

## Finishing strong



Lena Shelton and Allison Engelbert take off in the Kids One-Mile race Saturday morning in front of the Norton High School parking lot. The inaugural race raised more than \$2,300 for scholarships for Norton graduates.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

In an effort to raise scholarship funding for Norton graduates, the first annual Alum for Athletes 5K Run/Walk has raised more than \$2,300 for Norton graduates.

Race Director Stefanie Harris reported that the race featured a 5K Run for adults over the age of 11 and a kids one-mile fun run. The race also featured a one-mile fun walk. Overall, 77 participants helped make the race a success.

Along with the run/walk, the Alum for Athletes day featured food, prizes, and a one-man acoustic show, performed by Lucas Maddy, a 2002 Norton High School graduate. Maddy performs with a band called Callous Maddy.

Harris said that the plan for

the money raised is to provide two scholarships in the amount of \$800 each for Norton High School graduates to pursue college degrees. After the scholarships are designated, the remaining money will be used to help pay for expenses to coordinate next year's Alum for Athletes event.

The results of the Alum for Athletes Races are as follows:

### 5K, ages 12-19

Boys: 1st-Zach Hartwell, 2nd-Gunner Hays, 3rd-Marc Miller

Girls: 1st-Darci Bainter, 2nd-Katelyn Engelbert, 3rd-Kamilla Jones

### 5K, ages 20-29

Boys: 1st-Zach Bainter, 2nd-Nathan Walker, 3rd-Chase Rice

Girls: 1st-Taylor Rossi, 2nd-Karlie Stroup, 3rd-Kara Jo Sprigg

### 5K, ages 30-45

Boys: 1st-Jeremy Hartwell, 2nd-Ryan Manning

Girls: 1st-Jill Lively, 2nd-Michelle Wiltfong, 3rd-Leslie Pfannenstiel

### 5K, ages 46 and up

Boys: 1st-David Bainter, 2nd-Rod Maddy

Girls: 1st-Pam Engelbert, 2nd-Pam Shelton, 3rd-Claire Herman

### Kids One-Mile Run

Boys: 1st-Kolten Field, 2nd-Hayden Wiltfong, 3rd-Ryan Lively

Girls: 1st-Addison Brooks, 2nd-Avery Miller, 3rd-Allison Engelbert

## Follow the Yellow Brick Road

The fantastical world of Oz comes to life on stage for three weekends at Harlan County Dam Playhouse, 102 Berrigan in Republican City. Performances start Saturday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. and continue Sunday, July 31, 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 7, 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m., with the final performance Sunday, Aug. 14,

3 p.m. The show will close out the Playhouse's third summer season.

Doors will open half an hour before the show and advance tickets can be bought through 308-799-3093. Advance ticket holders will be allowed through the doors 15 minutes early for their choice of seats. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the

night of the show. Prices are \$16 for adult tickets and \$12 for children 3-11. Children under three are admitted free.

"The Wizard of Oz" production is co-sponsored by a grant through the Nebraska Arts Council.

For more information, contact Duane Cernousek at 308-799-3093.

## Educators adopt policy statement

With 140 educators from Kansas voting on the matter, delegates to the 2011 National Education Association recently adopted a policy statement on teacher evaluation and accountability. Over 9,000 educators from across the country attended the annual meeting and Representative Assembly, this year in Chicago. Like the Kansas association, delegates meet to discuss issues and vote on new business items and resolutions.

Disheartened with badly designed evaluation systems, delegates believe it is crucial to demand greater responsibility for their profession.

The association's proposal on teacher evaluation calls for an overhaul of teacher evaluation and accountability systems. It also calls for members to take responsibility for ensuring the development, implementation and enforcement of these high quality systems.

"As a result of this vote, New Education Association is in a better position to fight the attacks of special interests groups and 'reformists' who continue to unfairly target educators," said Kansas New Education Association President Blake West. "The voice of teachers and educators must not be silenced or marginalized by people who don't have a clue what great teaching is."

Delegates discussed and voted on school funding, especially recent cuts to education, validated the importance of standing together with parents and community members to defend public schools and set the policy for the association for the coming year. Keynote speakers included Vice President Joe Biden, educators from districts succeeding in the association's Priority Schools program and the "Wisconsin 14," the state senators named the 2011 Friend of Education who stalled Governor Scott Walker from

passing anti-worker legislation under the guise of a budget bill.

Besides voting on business items, Kansas New Education Association delegates participated in pre-meeting professional conferences and heard a distinguished panel of leaders from the National School Board Association, Parent Teacher Association, and American Association of School Administrators.

The leaders, joining with the association President Dennis Van Roekel, said the message is clear: stop bashing schools and teachers and focus on working as a team - teachers, administrators, local school boards, parents and communities all focused on creating great schools for every child, regardless of geography, wealth, race or station in life.

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## Rodeo comes to Phillipsburg

For the 82nd time, rodeo week stampedes into Phillipsburg Aug. 4-6.

The town of 2,300 people triples during rodeo week, as 450 pro rodeo cowboys and cowgirls, and 15,000 fans make their way to the Kansas' Biggest Rodeo arena a mile north of town on Highway 183.

Kansas' Biggest Rodeo kicks off at 8 p.m. each evening. The rodeo features two unique specialty acts this year. Troy Lerwill, "the Wild Child," has entertained at the National Finals Rodeo. In his act, he jumps a motorbike over a truck and sixty foot trailer. Lerwill, an eight-time Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association Comedy Act of the Year winner, will also work the barrel in Phillipsburg.

The second specialty act is Erik Martonovich's Big Horse Productions. He and a team of riders bring eight Belgian geldings to town, and he roman-rides the Belgians as the other riders vault from horse to horse, per-

forming "equine gymnastics" on the beasts as they gallop around the arena.

Phillipsburg rodeo fans will recognize the familiar face and voice of eleven time Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Announcer of the Year Randy Corley, who has worked the Phillipsburg rodeo at least 25 years. Bullfighter duties will be shared by Dusty Tuckness, Meteetse, Wyo., and Greg Rumohr, Rio Vista, Texas. And the bulls and broncs will be provided by Bennie and Rhett Beutler, the father/son duo of Beutler and Son Rodeo, Colo., Elk City, Okla. The Beutler family has brought livestock to Kansas' Biggest Rodeo since 1960.

A free barbecue for all rodeo ticketholders will be held on Aug. 4, sponsored by Phillips County Farm Bureau.

Thursday, Aug. 4 is also the rodeo's Tough Enough to Wear Pink night. For every fan wearing pink, \$1 is donated to the Phillips

County Relay for Life. Prairie Horizon Agri-Energy will match the rodeo's donation, dollar for dollar.

Friday, Aug. 5 is Coors night, and Coors caps will be given to the first 1,800 fans. Dances follow the rodeo on both Aug. 5 and 6; the band is "Railroad Avenue." The rodeo parade takes place on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. and the final night of rodeo is at 8 p.m. in the evening.

Armbands will be given to all adults who buy alcohol at the rodeo's beer garden.

Tickets are still available at Heritage Insurance, the former Tri-County Insurance office, in Phillipsburg. Reserved tickets for adults are \$14 and for kids ages 3-12 are \$10. General admission tickets for adults are \$12 and for kids are \$9. Children ages 2 and under are free. For more information, visit [www.KansasBiggestRodeo.com](http://www.KansasBiggestRodeo.com), call 785-543-2448, or visit the rodeo's Facebook page.

## Get ready to go on a treasure hunt

The 6th Annual U.S. 36 Highway Treasure Hunt will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 - 18.

This is a 400-mile treasure hunt across Kansas on U.S. Highway 36.

To be listed on the map, the U.S. 36 Association web site, [ushwy36.com](http://ushwy36.com), and Discover-

Norton.com, contact the Norton Area Chamber of commerce office at 785-877-2501 or e-mail [nortonccc@ruraltel.net](mailto:nortonccc@ruraltel.net) by noon, Aug. 24.

There will be a \$5 charge to cover printing and distribution. Maps will be available at the BB Gun Museum on East Highway 36 and Water Tower Park on

West Highway 36 all three days. Maps will also be available on six different websites. Vendors must contact the landowners for space availability and cost. Non Profit Clubs and Organizations can be clustered in Water Tower Park by contacting Ramona at the Norton Senior Citizen Center at 785-877-5352.

## Workshops offered to apply for grants

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development is partnering with K-State Research and Extension to offer three work-

shops designed to assist producers in applying for Value-Added Producer Grants. Workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 9 in Hays, Aug. 10 in Salina and Aug. 15 in Lawrence.

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development recently announced the availability of \$37 million in value-added producer grants. Producers, farmer/rancher cooperatives, agriculture producer groups and producer-based business ventures can apply for planning or working capital grants. Applications are due Aug. 29. Visit [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/KS\\_RBS\\_VAPG.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/KS_RBS_VAPG.html) to download the grant application.

The grant workshops will be lead by Dr. Vincent Amanor-Boadu, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kan-

sas State University, and Karissa Berks, United States of Agriculture Business Programs Director in Kansas.

Registration for the workshop is \$20 and includes lunch. Contact Dr. Kara Ross with Kansas State University's Department of Agricultural Economics at 785-532-3526 or [kross@agecon.ksu.edu](mailto:kross@agecon.ksu.edu) to register for the workshop. Registration is due by Aug. 5, and the following information is needed to register: mailing address, phone/e-mail address, organization, project description, interest in planning or working capital grant and any special needs.

For additional information regarding the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Value-Added Producer Grant program call the Agency's state office at 785-271-2740.

**LODGE NOTICES**

**American Legion Harmonson Redd Post No. 63**  
Second and Fourth Monday 7:30 p.m.  
Darren McMullen, Commander  
Curt Archibald, Adjutant

**Eagles Lodge FOE 3288**  
Second and Fourth Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Larry Hawks, President  
Secretary, Ron Miller

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
Reg. 7:00 p.m.  
First Mon. of each Month  
Curt Archibald, Commander  
Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

**I.O.O.F. No. 157**  
Meet at Eagles Club  
First and Third Thursday  
Each Month at 7:30 p.m.  
Geneva Tier, Noble Grand  
Randy Knoll, Secretary

**The American Legion Riders Post 63**  
Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building on the Second Sunday of Every Month  
website: [www.alr63.org](http://www.alr63.org)

**Carol Wyatt**  
will be gone from  
**Doris' Beauty Shop**  
Starting August 9.  
She will be returning in the fall  
**DORIS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE**

**Celebrating 80**  
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## Veterans Affairs holds outreach event at McCook Readiness Center

An outreach initiative to provide rural-area veterans information and counseling about Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and services takes place Aug. 5 and 6 at the Armed Forces Readiness Center, 404 W. 7th Ave, McCook, Neb.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is partnering with the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, veteran service agencies, county veteran service officers and military transition assistance advisors to bring information and services at a Veterans of the Armed Forces Open House.

Veterans and their family members with questions about benefits are encouraged to visit the open house between 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 5 or from 8 a.m. to noon, Aug. 6.

Veterans who are not currently enrolled for Veterans Affairs benefits are encouraged to bring their DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," to the open house to assist the agency counselors assess individual eligibility for Veterans Affairs benefits. Veterans Affairs counselors will assist veterans to complete eligibility and enrollment applications.

The goal is to increase awareness about Veterans Affairs and other benefits and services available to veterans, and to assist with applying for these benefits.

For additional information about the event, contact Cindy Niemack-Brown at 308-382-3660, extension 92287; or Tom Stritt 308-345-2385.