

# Candidate speaks out

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“I will work with you not against you.” That is R. A Peterson’s promises to the voters. A Norton business man for 40 years, the president of the 1991 Norton Telethon, a Norton City Council member for two years, a Norton Housing Authority and Hospital Board member for four years, a Lion’s Club member for 28 years and President of the Decatur Shriner’s. Mr. Peterson has been a member of the O.M.P.C. for 28 years, is a Norton Chamber of Commerce member, and is a member of both the Kansas and Colorado Chiropractic Associations.

When asked why he had run for the position as a Norton County Commissioner he stated that several people asked him why he wouldn’t consider it. His late wife also highly encouraged him to run before her death. Peterson stated that the current commissioners weren’t listening to the people and he wanted to see things change and decided to run and won the primary election and is looking for the votes again in the general election for District 2 Commissioner on November 6.

Mr. Peterson was surprised

to read the story about his opponent Carolyn Applegate that ran in the October 16 issue of the Telegram. She was quoted saying “The State changed the department of staff and we’ve done away with volunteers”.

“This is NOT True!” said Peterson. This concerned Mr. Peterson so he contacted the state. “On 10-29-12 I received an email from Steve Sutton, Executive Director of KBEMS of Topeka, and he stated that there are NO new regulations that prohibit certified volunteers from serving as attendants on EMS Ambulances.”

Another concern of Mr. Peterson’s involved the decision made about the Calvert Swine Facility. “What a stink this will be!!! On April 16, Commissioner Applegate made a motion seconded by John Miller to reduce the distance from a hog confinement to a homestead from 4000 to 3000 feet. Resolution 2012-08. I would have voted NO and sent it back to The Kansas Department of Health and Environment!!!

Applegate refers to 1000 feet as it’s no big deal. Explain that to some one being hung from a 4000 foot scaffolding with a 3000 foot rope. The end result

will be a big disaster and very messy!!!”

Who is next? Calvert, Almena or Norton? I think we have had enough of this kind of experience!!!”

Another issue Mr. Peterson wished to discuss was the idea of combining the police and sheriff’s departments cutting overall costs by 50 percent. Applegate pointed out that after a Docking Institute did a study of money that would be saved, the end result did not show significant savings and nowhere close to 50 percent. Peterson disagrees, “It is elementary, cut staff in half, overall spending in half and the vehicle numbers in half you save.” Peterson said he came to this conclusion by looking at information provided to him by the Norton County Clerk’s office and the Sheriff’s Department.

Mr. Peterson ended the interview by stating that “I have paid my own way and have asked for no help in my run for office. I owe no favors to anyone. I will listen to the people and take into consideration everyone’s view point and I will work with the little guys. Just like all the previous commissioners, I too will get on the job training.”

# An explosive situation



Norton County Commissioner John Miller shows the types of helium tanks found at the Norton County landfill that have exploded. There are many dangers the employees face daily at their job and dodging flying propane tanks shouldn’t have to be one of them. It is costly and unsafe yet can be easily avoided.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Norton receives housing grant

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The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation has announced that Norton is one of eight counties to share in grant funding to help develop moderate income housing for the community.

Norton will receive \$400,000 to help develop infrastructure

like water, sewer and street extension to develop multi-family rental units and single-family homes.

Norton City County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul reported in August that his organization is working with a developer who is interested in building up to 12 duplex homes

in the community. While many details are yet to be determined, Sproul said, he applied for the grant to help with the development.

To help with the process, the city of Norton agreed to contribute up to \$20,000 to infrastructure improvements to encourage housing development.

# Almena woman sentenced

An Almena woman has been sentenced in a Hall County, Neb. court after causing a crash that killed a motorcyclist near Grand Island, Neb.

According to online news reports from Nebraska.tv., Kathy Teichmeier, 33, was sentenced to five years of probation and 90 days in jail after pleading no contest to charges of vehicular homicide last September.

The charges stem from a crash on Interstate 80 near Grand Island. Teichmeier was traveling eastbound on the interstate when she attempted to make a left turn into a median turn-around

strip from the right lane of the interstate. Her vehicle crossed into the path of two motorcycles in the left lane, causing one of

the motorcycles to collide with her vehicle. The motorcycle rider, Nancy Hermanson, 58, died as a result of the collision.

# Landfill

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element of the recycling process is bagging your items in either a clear of blue plastic bag, not white or black and be sure that nothing that shouldn’t be there is included.

Many people have old cans of spray paint, house paint, televisions, CD players, cameras, etc., and are not sure what to do with them. Take them out to the land-

fill. Our center here in Norton County will take and properly dispose of these products for you. The only stipulation is that the only televisions they can take are the flat screen types.

We are very lucky to have a recycling center and hazardous waste program here in Norton. We can help make the county employee’s job a bit easier by sorting our items better and that isn’t only for the recycling stuff

but also for the other things brought to the landfill. Keep the paper and cardboard out of the construction debris. “Just because we are a dump doesn’t mean we have to look like it. We are a sanitary landfill.” Miller stated.

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