

## Lining up the roadway



The Kansas Department of Transportation workers were taking advantage of the warmer weather this week and getting some highway painting completed. KDOT employees, Hank Schurz and Jamie Reimer, received the messy job of painting the railroad track crossing on South State Street in downtown Norton this past Tuesday.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Pitch tournament continues

There was no doubt about it, spring was in the air. The grandmothers were handing out green cookies, the Great White Hunters were telling tall tales of the season's conquest. Meanwhile over in the north corner the Black Hat Kid and his Faithful Companion were eyeing the competition before they would decide which line to enter on. The clock had reached the magic hour but there was still one team short when the Storey Tellers entered through the west door, however with no time for listening, they were immediately signed in and the Brown-Eyed girl shouted to "Begin to Commence" and everyone rushed to their designated table.

Now in Seven Point Pitch and four hands to a round, four times seven equals twenty-eight, and twenty-eight times ten rounds equals two hundred and eighty possible points to a game. However the average winning score usually is around one hundred and twenty five points. So, if you've the cards, you'd better bid 'em because opportunity doesn't prevail in every hand.

The Sailor and the Soldier took the first round honors and set the pace for things to come. While the Hound Dawgs and the Blue Dogs were barking it up over on table six, The Car Salesman and the Welder took second round honors and the lead. The Northern Tier Gang, off to a slow start, hit their stride on round three with high round honors but the lead stayed with the Salesman and the Welder who were yielding high average hands. Finally the lead changed as Wild Bill and the Hat Man took the honors on round four and without another high round score maintained the lead for the next four rounds with masterful bidding and playing, so they said. Meanwhile, the Windmill Man and his Fair Lady companion, out bidding each other, took the honors on round five as a break was declared and everyone rushed to the leader board to assess the situation. Five teams had a 10-point average, and two teams had a 12-point average with most of the rest bunched together.

As the old coach said, the second half can be just the opposite of the first half so as round six began, the enthusiasm was at a high level. The Pilgrims from the East attempted some high level trump bidding but to no avail as

Windmill Man and his Fair Lady made it a double for the evening with honors on six but the lead stayed with the Hat Man and Wild Bill for the next three rounds. The Magician was going into a trance to gain some psychic powers but they fell on the Car Salesman and the Welder as they took the seventh round honor.

The crucial eighth round was coming up and for those near the bottom of the board some major adjustments needed to be made while those near the top of the ladder needed to get the most out of the remaining hands. Fair Lady and her Windmill Man took the honors on round eight to make it a triple for the evening. Very unusual and a very high honor in the game of Pitch.

With the ninth round coming up some skull sessions could be observed across the room as partners needed to know what kind of logic was being expected from partners. The Northern Tier Gang tied for honors with the Cowboy and the Farm Hand and with Lil Abner and Daisy Mae but made the win with the skins game on round ten. Car Man and the Welder had a three point lead going into the final round. Several teams were within striking distance of the lead over Wild Bill and the Hat Man as the round got underway and there were those that a successful long shot attempt could possibly do the trick. As the final round came to a close and the scores were tallied,

Car Salesman and the Welder had hit the wall and high cards voided Wild Bill and the Hat Man as The Soldier and the Sailor, playing steady hands slipped into the lead. There had been a three way tie for the honors and by a cut of the cards, the Cardinal and the Wildcat took the honors. It was the first time for the Soldier and the Sailor a team to capture the victory but took their accolades with honor and dignity and offered tips of the game for all interested.

Top five teams in order were: 1. Darren and Dallas McMullen, 2. Bill Glennemeier and Dave Sheley, 3. Norman Walter and Doyle Brooks, 4. Doug and Kim Gallentine, 5. Duane McEwen and J.D Daffer

High Round scorers were: Darren and Dallas McMullen; Norm Walter and Doyle Brooks; Bill Glennemeier and Dave Sheley; Charlie Kinderknecht and Richard Conner; Doug and Kim Gallentine; Larry Smith and Gerald Jackson. Triple high round scorers were Kim and Doug Gallentine; Double high round scorers were Charlie Kinderknecht and Richard Conner and Norm Walter and Doyle Brooks.

Other teams in random order were: Tony Hildebrand and Larry Harmon, Jerry Darling and Dan Lauer; June Jolly and Margaret Magers; Eleanor Jensen and Mary Jane Wahlmeier; Jake Durham and Gil Otter.

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# Norton City Council continues clean up job

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In its continuing effort to clean up the town, the Norton City Council passed four resolutions Wednesday night aimed at enforcing ordinances dealing with nuisance property.

The resolutions all pertain to property at 507, 509 and 511 N. Graves owned by Kevin Wiltfong.

The first resolution deals with maintenance on the properties. It requires that the building and grounds be maintained in a clean and neat appearance and pest free. The owner is given 60 days to comply.

The second resolution deals with health hazards. It requires that all trash, stagnant water and abandoned appliances be removed. The owner has 45 days to comply.

The third resolution is for environmental hazards and requires all abandoned vehicles, lumber, concrete, tires, bikes and lawnmowers be removed and that exterior structures, including fences, and walls be maintained. The owner has 45 days to comply with most of the resolution but 60 days on the exterior items.

The fourth resolution is for weeds and the owner has 45 days to clean up the excess vegetation.

The council agreed to a new lease with the Northwest Kansas

Library System on the property it now uses.

The former lease, which has expired, was for 20 years, Councilman Jeff Otter told the group. The new lease, which is for a little more money, will be for 10 years. The library system has agreed to pay \$2 per sq. ft. per year for the space. That would provide the city with \$12,204 a year, Mr. Otter said.

Mr. Otter also mentioned that the finance committee came up with more than \$65,000 in material costs the city has provided for business expansion on such projects as the new motel, hospital expansion, courthouse renovation. This does not include either labor or use of vehicles, he said, but shows that the city by serious about providing businesses with incentives to expand or settle in Norton.

Councilwoman Donna Foley said that the Public Safety Committee is looking at getting a stop sign for the corner of Pearl and Case streets. The intersection is a T, she said, and ends right at the state Department of Transportation shops. Because of a dip in the pavement, there have been some problems with vehicles running into the state's fence.

City Administrator Rob Lawson reported on the Airport Board meeting he attended.

The airport has received a \$202,275 federal grant, he said, to install a visual guidance system, a lighted wind cone, precision

pathway lighting and runway end identifiers.

The grant will be paid 95 percent by the federal government. The remaining 5 percent will be split between the city and the county.

This is a great opportunity to upgrade the airport, he said.

The airport board is also looking at getting some expansion cracks in the runway sealed, he said, and is seeing if a 24-hour fuel station could be established.

The board also approved use of the runway for the Norton Classic Cruisers drag races on July 9, he said.

In other business, the council:

- Congratulated police officer Gabe Walz after Chief Pat Morel presented him with an award for completing his training.
- Agreed to donate \$150 to the flower committee to beautify the town this spring.
- Heard that the city has two new volunteer firefighters.
- Learned that the Sainz property on East Woodfield has been demolished and the area cleaned up.

• Was told by Foley, who attended the last Chamber of Commerce board meeting, that the chamber is planning its annual banquet for May 16 with former Gov. Mike Hayden as the speaker. The Chamber has also set two fundraisers, she said — its annual Golf Tournament on May 20 and the Winners Circle on Oct. 29.

## Growth

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legislature for a rural opportunity zone. If it passes, any county which has lost up to 10 percent of its population can bring in out of state businesses and the business will not have to pay any state income taxes for five years. Sproul is on the board of the state organization.

The development group has just finished a roundtable meeting for manufacturers. The five manufacturing firms in the county account for 200 jobs, Sproul said.

The Colby Community College is hoping to expand its nursing program and use the clinic building, which the hospital won't need as soon as its expansion is completed. The nursing program

hopes to have 30 students within two years, he said. Right now the economic development group is working on grants and loans to renovate the clinic into classrooms.

A new quarterly magazine about the county should be available around Memorial Day. The economic development is not facilitating the magazine but will

provide some copy, he said.

Sproul said that the economic group is working with about a dozen businesses on problems ranging from employee recruitment to business plans.

"We really feel the business community is coming into the office and giving us a chance to help them," he said.

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