



Friday

July 30, 2010

Don't forget to vote Tuesday

Briefly Norton merchants plan sidewalk sale

The Norton merchants will hold their annual Crazy Day sidewalk sale on Saturday, Aug. 7. Come as early as 7:00 a.m. to beat the heat. Take advantage of the sidewalk bargains as well as the in store specials. All non-profit organizations are encouraged to participate in this promotion. There is no cost but please contact the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 785-877-2501 to listed in the advertisement or for any questions.

Street to close for construction

Beginning Aug. 2, West Washington Street will be closed to area traffic due to road construction. There will be no east bound access to West Washington from Highway 36. Closure of the road will be for approximately one month. Any questions or concerns regarding this road can be addressed by calling 785-877-5740.

Enrollment packets sent out to parents

The 2010-11 USD 211 Enrollment packets were mailed Wednesday morning. If you have not received yours by Aug. 4, please contact the USD 211 office at 877-3386.

Hunter's education classes are offered

Hunter Education classes will be held Aug. 11, not Aug. 1 as initially printed, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the basement of the Norton City office and Aug. 12, from 6p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Prairie Powder Packers gun range.

Prior to class, students must take the online Hunter Education course available at www.ihea.com and print off the score pages for the 14 final quizzes and bring with them. Students must be 11 years of age by the date of the class. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

To register, call the Prairie Dog State Park Office at (785)877-2953 or End Zone at (785)877-2626.

Markets

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Wheat\$4.76
Milo.\$3.00
Soybeans.\$9.32
Corn\$3.31
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy with a low around 69. **Saturday** - Partly cloudy with a high near 94. **Saturday Night** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. **Sunday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 96.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, July 27Low 68, High 99
Wednesday, July 28Low 65, High 90
Thursday, July 29.....Low 70, High 99
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God of Heaven, thank you that because of Christ we are never without hope. Help us to share that hope with others. Amen



Development board picks a committee to hire new director

By HARRIETT GILL
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The resignation of the Economic Development Director and plans to hire a replacement Director was a subject of discussion for the special meeting of the Economic Development Board on Monday.

Diane Stiles is resigning her position effective Aug. 31. She will be leaving Norton to accept a position at Northwestern Technical College in Goodland.

Karen Griffiths reported to the board the federal guidelines for non-profit organizations with more than 15 employees regarding interviews.

"All interviews must have the same questions," Griffiths said. "Since this is a county position, these guidelines must be followed."

All members of the board will review the resumes of applicants and select the final four to be interviewed. There was discussion on the feasibility of having the full board conduct the interviews.

"The full board may sit in on the interview, however, a meeting would have to be called," said Griffiths. "Anytime you have a quorum, you have to call a meeting."

Five members of the board were selected to serve as an interviewing committee.

The motion was seconded and vote passed. Greg Mann, Carolyn Applegate, Deena Wenthe, Aaron Herman, and Brad Hopkins will serve as the interview committee.

Advertisements for the position are currently running and Stiles reported that she was in receipt of two resumes. The deadline to apply has been set at Aug. 9.

There was a discussion on the salary that would be paid to the successful applicant. The board decided to base the salary on experience and education.

Diane suggested to the board that reports to the County Commissioners and Norton City Council be changed from semi-annual to annual.

"When you report on a semi-annual basis, many items are still incomplete. When annual reports are given you have a more complete picture of the projects," Stiles said. "When something comes up that needs to be reported on, I am already at the County Commissioners and Council meetings. It would be better to report on completed projects on an annual basis."

The motion to have reports from the Economic Development to the Norton County Commissioners and Norton City Council presented to the governmental bodies on an annual basis was seconded and vote taken. Motion passed.

Young 4-Her shows goat



Olivia Carter showed her goat in the junior showmanship division at the Norton County Fair on Wednesday.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

County clerk's office prepares poll workers

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In 2002, the Federal Government passed the Help America Vote Act requiring all election precincts to hold an Election School for all election workers. In Norton County, there were about 40 participants that attended the class that was held in Prairie Land's basement on Wednesday.

The class teaches voter's rights, how to help unregistered voters, help voters that are in the wrong precinct and other basic information that will be needed to help the voters exercise the right to vote. There are supervising judges at the precincts to help in any difficult situation.

"If someone can't make it on the day we hold the class, we can help them make up the day and give them the information," said Norton County Clerk, Robert

Wyatt.

There was a public test of the voting equipment given on Wednesday at the Norton County Courthouse. Robert Wyatt and Betty Pfannenstiel tested the Auto Marks and scanners as to the accuracy of marking ballots and counting the marked ballots.

The Auto Mark is an electronic ballot that allows you to mark your ballots and will ask you a question if your response on the ballot is questionable, it is handicap accessible with braille buttons and head phones that will read the ballot to you.

The scanners will track and count the number of ballots, tally the votes and print out a tape that will be used to compile the outcome of the election. These tapes are kept by the county for a period of three years.

Norton County has eight Auto Marks and six scanners.



Norton County Clerk, Robert Wyatt, tests the voting scanner at the Norton County Courthouse on Wednesday. He feeds the ballots into the scanner to make sure the counter will accept the different precincts and count the ballots correctly.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Congressional candidates pay visit to Norton County Fair

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Four of the six Republican candidates running in the 1st District Primary and one for the State House of Representatives were in Norton on Wednesday to participate in the Meet and Greet at the Norton County Fair.

Tim Huelskamp

"I am a solid conservative. I feel that the current climate in Washington does not understand rural America," Huelskamp said.

"I have been in Kansas state government for 14 years, when Jerry Moran went to the House of Representatives in Washington, I was first elected to the state senate," he said.

"I stand on my record, you can see what I've stood for and what I have done. I believe in fighting establishment when it is wrong and will put principals before party."

Tracy Mann

"I am a 5th generation Kansan, I was raised on the family farm in Quinter, I understand the problems of farmers and rural America," Mann said.

"I was an intern for Congressman Jerry Moran while attending Kansas State and served as student body president and received a B.S. in Agricultural Economics."

"I am a small business owner and understand the economics faced by small business owners across the country."

Sue Boldra

"I am the only non-politician in the primary," Boldra said.

"I have been endorsed by the Independence Caucus. I will prioritize for farm and ranch commodities produced in Kansas."

Marck Cobb

"My goal is to give back to the community."
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The Norton County Fair on Wednesday provided a busy evening. There was the pork burger feed sponsored by Husky Hogs and the 4-H Council, Watermelon Feed sponsored by Jamboree Foods and 1st District House Candidates Meet and Greet sponsored by the Norton County Republican Central Committee and Norton County Farm Bureau.

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