

Clown provides laughs

The clown for the 2013 Kansas' Biggest Rodeo is no stranger to Phillipsburg.

Justin Rumford has been coming to the Phillipsburg rodeo since he was a freshman in high school.

As a high school contestant, he steer wrestled and rode saddle broncs in the Phillipsburg rodeo arena, winning the saddle bronc riding title three consecutive years in the late 1990's. Then he competed there as a professional steer wrestler, winning second place at Kansas' Biggest Rodeo in 2008. And he's even worked outside the arena: as a truck driver, hauling livestock there for Beutler and Son Rodeo.

Now he returns as rodeo clown and funny man.

Justin, who grew up in Abbyville, Kan., is naturally funny and quick witted. He's always looking for new and current ma-

terial. "I watch funny movies and try to keep up with what's going on (in pop culture)," he said. "I try to make my acts like skits: short, fun and funny, not complicated."

The Ponca City, Okla. clown will bring a variety of acts to town, including his Steve Irwin Crocodile Hunter, Motorcycle Act, and Basketball Act.

After high school graduation in 1999, he attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, competing in the steer wrestling and saddle bronc riding. He graduated with a degree in animal science, then spent a year as assistant rodeo coach at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

He had blown his knee in competition, so he took some time off from steer wrestling. Justin worked the Cody (Wyo.) Night Rodeo for several years, then after knee surgery, began

steer wrestling again. Competition wasn't always paying the bills, so when Bennie Beutler offered him a job as truck driver and flank man at his rodeos, Justin accepted. He'd be able to rodeo on the side, and have a steady paycheck.

The three years he spent working for Beutler and Son were a springboard to his rodeo clown career, he believes. "Working for Bennie set me up to be successful. Half the reason I've been so successful so long is all the things I learned by working for stock contractors: the ins and outs of the business, and how rodeos are run."

In 2010, after much thought, Justin decided to become a rodeo clown. He had done it, off and on, and his friends encouraged him. And it worked well for him.

He is the 2012 PRCA Clown of the Year, and loves his work.

"My only job is to make everybody laugh."

He knows the place well. "One thing I love about going there is that the rodeo grounds look like a manicured country club. It's beautiful. It's such a cool place to go. I love the people there. They are rodeo fans."

No matter what he does, he's having fun. "I have a great time, no matter what's going on. I just keep a good attitude and have a ball, and it's contagious."

Kansas' Biggest Rodeo will be held August 1, 2, and 3. Tickets go on sale July 1 at Heritage Insurance in Phillipsburg and can be purchased over the phone with a credit card. Tickets range in price from \$13-15 for adults and \$10-11 for kids ages 3-12. To buy tickets call Heritage Insurance at 785.543.2448. For more information, visit the website at KansasBiggestRodeo.com.



Justin Rumford will entertain with his own brand of comedy at this year's Kansas' Biggest Rodeo in Phillipsburg. The Ponca City, Okla. man is the 2012 PRCA Clown Act of the Year. - Courtesy photo

Legion team suffers heartbreak

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton American Legion baseball team lost a heartbreaking 11-10 in the first game of a double header at Smith Center on Thursday evening before a second game where the Redmen dominated 9-1.

Opener

In the opener, the Blue Jays did not score in the top of the first but allowed Smith Center to tally nine runs in the bottom of the inning. Norton responded with five runs in the top of the second inning to cut the home team's lead to 9-5. Lane Bigge singled, Trever Lewis got on base on an error, Clint Cole singled, Jordan Dole was hit by a pitch and advanced, Jacob Green got on base on a fielder's choice, Mickey Hahn singled, Andrew Ellis walked and Dal-

ton Miller singled as Norton batted around. All except Cole, Ellis and Miller scored.

In the bottom of the fourth, Smith Center added one more run to make it 10-5.

Norton had a big top of the fifth, scoring five runs on five hits to tie the score at 10-10!

Miller walked, Toby Nickell singled, Lewis doubled, Cole singled, Dole singled and Travis Cressler doubled. All except Cressler scored.

Smith Center got no hits in the bottom of the fifth but scored one run on several errors.

Norton was unable to come up with any runs in the top of the sixth and seventh innings and the Redmen survived with an 11-10 win.

Norton had 10 hits, five walks and nine strikeouts. Leading hitters for the Blue Jays were Hahn

and Cole, both of whom were 2 for 4 with the bat.

Trever Lewis was the losing pitcher. He gave up eight hits, walked 11 batters and struck out 13.

Nightcap

Smith Center had only two hits in the second game off pitcher Mickey Hahn but 12 walks really helped their cause. Hahn retired seven batters on strike outs.

Norton had five hits but they were too scattered to allow more than one run. That single score came in the top of the third inning when Cressler walked, Hahn was hit by a pitch and advanced, Ellis got on base on a fielder's choice, Nickell singled and Hahn scored.

Smith Center scored two runs in the first inning, two in the second, four in the third and one

in the fourth inning.

Norton had only two walks but also had seven strike outs.

Coach's comments

"We gave up too many walks and errors against a veteran team from Smith Center," said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.

"We will need to pitch better and play better defense."

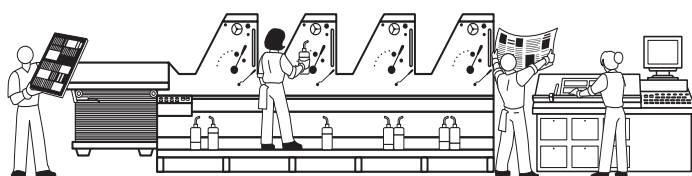
Next action

Norton hosted Colby on Sunday but results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

The Blue Jays will host Loomis this evening at John Ryan Field with games beginning at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

This Friday, Norton will host Smith Center in a double header at John Ryan Field with games at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Flagstar Bank, F.S.B. Plaintiff, vs. Pamela A. Bigge, et al. Defendants. Case No. 13CV10 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Norton, Norton County, Kansas, on July 16, 2013, at 10:00 A.M., the following real estate:

A tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4NE/4) of Section Two (2), Township Three (3) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas; more particularly described as follows and assuming the North line of said Northeast Quarter (NE/4) bears South 90°00'00" West. Commencing at the Northeast corner of said section thence South 90°00'00" West 923.13 feet to a point on the section line; thence South 00°37'00" East 29.23 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of county road and the true point of beginning; thence South 00°37'00" East 358.46 feet to a point; thence North 88°20'33" West 384.77 feet to a point; thence North 00°55'00" East 349.02 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of county road; thence South 89°44'42" East 374.42 feet on said right-of-way line to the true point of beginning. Said tract containing 3.08 acres, more or less, commonly known as 16786 KQNK Road, Norton, KS 67654 (the "Property")

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Troy Thomson, Sheriff, Norton County, Kansas

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