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Norton County won't join the other counties along U.S. 36 in paying for a study by the Docking Institute out of Fort Hays State University on the feasibility of making it a four-lane highway.

Norton and Jewell counties are the only counties out of the 13 the highway that runs through in Kansas to refuse a request by the U.S. 36 Highway Association to give \$2,000 each to help pay for the study.

Norton County Economic Development Director Diane Becker visited with the county commissioners on Monday asking about the study.

She said that Carolyn Applegate, who works for the highway association, had asked her about

the request.

Commissioner John Miller said that Bob Strevey, a highway association director, from Norcatur, had also talked to him about the project.

However, he said, he doesn't believe that the study will help Norton County.

"The people at the state say its just a waste of money," he said

Commissioner Leroy Lang agreed and the commissioners said that if the Norton County Economic Development Board, which is partially funded by the county, wants to help pay for the study, it was fine with them.

However, the economic development group has already turned the highway people down once saying they should talk to the commissioners.

Ms. Becker said that she was planning to attend the highway association's annual meeting since it will be just down the road in Washington this year on Thursday and Friday, June 5-6.

She said that she is also working on a walking trail for Lenora. County Counselor Doug Sebelius will deal with the easement, she said, and she's hoping that volunteers will build the trail.

Commissioner Lang said that he has been told that Orschelns, which is looking at putting a store in Norton, wants a new building and is asking for economic incentives.

Ms. Becker said she was working with the company and would continue to do so and keep the commissioners informed of any progress.



The Clown from the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus entertained dozens of children Wednesday afternoon in the gymnasium at Norton Recreation Center. Here she shows Dawson Normile how to balance a feather on his finger. Waiting their turn, on the far left is Taylor Mapes and Gracie Temmel.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Moving right along



Workers with Hardy Construction fought the wind Wednesday to put up metal siding on the new addition of the relocated Kowpoke Supply at 415 E. Holme. Exterior work is expected to be done late next week and the interior in two weeks.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

E-waste: Getting data to the public

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to get the information about the program out to the public including using table toppers, handouts and posters.

However, he said, "I'm not ready to put any of this out, yet."

He also told the commissioners that there has been some problems with the City of Norton not picking up limbs.

He said that the county still takes limbs at the landfill but that people need to bring them out themselves. The city used to pick up limbs with yard waste, he said, but not anymore, because yard waste goes on the compost pile.

"Our KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) permit will not allow limbs in the compost pile," County Clerk Robert Wyatt said.

Pool: Cool temps will close it

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- Five swimmers or less;
- Lightning, rain or severe storms in the immediate area;
- If the outside temperature is 65 degrees or colder.

Pool management stresses that children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult and are admitted to the pool free. Additionally, there is no lifeguard on duty at the baby pool.

Once again, here are the admission prices:

- Daily, \$1.50 per person;
- 20 Punch card, \$25;
- Season Tickets, individual \$30; family \$75 (immediate family only);
- Private pool party, 40 people or less, \$75; more than 40 people, \$10.

In case you are wondering, temperatures in our area are expected to be in the 80s the first three days of next week — 83 on Monday, and 80 both Tuesday and Wednesday. Showers might occur on Monday.

Tip: think sun screen.

Bioscience agency visits

By PATTY DECKER
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Representatives from the Kansas Bioscience Authority, an agency created by the Legislature in 2004 to promote and strengthen the agricultural heritage across the state, visited leaders in Colby earlier this month.

The purpose of the trip for members of the authority was to acquaint themselves with resources in northwest Kansas and explain what part the agency could play in economic growth.

"We enjoyed talking with people in Colby about Kansas Bioscience Authority programs," said Tom Thornton, president of the authority.

"One of our stops was at Colby Community College's vet tech program."

Thornton said one of the goals of the authority is in working with communities to attract companies.

The vet tech program, he said, is a state asset and bioscience opportunities go beyond the private practice, which is where many graduates make their careers.

For example, Thornton talked about the research and animal health vet technicians for bioscience growth.

"It's no surprise that most vet technicians go into private practice, but there are many more jobs looking for cancer treatments for pets; medicines; flea and tick collar advancements — the animal health industry in general," he said.

Thornton also spoke with a local farmer, Ken Frahm, about the agricultural-side of bioscience.

"I believe Tom Thornton and the Kansas Bioscience Authority are doing really great things

in Kansas," Frahm said. "The intersection of biosciences and business and industry is the scene of the hottest new ventures in the country these days."

Frahm spoke about how bio-energy, bio-medical and traditional bio fields such as plant and animal food production are affecting the way everyone lives.

One example of a new business in Kansas dealing in the bio-field, Frahm cited, involves a company known as Edenspace Systems Corporation.

"Through work of a combination of the Kansas Bioscience Authority, Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation and Junction City," he said, "Edenspace expects to be an early stage innovator in the cellulosic ethanol field."

This developing field, he said, will involve a process of genetically modifying a hybrid seed corn variety with the introduction of enzymes into the corn stover, making the rest of the plant (beyond just the grain) much easier to process into cellulosic ethanol.

The outcome of this process would be more of the product reaching market and increasing the amount of ethanol produced per acre from cornfields.

Thornton encourages anyone with ideas in the bioscience field to talk with his office about how they can help.

Another idea Frahm said he spoke with Thornton about was how many people in the Colby area want to produce anhydrous ammonia fertilizer as a byproduct of wind energy.

Steve Ziegelmeier, another local producer, was among many who organized the wind energy conference recently, which brought officials from the University of Minnesota to Colby

Circus due in town on June 3

The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus is coming to Norton on Tuesday, June 3 for two performances at Elmwood Park.

Show times will be 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The circus is being sponsored by the Norton Rotary Club. Proceeds from ticket sales

will help fund some of the club's projects. Advance ticket prices are: Adult, \$8; Child (age 2 to 12), \$6. On circus day prices will be: Adult, \$11; Child, \$7.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Norton Animal Health Center, The Bank, Norton County Farm Bureau, Zwickle Account-

ing, Garrett's Plumbing, Jamboree Foods, Norton Shop-n-Save, Norton Area Chamber of Commerce office, Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum (Saturdays and Sundays, until circus day, from 2 to 5 p.m.) or from any Rotary Club member. Call Kathy Zimmerman, 877-2236 for more information.

Local athletes take part in testing

By DICK BOYD
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On Saturday, April 5, 19 athletes from Norton competed in the Athletic Testing Combine at The Center for Health Improvement in Hays.

Over a five week period, 211 athletes from 31 schools participated in the event, including athletes from Hays, Salina, La Crosse, Norton, Liberal and a number of other schools in Western Kansas and Nebraska.

Athletes were tested in seated shot put, vertical jump, standing broad jump, pro agility, 10 yard dash, 40 yard dash and bench press. All results were combined to provide each athlete with an Overall Athletic Rating. Athletes also received percentile ratings and national averages allowing them to compare with other athletes across the nation. In addition, recruiting offices from each college in the state will receive the information.

"This is a great way for athletes to gain maximum exposure," said Shawn Landers, coordinator for the Testing Combine.

The athletes from Norton competed well, including the following top performers: Terrell Lane, 23rd best, seated shot put, 224.4 inches; Brad Nuzum, 12th best, pro agility, 4.41 seconds; Zane Perez, 19th best, pro agility, 4.43 seconds; 10th best, bench press to body weight ratio, 1.4575; KaraJo Jones, fifth best, seated shot put, 157.5 inches; third best, vertical jump, 22 inches; top score, broad jump, 93.5 inches, new record; top score, pro agility, 4.71 seconds, new record; top score, 10 yard

dash, 1.80 seconds; second best, 40 yard dash, 5.40 seconds; second best, bench press 1RM, 123 pounds; fourth best, bench press to body weight ratio, 0.9462; second best, overall athletic rating; Taylor Rossi, fifth best, 40 yard dash, 5.76 seconds; third best, bench press 1RM, 117 pounds; top score, bench press to body weight ratio, 0.9832.

Also competing from Norton were: Ryan Blecha, Billy Broeckelman, Jacob Brooks, Tyler Cook, Dakota Dreher, Zac Dreher, Landon Hamel, Brock Lauer, Coady McMullen, Alec Melvin, Brandon Pride, Casey Robison, Matt Stanley and Rylee Stanley.

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Norton Municipal Swimming Pool

OPENS MONDAY, MAY 26

POOL HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY: 1-5 P.M. & 6:30-8:30 P.M.
FRIDAY-SUNDAY: 1:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

Daily Admission Price: \$1.50 Per Person • 20 Punch Card: \$25.00
Season Tickets: Individual-\$30.00 • Family: \$75.00 (Immediate Family Only)
Private Pool Party: 40 People or Less-\$75.00; • Over 40 People-\$100.00

The pool will be closed if any of the following occur: 5 swimmers or less; lightning, rain or severe storms in the immediate area; or if the outside temperature is 65 degrees or colder. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult and are admitted to the pool free. There is no lifeguard on duty at the baby pool.

Pool passes will be sold at the City Office Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23, during normal business hours, for those wishing to purchase tickets in advance.

JILL LIVELY, POOL MANAGER