

# 46th annual Alkathon is Saturday

The roots of Valley Hope were planted in Norton, Kansas in 1967. Since then, the organization has grown to include nine residential treatment centers in seven states. But the heart of Valley Hope still beats in Norton. For the 46th consecutive year, Valley Hope will celebrate its founding with the annual Alkathon on Saturday, August 17 at the St. Francis Parish Hall in Norton. The weekend events actually begin on Friday, August 16 with the Valley Hope Association Annual Board Meeting at 1 p.m. at the parish hall. The public is invited. The Alkathon itself will be on Saturday. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend. This year's theme is "Rockin' Recovery."

There will be lots of Valley Hope alumni who return to celebrate another year of sobriety together. There will be two very powerful speakers, sharing their own story of recovery and hope and there will be special recognition of individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help others find recovery. Valley Hope will provide coffee, soft drinks and water throughout the day and lots of time to reminisce. Valley Hope will also provide a meal featuring chicken fried steak, baked potatoes, green beans, roll and cake. Throughout the event there will be a silent auction of donated items including a brand new Traeger Grill. Silent auction proceeds go to the Norton

Valley Hope patient fund to help patients buy books, recovery materials, make halfway house down payments and pay for incidentals. Everyone is invited to "Rockin' Recovery." Schedule of Events  
 12:00 - Registration at Norton Valley Hope  
 12:30 - Freedom Ride to St. Francis Parish Hall, 102 S. Wabash, Norton  
 1:00 - Welcome and Invocation, Announcements  
 1:45 - Speaker Wendall T.  
 2:45 - Speaker Jennifer W.  
 3:30 - Silent Auction Closes  
 3:45 - Golden Hearts and Medallions  
 4:30 - Sobriety Countdown  
 5:00 - Dinner Served-Chicken Fried Steak

# Council

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gas lines are clear, and then the City will start next week to run the concrete. The Public Works crew should be done at Ryan Addition within a week.

Harriett Gill said the Personnel Committee met and discussed several issues and would like the Finance Committee to discuss them. The chain of command has been revised and City Attorney Karen Griffiths will review it. They will also discuss on-call pay further.

Jerry Jones said this fall when the City prepares to discuss activities in Elmwood Park, a clean-up deposit for use of the buildings needs to be considered.

Roberta Ryan said the electric hook-ups in the park for the fair were discussed and it was the consensus that a charge is not needed. Ryan stated that most of the campers were unhooked ahead of and are just hooked up during the fair.

Jeff Urban reported he is concerned with the blighted properties around town and asked what can be done to speed up the process on cleaning them up. Urban said some of the houses have been uninhabited for years and are in unlivable condition.

The City Attorney explained the process that has to be followed for abatement. Griffiths said there are some properties that the City could work with to try to get voluntary compliance.

Donna Foley stated the Public Works committee discussed trash pickup options, and no changes are recommended. The public works crew is busy with the Crane Street and Ryan Addition projects, removing pool equipment and the library statues.

Foley also said McCormack Construction is estimating it will need 200,000 gallons of water for the Ryan Addition project. They have asked permission to hook up to the City's fire hydrant for five days for bulk water. The council passed a motion by a 4-2 vote, Harriett Gill and Jerry Jones voted no, to allow McCormack Construction to hook up to the City's fire hydrant for the Ryan Addition project and offer the price of \$9 per 1,000 gallons, with the stipulation that if the water distribution system is negatively affected, they would go back to the bulk water site instead of getting it at the hydrant.

In other council news:

-passed a motion to suspend

the rules and waive the three reading requirement of Ordinance #1643.

-adopted Ordinance #1643, incorporating the 2013 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas cities.

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-adopted Ordinance #1644, incorporating the 2013 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas cities.

-Patricia Brooks was present to ask that Section 2-216 of the City Code be changed from seeing eye dogs to service animals. Griffiths said the council is in the process of updating the animal section of the code, and would consider her request.

-Brooks also said she applied for sidewalk replacement about five years ago. She wants the sidewalk moved because tree roots have damaged the current sidewalk.

-authorized the transfer of

# Bass or bust!



The Pikes Peak Bassmasters held a tournament on a beautiful day at Sebelius Reservoir on Saturday. (Pictured) David Withee, Colorado Springs, Colo., was one of the many participants. First place went to Steve Cubbage, second place to Frank Bianchi, and third place went to Derek Phillips.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

\$1,000 from the Electric Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund, to provide sufficient funds for the bond and interest payment due for the Washington Square Bond Issue. This amount will be transferred back to the Electric Fund when the next tax distribution is received from Norton County is September.

-increased the City's petty cash fund from \$800 to \$1,200. This fund has been \$800 for the last 25 years, and is used to pick up non-sufficient funds checks, pay daily postage and other items.

-a request was received from the Racing Association regarding dumping the porta-potties after races, and the fees for dumping them. The council passed a motion to charge \$100

for the NEPRA racing season for dumping the porta-potties. This would be a one-time fee for the whole season, to be paid before the first race. (Ron Briery abstained).

-passed a motion to have the City Attorney review the contract for the Efficiency Kansas Small Commercial Lighting Program and report back to the council.

-went into closed-door session for 10 minutes, for discussion of attorney-client privilege with the mayor, council, city attorney, chief of police and city clerk present. No motions were made as a result of the executive session.

The following building permits were presented:

Jeff Delimont - \$1,500, re-

roofing garage at 311 S. 2nd Street

Steve Schrum - \$17,592, construct garage/accessory building at 309 W. Holme #7

Steve Schrum - \$7,560, new pitch and re-roofing at 309 W. Holme #10

Marla Persinger - \$5,000, re-roofing at 605 Sun Ave.

Lee Hardy - \$5,000, re-new roofing permit for 1120 N. State

Becky Crow - \$9,000, re-roofing at 305 W. Taft

Jon Boxler - \$200, curb cut at 916 Westridge

Chamber of Commerce - \$5,000, re-roofing at 407 South Street

Elvin Edgett/Dave Corns - \$5,925, construct accessory building at 805 W. Washington

# JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Guests the past 10 days at the home of Doyle and Kay Brown home included Allen and Judy Millan, Overland Park; John and Deanell Tacha, Lawrence; Kim Kuntz, Madison and Jacob, Olathe; Gordon and Kara Kuntz and Zachary, Hays; Ben Kerschner and Katherine Kuntz, Topeka; Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, Estes Park, Colo.; Kurt Brown, Millie and Dashiell, Quinter; and Ryan May, Oberlin. McKenzie Brown and Zachary Kuntz spent two weeks on the farm helping and McKenzie had a week of one-on-one basketball training with

Kendra Spresser, Dresden.

Card players at the Sunflower Senior Center Wednesday were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Diane Carter and Linda Spresser.

Air conditioning is being installed at the former Masonic Hall building this week. This will make it much more comfortable when the ladies are baking kolaches for Fireman's Fun Day.

Norton Correctional men will be working in Jennings August 12-15. They will be trimming trees, mowing sewer ponds and finishing the painting of curbs and Hall steps.

# HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents "The Eckman Method® of Fine Art Cast Paper Sculpture" on Aug. 16 through Oct. 6, 2013.

Patty and Allen Eckman have been creating wonderful, high-detail works in their handmade, acid-free cast paper sculpture since 1988. They have become internationally recognized as not only masters in the medium, but at this time, the sole masters. The Eckman's have shared their work with millions of art enthusiasts over the years.

Patty and Allen Eckman both have done a series of signed and numbered limited edition pieces.

All are really limited edition originals, as each piece requires hands on sculpting.

The Eckman's have developed a revolutionary process that allows the artists to turn their museum quality paper creations into bronze, while retaining the archival paper (in its original state). This process is only available through Eckman Fine Art. No other artists or foundry in the world knows how to do this.

Our Artist of The Month for August will be Carol Reicheneker from Kearney, Neb. She has a nice display of potpourri, oils, garlands, and ornaments.



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