

Friday

September 10, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Glen Tweed

Briefly

Hog roast

set for Saturday

The Lyle United Methodist Church is having their annual hog roast at 5:30 p.m., Saturday at the Lyle Community Building. Everyone is welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be taken.

Lyle is located one mile west of Norcatur on Highway 36 and nine miles north.

Fall Sports

issue delayed

The Fall Sports Preview special edition that was scheduled to go in today's edition of *The Norton Telegram* has been postponed due to picture re-takes.

Please look for the special edition in Tuesday's edition of *The Telegram*.

Free ice cream

September 21

The Norton Dairy Queen, along with Dairy Queens across the nation, is celebrating the end of summer with their second annual Free Cone Day on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

As well as giving away free ice cream, Dairy Queen will be collecting donations for Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children's hospitals throughout North America.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph with higher gusts. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Gusts up to 35 mph. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 50s. **Monday** — Partly cloudy and breezy with highs in the mid 80s. **Monday Night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with lows in the mid 50s. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 80s. **Tuesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the 50s.

Howell report:

Thursday High 90, Low 56
Week ago High 92, Low 63
Month ago High 85, Low 57
Year ago High 86, Low 65
September precipitation 15 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 16.58 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, use us this day. Lead us into situations where we can serve you.
Amen

Burglaries in two counties may be related

A run of burglaries in the rural areas have both the Norton County and Decatur County sheriff's offices on their toes.

In the last two weeks, two break-ins have been reported in Norton County and four in Decatur County.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said it's possible they have all been done by the same person or persons.

"It's very suspicious," he said.

The burglars always take the same things and enter the same way, said Decatur County Sheriff Ken Badsky. For the most part, the burglars have taken cash either out of a desk or a soda machine, he

said.

The first four burglaries took place on Friday, Aug. 27, sometime between the time the businesses closed and when they opened on Saturday, Aug. 28.

The businesses broken into included the Norton County Cooperative Association's Clayton elevator, where \$20 was taken along with a fan, said Sheriff Thomson. The door was busted in.

An attempted break-in was made at Country Corner in Lenora on the same day. He said damage was done to the door, but the thieves were unable to enter.

D&M Service in Norcatur was also

robbed on Aug. 27, where there was \$300 missing from car wash money. The door knob was broken, Sheriff Badsky said, and damage was estimated at \$35.

Norcatur Grain was broken into the same night, suffering a broken window pane and busted padlock. Damage was \$260, and the burglars took \$84.

Last Wednesday, two more break-ins were reported. One was at the Broken Wheel bar in Jennings, where thieves took \$410 in cash and checks. There was \$25 worth of damage to the door.

The other was at the Dresden Elevator, where they got \$80. There was \$25 in

damage.

Outdoor lighting, good locks and strong doors are the best deterrents to burglars, said Sheriff Thomson.

Sheriff Badsky said businesses should make it as hard as possible for people to get in. Owners shouldn't leave any cash in a business and a light should be left on all night so officers can see inside.

If people get up in the middle of the night to get a drink of water, maybe they can take a look out the window. If they see something that is out of the ordinary, he said, they should report it.

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Landfill equipment on the minds of commission

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Commissioners are looking at their options where equipment for the landfill is concerned.

At Monday's meeting, Dustin Daniels, a product representative from Martin Tractor of Colby, gave the commissioners estimates for repairs on the county's trackloader and 613B scraper and also gave them a cost estimate on what would happen if repairs weren't made.

Mr. Daniels said the cost of getting the 1991 trackloader up to par would be \$24,371. He said the undercarriage was bad but the rest of the machine was decent. He said it has a few leaks and some hoses that were torn up. The heating problem, he said, is possibly being caused by a blow head gasket, but they wouldn't know for sure until they "opened her up".

He said the \$24,371 would cover repairs to the undercarriage and the head gasket. He said the price might be cheaper because the county already has some replacement rollers for the trackloader.

"It looks about what you'd expect for a machine at 5,000 hours," he said.

The county could probably get another 5,000 hours out of it with good maintenance. Or the county could put a re-manufactured engine in it and get around 6,500 more hours. Repairs with the re-manufactured engine would total around \$30,000.

Mr. Daniels said the scraper has at least 8,600 hours on it, possibly more. He said the engine is kind-of bad.

He said if the county keeps the engine, it would cost close to \$5,000 in repairs. Or, he said, the county could buy a re-manufactured engine for about \$8,000 with a one-year warranty. The third option would be to take the engine from the scraper the county has in Colby, but isn't using and switch it with the problem engine for a little under \$3,000.

Mr. Daniels said the total for fixing the scraper would be between \$20,000 and \$25,000, to put a re-manufactured engine in it would be between \$30,000 and \$32,000, and to swap engines would cost in the mid-twenty thousand range.

He said the engine, transmission and torque are the three major problems with the scraper.

Commissioner Leroy Lang said they have to decide whether or not they are going to keep the scraper they have or trade it in for the 1999 scraper.

Mr. Daniels said the scraper they are thinking about buying is a good machine that hasn't been overworked.

Mr. Lang said either way, they needed (Continued on Page 5)



Molly Gale (above) completes a "full pull" under the watchful eye of Bill VanDeCreek to place second in her age group in the state sanctioned kids tractor pull at the Logan Labor Day Celebration last weekend. Later this year, VanDeCreek will be in charge of the national kids tractor pull. Lynn Clements, left, and Max Lowry (below) kept busy cooking brats, hamburgers and hot dogs for the Logan Chamber of Commerce food stand. The food was so good that the stand sold out earlier than normal. See more pictures from the Labor Day Celebration on Page 10. — Telegram photos by Dick Boyd



Labor Day Celebration a success

By DICK BOYD

The 28th annual Labor Day Celebration in Logan on Sunday was another successful, fun event with an estimated 2,500 people attending the evening musical entertainment and fireworks display.

"When we started putting tents up in the morning, it was raining," said Lee Favre, director of the Dane G. Hansen Museum, sponsor of the event.

"We were happy to have the rain but then the wind started blowing and picked up throughout the day. The wind kept the crowd down a little throughout the day but the wind went down and then everything ended really nice. There was hardly any breeze by the time the fireworks display began.

"Rainbow Fireworks was in charge of our fireworks display again and I received many good comments again on the colorful aerial display. They gave us a good variety of fireworks."

Despite the windy conditions, the crowd during the day was good enough that the Logan Chamber of Commerce food booth ran out of food earlier than last year. Also selling refreshments were Terry and Bodie Cooper, Hill City, from their ice cream truck and Elmer Frick, McCook, from his kettle corn stand.

The Logan Fire Department and veteran Chief Lawrence "Sonny" Ruff were on hand and ready to fight any grass fires (Continued on Page 5)

The people of Norton County remember September 11

With the third anniversary of the attack on America on Saturday, *The Telegram* asked several area citizens: "How has the 9/11 terrorists' attack on America affected your life?" Here are their responses.

"It was an eye-opening experience for everyone in the United States."
Laura Craig

"It has affected me greatly. I am a four-year veteran of the United States Air Force and an eight-year member of the National Guard Unit. Since 9/11, I have become more protective of my family and even more aware of my surroundings. And that includes where I work (the waste water treatment plant in Norton). I have always been very patriotic and I believe 100 percent in what President Bush is doing. I'm

too old now — but if they would have called me back to serve, I would have gone."

Terry Stephenson

"It has made me more aware. I listen to the news more and read the papers more; you don't want to take everything for granted. I'm thankful I live where I do. I believe President Bush had every justifi-

cation for going into Iraq."

Karen Reedy

"I think about it often. It would make me think twice before flying anywhere. I'm glad my family and I live in a small town and not in New York."

Sherry Strayer

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Vintage car show, race goes well

Drivers from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado came to show their stuff at the Third Annual Vintage Race and Car Show and 305 Winged Sprint Races held at Elmwood Park, Labor Day weekend.

The track in front of the grandstands is purported to be the fastest and oldest half mile dirt track in northwest Kansas. The vintage car owners took the opportunity to exhibit their classic vehicles on the track. These cars dated back to the 1930s, '40s, 50s and '60s.

Something new was added to the show this year with the introduction of the 305 Winged Sprint Races. The 305 Sprint is a new class of race car that is designed and set up to be much more affordable than the 360s or the 410s. The 305s will get approximately 400 to 450 horsepower with restricted engine rules.

Randy Bantam, Norton, drives No. 5R in the 305 Winged Sprint car races.

Vintage car drivers from the Norton area are Mirl Barnett, Don McMullen and Bruce Colip.



Bruce Colip and Mirl Barnett (above) check out their surroundings at last weekend's Third Annual Vintage Race and Car Show and 305 Winged Sprint Races held at Elmwood Park. Jerry Bantam's winged sprint car (bottom left) and Mr. Colip's vintage race car (bottom right) were two of the dozens of cars on display.

— Telegram photos by Charlotte Stephenson



Logan holds annual celebration

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from fireworks if the wind had caused any problems. As in the past, the Logan Lions Club did an excellent job of directing traffic. The Phillips County Sheriff's Department was in charge of traffic control.

Events of the day included the Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show, VanDeCreek's State Sanctioned Kids Pedal Pull, the Sand Volleyball Tournament and Radio-Controlled Airplane Fly-in.

Beginning at 5 p.m., the "Heartland" band took the stage and played country/rock tunes for two hours. They were followed by "Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations" playing rock and roll over the loud speakers.

The wind went down just in time for Tim Schumacher, Hays, to play "America the Beautiful" on his trumpet as a prelude to the fireworks show. The fireworks were accompanied by patriotic music played over the loud speakers.

Children had lots of splashy fun on the water slide which was supervised by the Catholic Youth Organization of Logan. For the 10th year in a row, Joe Cheesman, Lebanon, was present with his Tubs of Fun rides for children and adults.

The Phillipsburg National Guard was present with a climbing wall.

The radio-controlled airplane fly-in attracted 10 pilots from communities including La Crosse, Hays, Palco and Littleton, Colo., in addition to Logan. Mickie McElroy, chairman, said that, despite the wind, 30-35 flights were made. He also said the pilots enjoyed swapping stories from other fly-ins.

Memorial Car Show

Forty-one cars were entered in the 10th annual Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show.

Rick Roberts, Hill City, who was last year's winner, presented the special Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial trophy for best overall entry to Carol and Chuck Dickson, Oakley, for their 1934 Ford.

Julie and Rick Roberts also received the Winner's Circle of the last six years for the Dane G. Bales Jr. award.

Other winners were Entrants' Choice — Ron Kester, Glade, 1950 Chevrolet pickup, first; Julie and Rick Roberts, 1940 Chevrolet Sedan, second; Carol and Chuck Dickson, Oakley, 1934 Ford, third; Carol's Choice — Kenneth Stockman, Kirwin, 1956 Chevrolet, first; Leon Jordan, Garden City, 1957 Chevrolet, second; Curtis Tobias, Lyons, 1971 GMC Sprint SP45, third.

Top Ten People's Choice — Leroy Krafft, Goodland, 1956 Chevrolet; Sherry and David Rouleau, Prairie View, 1967 Ford Cobra; Carol and Chuck Dickson, Oakley, 1934 Ford; Julie and Rick Roberts, Hill City, 1940 Chevrolet Sedan; Bill Henry, Littleton, Colo., 1954 Chevrolet (batmobile); Ron Kester, Glade, 1950 Chevrolet pickup; Joe Jackson, Logan, 1979 Pontiac TransAm; Bob Jackson Logan, 1957 Corvette; Glen Hoffman, Gorham, 1972 Pontiac LeMans; and Scott Spena, WaKeeney, 1971 Pontiac TransAm.

Long Distance Award — Peggy and Jerry Zimmerman, Commerce City, Colo., 1966 Mustang.

Volleyball Tournament

Nine teams competed for the championship in the Sand volleyball tournament.

Winners were Dale Hanchett, Glen Walters, Josh Schemper, Jessica Skinner, Cherry Brooks, and Terra Keeton. They received half the purse, T-shirts and trophies.

Placing second were Jim Rose, Kirk Girard, Ted Nighswonger, Cher Greving, Tammy Girard and Linda Nighswonger. They were awarded T-shirts.

Third place went to Jim Ashmore, Sean McDonald, Justin Brobst, Elsie White. Heather McDonald and Kelli Berg. They received T-shirts.

Kids Tractor Pull

The state-sanctioned kids tractor pull was conducted by Leigh and Bill VanDeCreek, Abilene,

who have been in the pedal pull business for 21 years and will conduct the national tractor pull this year.

Winners were: 4-year olds — Lexi Hilburn, first; Colton Greving, second; and Shayann Robinson, third.

5-year olds — Josh Van Laeys, first; Collin Robinson, second; Isaac Conway, third;

6-year olds — Lexi Voss, first; Luke Keilig, second; and MaKayla Hilburn, third.

7-year old — Kodi Van Laeys, first; Alec Otter, second; and Madyson Stewart, third.

8-year-olds — Trisha Kish, first; Clayton Rundle, second; and Brittani Shaw, third;

9-year-olds — Seth Armbrister, first; Carla Jo Robinson, second; and McKenzie Cooper, third.

10-year olds — Sady Keilig, first; Caley Greving, second; and Shyanne Thompson, third.

11-year olds — Nichole Armbrister, first; Molly Gale, second; and Aletha Bennett, third.

12-years olds — Lacy Keilig, first; and Josh Gale, second.

Second Anniversary Open House and Customer Appreciation



Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Norton invites you to an Open House to celebrate their Second Anniversary.

Wednesday, September 15, 2004 — 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!

Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin and Norton is pleased to announce we are now dealers for SIR JOHN'S dog food. Come in on September 15 at our office in Norton and visit with our company rep, Bud Johnston, and receive a free sample of the dog food and register for a drawing. We will be giving away two bags of dog food! There will be a gift for all who attend.

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County looks at equipment for landfill

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to train the landfill employees on how to maintain a scraper.

Mr. Daniels said if the county wanted, he and another guy could do a maintenance seminar. He said it's not hard to maintain and daily checks take maybe 15 minutes to do, an hour tops.

He said he would do the seminar for free.

"Anything that helps with maintenance is worth it," he said.

In other business, the commis-

sioners:

• Heard from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald that BG Consultants will be sending out bid specifications for digging the pit at the landfill. He said they were still waiting on the permit for the landfill from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

• Learned from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that the millings work in the Densmore area was just about finished.

He said county bridge OS-37 is coming along. County crews put in a shoe-fly detour so residents in that area could get through.

Mr. Brannan said some of the Road and Bridge employees were helping the Weed Department spray trees. He said some were also doing sign repair throughout the county, which is something they have to do a couple of times a year.

Family reunion held in Almena in August

The annual Severns/Wetzler Family Reunion was held at the Almena Community Building on Aug. 7. Thirty-four descendants signed the guest book.

In keeping with the Severns tradition, a carry-in dinner was served. Reva Smith displayed a collection of family photographs that she has accumulated over the years. Roy White also had family pictures. The financial report was followed by a report of events since the 2003 reunion. There were four births, four marriages and one death, Sarah Jane Anderson, Feb. 23.

Each family reported the highlights of the past year, followed by a picture taking session and a birthday celebration in honor of Jamie Anderson's seventh birthday.

Those attending were:

Orin E. Severns Family: Reva Smith, Almena; Dale and Katherine Severns, Wilmer and Juan Severns, Beth Heikes, Cindy and Shelbi McKenna, Ila B. Zellmer, Nina Melroy, Thomas O.

Melroy, Norton; Bob and Margaret Leonard, Manhattan; Don and LeeAnn Nelson, Springfield, Ill.; Jim, Nannette, Steven, Jamie and Kelly Anderson, Longmont, Colo.; Dorothy Leuszler, Aurora, Colo.; Inez Taylor, Holdrege; Nancy Fry, Grand Island; Gloria Egge, Shelton, Neb.; Judy Tadlock, Oxford; Ron and Zona Fritz, McCook; and Lee and Dixie Green, Funk, Neb.

Oscar C. Severns Family: Norman and Velma Severns, Marysville; Juanita White, Hays; Roy and Gerry White, San Angelo, Texas.

Thefts may be connected

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These break-ins are probably done by people from this area who have been in these businesses, the sheriff said.

Several leads are being looked into.

Acreage For Sale



41844 Road 703 — Wilsonville, Nebraska

Private, secluded brick home on approximately 20 acres with live springs bordering Sappa Creek. The home features 3 bedrooms, fireplace in the living room, large kitchen/dining room and central heat/air. This mini ranch also has several out buildings, most of which have water and electricity. This unique property is a Wildlife Paradise. **Listed for \$150,000.00**

For More Information Call Mary or Linda at 308-962-7745



Danbury School for Sale



Danbury School — Danbury, Nebraska

If you're looking for LOTS of room, or just nostalgia, or maybe you just always wanted to own your own School House, this is for you! The Danbury School was built in 1929 and last used during the 2003/2004 school year. New thermo windows, roof and boiler for the steam heat have been recent updates to the school. The main floor has 3-classrooms, office, kitchen, gym with stage, shop, storage rooms, locker rooms, bath rooms, the original ticket office, metal gates to secure the halls and book lockers. Another 3-class rooms, library, science room, janitors room and girls rest room are on the second floor and the basement is used for storage. Let your imagination go for the use of this brick building.

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