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Home of Bill Jones

Briefly

Filing deadline is noon, Monday

The countdown continues for residents of Norton County interested in filing for positions on the Aug. 1 primary election ballot. The deadline is Monday noon. Local candidates need to file at the Norton County Clerk's office, other candidates file with the Secretary of State.

Offices on the local level include: County Commissioner, 1st District; Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman in each precinct for each political party; and Township Clerk, Almena-Harrison-Center-Highland-Solomon Township. State offices include: District Magistrate Judge, 17th District, 3rd Position; State Board of Education, 5th District; State Representative, 120th District; Commissioner of Insurance; State Treasurer; Attorney General; Secretary of State; Governor/Lt. Governor; and United States Representative, 1st District.

Additional information is available by calling the county clerk's office at 877-5710.

Singers perform on Wednesday

The New Way Singers from Nebraska Christian College, Norfolk, Neb., will be performing in concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at Norton Christian Church. A free-will offering will be taken.

Stephen Mizell, son of Ray and Ruth Mizell, Norton, is a member of the group.

Blood drive to be Wednesday

In recognition of the 125th Anniversary of the American Red Cross, Norton residents will host a blood drive at Norton Correctional Facility from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule an appointment to donate. Walk-in donors welcome.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.
Saturday — Partly cloudy and not as warm. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. Light winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 63, High 92
Wednesday Low 55, High 96
Thursday Low 55, High 97
(Readings taken at the Fred and Carolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, as we sow seed, help us focus on the welfare of others and not on ourselves. **Amen**

Diaper duty... Just part of the deal



Patsy Maddy, Farm Bureau Association, demonstrates proper diapering procedure to a class of would-be babysitters. The "model" was Mrs. Maddy's granddaughter, Olivia Miller.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Babysitting class covers many areas

It's one of those jobs that offer challenges — challenges young folks looking for a few dollars over the summer break ever consider.

But the more they know before getting into it, the better.

Literally, their job covers everything from the top of the head to the bottom of the feet.

They're babysitters!

Patsy Maddy from Norton County Farm Bureau Association and Tranda Watts, a multi-county extension specialist, teamed up Friday to present a babysitting clinic for more than 40 boys and girls. The clinic was held in the community room at Norton Public Library.

Not only did the two demonstrate how

to make snacks, but they also taught the attendees nursery rhymes and how to include games into babysitting. They were encouraged to be creative and make the experience enjoyable for the child they are taking care of.

The leaders presented real-life situations to the potential babysitters and (Continued on Page 5)

Auction will be a bargain, hunter's dream

Bargain hunters might find what they're looking for at the benefit auction to be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at The Haven, 813 N. Grant. Auctioneer Duane McEwen has volunteered his time to conduct the sale on the grounds of the facility.

Toasters, mattresses, curtains, silverware, washers, microwaves, televisions; the list goes on and on of items donated to The Haven, a hospitality house where families of inmates at Norton Correctional Facility may stay when they come to visit.

Board members of the nonprofit organization have been stockpiling excess items that have been donated to The Haven, asking the donor if it would be acceptable to sell the item at a later date.

In addition to the 11-bedroom house, The Haven includes four units at the rear of the property that had been once been used as motel rooms. Two units have been renovated and are ready for occupancy; the other two have been used for storage.

After a little more than six months of operation, The Haven board is ready to expand. "We are getting more and more requests for rooms without steps," said board member, Carolyn Plotts. "We need to get those other two units ready."

"The Norton community has been very generous to The Haven. We invite anyone who wants to see what (Continued on Page 5)

First loads of '06 wheat harvest expected soon

By VERONICA MONIER

Harvest is just around the corner and may be coming in earlier than usual.

County Extension Director Keith VanSike said he imagined it would be coming in sooner than the average time. Some estimates, he said, put wheat coming in as much as a week earlier than the average dates of June 22-25.

This, he said, is due to the plants speeding up their growing process. The plant tries to grow as fast as possible because of the drought.

A lot of wheat out there right now is short and stressed, he said. Some of it is diseased and some of it has light frost damage.

"Overall, the wheat crops are poor to fair," he said. "There are a few places that look okay. But, I'm afraid the moisture and moderate temperatures we've had recently have come a bit too late. On average, I think the crops will be fair."

One positive, he said, is that there wasn't a lot of leaf rust, since there was nothing to bring it up from the Oklahoma area.

Although too late to do a lot of good, Mr. VanSike said the recent rains did do some good.

"The rains have kind of helped the plants to feel more normal," he said. "But they are still probably shocked and (Continued on Page 5)

Machinery, threshing will be at power show this weekend

By VERONICA MONIER

The Sunflower Pioneer Power Association is holding its 26th Annual Antique Machinery, Threshing and Power Show Saturday and Sunday in Almena.

The show will begin at 9 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday on the association's grounds on West Brockton St. Even though the show doesn't officially start until 9 a.m., early birds can get a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and pancakes, starting at 6 a.m..

On Sunday morning, nondenominational church services will be held at 9 a.m. just south of the kitchen on the grounds.

The show is featuring John Deere tractors and machinery this year. The top prize at this year's show is a 1952 Farmall Tractor. Other prizes include a handmade cedar chest, a intarsia wooden pheasant, and a \$50 savings bond.

Regular features like the rock crusher, a corn sheller, a hand tie baler, a small engine display, a tractor balance that people can get on, a steam engine display, and the windmill display will all be at the show.

The saw mill will also be running both days. The association usually cuts wood and then sells it. They will also be (Continued on Page 5)

Police on the look-out for missing girl

A 16-year-old Oberlin girl has been missing for more than a week now.

Although the family has notified authorities and Chantelle Beneda's picture has been published and posted across the state, officials say there has been no word from the girl.

She is the daughter of Terese and Greg Vontz and Ron Beneda, all of Oberlin.

Mrs. Vontz said her daughter was last seen on Friday, May 26, heading south on U.S. 83 in her yellow 2004 Dodge Neon. She said they believe she is with Sean G. Fife, 21, who she became acquainted with in February.

Although Miss Beneda's parents didn't agree with her relationship with Mr. Fife, she said, the couple apparently stayed in contact. Mr. Fife is on probation in Decatur County for felony forgery, said Police Chief Wade Lockhart, basically for using his brother's identity. Mrs. Vontz said he also had some run-ins with the law in Tennessee.

She said her daughter, who will be a junior at Decatur Community High School next year, has never done anything like this before.

Both Miss Beneda and Mr. Fife had a little money on them, said Mrs. Vontz. Her daughter had just received a paycheck and cashed it Thursday night, and he had gotten some money, too.

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