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THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Roger Skrdlant

Briefly
Readers will be clownin' around

Cupcake the Clown will be featured at 10:30 a.m. during Thursday's Summer Reading Program at Norton Public Library. Tranda Watts, multi-county extension specialist, will be the afternoon presenter at 2 p.m. For more information call the library at 877-2481.

Library holding youth fun night

Seventh through twelfth graders are invited to Thursday Fun Nights, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Norton Public Library. This Thursday will be Bunco Night. Students are invited to come learn a new dice game and be ready for fun and food.

Bus applications deadline nearing

The deadline for students who live in Norcatour but attend school in Norton to turn in out-of-district transportation busing applications to the Oberlin School District Office is Thursday, July 15.

The application must be filed in order for Norton buses to be able to pick up students in Norcatour. All students are required to renew applications annually.

Applications may be picked up at either school district office, but must be filed in the Oberlin office.

Blood drive to be Wednesday

Norton Correctional Facility is the site of the next Norton Red Cross Blood Drive. It will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 60s. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 90s with south winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy with highs around 101. **Thursday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 60s.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 69, High 100
Saturday Low 64, High 88
Sunday Low 55, High 80, Prec. .90
Monday Low 57, High 83, Prec. .20
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for freely giving to us. Open our eyes to the needs around us. Help us to give our love to someone today. **Amen**

Windmill doctor



Show gives 'power' a new meaning

By VERONICA MONIER

A decent crowd turned out to see how things were done in grandpa's time during the 25th annual Antique Machinery, Threshing and Power Show, held by the Sunflower Pioneer Power Association last weekend at Alma.

Past-president Bob Underwood said they had a good crowd on Saturday. The rain Saturday night might have hurt Sunday's crowd a little bit, he said, but not too badly.

This year they had over 100 tractors, cars and engines; two steam engines; 21 vendors; a good-sized flea market and seven small engine operators.

"We had a good show," he said. "We had one whale of a parade on Saturday."

Every year, he said, they try to do something new. This year they have laid a foundation for a new blacksmith shop. The building will be finished for next year's show, which will be a great addition, he said.

Mr. Underwood said the association is still running short on help.

"We need young people to get involved," he said. "If we're going to keep this going, we have to have some help. We're doing it for the young people. A lot of us were around this stuff when we were kids, but a lot of the kids today have

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John Kingham made a few minor adjustments to one of the association's windmills Saturday morning. See more pictures from the power show on Page 8.

Local, state, national candidates file for office

By VERONICA MONIER

The names are in and now we just have to wait for the Aug. 1 primary election to see who will be on the ballot in November.

At the local level, up for election is the county commission seat for district one. Also up are the committee men and women and all township trustees and treasurers.

Republican Richard Thompson, who lives in the Alma area, will be running against Democrat Reva L. Benien, Norton, for the open commission seat in the general election. Incumbent Dean Kruse chose not to run again.

Running for Republican committee men and women are Joe Ballinger, Ward I; Bernice Becker, Ward I; J.C. Berry, Ward II; Ruth Lofgreen, Ward II; Jon C. Lofgreen, Center I; Elaine Lofgreen, Center I; Robert McClelland, Harrison; Donna McClelland, Harrison; Steven Berry, Highland I; Joni K. Berry, Highland I; Rebecca Wetter, Highland III; John G. Becker, Solomon I; and Ann Becker, Solomon I.

No one filed for either committee man or woman in Center II, Highland II and Solomon II. Highland III has an open position for committee man. Open seats will be filed by write-in.

Committee men and women will be elected in the primary.

Robert McClelland also filed for township treasurer in Harrison. All other township treasurer and trustee positions are

open.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, incumbent Jerry Moran, Hays, has filed while newcomer John Doll, Garden City, filed on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Moran and Mr. Doll will be facing Sylvester Cain, St. Marys, of the Reform Party in the general election.

Incumbent Kathleen Sebelius, Topeka, and Mark Parkinson are the only Democrats to file in the race for governor and lieutenant governor.

Republican candidates for governor/lt. gov. who will duke it out in the primary are Jim Barnett, Emporia, and Susan Wagle; Ken R. Canfield, Overland Park, and Kathe Decker; Rex Crowell, Longton, and Brian D. Sheperd; Dennis Hawver, Ozawkie, and Bret D. Landrith; Robin Jennison, Lenexa, and Dennis Wilson Timothy V. Pickell, Westwood, and Jeffrey A. McCalmon; and Richard "Rode" Rodewald, Eudora, and Helen D. Kanzig.

Mrs. Sebelius and the winner of the Republican primary will meet Libertarian Carl Kramer, Wichita, and his running mate Kalor A. Hebron, and Reformer Richard Lee Ranzau, Wichita, and his running mate Ellen L. Verell in the November general election.

The position of secretary of state will be debated in the primary with Robert Beattie, Wichita, and David Haley, Kansas City, facing each other on the Democratic ticket; and Kay O'Connor, Olathe,

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Sewer plant can't be fixed, alternate plan suggested

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council found out at its last meeting that fixing the old sewer plant is not an option that will work.

Habib Ghali with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment said he inspected the sewer plant and felt that there are ways to make the renovation project more affordable.

He said the city's proposal to upgrade the existing plant was unacceptable. He said a 3 or 4-year fix wasn't something that health and environment was willing to accept.

"We don't want to have to come back and do all this again," he said. "We want something that will last for 20 years or more. We don't want anyone using shortcuts."

Mr. Ghali suggested that Miller and Associates, the city's engineer firm, meet with the Schreiber supplier to come up with ways to use components of the existing plant and then modify the layout.

"You should have something by the July meeting," he said. "You should be able to do something for less than \$4 million."

He said if they didn't like what the engineer came up with and chose not to re-bid, then they could look at other mechanical plants or consider lagoons.

Thaniel Monaco said there should be ways to use some of the old structures at the sewer plant to bring the cost

down. He said they would be re-writing the plans, using as much of the existing plant as possible.

Mr. Ghali said they should be able to award the contract by September, so that the city won't have to wait to begin construction until spring.

Councilman Jerry Jones asked how far behind they were.

Mr. Monaco said if everything clicks together, about six months.

Mr. Ghali said health and environment would be willing to work with the city on the timeline, if it would bring the cost down. He said he would be willing to work with the city to make this project work and was willing to come back if needed.

The council passed a motion to have Miller and Associates reevaluate the costs for an alternate plan on the sewer plant project.

Passed a motion expressing that the city doesn't object to Norton County's efforts to issue industrial revenue bonds for the Andbe Home apartment expansion project. County Counselor Doug Sebelius said the Andbe Home, a non-profit organization, has asked the county about issuing industrial revenue bonds to pay for the addition of eight new apartments. He said the county was interested in helping and needed to know that the city didn't object to bonds being issued for the project.

If the city didn't object to the bonds, (Continued on Page 5)