



Tuesday
November 2, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Linda Long

Briefly

School out early for vets parade

Norton schools will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veteran's Day. This will allow students and employees to participate in the parade.

Buses will run their normal routes at the 1 p.m. dismissal time. If the parade is canceled due to bad weather, school will not be dismissed early.

Booster club plans to meet

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton football coach Bruce Graber will review the Norton-Phillipsburg and Norton-Riley County football games and show game videos.

Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

Help available for veterans

A service representative from the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton Social Rehabilitative Services office, from 1-2:30 p.m., Monday. They will be there to assist veterans and their families with matters pertaining to veterans' benefits.

Carriers deliver high school paper

Norton Community High School's *The Nugget* will be in today's edition of *The Telegram* for those subscribers who get their paper delivered by carrier. People who want a copy but don't get one with their paper can stop by the high school to pick up a copy.

The Nugget has already been distributed to students at the high school.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Lows in the lower 30s.
Thursday — Cloudy with highs in the 50s

Howell report:

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| Friday | High 65, Low 45 |
| Saturday | High 66, Low 38 |
| Sunday | High 63, Low 39 |
| Monday | High 48, Low 30 |
| Tuesday | High 53, Low 27 |
| Week ago | High 68, Low 55 |
| Month ago | High 68, Low 47 |
| Year ago | Highs 41, Low 35 |
| November precipitation | .93 inches |
| Year-to-date precipitation ... | 22.40 inches |

(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Help each of us, dear God, to discover the special abilities you have given us and to use our gifts faithfully. In Jesus' name. Amen

Incumbent wins by 62 vote margin

County Commissioner John Miller retained his seat on the Norton County Commission in Tuesday's general election by a margin of 62 votes.

Mr. Miller won the primary election in August in his race against George Gassman. Initially, the margin was six votes, but when the county commissioners canvassed the vote, his victory shrunk to one single vote. His opponent, Robert Clydesdale, was endorsed by Mr. Gassman who was the treasurer of the Clydesdale campaign.

Commissioner Miller won with 53 percent, or 470 of the 878 votes cast for the 3rd district commissioner's race. Mr. Clydesdale received 46 percent or 408 votes.

Ward Three voters chose Mr. Miller 209 to 160 for Mr. Clydesdale. In Center No. 1, the vote was 26 to 9, in favor of Mr. Miller. Mr. Clydesdale took the vote in Highland No. 1 precinct with 122 votes to Mr. Miller 104. It was almost an even toss-up in Highland No. 2 with Mr. Miller squeaking by one vote ahead of Mr. Clydesdale with 26 to 25. Highland No. 3 was

almost the same with Mr. Miller winning by only two votes with 27, to Mr. Clydesdale's 25. Solomon No. 1 was also a closer race. However, Mr. Clydesdale got four more votes than Mr. Miller with a final count of 16 to 12. In the advanced voting, Mr. Miller had 66 votes cast, as compared to 51 for Mr. Clydesdale.

After learning the results of the election, Mr. Clydesdale said, "Of course I'm disappointed. I'm disappointed for Ivan (Kingham) too. I think he would have made a great commissioner. Issues got

blown out of proportion and people were still voting on fear. Maybe we could have done a better job of really explaining the issue. But, you know what? The sun will come up tomorrow."

Mr. Miller said, "It was a tough battle. I'm glad the voters supported us and we came through. It won't be done until the votes are all canvassed. I'm glad we prevailed. It was a tough fight, but we knew it would be. We really appreciate the support we got, especially from the Norton community."

Sheriff gathers most votes

In a landslide decision, Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson defeated his write-in opponent Travis Smith in Tuesday's general election.

Sheriff Thomson received 1,960 votes to Mr. Smith's 450 for 81.3 percent of the ballots cast. Mr. Smith had 18.7 percent.

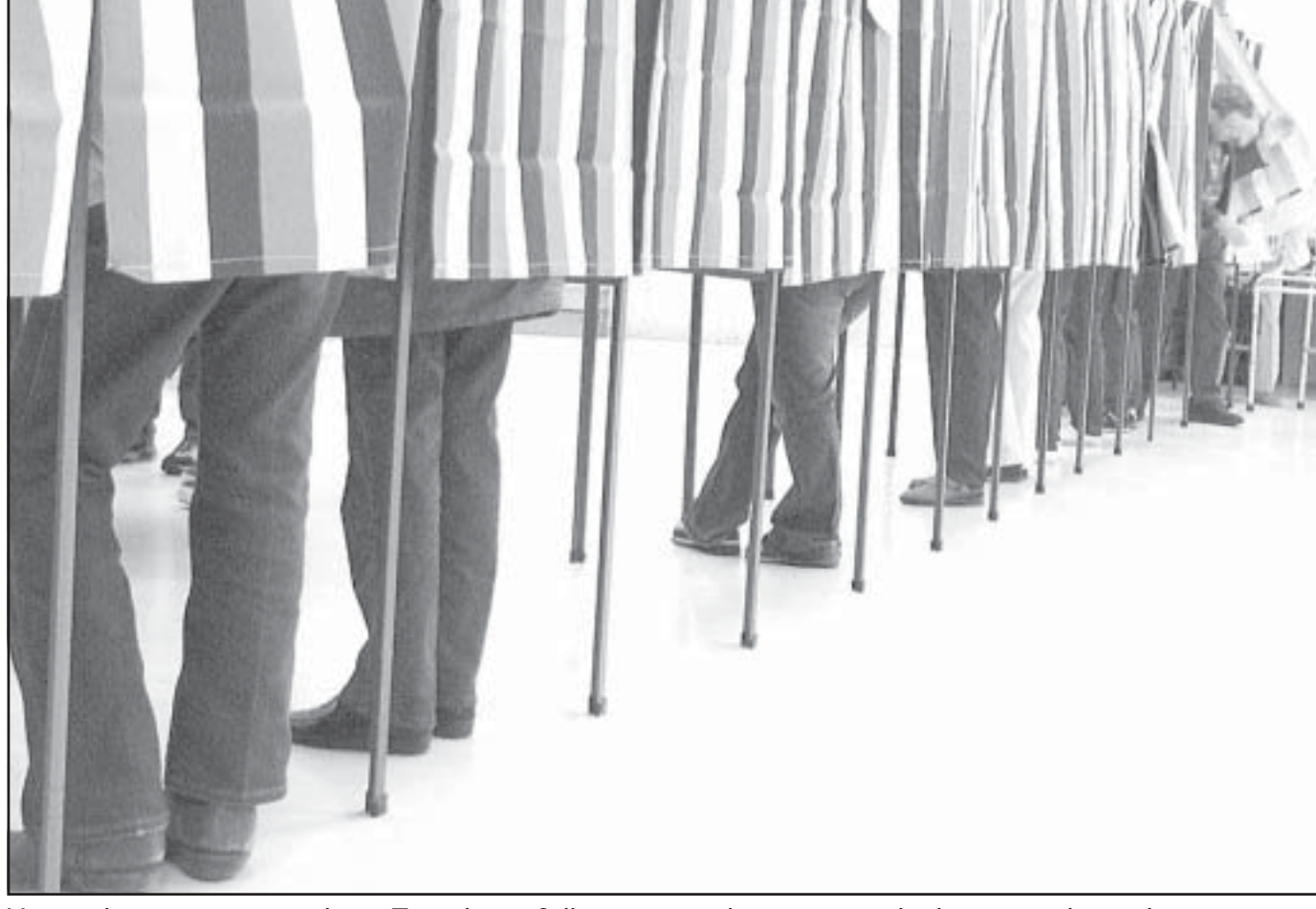
After the votes were tallied, Sheriff Thomson said he is looking forward to serving the citizens of Norton County for another term and will continue the level of law enforcement and service to the county's citizens. He also thanked the voters for their support throughout the primary and general elections.

Mr. Smith said he appreciated all of the votes he received.

In the August Republican primary, the sheriff beat Mr. Smith 960-480. Mr. Smith said that he was running as a write-in candidate in the general election so that people could have more choices and because he thought he had what it takes to be a good sheriff.

Sheriff Thomson took the lead throughout the county, getting 277 votes to Mr. Smith's 86 in Ward One, 327 to 72 in Ward Two, 267 to 77 in Ward Three, 201 to 50 in Almena/Grant, 5 to 2 in Harrison, 233 to 59 in Center One, 11 to 10 in Belle Plain, 54 to 18 in Center Two, 189 to 18 in Highland One, 39 to 9 in Highland Two, 34 to 17 in Highland Three, 23 to 2 in Solomon One, 7 to 2 in Sandcreek, 17 to 2 in Solomon Two, and 276 to 26 of the advanced ballots cast.

This will be Sheriff Thomson's second term in office.



Voters' legs were everywhere Tuesday as folks cast their ballots at the Norton American Legion. Poll workers reported a heavy and steady voter turnout. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Commissioner fights off write in

Norton County voters had a choice between two Republican candidates in the race for the seat of 2nd District commissioner — incumbent Leroy Lang or write-in candidate Ivan Kingham.

Only voters in the 2nd District could vote and 796 turned out. Mr. Lang garnered 66 percent of the vote, 533, to Mr. Kingham's 33 percent or 263 votes. There was a gap of 270 votes difference between the two.

In Ward Two, 266 voted for Mr. Lang, 119 for Mr. Kingham. In Harrison Pre-

cinct the vote was split evenly. Three voted for each candidate. Center No. 1 counted 126 votes for Mr. Lang and 73 for Mr. Kingham. Center No. 2 was the only precinct carried by Mr. Kingham. He took it with 42 votes as compared to 32 for Mr. Lang. Advanced votes totaled 132 with Mr. Lang receiving 106 to Mr. Kingham's 26 votes.

When Mr. Kingham was contacted late on election night, he had not yet heard the results. Upon learning of his defeat he thanked all his supporters and everyone

who had encouraged him.

"My hopes are that in this campaign, talk of economic development and better cooperation will be followed through," he said. "I want to give a special thanks to all the voters."

Mr. Lang said, "The people have spoken. I look forward to working with them the next four years. We ran against some good candidates. I want to thank everybody for their support and I appreciate their vote."

President wins by landslide in student voting

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It was a landslide victory in Tuesday's elections for President Bush. At least as far as the students of Norton schools were concerned.

Bill Johnson, government teacher at Norton Community High School, coordinated Kids Voting Kansas/Norton for about 700 students, both public and home-schooled.

Kids Voting Kansas is a nonprofit, non-partisan, grassroots organization dedicated to educating Kansas students about the rights, responsibilities and process of participating in democracy.

After learning about the process, students go to the polls and "vote" in their own election booths staffed by volunteers. In Norton they went to the American Legion.

Mr. Johnson and his high school government class served as the "election board".

"The opportunity to vote was offered to all students," he said. "Home-schooled students heard about Kids Voting Kansas on the radio and were able to cast provisional ballots. Students new to the Norton school district since last Friday also cast provisionals."

Election results

Kids Voting Kansas/Norton

President: (625 total votes cast)
Bush - 528; Kerry - 60; Nader - 27; Peroutka - 7; Badnarik - 3
U.S. Senator: (519 total votes cast)
Brownback - 322; Jones - 127; Rosile - 43; Cook - 27

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Bill Johnson's government class manned the polls Tuesday for Kids Voting Kansas/Norton. (From left) Ryan Maddy, Aaron Overlease, Josh Jackson and Seth Mills stood ready to assist students into the voting booths set up at the Norton American Legion. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Students vote for incumbents

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U.S. Representative: (493 total votes cast)
Moran - 467; Warner - 26
Kansas State Senator 40th District: (510 total votes cast)
Ostmeyer - 331; Peterson - 179
Kansas Representative 120th District: (507 total votes cast)
Faber - 286; Strevey - 221
Norton County Commissioner 3rd District: (526 total votes cast)
Miller - 343; Clydesdale - 183
Norton County Commissioner 2nd District: (480 total votes cast)
Lang - 464; Kingham - 16
“Young people in Kansas participated in ‘learn by doing’ Kids Voting activities in the classroom to prepare for election day, said Executive Director of Kids Voting Kansas Emily Bradbury. “Election day becomes a true celebration as our youth have the opportunity to see for themselves how the process works and how they can make a difference by participating.”
Mr. Johnson said he thought it is a great program for many reasons. “First,” he said, “all the younger kids got to participate at a ‘grown up’ polling place.”
“Second, it gives the senior high students invaluable hands-on working experience from start to finish.”
State-wide results are available on line at: www.kidsvoting-kansas.org.



Liz Hansen (left) a Norton Junior High student, picked up her ballot from election board members Claudia Lacy (right) and Kelli Johnson at the Kids Vote Kansas/Norton polls Tuesday.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

70 percent turn out to vote here

Norton County voters turned out in droves to cast their ballots for local, state and national officials.
Just over 2,600 voters turned up at the county’s polling places to cast their ballots in the general election Tuesday.
Four years ago when George Bush was elected president in one of the wildest races in memory, 70 percent of Norton County voters turned out.
This year 70 percent of the Norton County voters again turned out. However four years ago 70 percent was 2,633 of the 3,773 people registered. This year it was 2,540 of the 3,626 registered voters.

Running unopposed for county positions, incumbents County Clerk Robert D. Wyatt received 2,255 votes, County Treasurer Cynthia J. Linner got 2,298 votes, and Register of Deeds Wanda Vincent garnered 2,368 votes.

Karen Griffiths was elected county attorney by 2,098 votes. She is taking the place of Doug Sebelius, who chose to run for state representative but lost in the Republican primary to incumbent John Faber.

In the race for the District No. 2 commission seat, incumbent Leroy Lang defeated write-in candidate Ivan Kingham 533 votes to 263.

In the District No. 3 commission race John Miller beat Robert Clydesdale’s 470- 408 votes.

Incumbent Sheriff Troy Thomson beat his opponent Travis Smith, who also ran a write-in campaign, 1960 votes to 450.

Judge William Elliott with the 17th Judicial District Court received 2,302 votes or 61.0 percent of the total registered voters.

Of the 2,633 voters, Ward One had 394 of the 705 registered voters for a 56 percent turnout; Ward Two had 420 of 696 for 61 percent; Ward Three had 384 of 705 for 55 percent; Almena/Grant had 278 of 410 for 68 percent; Harrison had 7 of 9 for 78 percent; Center One had 305 of 451 for 68 percent; Belle Plain had 23 of 27 for 86 percent; Center Two had 79 of 124 for 64 percent; Highland One/Modell had 234 of 369 for 64 percent; Highland Two had 51 of 95 for 54 percent; Highland Three had 53 of 73 for 73 percent; Solomon One had 29 of 54 for 54 percent; Sandcreek had 9 of 17 for 53 percent; and Solomon Two had 19 of 38 for 50 percent.

There were 348 advanced ballots cast.

The counts are unofficial until Monday, when they will be canvassed at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the courthouse.

Republican takes senate seat

By TOM BETZ

The 40th District Senate seat will remain in the Republican ranks, and Rep. Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell will be promoted, as he defeated Democrat Tim Peterson of Monument 2-1 in Tuesday’s election.

The district total showed Ostmeyer with 20,894 votes to 10,223 for Peterson, giving Ostmeyer 67 percent to 33 percent for Peterson.

At the beginning of the election season, it appeared that Sen. Stan Clark would be in good shape to retain his seat. However, when Clark died in an accident in a dust storm last May, it threw the election wide open, and Ostmeyer stepped up to face Dan Rasure of Goodland in the primary.

Peterson filed for the seat, he said, mostly because he felt it was important that there be a Democrat in the race. Peterson knew he was in an uphill race, and was hoping for an upset.

Ostmeyer won the Republican primary, and the unofficial results from Tuesday’s general election give him a 2-1 margin over Peterson.

Between the primary battle between Ostmeyer and Rasure and the general election, the candidates raised over \$102,407. In the primary, Rasure raised about \$67,749.. Ostmeyer raised a total of \$39,681 and received contributions from tobacco companies, Indian tribes interested in extending gambling in Kansas and a number of political action committees. Peterson’s contributions totalled \$13,894, with big checks coming from the Democratic Party, the Kansas National Education Association and a Topeka lawyer Kristine Polansky.

Gove County, Ostmeyer’s home, was the closest of the 18 with Peterson picking up 655 votes (45 percent) to 795 (55 percent) for Ostmeyer.

Ostmeyer won Peterson’s home county, Logan, with 1,007 votes to 496 for Peterson.

Wichita, Scott and Norton counties had margins for Ostmeyer in the 70 percent range. Wichita had 741 votes (73 percent) for Ostmeyer and 273 (27 percent) for

| 40th District Total | |
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| • Tim Peterson, Monument 10, 2 2 3 (33%) | |
| • Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell 20, 8 9 4 (67%) | |
| with 234/234 precincts reporting | |
| Decatur County | |
| • Peterson | 425 |
| • Ostmeyer | 932 |
| Cheyenne County | |
| • Peterson | 478 |
| • Ostmeyer | 1144 |
| Rawlins County | |
| • Peterson | 492 |
| • Ostmeyer | 1203 |
| Norton County | |
| • Peterson | 648 |
| • Ostmeyer | 1859 |
| Sherman County | |
| • Peterson | 972 |
| • Ostmeyer | 1607 |
| Sheridan County | |
| • Peterson | 558 |
| • Ostmeyer | 799 |
| Logan County | |
| • Peterson | 496 |
| • Ostmeyer | 1007 |
| Wichita County | |
| • Peterson | 273 |
| • Ostmeyer | 741 |

Peterson. Scott had 1,611 for Ostmeyer (73 percent) to 585 (27 percent) for Peterson. Norton had 1,859 for Ostmeyer (74 percent) to 648 (26 percent) for Peterson.

Ostmeyer won Cheyenne County with 1,144 votes to 478 for Peterson. Sheridan was a little closer for Peterson, giving him 41 percent (558 votes) to 59 percent (799 votes) for Ostmeyer.

Rooks went for Ostmeyer, giving him 69 percent (1,804) to 41 percent (810) for Peterson. Trego gave Ostmeyer the win with 58 percent (947) to 42 percent (685) for Peterson. Graham went to Ostmeyer with 71 percent (971 votes) to 29 percent (403) for Peterson.

Ostmeyer won Sherman County, which had gone big for Rasure in the primary, giving him 57 percent (1,607) to 34 percent (972) for Peterson. About 9 percent of the Sherman voters decided to skip voting in the Senate race.

Ostmeyer won Decatur with 67

| Thomas County | |
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| • Peterson | 1,332 |
| • Ostmeyer | 2,351 |
| Scott County | |
| • Peterson | 585 |
| • Ostmeyer | 1611 |
| Rooks County | |
| • Peterson | 810 |
| • Ostmeyer | 1804 |
| Greeley County | |
| • Peterson | 233 |
| • Ostmeyer | 465 |
| Lane County | |
| • Peterson | 296 |
| • Ostmeyer | 678 |
| Trego County | |
| • Peterson | 685 |
| • Ostmeyer | 947 |
| Ness County | |
| • Peterson | 585 |
| • Ostmeyer | 1,047 |
| Gove County | |
| • Peterson | 655 |
| • Ostmeyer | 795 |
| Graham County | |
| • Peterson | 403 |
| • Ostmeyer | 971 |
| Wallace County | |
| • Peterson | 183 |
| • Ostmeyer | 682 |

percent (932) to 31 percent (425) for Peterson. Rawlins gave Ostmeyer a big win with 71 percent (1,203) to 29 percent (492) for Peterson. Wallace was one of the wider margins for Ostmeyer, giving him 79 percent (682) to 21 percent (183) for Peterson.

Ostmeyer won in Thomas County with 64 percent (2,351) to 36 percent (1,332) for Peterson. Ostmeyer won Lane County with 70 percent (678) to 30 percent (296) for Peterson.

Ostmeyer won Ness County with 65 percent (585) to 35 percent (1047) for Peterson.



“Trick or Treat” could be heard all over Norton Sunday as youngsters dressed in their favorite costume rang doorbells and filled their bags with candy. Hannah Pollock, dressed as a witch, rang the bell at the Waggoner home to get her treat. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Windows get soaped in Halloween prankfest

A lot of soap was used this weekend.

Only, it wasn’t used how it is supposed to be. Instead of on bodies, it was scribbled on car and office windows throughout town.

Soaping cars and office windows, said one Norton resident, is a yearly tradition for the students. The resident was just happy, and proud, that cuss words weren’t used this year.

Assistant Chief of Police Toby Kuhn said that for the police department, it was an enjoyable year. He said the police really liked

talking to the trick-or-treaters and handed out about 100 bags of candy while on patrol.

There were the typical pranks though, he said. A few pumpkins were smashed and eggs were thrown, but no major damage was done.

Officer Kuhn said they did have one minor in possession and also confiscated some prohibited items like duct tape, sling shots, plastic wrap and toilet paper.

All-in-all, he said, it wasn’t a bad year.

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