy Koster and Steve McGee, natives of Cawker City and Curt Ayres, native of Smith Center, are actively involved in the association. Randy Koster works with Roger and Sandy Attebury in scheduling races, obtaining national contingency funds and points, coordinating insurance and correspondence with American Motorcycle Association and keeping the races organized and on time. Mr. Koster is the association's track official and flagman. Curt Ayres is an active racer in the association and promoter. Steve McGee races vintage motorcycle in the association



many of the years between 1911 and 2003. Flat track racing today is technically much different than the early years, but at the same time the goal is the same, win. Curt Ayres, lives now in Colorado, graduated from Smith Center High School in 1959, attended Fort Hays State before joining the Navy and becoming a fighter pilot. Mr. Ayres retired from the Navy and flew for a commercial carrier until retiring. He became involved in ice racing with a group near Woodland Park, Colo., that race a five weekend series in January and February. The group switches to flat track when the weather warms and races throughout the Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma area. Mr. Ayres has been involved with the association for three years. When asked how much longer he plans on racing Mr. Ayres tells of a man from Topeka, Bob Ives, who has his age on his number plate every year. The number this year is 67. Randy Koster raced flat track through the 1960s and '70s. Three years ago Mr. Koster decided to become involved in racing again

and found involvement by becoming the track official and flagman for the association. He is also involved with the operation of the association with Roger and Sandy Attebury. Mr. Koster's involvement with racing in the past and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the association as well as the AMA Grand National rules has been very helpful in flagging the races for the last three years. What will people see when attending flat track motorcycle races? Racers of all ages competing with racers of nearly equal skill, age and size of racing machines. The open pro sport class is the fastest topping speeds of one hundred miles an hour on the straight aways as the riders lean the bike to the left and begin to slide into the corner to begin "scrubbing" off enough speed to negotiate the corner. The riders wear a special steel plate on their left foot so the foot can be placed on the ground to assist in stabilizing the bike while it is sliding sideways around the corner. The plate does generate some heat due to the friction on the ground and the term "Hot Shoe", referring to a fast

several classes of vintage races are featured. Riders must be at least 30 years old to race in these classes. The machines have to be pre-1975. Many of the vintage racers are retired touring pros who no longer wish to chase the point, but are not ready to quit. The vintage class runs 100 mph on the straight aways. Heat races last six laps and the feature races last ten laps. Riders race for the chance to ride in the feature events by placing well or winning the heat races. When more than 100 riders attend, there is plenty of racing action. Flat track racing today is technically much different than the early years, but the goal remains the same — to win.

HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE Aug. 7, was a big day at the Hansen Museum as nearly 60 members of the Kansas Auctioneers Association toured the museum and gallery. President Don Hamit, Stockton, made arrangements for the group to tour the museum while here for their mid-summer Convention. They also planned to visit the C&R Railroad Museum to see Bill Clark's train set at the Huck Boyd Center and to enjoy the parade and festivities in Phillipsburg. The last night for the Hansen Museum sponsored water aerobics classes being taught by Jean Kiser was Aug. 10. This is the third year that the museum has sponsored water

aerobics as one of its continuing education programs. Cindy Agan, watercolor instructor from South Bend, Ind., will arrive on Wednesday in preparation for the four-day art class. Ms. Agan will instruct intermediate and advanced artists in a workshop from Thursday through Sunday. Bob Stutterheim and the Prairie Winds Brass band will be performing Saturday evening on the Hansen Plaza lawn in an outdoor concert, open to the public. The entertainment begins at 7 p.m. so bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the great brass sounds. Don't miss the exhibits now showing in the museum gallery. Hats and Headdresses and Dali Revisited.

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