

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Briefly

### MX races planned for this weekend

Motocross races are planned for this weekend at the Norton MX track. Races are planned for Saturday and Sunday and practice starts at 9 a.m. each day. Races begin at 11 a.m. Gate admission is \$5 and ages 10 and under are free. Concessions will be available.

### Football meeting is set for Aug. 8

Athletic equipment check-out and a team meeting for the Norton Community High School football team has been planned for Wednesday, Aug. 8. Equipment check-out is at 5 p.m. at the East Campus and the team meeting/meal is at 6:30 p.m. at the Junior High/High School cafeteria.

### Twirling classes will perform on Aug. 10

Lisa Herman's baton twirling students will be presenting their final performances on Friday, Aug. 10 in the Norton Recreation Center gymnasium. Group One will perform at 6 p.m. and Group Two will perform at 7 p.m. Both groups will perform their routines twice. Awards and photos will follow and the public is invited to attend.

### Fund-raiser concert is set for this Sunday

Stanton Nelson will hold a benefit concert to help raise money to update the Norton Theatre. It will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the East Campus auditorium. Admission is a donation to the cause.

### Disc golf clinic is slated for Saturday

The Norton Disc Golf Club will be holding a clinic this Saturday starting a 10 a.m. at Elmwood Park in Norton. All equipment will be provided and prizes given out. Everyone is encouraged to join the fun.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$7.99
Milo .....	\$7.43
Soybeans .....	\$15.81
Corn .....	\$7.78

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Saturday - A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Sunday - Sunny with highs around 90. Monday - Sunny with highs in the upper 90s. Tuesday - 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, July 31 .....	Low 56, High 104
Wednesday, Aug. 1 .....	Low 66, High 100
	.45 Rain
Thursday, Aug. 2 .....	Low 65, High 96
	.55 Rain

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Thank you, God, for friends who care for us. Thank you that even though we sometimes wonder if you're there, your love constantly surrounds us. Amen.

# Drought causing farmers to cut early



Because of extreme drought over the spring and summer, some farmers have been forced to chop silage much earlier than usual, among them Nelson Farms. Though always planning to use some crop yields for feeding livestock through the winter, Farm Manager Clarke Nelson reports that when corn gets below 30 bushels of yield per acre, it needs to be cut or it will dry out and cause unnecessary transportation costs. Pictured, Kevin Hitt of Nelson Farms drives a silage cutter while John Wojtysiak drives behind with a truck in a field east of Norton early last week.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

## Election 2012: Norton County Treasurer

By Carleen Bell

### Cynthia Linner



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After serving in the position since 1997, Norton County Treasurer Cynthia Linner is a candidate for the position in the Aug. 7 primary election.

Linner was born and raised in Norton County and, after high school, she attended Emporia State University and Fort Hays State Hays University where she studied business and accounting.

Her accounting background began at a young age when she would help her parents with book keeping in their family-owned business.

"I've always been interested in busi-

ness and bookwork," Linner said. "I decided at a young age that I wanted to be a county treasurer. I just knew that's what I wanted to do."

After college, Linner returned to Norton where she was employed in various fields before running for the position of county treasurer in 1996. She took over the seat in 1997 and has served as Norton County Treasurer

since then.

Over her time as treasurer, Linner said, many changes and improvements have been made to the way county trea-

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### Sarah Durham



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Bringing previous public service experience to the table, Sarah Durham is a candidate for the position of Norton County Treasurer on the Aug. 7 primary election ballot.

Durham spent most of her life in South Carolina, but moved to Norton in 2004. Her career with Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas brought her to the area and she has lived in Norton since then.

Durham's education includes a master's degree in organizational psychology, a background that she said will help her be a successful county treasurer.

"I can trouble shoot for things that I see are the present needs of the office and present those problems and solutions to the governing board for the county," she said. "I have a lot of experience doing paper work for state agencies and the court system, so I understand the challenges of reporting to the state level."

The candidate said she has many goals for the treasurer's office, especially in employee training and retention.

"I want to get staff retention greater (Durham - Continued on Page 5)

## Election 2012: Clerk, Attorney, Register, Sheriff

### Wanda Vincent: Register of Deeds

Wanda Vincent was raised in Norton County, south of Lenora. She is a graduate of Lenora High School and, after high school, earned a bachelor's degree in business with a major in accounting from Fort Hays State University.

In 1992, Vincent was hired as a deputy in the Register of Deeds office. In 1996, she was elected as the county's Register of Deeds.

Vincent's education also includes a certification through Kansas State University and Register of Deeds Association in 2003. She has served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Northwest District Register of Deeds Association. She has also served on the nominating committee for the State Register of Deeds Association.

The mission of the Register of Deeds is to preserve records, such as real estate transactions, for the future.

Wanda Vincent and her husband, Mike, have two grown children.

### Robert Wyatt: County Clerk

Robert Wyatt is a life-long resident of Norton County and was raised on a farm in the northwest part of the county. He still farms in that area, along with operating three small businesses in the county.

Wyatt was elected to the position of County Clerk in 1996 and assumed responsibilities in 1997.

In 2003, he earned recognition as a Certified County Clerk through Wichita State University and he received a Master County Clerk certification through Wichita State University's Hugo Wall School in 2010. He also became a certified election officer in 2004.

Some of the duties of County Clerk include handling county accounts payable, running elections for the county, maintaining tax unit boundary certifications, preparing property abstracts, working with county entities to develop budgets and handling county insurance.

Robert Wyatt and his wife, Jane, have three children and two grandchildren.

### Doug Sebelius: County Attorney

Having now served seven terms in the position, R. Douglas "Doug" Sebelius was elected as Norton County Attorney in 1980. He has also operated a private law practice in Norton since 1976.

As county attorney, his responsibilities include serving as chief law enforcement official and prosecutor and as legal advisor to the Norton County Commissioners and county departments.

"During my time in office, I have been responsible for handling several thousand cases before the district court, which range from serious felony offense to traffic infractions," Sebelius said.

Sebelius is a life-long member of the Republican party and has served as chairman of the Norton County Republican Central Committee and as a state member of the Kansas Republican Party.

Doug Sebelius and his wife, Nancy, have two grown children are soon expecting their first grandchild.

### Troy Thomson: County Sheriff

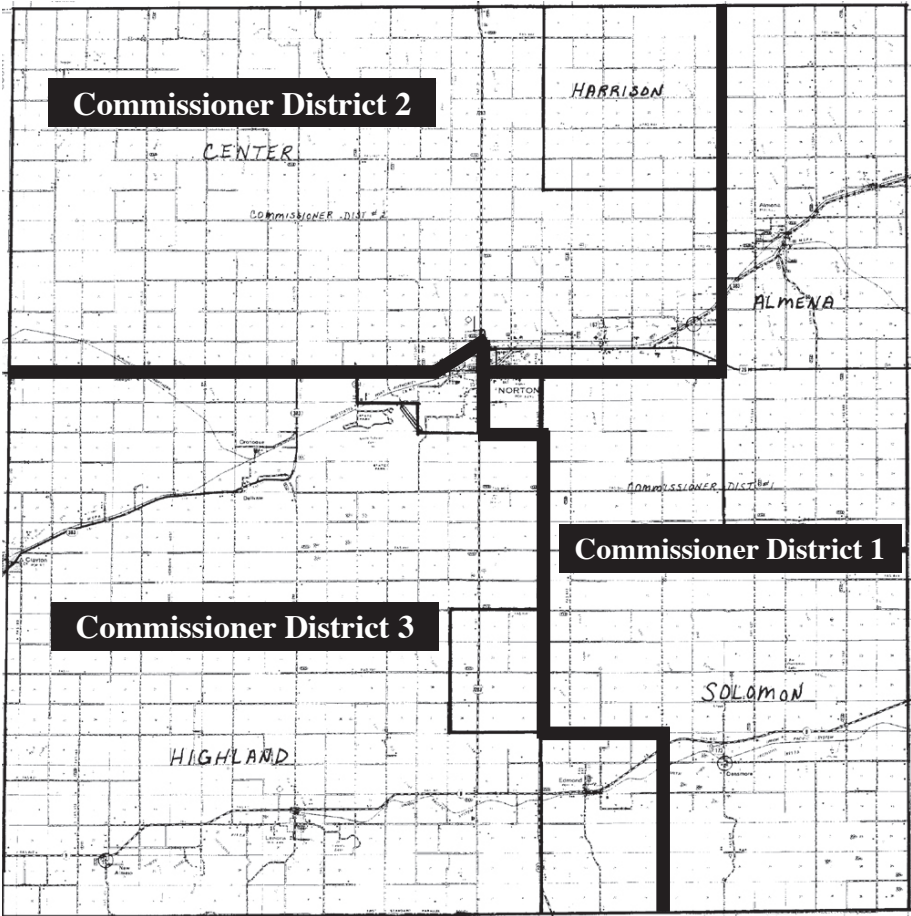
Troy Thomson is a life-long resident of Norton County and has served as the Norton County Sheriff for the past 14 years. He has been employed with the Sheriff's Department for 19 years.

During his time as Sheriff, Thomson has helped implement the county's Total Notify system, which allows residents to receive emergency notifications electronically. In addition, the department has implemented phase three of the 911 system, which provides caller location.

Thomson said that every year, his department has been under budget and he intends to continue providing quality law enforcement service while maintaining fiscal responsibility for the citizens of Norton County.

"I started my career and was taught early on what is expected of me and my department by the people of Norton County," he said. "These people are my priority."

Troy Thomson and his wife, Chrisell, have three children.



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-Almena City-Townships and Harrison: Almena Community Center  
-Center Precincts 1 and 2, Highland Precinct 3, Old Belle Plain: Norton County Courthouse lobby

-Highland Precinct 1 and all of Modell: Lenora Community Building  
-Highland Precinct 2, Solomon Precincts 1 and 2: American Legion building  
-Wards 1, 2 and 3 of Norton: American Legion building

