

NORCATUR NEWS

Senior citizens met on May 20, at the Educational Building with 14 present. Winners were Rea Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Jackie Porter, tied for second, and Eleanor Jensen. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Friday.

Chance Harman came through Oberlin recently, en route from Texas to Canada to work.

Bob and Anita Montgomery went to Bartley, Neb., on May 10 to attend the school program for their great-grandson, Keegan Shuler. They also helped their great-grandson Karson Shuler,

celebrate his third birthday in Bartley on May 16. Bob is recuperating well from recent cataract surgery.

Von Johnson won first; Fred Molzahn, second, and Stan Miller, third at the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on May 18.

Birthdays include: Jodi Lyon and Chance Harman, May 27; LaVerne Milner, May 29; Jamie Wentz, May 30.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm from May 19 through May 21 were Peggy Mast and Jerold

Rule, Emporia, and Amy Siple, Wichita. All were supper guests of Lila Rule at Whispering Pines in Norton on May 20.

A memorial service was held at the Clayton Cemetery on Saturday afternoon for Phyllis Leichter.

Parents of children who are interested in attending a summer reading program at the Norcatur Library are asked to contact Deb. at (785) 693-4461.

Library hours are from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the City Building.

Heaton Building is a finalist in historic preservation contest

Norton's Moulton Drug Store, known as the Heaton Building, has been selected as a finalist in the 2011 This Place Matters Community Challenge by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Structurers in more than 300 towns were nominated in the challenge, with 100 chosen as finalists.

Each of the finalists will get a web page where supporters can tell their story and rally support.

Voting starts on Wednesday. Go to www.discovernorton.com for information.

The top three vote getters win cash awards — \$25,000 for first place, \$10,000 for second and

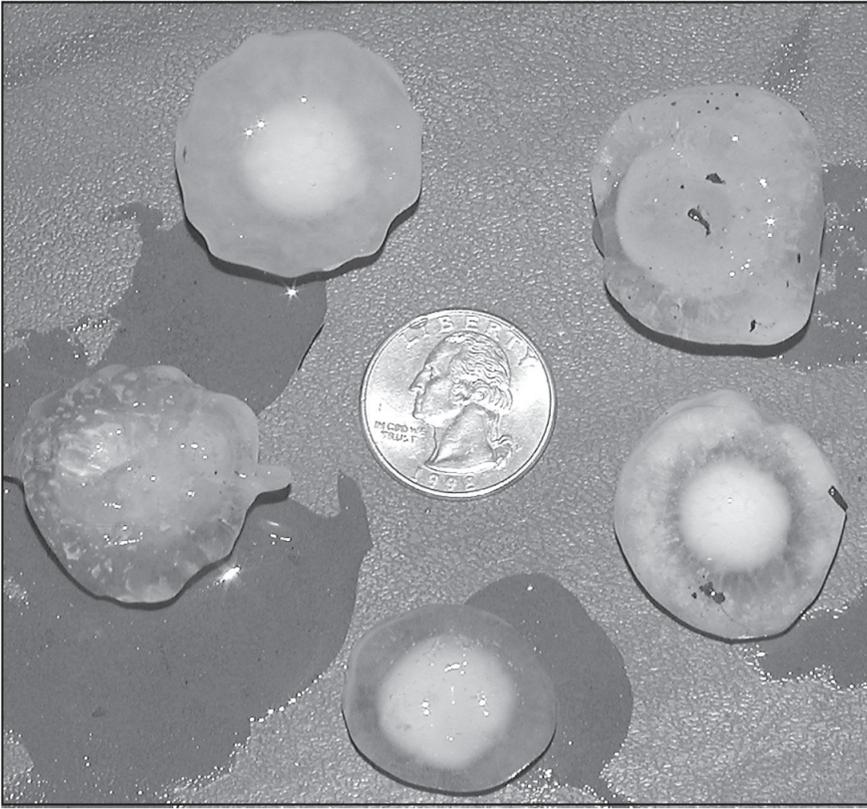
\$5,000 for third.

The old drug store here is being restored by the Norton County Community Foundation, which is trying to revitalize Norton's downtown. Work on the building is expected to begin this summer.

The project became eligible for the competition because downtown Norton was designated as both a state and national historic district last year.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit organization supported by more than 250,000 members.

Bigger than a quarter



Norton got hit by a short but strong hail storm late Wednesday afternoon. Pieces ranging from pea to golfball size hail did damage around town. John Gall of Gall Auto Body said that he had several calls and people stopping in for estimates. Brad Harting of New Look Body Shop said that estimates were the only thing he had been able to get done on Thursday and Jerry Lawson of Lawson Auto Body and Custom LLC said that the shops around here did not do the repairs themselves but that another company was called in from out of town to do the quick paintless dent repairs needed.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Experts warn of equine virus

Just as the spring horse show season moves into full swing, owners and trainers are encouraged to monitor their horses for symptoms of a potentially serious disease that is easily spread from horse to horse or through shared equipment.

The warning follows an outbreak of equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy at a competition in Utah April 29-May 8, in which horses from other states competed. Since then, the virus appears to have spread to several other states, according to a Kansas State University veterinarian.

As of May 18, a total of 14 confirmed or suspected cases have been reported in the United States, including five deaths. The states reporting confirmed or suspected cases by that date included California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico (suspected), Utah (suspected), Washington, and Alberta, Canada.

There have been no confirmed or suspected cases reported in Kansas so far (as of May 18), said Beth Davis, associate professor of clinical sciences in K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"Equine herpesvirus 1, or EHV-1, is one of a large group of DNA viruses causing potentially serious disease in horses and other species," Davis said. "EHV-1 can cause different forms of disease,

including abortion in mares, respiratory infection and neurological symptoms. The most recent outbreaks have involved the EHV-1 respiratory/neurological form of the virus, or equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM)."

The virus is contagious and is spread by direct horse-to-horse contact, but also by contaminated hands, equipment and tack, said Davis, who serves as K-State's section head for equine medicine and surgery. The virus also can spread for a short time through the air within the stall and stable environment.

Horses infected with the neurologic strain of EHV-1 might have a fever as well as nasal discharge, incoordination, hind end weakness, recumbency, lethargy, urine dribbling and diminished tail tone.

Currently there are no EHV-1 vaccines that have been proven to prevent against the development of EHM, Davis said. She recommends that horse owners contact their local veterinarian or the K-State Large Animal Desk (785-532-5700) to discuss potential vaccine recommendations that may be implemented to help limit the severity of disease, should their horse become exposed to the virus.

"If horse owners notice that a horse develops fever, respiratory

or neurological signs, they should call us or their local veterinarian and not move the horse or horses in the immediate area," Davis said. "We are also urging horse owners in this situation to alert those who have horses in the adjacent vicinity to cease all movement in or out of the facility until a diagnosis is confirmed by testing. If horses are exposed and then travel to a new stable or show, the infection can spread to other horses at the new location."

Davis is encouraging horse owners who have questions or notice such symptoms to contact their veterinarian or K-State's Large Animal Desk at 785-532-5700. She has developed a fact sheet, available on the website: <http://www.vet.ksu.edu/depts/VMTH/equine/index.htm>. Click on the link under the photo or on "Timely Topics" on the left side.

Information about this group of DNA viruses is also available on the American Association of Equine Practitioners website: <http://www.aaep.org/images/files/EquineHerpesvirusGuidelines051711.pdf>. Specific information about EHV-1 is available at http://www.aaep.org/ehv_resources.htm and frequently asked questions/answers are available at <http://www.aaep.org/images/files/EHMEHVFAQs051611.pdf>.

Honor

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In the book, "The First Eighty Years in New Almelo, 1878 - 1958", written by John W. Hickert, the author said Patrick and Margaret Leonard owned and operated a hardware store in Lenora, and they also owned and lived on a farm close to New Almelo. The book states that before his marriage, he was in the United States Army and was awarded the Con-

gressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in the saving of several families from a band of Indians near the Little Blue River at Orleans, Neb.

The Norton Courier reported on Jan. 26, 1899 that Patrick J. Leonard, one of the old settlers of Lenora, prominent in business and political circles, had died in Kansas City on Jan. 24, 1899, after undergoing surgery to remove a tumor. He was 51.

Norton City offices detail projects, activities for the next two weeks

The City of Norton consists of several departments, all with their own jobs to do. The following is a listing of activities that each office hopes to complete or start in the next two weeks time period.

The Norton City Office plans on completing payroll; completing the Appropriating Ordinance #11; collecting deposits for new customers; mailing out and receiving payments on City bills and recording those payments. Making a daily deposit; issuing building permits and any licenses requested. Taking complaints, receiving information regarding deaths and burials at the cemetery, preparing handheld meter reading device daily for meter reader. Prepare legal notices and for the City Council meeting, minutes and recording upcoming meetings. Go through vouchers for retailer's sales tax and compensating use tax. Prepare Enfield's monthly cemetery statement; Drug & Alcohol form; revolving loan fund payments and lease purchase payments. Follow up on delinquent accounts and take inquiries over the phone and at the counter.

The Public Works Department plans on digging a trench and installing a new 4" water main on the North side of Highway # 36, North of Natoma to comply with a requirement from KDOT. Fix pot holes in the city streets and perform swimming pool maintenance. They will locate all city

underground utilities reported through Kansas One Call. Any maintenance on the Public Works Shop and grounds on Johnson Road that may need done. Repair the hydraulic power pack used for operating pumps and saws during water leaks. They will sweep streets in the down town area on Wednesday evenings. All water and electric meters will be read and recorded. Pick up refuse and recyclables at each residence.

The Parks & Cemetery Department plans on preparing all ball fields and mowing at the Museum, City Office, Library, Elmwood Park, Swimming Pool Park, Mapes Park, Washington Park, Pineridge Park; Tweed Park, the disc golf course, race track area and the center island areas throughout the city. Spray weeds throughout the city and install metal propane sheets over the cooker area at the Grand Stands.

The Power Plant will perform daily maintenance on the buildings and equipment. They will also record hourly readings on all power that is delivered to the plant.

The Utility Plants will be mowing and maintain the lawns and grounds around the plant buildings. They will perform daily tests on the water distribution system, perform daily tests on the Waste Water Treatment System, de-sludge the clarifiers at the Water Plant and clean out the old

building at the Wastewater Plant. They also clean the clarifiers at the Wastewater Plant and perform all scheduled daily routine tasks.

The Line Department agenda includes daily clerical work, servicing power outages, repairing street lighting system as need and provide services for contractors and tree trimmers. They also locate all electric underground utilities for Kansas One Call System, trim trees as required, perform scheduled maintenance on bucket trucks and equipment and they hope to rebuild the power line on Highway 36 North of Natoma Corp. for the KDOT project.

The Norton City/County Inmate Work Crew will be working with the Norton County Road and Bridge Crew on dismantling two bridges.

The items listed are what the city has planned to accomplish in the next two weeks. This is only a plan, and could be changed due to any unforeseen problems such as emergency calls relating to water leaks, sewer back ups, power outages, weather related issues, or any other unforeseen problem.

Contact numbers are as follows: Public Works - 877-5040, Power Plant - 877-5020, Line Dept. - 877-5030, Water Plant - 877-5050, Sewer Plant - 877-5060, Parks Dept. - 874-4295, Code Insp. - 874-4818, Police Dept. - 877-5780.

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