

# PINOCHLE

By JAKE DURHAM

2006 was closing fast. It was the last tournament of the year and as the faithful gathered for the occasion, they all agreed it was a prize worth capturing. The field was small by usual standards, but a quick look at the sign-in sheet revealed the quality was extremely high and all signs were "go".

As the first round got underway, it was obvious that all stops were pulled out and the quest for the 800 point game was underway. The team of Norman Walter and Wava Reams captured the first round honors and the initial lead. As usual, leads change fast in card tournaments. The team of Billy Keiswetter and Eldon Billips moved to the top of the board after capturing second round honors. The lead seemed to be following the high round winners as the team of Todd and Doyle Brooks took the lead after capturing third round honors. The half-way mark was coming up with round four and, as the scores were being posted, everyone stayed around to assess the situation. The team of Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner had taken the honors, but for the first time, the lead didn't follow the high round winner as the team of Dee and Thelma Bushnell pushed to the top of the heap.

A quick look at the board had the top five teams bunched at the top with Keiswetter and Billips in second place; Jensen and Sumner in third, Brooks and Brooks in fourth; and rounding out the top

five was the team of Dave Sheley and Bill Glennemeier. From there on down, the rest seemed confident that they were still in the race.

Realizing that the second half could be a complete reversal of the first, everyone seemed anxious to launch into round five. The team of Sheley and Glennemeier took the honors on round five, but the lead went to the team of Jensen and Sumner who had also been waiting in the wings for the right moment. The crucial sixth and seventh rounds were coming up. Those near the top of the board were hoping for some good cards to ease the stress. While those farther down the line were determined to go for an upset at any cost. The team of Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger took the honors on round six, but the team of Jensen and Sumner was able to maintain the lead which they immediately implied to mean that the die had been cast.

Dee and Thelma Bushnell captured the honors on round seven, while the lead went to the team of Jerry Darling and Lynn Thiele. The team of Sheley and Glennemeier was in second place, Keiswetter and Billips in third, Bushnell and Bushnell were in fourth and rounding out the top five was the team of Doyle and Todd Brooks. Each were in a position of grabbing the championship with a good last round and securing the trump suit would be of utmost importance. With that in mind, the bidding to start the final

round seemed to be the key to success. And it remained that way through the final hand. As the scores were tallied and handed in, the lead changed with each new posting. But, as the final score was added, the team of Margaret Magers and June Jolly had done everything right and captured the final crown of the '06 season.

Finishing in order were the teams of Keiswetter and Billips and the team of Jerry Darling and Lynn Thiele tying for second and third; the team of Dave Sheley and Bill Glennemeier finished fourth; and rounding out the top five was the team of Dee and Thelma Bushnell.

The winning score by Magers and Jolly was 721 points for an average of 80 points per round. The highest single round went to Doyle and Todd Brooks with 138 points.

Other teams not previously mentioned were: J.D. Daffer and Duane McEwen; Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Myron Veh; Ron and Sondra Keiswetter; Coy Christy and John Hildebrand; and Jordan and Jake Durham.

The team of Magers and Jolly had also done that and been there before and were most gracious in receiving their honors and promised to return to defend their title.

So come early and sign in to guarantee a line on the score sheet.

The next tournament will be held Jan. 21. Call 877-2400 for more information.

## Going to the birds...



Jan. 2, *The Telegram* published a picture of a female cardinal. Her mate, a flaming red male cardinal, posed for this portrait.  
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### City of Norton Treasurer's Quarterly Report

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#### TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS

For the Period From October 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

FUNDS	1 Old balances (last report)	2 Receipts	3 Disbursements (warrants paid)	4 Net treasury cash
GENERAL OPERATING	585,991.32	200,511.96	298,327.35	488,175.93
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	56,208.85	4,045.06	16,330.79	43,923.12
TORT LIABILITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	134,316.58	20,990.91	3,286.39	152,021.10
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	9,670.32	0.00	1,473.12	8,197.20
SPECIAL PARKS	10,065.74	1,213.16	0.00	11,278.90
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	69,693.98	1,894.62	0.00	71,588.60
TOURISM	0.00	5,706.41	5,706.41	0.00
LIBRARY	6,517.47	4,028.03	10,208.78	336.72
LIBRARY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	2,312.55	1,417.49	3,729.94	0.10
FIRE PROCEEDS CASH	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
SPECIAL HEALTH	70,408.78	93,131.70	91,942.42	71,598.06
TREES FOR TOMORROW	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOND & INTEREST	475.22	4,523.01	0.00	4,998.23
AIRPORT BOND & INTEREST	72.63	0.00	0.00	72.63
NORTHBRIDGE BOND & INT.	2,276.94	275.00	2,551.94	0.00
ELECTRIC	273,215.60	762,668.46	849,022.98	186,861.08
WATER	406,548.06	170,422.03	122,868.30	454,101.79
SEWER	365,253.20	547,802.59	496,188.16	416,867.63
REFUSE	38,413.15	49,916.62	60,211.84	28,117.93
REVOLVING LOAN	1,473.76	7,721.28	7,721.28	1,473.76
ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT	389,527.01	32,037.61	10,224.13	411,340.49
ELECTRIC DEPOSITS	58,451.60	6,180.41	6,103.24	58,528.77
WATER DEPOSITS	15,928.62	1,817.26	1,758.66	15,987.22
WATER REPLACEMENT	48,361.73	1,800.00	0.00	50,161.73
SEWER REPLACEMENT	21,846.80	1,800.00	14,030.20	9,616.60
REFUSE REPLACEMENT	67,324.92	1,500.00	0.00	68,824.92
PAYROLL	3,584.80	399,257.05	401,478.13	1,363.72
PRIOR YEAR	17,541.60	177,622.38	17,541.60	177,622.38
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TOTALS .....	2,660,481.23	2,498,283.04	2,420,705.66	2,738,058.61

Available Cash:	
FIRST STATE	Bank..... 95,000.00
FIRST SECURITY BANK	Bank..... 100,000.00
THE BANK	Bank..... 2,543,058.61
	Bank.....
Total Available Cash (To agree with total funds above).....	2,738,058.61

#### LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT BOND ISSUE	\$ 345,000.00
NORTHBRIDGE HOUSING REFUNDING BOND (2003)	\$ 27,144.00
MOWER	\$ 2,461.17
HI-RANGER BU	\$ 48,361.77
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 6,581.26
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 46,434.81
DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK	\$ 123,765.87
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	\$
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TOTAL	\$ 599,748.88

I, Patty Rowh do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Signed Patty Rowh City Treasurer

## Landowners, tenants need to check lease dates

An important date for landowners and tenants to remember this year is Jan. 30.

According to the Kansas Farm Lease Laws, this is a critical date for notice of termination of a lease, unless a written lease specifically states another date. This applies to crop and pastureland.

For oral or written leases where a date is not specified in writing, you as a landowner must give notice for tenancy termination as follows:

- Notice must be delivered at

least 30 days prior to March 1.

- Termination of the tenancy must be given to take place on March 1.
- And this must be given in writing.

If a fall seeded crop such as wheat has been planted already, then the termination will be set on the day following the last day of harvest or Aug. 1, which ever comes first.

Oral agreements are sometimes vague if a disagreement arises. In fact, oral lease agreements are usu-

ally only enforceable for one year.

It is best to put together something in writing to protect each party and avoid misunderstandings. An excellent publication is available on the topic called "Kansas Agriculture Lease Law".

Kansas State Extension has formed several example leases that can be used or can be adapted to your situation. Contact the K-State Research and Extension office at (785) 877-5755 for more information.



1101 W. Highway 36, Norton, Kansas — Phone 785-877-3323

## LETTER OF THANKS

On behalf of Prairie Land Electric Coop Inc., I want to thank the members for the hospitality shown to our employees during the recent ice storm. We also would like to thank all the farmers for the use of their tractors in getting our trucks to areas unreachable without their help. The employees really appreciated everything that was done for them and the patience shown during this difficult time.

As of January 16, our best estimate of poles that went down in the ice storm is 1850. The storm hit December 30, 2006 and we were able to restore everyone's power by January 12, 2007 (14 days later). We had 182 linemen and 7 inside help working on our system at one time restoring power. We had other cooperatives and contractors that came in to help during the restoration period. They are as follows:

- Kaw Valley — Topeka, KS — 4 Linemen
- Brown Atchison — Horton, KS — 3 Linemen
- Rolling Hills — Ellsworth, KS — 5 Linemen
- Aquila — Phillipsburg and Concordia — 5 Linemen
- Solida Tree Service — Phillipsburg, KS — 9 Men
- Mid Plains Power, Inc., Grand Island, NE — 13 Employees
- C&H Power Line Inc., Dewey, OK — 47 Employees
- Razz Electrical Services — Lecompte, LA — 27 Employees
- KDM Power Line Constr. — Gilbert, LA — 42 Employees

*Again, thank you for your patience in getting your power restored.*

Earl Hansen, Director of Operations