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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Frankie Rabas

### Briefly

## High school gets new principal

The search for a new Norton Community High School principal has ended. Superintendent Greg Mann announced today that Rudy Perez has accepted the offer to be the next principal, succeeding Lary Stull, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

Mr. Perez is completing his sixth year in the Cimarron Junior-Senior High School, a 3A school in southwest Kansas. He served as the assistant principal-athletic director there for two years, and for the past four years has been head principal.

Mr. Perez and his wife Kelli have three children: Zane, who will be in the ninth grade at Norton Community High, Kylie, who will be in the third grade at Eisenhower Elementary School, and Lauren, who will be three in August.

More details on this announcement will appear in *The Telegram* Tuesday.

## BBQ, games will be in Almena

The faculty at Northern Valley High School are sponsoring a barbecue, health fair and game night this evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the school.

A barbecue dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the health fair starting at 6 p.m. Games will follow at 7 p.m., starting with volleyball, followed by basketball. Everyone is invited.

## Representative to help in Norton

A business representative of Social and Rehabilitative Services will be at the Norton County Hospital from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday. The representative will answer questions and help with concerns. Enter through the walk-way entrance.

## Arts council to hold meeting

The Norton County Arts Council will hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday in the basement at Prairieland Electric.

### Weather

#### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Lows in the upper 30s.  
**Saturday** — Highs in the upper 60s  
**Saturday night** — A 50 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 40s. **Sunday** — Highs in the upper 60s.

## Kingham report:

Wednesday ..... High 78.3  
Thursday ..... High 68.2, Low 47.3  
Friday morning ..... Low 45  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Awesome God, silence our hearts. Help us to be still and allow you to take care of our anxieties. Thank you for caring about each of us in the midst of your great universe. **Amen**

## Where there's smoke...



Firemen from the Norton Rural Fire Department (above) put out a grass fire that started Tuesday, despite snow on the ground. The fire (below) put out smoke that could be seen several miles away.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## Sparks start grass fire

Snow on the ground didn't stop a grass fire from starting Tuesday afternoon west of Norton.

The Norton Rural fire Department were called out to two grass fires six miles west and two miles south of Norton on K-383, along the railroad right-of-way. The first fire was 2:17 p.m., followed by the second fire at 5:02 p.m., said a report by the fire department.

The report said the fire is believed to have been caused by sparks thrown from a passing Kay Line Rail Co. train



that ignited the dry grass.

Four trucks and nine firemen responded to the first fire, while four trucks and eight men went to the second.

Crews were on the scene of both fires

for three hours.

The department thanks Art Shelton, the Norton County Sheriff's Department, and Wildlife and Parks.

See Page 8 for more pictures.

## Election 2006

By VERONICA MONIER

The general election for the Norton City Council will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. next Tuesday at the American Legion.

There was no primary election in Norton this year and there will be no races as there is just one candidate per open position on the city council.

Incumbents Jerry Jones, Ward I; Donna Foley, Ward II; and Jim Williams, Ward III, will run unopposed.

## Councilman thinks involvement is important

Jerry Jones, who is a life-long resident of Norton County, is running unopposed for his Ward I seat on the Norton City Council.

Mr. Jones said his primary reason for running is that no one else would step up and do it.

"I wish people would get more involved in city government," he said. "It's not hard and it's worth the effort."

He said over the next term, if elected, he wants to make sure the projects the city has been working on, like the water and sewer plants, get done right. He also wants to see better restrooms put in Elmwood Park. In 5 or 10 years, he said the city will be needing to look at a new swimming pool and he would like to be a part of that as well.

This will be Mr. Jones' second term in office. He has served on the council before, but in the early 1990s after seven and a half years, he felt it was time for a break so he could spend more time with his family.

He owns Jerry's Body Shop, is on the Norton Travel and Tourism Board, the Autobody Advisory Board for Goodland Technical College, and is a American Motorcycle Association congressman. In his spare time, he is



Jerry Jones

## Economic development is key for councilwoman

Incumbent Donna Foley is running for re-election of her Ward II Norton City Council seat.

Mrs. Foley has been on the council for around one year and this is her first election. She was appointed the council to replace Councilman Jerry Hawks, who resigned to be the municipal court judge.

She said she got involved with the council because of economic development, which is her strongest interest.

"It's really the reason I got involved," she said. "I applied for the at-large position on the economic development board, but it had already been filled."

"That's when they asked if I would be interested in being on the council and said I could get involved with the board that way. I said yes."

Mrs. Foley said she's running because she loves living in Norton and wants to be an active member of the community, helping the city move into a positive direction for its citizens.

The city has a lot of big projects going right now, she said, like the water plant and sewer plant, and she wants to see them through to completion, which is why she's



Donna Foley

## Incumbent wants to continue in job

Councilman Jim Williams is running unopposed for re-election of his Ward III seat on the Norton City Council.

Mr. Williams has served on the council for about nine years and is running for re-election because he would like to see the completion of the sewer plant and water plant projects.

If elected, over the next term he wants to see the power plant's ability to produce electricity increase, so the city can produce more of its own rather than buying.

Mr. Williams grew up in Almena, then went to the University of Kansas and from there into the oil business. After working for three oil companies, he retired after 38 years in the business while living in Houston.

He moved back to the area to take care of his wife's parents and to be closer to his family and has live in Norton for about 10 years.

He is a member of the United Methodist Church. He is a member of the Lions Club and is on the executive committee of the Northwest Kansas Library System and the Norton Theatre Board.

Mr. Williams has been married to his wife Jean for 46 years. They have two sons and three grandchildren.



Jim Williams