

Blazes keep firemen busy.

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Car Show:



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Tuesday  
July 5, 2005

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Ben Donovan

Briefly

Cars to show off  
this weekend

The second annual Norton Car Show will be held Friday and Saturday.

Friday night will be the cruise-in with registration from 7 to 9 p.m. at Station 15 on U.S. 36. Nostalgic photos will be at the Norton Theatre at dusk.

On Saturday, registration will be from 8 to 11 a.m. at Station 15. A show and shine will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west side of the courthouse, while nostalgic photos will be from 9 a.m. to noon at Underwood's Filling Station. A road rally will be from noon to 3 p.m. and a drag race will be from 3 to 6 p.m. at the airport.

At 6:30 p.m., a whole hog roast will be held at the Norton American Legion, followed by trophy presentation and a dance.

For more information call Chriss McDiffett at 785-877-2216.

Veggie vehicles  
ready to be built

Thursday night is Fun Night at Norton Public Library for seventh through 12-grade students. The fun begins at 7 p.m. with students building race cars out of fruits and vegetables. Fruit smoothies will be served for refreshments.

Meals on Wheels  
needs volunteers

Community volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels from July 11 to July 17. If you can help, call Norton County Hospital at 877-3351 and ask for the Dietary Department or Alice Hawks.

Weather  
Forecast:

**Tonight** — Lows in the mid 60s with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.  
**Wednesday** — Highs in the lower 90s.  
**Wednesday night** — Lows in the mid 60s with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Thursday** — Highs in the lower 90s. **Friday** — Highs in the mid 90s.

Howell report:

Friday ..... High 93, Low 64  
.08 of an inch of precipitation  
Saturday ..... High 98, Low 74  
.06 of an inch of precipitation  
Sunday ..... High 83, Low 63  
.20 of an inch of precipitation  
Monday ..... High 88, Low 60  
.04 of an inch of precipitation  
Week ago ..... High 103, Low 69  
Month ago ..... High 81, Low 53  
Year ago ..... High 90, Low 60  
July precipitation ..... 0.38 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 10.90 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm  
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Creator God, help us to quiet ourselves to wait on you as we read your word and pray. Amen

Norton holds U.S. birthday bash

Governor,  
watermelon  
and fireworks  
light up night

Flags flew, patriotic speeches were given, march music played, there was watermelon, smiles, politicians and fireworks. It was a perfect Fourth of July at Sebelius Reservoir.

While Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Director Karla Reed hurried around making sure everything was in place and glancing nervously at the sky, where distant clouds threatened rain, Norton county residents and friends enjoyed free watermelon and sat on lawn chairs, at picnic tables or on the ground on blankets to enjoy the festivities, meet the governor and watch the evening fireworks spectacular.

Master of Ceremonies Marvin Matchett sat with his sound equipment under an awning as he played requests and patriotic music, announced the order of events and named the almost 90 people and businesses who donated to make the fireworks a success.

Over by the picnic tables Rich Risewick and a crew from Jamboree Foods turned 1,000 pounds of watermelons into slices and

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Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius spoke to those gathered for Fourth of July festivities at the Sebelius Reservoir about how she came to the state and to Norton to meet her future in laws. Behind the governor the U.S. flag fluttered in the breeze. (Fireworks photos on Page 9) —Photos by Cynthia Haynes



Christopher Maddy set the Kansas flag in its holder.

Governor talks about  
bringing law makers  
back for special session

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius said it was easy for her to call a special session of the Legislature to deal with school funding after the state Supreme Court rejected previous efforts.

"We need to make policy in the State-house, not the courthouse," she said in an interview Monday after a speech during a Fourth of July celebration at Sebelius Reservoir.

"If legislators would do their job, that's what will happen," she said.

The governor went on to say that she likes the Senate-passed bill calling it good and positive. She said the House is also close to voting on a school-funding bill, but that the Speaker is holding it up.

"We have a Speaker in the House who hasn't been terribly willing to let the House vote," she said.

However, she said, she believes something will happen between the time the Legislature goes back into session on Wednesday and the Friday deadline set by the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Sebelius said the legislative session is a little like show and tell in the third grade.

"You better have something to show," she said.

"We need a funding bill as ordered by the court that really adequately funds. . . education.

"That's what they (the Legislature) were brought to town to do."

Mrs. Sebelius said she is not in favor of a constitutional amendment saying that it is not something that should be done quickly.

Constitutional amendments are the people's laws, she said, and a way to keep the Legislature in line.

However, she said, something needs to be done so that the court can't order specific amounts of money to be spent.

County purchases road groomer

By VERONICA MONIER

The county bought a new piece of equipment that should help with road maintenance.

The Norton County commissioners watched a demonstration of a road groomer during Monday's meeting.

Rich Cox of Sellers Equipment Company, Salina, brought the groomer to Norton so the commissioners could see it.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan said the groomer will cut down on the department's maintenance time.

"We did five miles today in a matter of 20 minutes," he said. "I think it will help with the road upkeep and cut down on our maintenance time so our bladers can be out doing something else."

Mr. Brannan said the groomer takes the gravel and millings that have been pushed to the side of the road and spreads them back over the entire road. Not only will it

save maintenance time, but it will also keep the county from having to put new millings and gravel down as often.

Commissioner John Miller said as long as Mr. Brannan has the money in his budget, he didn't see a problem with the county buying the machine.

The groomer will cost \$14,250.

Mr. Brannan also went over the road maintenance schedule for blading and snow removal with the commissioners.

He said major milled roads are first, followed by major gravel roads, off-system gravel roads to farms and households, major dirt roads to livestock pastures, and then field and low maintenance roads.

The reason, he said, for the milled roads to be done first is because of the small window of time that the road can be bladed before it becomes too hard.

Mr. Brannan said if anyone has a road that needs to be bladed, they should call

the county shop. People should also call the county shop at 877-5740 if they notice road signs that are missing or broken, or if they see wash outs or downed trees.

He said if the county shop is closed, people should call the sheriff's department at 877-5780 and word will get back to him.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Agreed to use Penco Engineering of Plainville to do the inspection and engineering on bridge OS-220, near Edmond, while it is under construction.
- Heard from Mr. Brannan that he has had road crew members working at the landfill helping to build the road into the pit. They are also helping with other roads at the landfill.
- Learned that Mr. Brannan has given Noxious Weed Supervisor Reggie Beckman a list of about 120 miles of road ditches that needed to be sprayed.

BB gun team  
takes 24th

The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team placed 24th in one of the most competitive ever U.S. Jaycees/Daisy International BB Gun Match Championships. The competition was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Bowling Green, Ky.

The international championships are the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world.

Norton teams have won the International Shoot eight times, more than any other community in the world. Brittany Otter, 14, was the high individual scorer for Norton.

A full story and pictures from the competition by The Telegram's Dick Boyd will be in Friday's paper.





Brecken Preitauer, 3, (above) daughter of Dustin and Tresadi Preitauer, was enjoying a slice of watermelon, which was being served by Bill Hadley (far left) and Rich Risewick of Jamboree Foods.

— Telegram photos by Cynthia Haynes

# Governor, fireworks and watermelon cap Fourth of July

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served them to the crowd. The grocery has been donating both watermelons and time to the annual Fourth of July celebration for many years.

This year was special, however, as Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius shook hands, gave a short speech, had her picture taken with anyone who asked and enjoyed the festivities with Norton family members.

At 8 p.m. the Boy Scouts Troop 81 opened the patriotic portion of the program by presenting the U.S. and Kansas flags. Everyone stood for the flag ceremony, said the Pledge of Allegiance with the hands over their hearts and listened to the Star Spangled Banner before finding a comfortable spot to listen to Mel Rice present a patriotic reading and await the governor, who was running a little late.

No one seemed to mind the wait for Mrs. Sebelius as children played, adults chatted with friends, enjoyed the music and had another slice of watermelon.

The governor arrived with her husband, Gary Sebelius, a native of Norton, and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Doug and Nancy Sebelius and former governor Mike Hayden, who is now Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

She told the crowd that many people ask her how she ended up in Kansas since she is a native of Cincinnati.

"I tell them I came to Kansas for love," she said explaining that she came to Norton to meet her future in-laws.

And, while she and her husband live in Topeka, the governor said she will always consider Norton her Kansas hometown.

The chief executive officer of the state is on a three-day trip through Kansas visiting small towns and talking about economic development. It was to be a six-day trip, she said, but has been cut short due to the special legislative session she called to deal with school finance.

"When they (the Legislature) come back to Topeka on Wednesday, somebody needs to be there to watch them," she said.

Mrs. Sebelius said she started races in Belleville and participated in a bell-ringing ceremony in Beloit as well as visiting Concordia, Glen Elder, Cawker City, Osborne and Nicodemus before arriving in Norton.

"I can't imagine a better way to celebrate the Fourth of July than visiting with people across the state of Kansas," she said.

She told the crowd to remember those serving in Iraq.

"Keep them in your thoughts and prayers and keep their families in your thoughts and prayers," she said.

"God bless America and God bless the great state of Kansas."

There was a little time for pictures and hand shaking before the real show began.

On the far shore pyrotechnician Russ Erbert and his crew set off the fireworks to the oohhhs and aaaahhs of both children and adults and Mr. Matchett fired up the patriotic music so bugles blared and drums rolled as the bombs really did burst in air.



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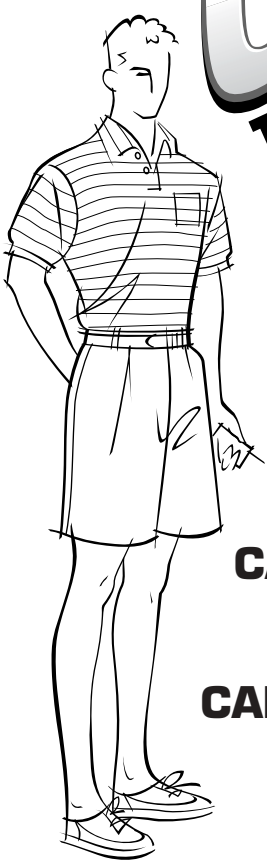
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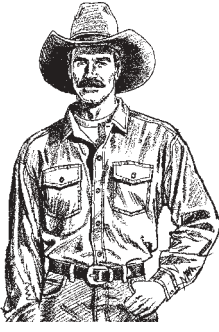
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