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Norton, Kansas
Home of Jim Green



Briefly

'Pajama Night' on tap at the library

The Norton Public Library will be holding their annual "Pajama Night" on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room for ages infant to 7 years old. Dr. Glenda Maurer will read a book and Cindy Mordecai will lead activities and songs. Cookies and milk will be provided. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a pillow or stuffed animal.

Free rides await local party people

People in the City of Norton may request a free ride home from local establishments serving alcohol on Friday, Oct. 31. They are encouraged to use this program to allow a safe ride home without incident or harm to themselves or others. For a safe ride home, call Affordable Classic Limo Service, 202-0952.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 40. Southeast wind around 5 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 72. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy with a low around 43. Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 75. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy with a low around 48. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 74. Monday Night: Partly cloudy with a low around 46. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 70.

Kingham report:

Tues., Oct. 28..... Low 27, High 58
Wed., Oct. 29 Low 30, High 69
Thurs., Oct. 30..... Low 38, High 77
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Savior of the world, help us to place our trust in your wisdom and promises for every situation we may face.
Amen

Prep work for elevator



Tim Henry, who works for Nelson Brothers Construction, backfilled the handicap-accessible ramp leading up to where the new elevator will be installed at the Norton County Museum.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Norton County registers 3,728

By TOM DREILING
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We've just about run out of countdown numbers.

But if you are counting — Saturday, Sunday, Monday — three full days separate us from Tuesday's day of decision.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 4, signaling an end to what was a historically long presidential campaign.

There are 3,728 registered voters in Norton County. The breakdown:

- Republicans — 2317
- Democrats — 624
- Unaffiliated — 773
- Reform — 1
- Libertarian — 13

As far as early voting goes, 79 have voted in person and 247 ballots were mailed out for a total of 326.

Here is a peek at the ballot:

National Offices Presidential Electors for President and Vice President:

Independent Nominations, Nader and Gonzalez; Democratic, Obama and Biden; Republican, McCain and Palin; Reform, Baldwin and Castle; Libertarian,

Here's where to cast your ballots

Almena City-Township & Harrison, Almena City Hall
Center Precinct No. 1, Courthouse Lobby
Center Precinct No. 2, Courthouse Lobby
Highland Precinct No. 1, Lenora Community Building
All of Modell, Lenora Community Building
Highland Precinct #2, American Legion Building
Highland Precinct #3, Courthouse

Lobby
Solomon Precinct No. 1, American Legion Building
Old Belle Plain, Courthouse Lobby
Solomon Precinct No. 2, American Legion Building
Norton City
Ward One, American Legion Building
Ward Two, American Legion Building
Ward Three, American Legion Building.

Barr and Root.

United States Senator: Republican, Pat Roberts; Democratic, Jim Slattery; Libertarian, Randall I. Hodgkinson; Reform, Joseph L. Martin.

United States Representative, 1st District: Republican, Jerry Moran; Democratic, James Bordonaro; Libertarian, Jack Warner; Reform, Kathleen M. Burton.

State Offices:

State Senator, 40th District: Republican, Ralph Ostmeyer.

State Representative, 120th District: Democratic, Robert G. Strevey; Republican, John M. Faber.

District Court Judge, 17th District: Republican, William B. Elliott, Hill City.

County Offices:
County Commissioner, 2nd District: Republican, Carolyn Applegate.

County Commissioner, 3rd District:

Republican, John Miller.

County Clerk: Republican Robert D. Wyatt.

County Treasurer: Republican, Cynthia Joan Linner.

Register of Deeds: Republican, Wanda M. Vincent.

County Attorney: Republican, R. Douglas Sebelius.

County Sheriff: Republican, Troy M. Thomson.

Township Trustee Almena: Republican, Shad Chandler.

Township Treasurer Almena: Republican, Abner Williams.

Judicial Ballot:

Question No. One — Shall Eric S. Rosen, Position No. 4, Kansas Supreme Court, be retained in office? Yes. No. Lee A. Johnson, Position No. 6, Kansas Supreme Court. Yes. No.

Question No. Two — Shall Steve Leben, Post No. 2, Kansas Court of Appeals, be retained in office? Yes. No. G. Joseph Pierron, Position No. 3, Kansas Court of Appeals. Yes. No. Christel E. Marquart Position No. 5, Kansas Court of Appeals. Yes. No. Richard D. Green, Position No. 10, Kansas Court of Appeals. Yes. No.

Faber has eye on 7th term

By KIMBERLY DAVIS
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With 12 years of service under his belt, Rep. John Faber is seeking to represent the 120th District in the state House of Representatives for a seventh term.

Mr. Faber, a Republican, will meet Bob Strevey, a Democrat, in the general election on Tuesday. This is the fifth time the men have run against each other. The district includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties.

Mr. Faber said he was born and raised in Rawlins County, where he still lives and farms. He said he thinks he's been successful over the years as a representative and wants to continue that job.

He said he's fighting a new state law that would mean carnivals would need to carry more insurance, have their rides inspected each year and all of the workers would have to be trained and certified. It could close down volunteer-run home-owned carnivals like the one in Oberlin.

On Sunday, he said, he was part of a meeting in Oakley about the law and

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Candidate notes accomplishments

John Miller is running for re-election for Norton District #3 County Commissioner. He has served on the commission for 12 years. Of everything Mr. Miller has done as a county commissioner, he is most proud of the Norton County Health Department.

"The health department is full-service. We have several full-time staff, where the counties around us only have people part-time. With the PRN Home Health Agency, it lets elderly people get health care in their homes instead of going into nursing homes," he said.

Mr. Miller also helped two local companies — Miltech and Natoma Corp. — expand their facilities with tax abatements. Both companies were required to add jobs to their businesses to receive the abatements. Economic Development for Norton County is something Mr. Miller said he believes in strongly.

"Economic development keeps Norton County stable. It keeps our existing businesses in business and adds new businesses to the county," he said.

About four years ago, the county commissioners bought ground-up asphalt millings to use on the roads in Norton County, which has meant 50 percent

less maintenance needed on the roads, about 1250 miles of roads in all, the commissioner said.

Mr. Miller said he is proud to have used grants instead of taxpayers' money to help fund the Norton County Hospital's original renovations in 2002, and the building of the County Health Department, the new Emergency Medical Services building, the airport and the Code Red/Enhanced 911 system.

Mr. Miller serves on several boards in Kansas, including: The Kansas County Association Multi-line Pool, an insurance board for counties; The Kansas Association of Counties Employees Benefits Trust, of which he is a chairman; two task forces that affect funding for rural counties; a task force for public services for rural Kansas; is a certified county commissioner; and is the only county commissioner in Kansas who has a Confined Animal Feeding Operator Certificate.

Mr. Miller was also a mentor under the late State Sen. Stan Clark, working for the senator for three years during legislative sessions.

"I really enjoy my job as county commissioner. I really enjoy serving the people in Norton County," he said.

Strevey back for fifth shot

By KIMBERLY DAVIS
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A retired teacher is making one more run for the 120th District seat in the state House of Representatives.

Bob Strevey, a Norcat Republican, is running for the fifth time against incumbent John Faber, a Brewster Republican. The 120th district includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties. Mr. Strevey said he believes people should have a choice come election time, even though Mr. Faber is a veteran legislator. That means there has to be two candidates.

Mr. Strevey worked as a teacher for 31 years before retiring. He and his wife Kay live on the family farm south of Norcat. They have three grown daughters, Trudi, Wendy and Hollie, and six grandchildren.

He serves on the boards of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., the Norton County United Methodist Church, the U.S. 36 Highway Association, the Norcat Citizens Alliance and

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