

## Sign will tell it all



Jeff Jones placed brick for the new sign in front of the Norton "Norton Library." Public Library. There will be six-inch lettering proclaiming

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

## Store closing official

By TOM BETZ  
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Silence was not good news for the Goodland J.C. Penney store as liquidation gets underway this week, a store spokesperson said.

The silence of more than a week led many to believe the Penney's officials were not going to accept the package put together by the city, county, Chamber of Commerce and Sherman County Economic Development that had been sent to them on June 25.

City Commissioner John Garcia had been out of town, and when he returned Wednesday he had a letter from Michael A. Dastugue, director of property development for J.C. Penney, confirming the store would be closed.

"The decision to close a store is never an easy one," Dastugue wrote. "Unfortunately the Goodland store is not meeting our business objectives, and even with the support that has been offered the store would still not meet those objectives. As a result, we are continuing with our original plan to close the store."

"We are disappointed," Garcia

said. "We know we made a good effort, and all the people who helped should be proud of that effort. We did not win this time, but what we did working together has shown what can be done. We will pick up and go on looking for other ways to grow our town."

The town put together a letter writing campaign asking the Penney's corporate office to keep the store open, and many letters, calls and e-mails were sent from Goodland and surrounding counties plus from state elected officials asking to keep the store open.

The proposal from Sherman County and the city would reduce the store's city utility for two years, about \$10,000. The Economic Development Council pledged \$25,000 for two years and landlord Pete Whalen offered to cut the store's rent in half.

Garcia said before he left town he had been told a Penney's official had been in town looking at the possibility of keeping a catalog store open after the main store was closed. Garcia said he did not know if anything would come of that effort.

## Victory lane welcomes new faces

By MIKE HUGHES  
Special Contributor

Three drivers made their first appearance at Elmwood Park Speedway's victory lane Saturday evening, July 12.

The IMCA Modified main event saw several drivers swap the lead throughout the race, but when the checkers fell, Josh 'The Hammer' Hudson of Kensington picked up his second victory at Elmwood Park Speedway for 2008. Mark 'The Z Man' Zorn finished in the runner-up spot, followed by Mitch Kline, heat two victor Chad Sterling, and Gary Kline. Rick Schwab won the other heat race.

The IMCA Stock Car feature saw some close racing throughout the field. Hometown driver Bob Rutherford led the first 2 laps before Cory Struckhoff of Kensington made the pass for a lead he would not relinquish. Struckhoff held on for his first win of the season at Norton. Bryan Lariviere, heat two winner J.R. McCreery, Terry Cunningham, and Dustin McClurg rounded out the top five. Travis Sherfick also won a heat race.

Fifteen-year-old Mathew Crowell of Clearwater led the first 6 laps of the IMCA Hobby Stock feature before Smith Center's Rhett 'The

Rocket' Kingsbury took over the top spot and led the remaining distance for his first win of the season. Troy Robinson place second, trailed by Kelly Karnopp, Crowell, and Jeremy Wagner. Heat race winners included Kingsbury and Jerry Hudson.

Jay Hachmeister of Lenora filled in for Loyd Schoen in the #08 4-cylinder Young Gun and led from green to checkered in the main event. Heat race winner Michael Smith finished second, followed by Drew Eagleburger, Art Herzog, and Andrew Soderlund.

The Good Ol' Time Racing Association (GOTRA) made their second appearance of the season at the 1/4-mile oval. Butch Lavicky won the feature event, followed by heat race winner James Sylvester and John Ferguson.

Norton Auto Supply was the evening's cash dash sponsor.

The next race at Elmwood Park Speedway will take place during the Norton County Fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27. The regular four classes will compete in a regular show Saturday night at 7 p.m. The annual Bud Shootout will take place on Sunday with added purse money in all four divisions. Race time Sunday night

is 6:30.

### RESULTS

**IMCA Hobby Stocks**  
Heat 1: 1. Rhett Kingsbury, 2. Kelly Karnopp, 3. Michael Thummel, 4. Roger Garrison.

Heat 2: 1. Jerry Hudson, 2. Jeremy Wagner, 3. Austin Davis, 3. Mathew Crowell.

**Cash Dash:** Davis.  
Feature: 1. Kingsbury, 2. Troy Robinson, 3. Karnopp, 4. Crowell, 5. Wagner, 6. Frank McClurg, 7. Garrison, 8. Laura Hinger, 9. Thummel, 10. Matt Christensen, 11. Davis (DNF), 12. Hudson (DNF).

**IMCA Stock Cars**  
Heat 1: 1. Travis Sherfick, 2. Bryan Lariviere, 3. Pat Bedore, 4. Dan Lauer.

Heat 2: 1. J.R. McCreery, 2. Cory Struckhoff, 3. Terry Cunningham, 4. Bob Rutherford.

Feature: 1. Struckhoff, 2. Lariviere, 3. McCreery, 4. Cunningham, 5. Dustin McClurg, 6. Sherfick, 7. Jason Davis, 8. Michael Zajic, 9. Bedore, 10. Rutherford, 11. Brenden Eilts, 12. Dan Stoll, 13. Craig Werth, 14. Lauer, 15. Ozzy

Kenny.

### IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Rick Schwab, 2. Gary Kline, 3. John Fabrizius, 4. Mitch Kline.

Heat 2: 1. Chad Sterling, 2. Josh Hudson, 3. Brett Behrends, 4. Barry Maupin.

Feature: 1. Hudson, 2. Mark Zorn, 3. M. Kline, 4. Sterling, 5. G. Kline, 6. Behrends, 7. Maupin, 8. Fabrizius, 9. Doug Shearer, 10. Schwab, 11. Heath Myers, 12. Mike Petersilie (DNS), 13. Mark Hamel (DNS).

**4-cylinder Young Guns**  
Heat: 1. Michael Smith, 2. Jay Hachmeister, 3. Alex Loveless, 4. Jesse Dunlap.

Feature: 1. Hachmeister, 2. Smith, 3. Drew Eagleburger, 4. Art Herzog, 5. Andrew Soderlund, 6. Dunlap, 7. Dusty Eagleburger, 8. Loveless (DNF).

### GOTRA

Heat: 1. James Sylvester, 2. Butch Lavicky, 3. John Ferguson.

Feature: 1. B. Lavicky, 2. Sylvester, 3. Ferguson, 4. Chris Lavicky (DNS).

## Water warning issued

By KIMBERLY DAVIS  
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Oberlin's mayor declared a Stage 2 water warning, meaning the city is now on water rationing using an even/odd outdoor watering system, but homeowners got more than an extra month of unregulated water use this summer.

In past years, the even/odd watering has started at the end of May or beginning of June. This year, with timely rains and an unseasonably cool start to the season, homeowners apparently hadn't been watering as much.

The triggers for a Stage 2 water warning include the city water tower falling below 50 percent of capacity, pumping lowers water levels within 10 feet of the screens in the city wells or the demand for one day is above 700,000 gallons.

At a City Council meeting Thursday, Mayor Joe Stanley said the last trigger had been hit last Wednesday when the city used 760,000 gallons and on Tuesday at 750,000. It had been over the trigger level for a few days earlier in the summer, he said, but then it would go down. People have been lucky that the city was able to wait this long before the restrictions went into effect, he said.

Councilwoman Marcia Lohoefer said the people have done a great job of conserving water. She said she doesn't see as many people in town watering.

With the declaration of the water warning, the council passed

a resolution implementing the restrictions unanimously.

Until the warning ends, people with odd-numbered addresses, ones that end in one, three, five, seven or nine, can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Those with even addresses, ending in zero, two, four, six and eight, can water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

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## A real cutie



Amy Wentz "hammed it up" for the camera as she watched her big sisters model at the Clothing Construction section of the Norton County Fair. The competition was held Tuesday afternoon at the 4-H Building.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton County Hospital, New Age and The Rojas Family are Sponsoring a Benefit Dinner for

### ASHLEY EBNER

An account has been opened for Ashley and her family for anyone that wants to help and donate money towards the costs of being in Kearney, and upcoming medical bills.

The account is at the Credit Union, under the Ashley Ebner benefit.

**The Rojas family will also be doing a benefit for Ashley on August 3 at the Town and Country Kitchen from 4-9 p.m. They will have a buffet and carry out orders will be available.**

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