Start your engines; the Elmwood races are back on

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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The Tri-States Motor Sports Association, a group of Norton citizens, will make sure there are races this summer at Elmwood scheduled for the fourth Saturday

of the group, appeared before the couple decided not to continue. Norton City Council on Wednesday to request use of the race track this summer and for a license to sell beer there.

In the past, promoters Don Park Speedway with the first race and Paula Bolt of Jennings have run the races at the speedway but after the council decided to ask for race dates and beer licenses. Jerry Bantam, a representative bid proposals for this season, the

The city will receive 50 cents a person for everyone at the races, City Clerk Darla Ellis said. That includes those in the grandstands and in the pits. The council OK'd the agreement for the park and grandstand area and approved the

Mayor David Corns reminded

everyone that no beer can be in in modifieds, stock cars, hobby the pit area, however. he said that the city police would be driving through the area and if beer was found in the pits, citations will be issued or other action taken.

Admission for the races will be \$10 for adults 14 years and older and free for those 13 and under.

The races are expected to bring

stock, Porto's and 305 sprints.

The pits will normally open at 3 p.m. on race days with iron out track at 4 p.m., hot laps at 5 p.m. and pit and drivers meetings at 6 p.m. The race schedule for 2009 is: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

6:45 p.m. Saturday, June 13. 6:45 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

6:45 p.m. Saturday, July 25 for the Norton County Fair.

6:45 p.m. Sunday, July 26 for the Norton County Fair.

6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. All day Saturday, Sept. 5 for Vintage Days.

All day Sunday, Sept. 6 for Vintage Days.

6:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

Community funding covers wide variety of projects

across the state. Eligible homessential home repairs; including eligible entities may be used to and equipment. finance a variety of public use projects, including tornado sirens and other community needs.

The USDA Rural Development offers a variety of programs to provide financing to individuals and communities.

The Agency's Single Family Home Repair Loan and Grant Program can finance improvements to a home to remove health and safety hazards, including the construction of storm shelters for ceiling and flooring repairs; reowner-occupied residences. For placement or installation of water

and grant funding is available munities in Kansas, the Agency's for individuals and communities Community Facilities Program finances essential community eowners may use funds to finance needs, including hospitals, day care centers, fire trucks and equipthe construction of storm shelters. ment, storm sirens and a wide va-Loans to communities and other riety of other public use facilities

> Personal safety concerns for rural residents have contributed to Agency approval for use of the home repair funds to construct storm shelters or safe rooms in owner occupied dwellings.

In Addition, other necessary repairs and improvements such as: the installation of windows and insulation to improve energy efficiency; installation of heating/ cooling systems; roofing, siding,

USDARural Development loan small cities and other rural com- and waste disposal systems, and to protect themselves and their facilities, hospitals and medical improvements for handicapped accessibility may also be financed under the Single Family Home Repair Program. Applicants must meet income guidelines and be owner occupants of the rural property being improved.

Acting State Director Darla Buckman said, "Severe weather can strike unexpectedly, often resulting in serious personal consequences. Violent storms and the loss of life underscore the need for improved safety measures.

"The installation of a storm shelter in a home or storm sirens in a community offer important added safety and security whenever severe weather approaches. USDA Rural Development is able to provide homeowners and entire communities with the resources

families."

In addition to repair funds for improving private homes, the Agency's Community Facilities Program is a great tool to assist rural communities to develop new or enhanced facilities for public safety, public service and health care, the Agency said.

Projects can include: schools, libraries, courthouses, childcare

clinics, assisted living facilities, installation of storm sirens, police and fire equipment, vehicles and rescue facilities, public buildings, and transportation needs.

Through the Agency's Community Facilities Program, USDA Rural Development is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural com-

Community Facilities Programs utilize three financial tools to achieve this goal: the Guaranteed Loan Program, the Direct Loan Program, and the Grant Program.

"The benefits of the program through grants and low-interest loans can significantly improve the quality of life for community residents," said Acting State Director Buckman.

City council

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having mechanical problems. City Administrator Rob Lawson said that the two old police cars are being traded in for \$3,600 in

equipment for the new vehicle. In other budget discussions, the council members talked about

capital outlay items. Council member Toby Kuhn said the finance committee is asking all department heads to do an equipment and vehicle inventory to see what might need to be replaced in the future.

Mr. Kuhn also said that, while there are many streets in town that need repairs, the committee identified five that are the most critical and are getting cost estimates on them.

The committee also is looking at ways to get and pay for a new trash truck for the refuse department, he said.

Council member Donna Foley said that the utility committee has asked Mr. Lawson to contact the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to see what funding

Appointment

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The mayor said that Diana

Smith had also applied for the

position but was not chosen be-

cause she works at Natoma Corp.

with council members Joe Leroux

and Jeff Otter and he didn't want

there to be any concerns that the

state's open meetings law might

The law says that whenever

the majority of a quorum of the

council gets together to discuss

city business, it is a meeting and

options might be available to repair the city's flooded lift station, digester aeration and to refurbish the manholes.

Mr. Lawson said that the pumps on the lift station at the sewer plant were changed out on Tuesday and everything went well except for a bent pipe, that is being repaired this week.

After that is done, he said, there will be a three-month test period on the new pumps. If they pass the test, the city can approve a certificate of completion and make the final payments to the contractor.

In other business, the council: • Heard that the city's March sales tax receipts were \$15,674.43 and the county's were \$13,600.56.

• Approved the re-appointment of Dean Esslinger to the Economic Development board's at-large position for a two-year term beginning this month.

• Learned the Code Inspector Jeff Wolf had attended a seminar and returned with several forms used by other cities. He will be presenting a draft of revised forms

an announcement has to be made

in advance to anyone, who has

requested one. This normally is

the newspaper and radio but could

council members and three people

for her interest in the position and

for attending several meetings.

He said that he didn't feel there

was any reason to suppose the

state's open meetings law would

be broken but that he didn't want

The mayor thanked Ms. Smith

would be a majority of that.

be anyone.

to the council for possible use as nuisance abatement forms.

• Decided to ask Mr. Lawson to talk to the Kansas Department of Transportation about moving a crosswalk flasher on U.S. 36 by the Dairy Queen. Corey Urban had told the city's public safety committee that he felt the flashers are difficult to see from vehicles coming from the west and wanted to know if it could be moved fur-

• Received building permit requests from Clayton Turman to attach a wood-framed storage shed to a house at 507 E. Washington at a cost of under \$450, and from Dan Heller and Bob Hoover to demolish a house at 509 N. Archer for \$2,000.

• Heard that Shawn Wiltfong has requested a hearing on a environmental nuisance complaint letter he received.

A hearing is set for 6:15 p.m Wednesday, May 20.

• Set the next meeting for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the

there to even be the appearance of

After City Clerk Darla Ellis

had given the oath of office to

Ms. Ryan, the mayor said that he

doesn't eliminate the ward system

since there seemed to be a lack of

interest in some parts of town in

Councilman Jeff Otter asked if

there was a state statute requiring

the city to have a ward-type sys-

tem and the mayor said he would

ask City Attorney Karen Griffiths

a problem.

the last election.

to research the issue.

In Norton, a quorum is four has had people ask why the city

Meals on Wheels schedule released

By TOM DREILING

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Meals on Wheels is another volunteer driven community service. And like most such organizations in the city and county, additional help is always appreciated.

Richard Miller, of the Meals on Wheels Committee, released the following schedule from May 11 through July 5:

May 11-17 — Community Volunteers

May 18-24 — Immanuel Lutheran Church, contact Fonda Lawrence 877-3145

May 25-31 — Child Study Club, Wiltfong 877-5286

contact Theola Otter 877-3669 lumbus, contact Tom Melroy 877-2754

June 8-14 — Norton Lions Club, contact Jon Boxler 877-5128

June 15-21 — Women's Council Christian Church, contact Carmen Lesh 877-2310

June 22-25 — Trinity Episcopal Church, contact Connie Johnson 877-5251

June 26 — Community Volunteers

June 27-28 — 20th Century Federated Club, contact Lottie

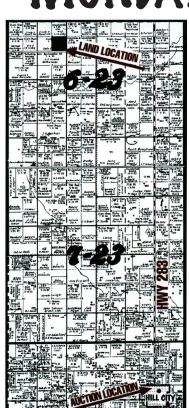
June 29-July 5 — Norton Ro-June 1-7 — Knights of Co-tary Club, contact Gloria Zwickle 877-3666

> Mr. Miller said, "it is important that each have three persons, each with their own car, to deliver the noon meal." And he also stressed the need for the volunteers to report at 11:30 a.m. for the noon delivery.

> He asks that the list of volunteers be turned in to Alice Hawks at the hospital by Friday of the week before your group starts their delivery. The Norton Telegram will print a "Meals on Wheels reminder" in each issue.

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GENERAL INFORMATION: This quarter has a 40'x60' metal building, 2-22'x14' grain bins, water well, electricity and shelter belt. F.S.A. INFORMATION: 149.3 acres cropland (presently idle) balance buildings and wildlife habitat. Base Acres: Wheat-65.1; Grain Sorghum-47.2

POSSESSION: Upon closing.

AND LOCATION: From the intersection of Hi-way 283 and Hi-way 24 in Hill City, KS., 12 miles North and 3 miles West to the Southeast corner of the quarter TERMS AND CONDITIONS: MINERALS: All sellers interest to be

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Library

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ready for those who have paid one dollar or more. Country people are especially invited to become members and call at the library as often as they can. There are over 500 volumes of excellent reading material now on the shelves and \$100 worth of new books ordered. The rent is paid one year in advance and the room is nicely furnished with chairs and tables. You will find someone there to wait upon you, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in the afternoons and evenings.

Home Talent Lecture Courses were held for the benefit of the library. The Library Association tenance of the library continued also held rummage sales in the east room of the Auditorium. In the beginning, there were no paid employees, only volunteer club women.

In the spring of 1914, the citizens of Norton were asked to vote for or against an annual tax of 4/10 of a mill for support of the library.

This would place the library under the direction of the Mayor and nine appointees. 4/10 of a mill was estimated to raise \$700 for the library.

The first meeting of the new Library Board was Oct. 8, 1914. At the regular meeting of the Library Board on Jan. 1, 1915, eight members and Mayor H. L. Johnson were present. A librarian was hired and the library was then open every afternoon and evening.

In 1919, by special legislation, Norton levied a tax of one mill for two years and, with the proceeds, During the winter of 1910-1911, they purchased three lots for a library site.

Atax of one-half mill for mainuntil 1926 when a levy of threefourths of a mill was approved. The number of books in the

library on March 1, 1928 was 3,750.

Circulation for the fiscal year ending Feb. 29, 1928 was

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