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Norton, Kansas
Home of Kylee Ford

Briefly

Library holding pajama party

The Norton Public Library will have a Pajama Night for Preschoolers through second graders at 6:30 p.m., Monday. The library will have special activities to celebrate Children's Book Week and the second annual "Kansas Reads to Preschoolers". Sheriff Troy Thomson will read the featured book for the event which is *Bunnycakes* by Rosemary Wells. Cindy Mordecai will be doing action songs and music, Kayla Tacha will be leading the craft time, and Debbie Lawson will read more books to the children. There will be an appearance by a special "somebunny". Cookies and milk will be served. Children and adults attending are welcome to wear their pajamas and slippers and bring a favorite stuffed animal. Sandy Benoit and Joyce Grauerholz, from Parents as Teachers, will be presenting a special story time program to further celebrate Children's Book Week at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

Haven celebrates first birthday

The Haven will celebrate its first anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited to tour the facility which offers affordable housing to families and friends who come to visit inmates at Norton Correctional Facility. Refreshments will be served.

State park office will be closed

The Prairie Dog State Park office, west of Norton, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 18 through Sunday, Nov. 26. Park staff ask that deer hunters buy their deer permits before Nov. 18 to avoid waiting in long lines.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Clearing and cold.
Saturday — Mostly sunny with a few high clouds, breezy and cool with a high of 56. **Saturday Night** — Clear and cold with a low of 35. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and windy and cool with a high of 58, low 39. **Monday** — Mostly sunny, breezy and milder with a high of 60, low 42. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy, breezy and cool with a chance of showers. Tuesday's high will be 58 with a low of 32.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 43, High 76
Wednesday Low 46, High 83
Thursday Low 38, High 58
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you Lord, for opportunities to serve our neighbors in need. Keep us alert and sensitive to those needs and give us willingness to serve. **Amen**

And the hunt goes on...



A hunter from Littleton, Colo., walked his dogs to a promising patch of brush northwest of Norcatur, shortly after sunup on opening day of pheasant hunting season.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

County election figures go to Barnett, Kline

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County didn't feel quite the same as other parts of Kansas when it came to electing two candidates to office Tuesday.

The race for governor between incumbent Kathleen Sebelius and Jim Barnett was a close one in the county. In Norton County, Mr. Barnett got the nod with 930 votes to Mrs. Sebelius' 901. Statewide, Mrs. Sebelius ended the night with 58 percent of the vote, totaling 480,532, while Mr. Barnett received 41 percent at 336,583. The rest of the votes went to Carl Kramer with 8,652 and Richard Lee Ranzau with 5,082.

Paul Morrison and Phill Kline flipped in the county-state race for attorney general. In the county, Mr. Kline received 58 percent of the vote at 1,044 and Mr. Morrison received 42 percent at 764. Statewide, it was the other way around with Mr. Morrison taking 58 percent at 479,970 and Mr. Kline ending up with 42 percent at 341,300.

It was a close call in the county for the Kansas House of Representative 120th

District seat. Both Bob Strevey and John Faber received 50 percent of the vote, with Faber taking 925 and Strevey receiving 917 votes. For the district, though, it wasn't quite as close as Strevey received

39 percent at 2,769 and Faber took 4,409 for 61 percent.

Sally Cauble was the overall favorite for the State Board of Education District No. 5 seat in both the district and the

county. She received a total of 44,352 votes for 65 percent in the district and 1,185 for 69 percent in the county. Her opposition, Tim Cruz, received 543 votes for 31 percent in the county and 24,374 for 36 percent in the district.

Rep. Jerry Moran had no worries as he took home 1,545 votes for 86 percent from Norton County and 153,298 votes for 79 percent in the U.S. House of Representatives' first district. Running against him were John Doll, who took 246 for 14 percent in the district; and Sylvester Cain, who received 16 votes in the county and 2,792 in the district, both equaling 1 percent of the ballots cast.

Others on the ballot were:

Secretary of State

- Ron Thornburgh — county: 1,411 or 79 percent; state: 516,505 or 64 percent;
- David Haley — county: 306 or 17 percent; state: 257,472 or 32 percent;
- Joseph Martin — county: 32 or 2 percent; state: 13,463 or 2 percent;
- Rob Hodgkinson — county: 38 or 2 percent

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November 7, 2006 General Election

Norton County	Voters	Registered Voters	Percent
Ward One	287	691	42 %
Ward Two	318	692	46 %
Ward Three	282	698	40 %
Almena/Grant	217	402	54 %
Harrison	7	10	70 %
Center One	235	463	51 %
Belle Plain	16	23	70 %
Center Two	47	122	39 %
Highland One	182	357	51 %
Highland Two	39	97	40 %
Highland Three	38	76	50 %
Solomon One	19	59	32 %
Sandcreek	7	18	39 %
Solomon Two	12	33	36 %
Advanced	197	---	---
Total	1,903	3,741	51 %

City's water treatment plant on schedule

By VERONICA MONIER

The city's water treatment plant project is proceeding on schedule.

Chris Miller with Miller and Associates told the Norton City Council at its last meeting that the project had three deadlines with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The first was to turn in a compliance report by July 1 and the second was to turn in the plant's designs by Oct. 1. Both, he said, have been done.

The design for the plant is in review and should be returned to the city before the end of the year.

The third deadline is to have the plant's specifications bid out and to have it built by Jan. 1, 2008. He said the plant will take about seven months to build, which leaves

the city with plenty of time to secure funding and get the bids let.

Originally, he said, the plant was budgeted for \$2.4 million. But, he said, with recent update, that price has gone up to \$3.2 million.

"Hopefully, it's high," he said. "But we just want to be sure."

The increased price is due to the addition of two new clarifiers, clarifier lids, a new pump and a chlorine scrubber/clarifier.

Mr. Miller said the city has been approved for \$6 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which includes the city's future project of well fields. He said they are going to be asking them to redistribute some of that money from the well fields to this, so that the water rates

won't go up.

"If things go right, we could be letting bids in March or April," he said.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from City Attorney that a land acquisition agreement, which has been approved by the council, is ready for the city administrator to review and the mayor to sign.

- Learned that the city asked Miller and Associates to send an architect to Norton to look at the stability of Pure Prairie's wall before making a decision on taking over the fire destroyed property next to it.

- Discussed the Veterans' Day parade and parking. The city has been asked to allow no parking from Lincoln to Washington on State Street because of safety

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Arts and crafts invade Norton on Saturday

Norton is going to be a crafty place on Saturday, Nov. 11, as the town holds its 33rd annual Norton Arts and Crafts Fair.

Norton County Arts Council members get a preview of the booths from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. At 10 a.m., the booths are open to the public. The fair closes at 4 p.m.

Exhibitors from several states will be displaying their wares at the National Guard Armory, on U.S. 283

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