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Briefly

## Norton's school board lists agenda

A 20-item agenda awaits the Norton School District Board of Education, and public, at 7:30 Monday night at the Alice Tweed Center, 105 E. Waverly.

Among the items are: Hearing for republished budget; site council report, Norton Junior High School; Board of Education Goal #3 — Scholarship information for the Class of 2008; designation of the NCHS-Stull Gym Appreciation Plaque Committee; consideration for approval of the 2008-09 student-parent handbooks; walk-in refrigerator and freezer bid letting; consideration for the continued participation by the Norton School District in Head Start; consideration for the setting of certain fees and prices for the 2008-09 school year; consideration of bid(s) for the district's 2008-09 property, casualty, vehicle, liability, workmen's compensation and student accident insurance; and executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

Let's practice

'The Brannan Factor'

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Weather

## Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 60. **Saturday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. **Sunday** — A 30 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m.



## Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 64, High 91  
Wednesday..... Low 58, High 86, .20 Rain  
Thursday ..... Low 61, High 84, .02 Rain  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Eternal God, thank you for faithfully watching over us every day. Thank you for quieting our fears when we are overcome by trouble. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

## No gasoline needed



While the circus was in town Tuesday, several children took the opportunity to ride on an elephant. There was plenty of room for three or four children as the pachyderm carried his load around the grounds at Elmwood Park. The circus was sponsored by the Norton Rotary Club.

— Telegram photo by Sherry Hickman

By **TOM DREILING**  
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Norton County Clerk Robert Wyatt, Republican incumbent, filed for re-election Thursday, just three working days before the noon June 10 deadline to get your name on the Aug. 5 ballot.

To date, this is how the local picture shapes up (in no particular order):

- J.C. Berry, Republican incumbent precinct committeeman, Ward 2.
- Wanda M. Vincent, Republican incumbent, Register of Deeds.

- Cynthia Linner, Republican incumbent, County Treasurer.
- Ruth Lofgreen, Republican incumbent precinct committeewoman, Ward 2.
- John Miller, Republican incumbent county commissioner, District 3.
- Carolyn Applegate, Republican county commissioner, District 2.
- R. Douglas Sebelius, Republican, county attorney.
- Troy Thomson, Republican incumbent, county sheriff.
- Rep. John Faber, Republican incumbent, House District 120.

- Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Republican incumbent, District 40.
- Sen. Janis K. Lee, Democratic incumbent, District 36.
- U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, Dodge City, Republican incumbent.
- Lee Jones, Overland Park Democrat, U.S. Senate.
- Congressman Jerry Moran, Republican incumbent, First District.
- James Bordonaro, Emporia Democrat, First District.

## County clerk latest to seek re-election

## City, county cooperate on fence cost

By **CYNTHIA HAYNES**  
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Between the Memorial Day holiday and the need to pay end-of-the-month bills, the Norton County commissioners did not hold a meeting on the last Monday of May but held it last Friday (May 30) instead.

Norton County will help the City of Norton put up a fence around its new impoundment lot, commissioners decided in exchange for free use of the facility.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson told the commissioner that he had been asked by the city to see if the county would pay half the \$3,315 cost of the fence around the facility in exchange for its use.

The sheriff said that he felt the county could use the facility and it would ben-

efit both parties. The commissioners agreed.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from Terry Nelson about a road that he said is in need of work. The road is causing problems because it is difficult to turn trucks at the intersection and it is in need of gravel or millings, he told commissioners.
- Learned from County Treasurer Cynthia Linner that the county had collected a little over \$29,000 in taxes in May which brings the year-to-date total to just over \$260,000.
- Talked to Sheriff Thomson, who is also the county's emergency management officer, and Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan, about storm damage incurred by the county's roads. At their suggestion, the commissioners decided

to apply for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

- Heard from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald that the county wouldn't have any Norton Correctional Facility inmate labor for awhile at the landfill. He said that tobacco was discovered at the landfill. It is believed that inmates planned to smuggle the banned substance into the correctional facility, he said. As a result of this, the inmates have been taken away from the landfill for now. He said he didn't know how long it would be before the state allowed them to return.
- OK'd a Board of Tax Appeals application for exemption on the Moffet property at 205 S. State.
- Talked to Peggy Pratt of Juvenile Services of Northwest Kansas about the services that group provides the county.

## Some Norton 'Walk Kansas' teams top 1,000 miles

**Tranda Watts**  
*Special to The Telegram*

Can you meet the challenge of walking 423 miles or the equivalent of walking across Kansas? That question and several others were answered recently about the 2008 Walk Kansas program.

Twenty-two walking teams consisting of 132 individuals participated in 2008 Walk Kansas in Norton County. Twenty of the teams reported walking more than the 423 miles needed to do a virtual walk across the state. The team reporting the most miles walked was the Midnight Special team captained by Jeannie Poage. The Midnight Special team combined

to walk a total of 1,508 miles during the eight-week walking period.

Other teams that walked enough miles to walk across Kansas and their captains included: the Walkabouts (Bob Goscha) 1,308 miles; Fit to Go (Bob Cotton) 1,103; Strutters (Pam Menagh) 1,053; Hope Alongs (Ann Becker) 771.5; FSBT (Gloria Cole) 720.5; Purple People Eaters (Keith Van Skike) 692.5; Kan-Do (Rhonda Browning) 692; Country Chicks (Betty Ambrosier) 670.5; www.man (Vicky Galentine) 638; Street Walkers (Erin Watts) 614.5; Shlumpadinkas (Charlotte Stephenson) 612.5; C & C Walkers (Cheryl Mann) 583; Book Lovers (Leslie Bell)

581; Walk It Off (Mandy Schumaker) 564; Blue and Gold (Lori Van Eaton) 547; The Brats (Mindy Harting) 490; Pave Pounders (Tanya Juenemann) 486; Willie Walkers (Jeana Yost) 476; and Green Sprouts (Janette Callaway) 464 miles.

The top five individual walkers whose reports were turned in, their teams and the number of miles walked were as follows: Jamie Poage (Midnight Special) 374 miles, Bill Goscha (Walkabout) 326 miles, Joan Bolt (Walkabout) 309 miles, Julie Schrum (Strutters) 287 miles, and Jane Burton (Fit to Go) 284 miles.

Another feature of 2008 Walk Kansas was to encourage participants to keep

track of the number of servings of fruits and vegetables which they consume on a daily basis. A surprising number of the walkers were not able to meet the minimum of five servings (5 cups) a day of a combination of fruits and vegetables. This has been true of walkers in many counties. Fourteen individuals met the minimum of eating 280 servings of fruits and vegetables for the eight week time period. Those individuals were: Kathleen McCanney (Shlumpadinkas), Blaine Marble (Midnight Special), Mindy Harting (The Brats), Nan Smith (Strutters), Doug Griffiths (www.man), Bonny

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## Norton to grow by 900 Sunday

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The population of the city of Norton will temporarily increase by about 30 percent this Sunday with the arrival of approximately 900 bicyclists of all ages and their support personnel from all over the United States for an overnight stop during the 34th annual Biking Across Kansas.

Citizens of Norton will roll out the red carpet to welcome these bicycle enthusiasts who will take eight days to cycle 496 miles across the Sunflower State.

The bikers are of different abilities, some even being first timers, so they will arrive in Norton at different times from the Saturday overnight stop in Atwood. The speedsters will be in Norton by noon but most will arrive from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Among the first to welcome the bikers on Sunday afternoon will be the Norton First United Methodist Church on the corner of West Street and U.S. Highway 36. They will have cold drinks waiting for the thirsty bicyclists, according to church spokesman Clair Rumford.

The church will also serve a light supper in the church, beginning at 4 p.m.

Brad Hopkins of Almena will also have Phat Boy Barbecue set up in the Water Tower Park.

The Travel and Tourism Committee of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will also have refreshments for the bikers as they arrive at the Stull Gymnasium for their overnight stay.

Of course, all local restaurants have already been alerted of the influx of people by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Biking Across Kansas has gone through Norton in the past but always with one third as many riders since previously there were three parallel routes.

Once the riders and their families have had their evening meal, all will meet in the Stull Gymnasium at the Norton Community High School at 8 p.m. to discuss the day's trip. Present to welcome them to the city of Norton will be Kim Snyder, president of the Norton City Council.

The public is invited to the evening meeting.

The bikers will sleep on the gymnasium floor at the Stull Gymnasium and the Norton Junior High Gymnasium and many will pitch tents on the grounds outside. Some will stay in local motels.

"We're happy to welcome the bikers to Norton," said Norton USD 211 Superintendent Greg Mann, himself a three-time Biking Across Kansas rider. "We hope to get all of them in the two gyms but, if not, we'll have to go to Wilmeth Kirk Gym."

The bicyclists will start at the Kansas-Colorado border west of St. Francis on Saturday morning. Their overnight stops, in addition to Atwood and Norton, will be Smith Center, Beloit, Washington, Sabetha and Horton.

On Saturday morning, June 14, they will cycle to the state line at Atchison where they will finish and enjoy a celebration picnic.

"Many of the bikers will be from Kansas but entries have been received from as many as 40 other states, Nova Scotia and Canada," said Charlie Summers, executive director.

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