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Norton, Kansas
Home of Bernice Becker

Briefly Almena PRIDE to host social

The Almena Community PRIDE committee will host an ice cream social from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday in the Almena Community Center. They will be serving homemade ice cream, cake and sandwiches. Proceeds from the free will donations will be used for ongoing PRIDE projects.

Norton council has full plate

Here is a glimpse at the agenda for the July 5 meeting of the Norton City Council:

- Discuss wastewater treatment plant project with Miller & Associates.
 - City Administrator Rob Lawson's report.
 - Consider write-offs for municipal court fines.
 - Public safety Committee meeting report
 - Discuss request from Christian Church.
 - Consider beer license for beer garden at the Norton County Fair.
 - Parks Committee meeting report.
 - Consider utility rate ordinance #1553.
 - Utility Committee meeting report.
 - Questions from the public.
 - Pay bills.
- The meeting will be held at the city building at 5:30 p.m.

Fish and animals await youngsters

Beverly Kindler will be presenting both the 10:30 a.m. and the 2 p.m. story times Thursday at the Norton Public Library. In the morning session children will hear stories about fish and jungle animals. In afternoon they will do paper plate craft projects. Thursday at 7 p.m. is also Fun Night at the library. It will be a surprise night. Seventh through twelfth grade students are invited to attend.

Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 50s. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Thursday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 60s.

Kingham report:

Friday	Low 65, High 99
Saturday	Low 70, High 97
Sunday	Low 70, High 91
Monday	Low 66, High 89
Tuesday	Low 68, High 84

(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, thank you for loving us and accepting us despite our shortcomings. Thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. May we receive your gift with open hearts and in turn offer acceptance to others. **Amen**

Freedom...lights up the sky



It was a "Shock and Awesome" fireworks display Tuesday night at the annual Fourth of July celebration at Sebelious Reservoir. Hundreds came out for the free watermelon feed and fireworks display that started at about 9:45 p.m. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Voter registration books still open

By TOM DREILING

The countdown is underway. July 17 is the last day to register for the Aug. 1 primary election — if you fit the criteria. According to a legal publication in *The Telegram* from the office of Robert D. Wyatt, Norton County Election Officer, you will need to register to vote if you turned 18 years of age, or will have attained the age of 18 at the next election. Also, when a registered voter changes residence from one precinct to another precinct, that voter must re-register. Additionally, when a registered voter fails to cast a ballot in two consecutive general elections, that voter's name may be removed from the registration books and party affiliation lists. That voter is subject to re-registration. There are other conditions, too. Such as when a voter has been registered accord-

ing to law, he or she shall remain registered until the voter changes name by marriage, divorce or other legal proceeding. Registrants may apply in person, by telephone or by mail to the county election officer. Forms will be provided by the office upon request of the applicant. If you need to register, or re-register, you may do so during regular office hours at the Norton City Office, Almena City Office, Lenora City Office, or the library or the Norton County Clerk's Office. The registration books will be closed at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 17 and remain closed until Aug. 2. If you are in question about any aspects of registration, contact Mr. Wyatt's office for clarification. The phone number is 877-5710. The primary election ballot will contain names of those who have filed for com-

mitteemen/women and township trustees and treasurers. Incumbent County Commissioner Dean Kruse of District 1 won't be seeking reelection. Richard Thompson of the Almena area and Reva L. Benien, Norton, are seeking that open seat. However, they will challenge for the seat in the November general election. Mr. Thompson is a Republican and Mrs. Benien is a Democrat. District 5 Board of Education has a primary race to settle between controversial incumbent Connie Morris of St. Francis and Sally Cauble of Liberal. Both are Republicans. Seven Republicans are on the primary ballot hoping to get a shot at incumbent Democrat Gov. Kathleen Sebelius in November, who has no primary challenge. They are Jim Barnett, Ken R. Canfield, Rex Crowell, Dennis Hawver,

Robin Jennison, Timothy V. Pickell and Richard "Rode" Rodewald. The Democrats and Republicans both have primary races for secretary of state. The Democrats are Robert Beattie and David Haley and the Republicans are incumbent Ron Thornburgh and Kay O'Connor. The Republicans also have a primary race for commissioner of insurance between incumbent Sandy Praeger and Eric Carter. Republican incumbent Representative Jerry Moran is uncontested in the primary, but faces Democrat John Doll in the November general election. In the Kansas House, incumbent Republican John Faber of the 120th District has no primary opposition. He faces Democrat Bob Strevey in the November election. Mr. Strevey also is uncontested. Additional information will be provided as primary election day nears.

County health department grants grow

The Norton County Health Department's supervisor brought some good news to the Norton County Commission meeting. Gina Frack, supervisor, said state grant awards will be \$15,000 greater in fiscal year 2007 than 2006, for a total of

\$46,000. Grants included in the state funding were chronic disease risk, family planning, child care licensing and

regulations, and immunization action plan. The document was signed as presented to the commission. Supervisor Frack also told the commissioners — Chairman John Miller, Dean Kruse and Leroy Lang — that with the retirement of Dr. Roy Hartley, appoint-

ment of a new county health officer and medical consultant needed to be completed. Dr. Glenda Maurer agreed to accept the position. The commissioners signed the agreement as presented.

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School board brings down curtain on '06

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School Board wrapped up its year-end business in a special meeting Friday morning. Superintendent Greg Mann said a correction needed to be made in the June 12 meeting minutes. He said kindergarten through sixth grade enrollment fees were \$17, not \$14 as shown. The error, he said, was a typo. The board made the correction. A public hearing was held about revising the general fund and special education budgets. As there was no public comment, the board approved the revised budgets. In other business, the board:

- Accepted a low bid from Engel's

Sales and Service for a 2006 Ford Taurus for \$11,992 to replace the district's 1997 Intrepid. On Aug. 1, the Intrepid will be considered surplus property and will be sold by sealed bid. The bid winner will be decided at the Aug. 14 meeting.

- Paid bills and encumbrances as presented and made the transfers as recommended with adjustments in the final transfers being made by the superintendent, treasurer and clerk as necessary once the rest of the year's bills had come in.
- Held two 10-minute closed sessions to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations. No action was taken after the meeting resumed.

BB Gun bunch bags 8th at International

By DICK BOYD

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team lived up to its longtime winning tradition by placing fifth in the written test and eighth overall in the 41st annual U.S. Jaycees/Daisy International BB Gun Match Championships held over the weekend at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. Members of the team are Caleb Vanover, Dustyna Sprigg, Chance McMullen, Lane Archer and Dylan Sprigg. Alternates were Kegan Vanover and Kaitlyn Campbell. Head coach is Cameron Archer and assistants Mike Campbell and Brian McMullen. Lynette Archer was the instructor.

Norton surpassed their score at the state shoot, where they placed third, by a total of 70 points. Manhattan, which won the state shoot, finished in sixth place and Arkansas City, the second-place finisher at state, finished in 21st place. "Going into the international shoot, I felt that we had improved by at least 50 points by practicing twice a week and shooting over 1,000 targets," said coach Archer. "I'm really proud of our youngsters' outstanding shooting performance and knowledge of the hunting safety information on the written test." A complete story with pictures will appear in Friday's edition of *The Norton Telegram*.