

Poll indicates a tight race for governor here

By TOM DREILING

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius holds a one-vote lead over Republican challenger Jim Barnett, according to the latest *Norton Telegram* local straw poll.

Since Friday's report, six more people have participated.

Gov. Sebelius received 2 of those votes for a total of 38 and Mr. Barnett received 3 for a total of 37. Overall, 76 people have participated to date. The poll continues

through Oct. 31.

One vote went for neither Sebelius nor Barnett (explanation is provided in the comments that follow at the end of this story).

To take part, simply e-mail tom@dnewskans.com, call 877-6908 or 877-3361, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654 or drop by the office. You may attach a comment if you wish, but it is not required.

The latest comments include:

"Governor Sebelius works well with Republicans, and is probably the best coalition builder since the Democratic administration of Gov. Robert B. Docking back in the late 1960s and early '70s."

"Sebelius does not represent the core values of Kansas, which Mr. Barnett does."

"It would be nice if we had a REAL choice. Sadly we don't. Neither will get my vote."

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Norton girl wins pick-em contest

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Keilig, Craig Foley, Rod Maddy, Amanda Ray, Virginia Carlton, Dalton Miller, Mary Ann Hager, Marj Allen, Jennifer Terrell, Kathy Erbert, Sandy Husted, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three games were: Clint Lowry, Foster Brands, both of Almena; Shayla Bailey, Mark Bailey, both of Norcatur; Dwight Vallin, Long Island; Evelyn Springer, Hoisington; LeeRoy Schuckman, Hays; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Ann Becker, Lenora; Mark Keilig, Rick Green, Doug Ray, Becky Smith, Lawrence Wiseman, Kristy Keilig, Kelly Hill, Charlotte Stephenson, Ryan Maddy, Kerri Ray, Brent Carter, Deanna Gallentine, Amy Daniels, Jo Holmes, all of Norton.

Missing four games were: Janette Callaway, Glenn Brands, Sydney Brands, Linda Covington, Chris Pinzenscham, all of Almena; Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Brody McDowell, Lexie McDowell, both of Hill City; Bar-

bara Springer, Randy Springer, Andy Moore, all of Hoisington; Karen Shearer, Mike Hammond, Emily Vallin, all of Long Island; Dalton Smith, Keegan Smith, Lynn Nelson, Tammy Maddy, Douglas Daniels, Roland Washburn, Debora Heskett, Ken Gregoire, Tom Baumann, Rosalie Schulze, Misty Nuzum, Baylee Miller, Jeris Norman, Linda Matson, Kama Mandl, all of Norton.

Incorrect on five games were: Don Wiseman, Edmond; Tim Moore, Bob Moore, both of Hoisington; Jim Springer, Roger Shearer, both of Long Island; Curtis Lowry, Cindy Lowry, Kristen Brands, Julie Hilburn, all of Almena; LeRoy Newell, Spencer Shirk, Wilma Wiseman, Tom Davis, Anastasia Foley, Patty Gall, Tracey Sproul, Regina Beikman, Amie Menagh, Robin Sproul, all of Norton.

The eighth week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on Friday and must be received in the mail no later than Saturday. Or, you may bring them to *The Telegram* office

before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the full page advertisement in today's *Telegram* for this week's high school and college games.

Only one entry per person on official entry blanks is allowed but extra entry blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money will be paid each week. At the end of the 12-week season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games were:

Oregon 30, UCLA 20
Nebraska 21, Kansas State 3
Texas A&M 25, Missouri 19
Oklahoma State 42, Kansas 32
Rutgers 34, Navy 0
Norton 28, Beloit 8
Plainville 30, Hill City 24
Phillipsburg 47, Oberlin 12
Trego 26, Hoxie 0
Golden Plains 62, Northern Valley 6
Logan 53, Lucas/Luray 8
Auburn 27, Florida 17

Some students getting new room

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The board discontinued the use of simulators in drivers education and approved the remodeling of the simulator room for storage and in-school suspension. They gave Mr. Mann approval to put out specifications, get bids and proceed with construction, so it is done before the first of the year, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

In other business, the board:

- Approved changes to the high school's graduation policy. Mr. Mann said the policy was made clearer on who would be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. The new policy also says that a special education student who meets graduation requirements, but wants to remain in school for another three years can participate. They will receive a certificate of attendance instead of a diploma at the ceremony, and

then receive their diploma when they have finished the remainder of their studies.

Another change was the section on a baccalaureate was removed.

- Approved the board goals, with the only change to be made in goal four, saying tobacco free, rather than no smoking.
- Held three closed sessions lasting a total of 25 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Terminated the employment of Dale Schulze with regret as a bus driver as Mr. Schulze is no longer able to meet the physical requirements needed to obtain a commercial driver's license.
- Hired Chris Tanner to fill the open transportation position.
- Hired Erin Hill as the junior high assistant track coach for the 2007 season.
- Approved the contract with

Lenora for another three years without making any changes.

- Reviewed the state assessments and "Communities that Care" survey.
- Approved the revised social studies curriculum.
- Learned that the procedure for paying bills will be changed starting in January. The bills must be received by the third of each month to be included in payment for that month's transactions. Checks will only be written once a month.
- Learned that some of the doors at Eisenhower don't lock from the inside. Steps are being taken to rectify this, while still meeting fire codes. The locks will cost \$6,450 for 64 doors.
- Heard that the deeds to all of the district's property have been filed and the property now belongs to the district.

Mentor program receives grant money

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton has been named as a recipient of over \$10,000 from the Federal Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities Act Grant.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has dedicated more than \$600,000 in federal funds to 15 mentoring programs. The grant program is designed to support efforts that prevent violence and illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs among children and youth.

Mary Kay Woodyard, director of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton, said, "The grant will help us have a program for older children (over the age of 12). It will begin after the first of the year for junior high and above. We are very excited because it will help us expand the program and have more matches between bigs and littles."

Thanks for reading the Telegram

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A little help never hurts...



Several Norcatur residents took it upon themselves to beautify the main street last week. Carol New watered in a flowering pear tree last Saturday morning. Her husband, John, removed dirt from the curbs and gutters while Gerald Jackson cleaned sidewalks. Others who donated money for the four trees that were planted were John Shirley, Bob and Bonnie Rapp and Judy Menges.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton Schools

Staff Spotlight

Classified Employee



Dana Madden

Mrs. Dana Madden is the EES secretary and in her 15th year of working in the EES office. She and her husband, Barry, have two children Casey (22) and Clay (19). Mrs. Madden's spare time for the past several years has been spent following her kids in their school activities. When asked what she liked best about her job, Mrs. Madden responded with "the children, they're 'IT!'"

Certified Employee



Marie Miller

Mrs. Marie Miller is a resource teacher at the senior high school. Of her 25 years as a teacher, 8 of them have been spent in Norton. She and her husband, Greg, have two sons, Russell (23) and Ryan (21). Mrs. Miller has earned both a bachelors and a master's degree from Fort Hays State University. In her spare time she likes to crochet and do needlepoint. She finds her job to be very challenging and enjoys working with her students.

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WHERE AM I GOING?

HOW DO I COME TO TERMS WITH DEATH?

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WHAT MUST I DO?

Questions?

Dr. John Patrick
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