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**Tuesday**  
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## They ride to end the cycle of poverty

### Briefly

#### The carnival will start tonight

The Norton County Fair is under way and the Home Owned Carnival gets underway tonight running from 6:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. every night through Saturday. Friday night is Kiddy Arm Band Night for one ticket games only and on Saturday night it is Arm band Night for all rides.

#### Wednesday offers many activities

There will be a pork burger and watermelon feed at the Norton fairgrounds starting at 5:30 p.m. as well as a meet and greet with local and state candidates. The Three Jacks will provide music starting at 6:30 p.m. and running through the evening. The evening events wind up with the Ranch Rodeo at 7 p.m.

#### Animal sales and team roping set

The Market Animal Sale for the fair will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday night in the livestock barn. The Three Jacks will perform at 7:15 p.m. and the Jackpot Team Roping begins at 8 p.m.

#### Friday night at the fair will be busy

The Pedal Power Pull contest will take place on Friday with sign up at 5:15 p.m. and the pull at 5:45 p.m. Registration for McClain's Mutton Bustin is at 7 p.m. with the competition at 7:30 p.m. The night ends with Norton Idol also starting at 7:30 p.m.

#### Chess tournament set for this Friday

The Norton Library and Norton Friends of the Library will host a Chess Tournament on Friday, July 26 at 1 p.m. in the Community Room. It is open to all levels of chess players, first through twelfth grades. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. To register call the Library at 877-2481 or sign up at the library.



By **DANA PAXTON**  
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Bike riders from all over North America and Canada pulled into Prairie Dog State Park at about 2 p.m. on Thursday and spent the night. These 110 riders are members of the Sea To Sea group riding to end the cycle of poverty.

The group is based out of Grand Rapids Michigan and they have three goals, first to raise money to fight poverty, second, to inform and educate people about poverty and what can be

done to fight it and thirdly, for religious purposes. This is the third time this group has made the ride, it is done every five years. The first year they did it, the group traveled across Canada. The second time was a ride to Seattle. This year's ride began in Los Angeles and their goal is to make it to New York City in nine weeks. They started the trip on Monday, June 24 with 79 riders who will endure the entire trip picking up others along the way. By the time they reach New York there should be 220

riders total. Since this is a fund raising event each rider going all the way must come up with \$10,000. For those only planning to ride for a week it is \$2,500, so it is based on the amount of time they intend to stay with the group. The profits are given to organizations that have programs to help fight poverty.

With such a large group of riders several volunteers are needed. There are twenty people who volunteer their time to drive support vehicles, do the cooking, provide medical assistance,

drive a flat bed that carries all the camping equipment for the cyclists and two who drive big semi trucks. One is a 53 foot self contained kitchen and the other hauls the personal belongings of the bike riders. The riders average 80-100 miles a day and they all take Sunday off to recover. This is a very well planned trip with support and gear vehicles spaced out every fifteen miles to offer water, supplies and medical ser-

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## Biker bash set for this August

By **CYNTHIA HAYNES**  
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A proposed motorcycle bash has the Norton County sheriff wondering what will be expected of his department.

Sheriff Troy Thomson told the Norton County commissioners at their meeting on Monday July 15, that he has seen flyers for a motorcycle bash in Lenora. He said it is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 through 18, right after the biggest motorcycle rally in the country at Sturgis, S.D.

He said the posters, he has seen, advertise a burn out and wet T-shirt contest all within the Lenora city limits.

The posters indicate that profits from the event will be given to the county's ministerial alliance, the Norton Ameri-

can Legion Riders and Childrens Hospital of Kansas, the sheriff said.

He said the Lenora City Council has asked him to attend a meeting but since their City Attorney Doug Sebelius will be out of town for the next one, he is not sure when that will be.

"It's no different than Jubilee or anything else," he told the commissioners. "We just need to make sure there's security and nobody is hurt or bothered."

He said several years ago, there was a Memorial Day bash in the county and the sheriff's office was always asked to be there but so far he hasn't talked to the promoters of this new event.

"We don't know if we're talking 100 people or 2,000," he said. "We have no way to control huge crowds."

"It's a wonderful thing that they can plan this," he said. "But, we want to make sure everyone is safe."

There are a lot of legal issues involved that Mr. Sebelius can clarify, he said, including alcohol control. Things like who can serve alcohol, what licenses are required and where and when can it be served.

Lodging is also a problem, he said. The flyers indicate that attendees can camp in the park in Lenora but you can't do that without special permission.

The sheriff said that he would try to contact the promoters and see what can be worked out so that the event can be held in a safe, responsible manner.

## Grill donated to 4-H Council

The Paul Montoia family has generously donated the use of his home-made cooker to the Norton County 4-H Council during the fair, and this past year he chose to donate the unit to the 4-H members to keep for their use. Over the past 8-10 years a lot of burgers and food have been cooked and served out of the 4-H Food Stand with that grill. Along with that, the Norton Horse Council donates their grill and food stand for the Horse Arena Area. Also Brad Hopkins and Phat Boy catering will provide grill assistance for the fair. We appreciate all the work involved in serving good food to the public!!!

## Markets

Monday, July 22, 2013

Wheat .....	\$6.97
Milo .....	\$6.20
Soybeans .....	\$15.67
Corn .....	\$6.90

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 93. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain in the evening. Thursday - Overcast with a chance of rain in the afternoon. High of 86. Chance of rain 40 percent. Thursday Night - Chance of rain 70 percent. Friday - Overcast with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain in the morning.

## Prayer

Mighty God, remind us of your power even when we do not see it. Amen

## Norcatour's City Hall to become a museum

By **CAROLYN PLOTTS**

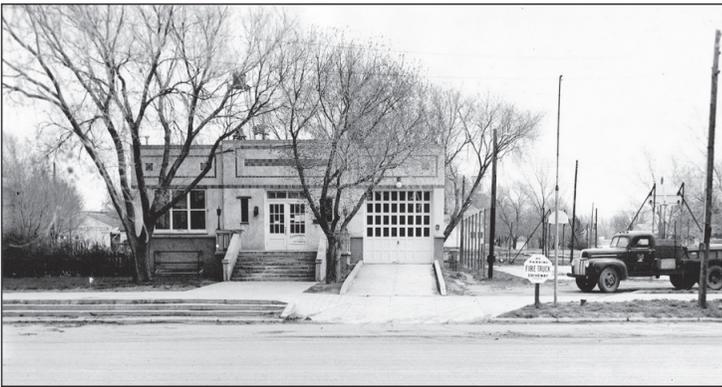
The U.S. 36 Highway Association has given its blessing to a project to renovate the old City Hall in Norcatour as a museum for the highway.

The historic building, completed in 1937 by the federal Works Progress Administration, has fallen on hard times since the last tenant moved out in 2006.

A nine-member delegation from Norcatour headed by Bob Strevey talked up the proposed museum at the association's annual meeting June 21 in Phillipsburg. The association's board gave its approval to the plan as a designated U.S. 36 museum.

Mr. Strevey said backers went to the Norcatour City Council meeting last Monday and got the city's approval to seek designation as a National Historic Site from the state and federal governments. Mayor Carl Lyon will sign the papers.

Mr. Strevey said the council voted to have the museum set up as a private, nonprofit corporation rather than a city agency, and he will be meeting with City Attorney Steve Hirsch to draw up



**THE OLD CITY HALL SERVED** Norcatour as the center of activity for many years. The trees are gone now and it stands idle, but plans are in the works to bring life back to the old building.  
— Norcatour Museum collection

paperwork for that. He also met with the board of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to talk about the plan, Mr. Strevey said, pointing out that Mr. Hansen made his money building highways, including parts of U.S. 36.

An inspection by an experienced ma-

son showed the building to be sound, he said, but in need of a lot of cosmetic work. The roof was redone a few years ago and should be good.

The city used the old hall for nearly 50 years. In 1935, the council approved a resolution to build a public building

for the accommodation of its offices, a public library, the city fire truck and a public auditorium.

Plans called for the one-story building to be 40 feet wide, 45 feet, 6 inches long and 27 feet high. It was to be fire-proof with the exception of a wood roof covered with asphalt and gravel. Estimated cost was \$21,000, with work to be done by the Works Progress Administration. Construction was completed July 31, 1937.

The building was equipped with a modern kitchen in the basement featuring cupboards, a large sink, hot and cold running water, a gas range and cooking utensils. The basement served the town as a gathering place for family reunions, anniversary celebrations and club meetings.

Over the years, repairs and improvements were made to the building. In 1978, Averill Fullerton and Gary Anthony patch-plastered the ladies restroom and members of the Three Prairie Home Demonstration Unit painted it. Larry Lyon spray painted the ceiling in the banquet room and Glenn Alexander

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