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Voter turnout comes in at 36 percent



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Briefly

Twirling classes set to perform tonight

Lisa Herman's baton twirling students will be presenting their final performances on Friday, Aug. 10 in the Norton Recreation Center gymnasium. Group One will perform at 6 p.m. and Group Two will perform at 7 p.m. Both groups will perform their routines twice. Awards and photos will follow and the public is invited to attend.

Archery club will host a 3-D shoot

The Norton Archery Club will hold a 3-D Archery Shoot at the Prairie Dog State Park archery range on Sunday. Trickle start is from 9-10 a.m. and the cost is \$10 per person for two rounds.

Parents meeting is next Friday, Aug. 17

An informational session for parents of the 2012-2013 Norton Community High School seniors is planned for Friday, Aug. 17. The meeting is in the Middle School/High School music room at 7 p.m. Counselor Shane Miller will host the meeting to cover items and timelines of importance for the senior year.

Markets

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Wheat	\$8.23
Milo	\$7.63
Soybeans	\$16.30
Corn	\$7.98

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Mostly sunny and breezy with highs in the lower 90s. Saturday Night - A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Sunday - Sunny with highs in the lower 90s. Monday - Sunny with highs around 90. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Tuesday - A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, August 7.....Low 72, High 91
Wednesday, August 8....Low 58, High 103
Thursday, August 9.....Low 58, High 86
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for being with us when we have nowhere else to turn. Thank you for your holy word that lifts us out of despair and fills our hearts with peace. Amen



By Carleen Bell
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In Commissioner District 2, R.A. Peterson beat out one-term incumbent Carolyn Applegate by a vote of 207 to 154.

Applegate had little to say about the election outcome other than she is unsure about her future plans or whether she intends to pursue an elected office in the future.

Peterson, who will run unopposed for the commissioner seat in the November general election, said he was pleased about the outcome of the election.

"To me (all the candidates) are winners," Peterson said.

In Commissioner District 3, three candidates were bidding for John Miller's seat, who opted to run for the Kansas Senate. Candidate Charles Posson won the election with 175 votes. Brock Ellis took 118 votes and Curtis Eveleigh trailed with 85 votes.

Posson said he was very pleased about the outcome of the primary election and thanked his opponents for a clean race.

"I really thought it would be a closer race than it was," Posson said. "The other candidates ran a clean campaign. Brock and Curtis are both nice individuals and I'm still friends with them. I have to respect the people who are willing to stand up and serve the public."

Ellis also expressed his surprise that the results were spread so widely.

"I thought it would be a tighter race than it was," Ellis said. "The results were spread wide, which surprised me. I'm disappointed, but I might try again in the future. I'm not one to slow down, so we'll see what happens."



Assisting voters with the election process, (left to right) Anise Gill, Ramona Overlease and Bette Townsend help Clyde Boller (standing) with checking in at the voting station at the Norton American Legion Tuesday afternoon. Overall voter turnout in Norton County was 36 percent.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Eveleigh could not be reached by phone on Thursday.

Along with the commissioner seats, the position of County Treasurer was also a contested race. Incumbent Cynthia Linner took an overwhelming majority of the votes with 794. Challenger Sarah Durham took 279 votes.

Linner said she was relieved about the outcome of the election, especially as her office prepares for more software system changes in the coming months.

"Any time you have opposition, there is a chance of defeat," Linner said. "I'm relieved at the outcome."

Durham, losing to the incumbent, said that she is glad for the experience of going through the election process, regardless of the outcome, and she intends to pursue elected office again in the future.

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Dedication is planned for college's Norton campus

To celebrate the grand opening of the facility, Colby Community College's Norton campus will host a public open house and ribbon cutting on Saturday, Aug. 25.

The dedication, ribbon cutting and open house is planned from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The ribbon cutting is at 10 a.m. with a reception to follow. Guest speakers include Dr. Steve Vacik, Colby Community College President, and Attorney General

Derek Schmidt.

The Colby Community College Nursing Program moved into their new facility in early June in time for the summer semester. The former Doctors Clinic building at 711 N. Norton was renovated to accommodate the nursing program.

The new facility allows for significant expansion of the program in Norton.

The Kansas State Board of Nursing approved adding 12 additional practical

nursing students and 20 registered nursing students to the Norton program.

To accommodate the schedules of non-traditional students, the college is offering a new two-year evening program for the LPN and RN students.

The course of study began in June 2012 for both programs. Completion will take six semesters and ten students will be accepted into each program. In addition, two LPN students will be added to

the daytime program at Norton, bringing the total from 18 practical nursing students to 30.

The nursing program has been in the Norton community since 1975 and has been successful in increasing the health-care workforce as well as providing multiple career opportunities for the LPN and RN students in the area.

Disc golf tourney draws 35 players

The 18th annual Norton Open Golf Tournament was held Sunday at the Elmwood Park Disc Golf course.

Coming from as far away as Salina, Wichita and Hays, 35 players competed for prizes in the tournament.

In the Masters division, Don Mordecai of Norton took third place, shooting 106 and winning \$35. In the Women's division, Joan Bolt took first place with a score of 165. She also won a "closest to the pin" prize. In the Advanced division, Chris Davis won with a 102 and James Fawcett took second place with 115. Both won "closest to the pin" prizes. In the Advanced Masters division, Gale Henry earned second place, shooting a 121. In the Intermediate division, Trevor Lewis took third place with a 114. He also won a "closest to the pin" prize. The Junior division champion was Devon Gasper, who shot 180 for the day.

Other competitors were Joe Bolt, Kent Lockhart, Chad Gasper, Rodney Dyck, Ben Bolt, Todd Bolt, Charlotte Gasper, Steve Sprague and Aaron Daniels.

Ben Wiggins of Wichita won the tournament by shooting a 96. He took home \$300 and a first place trophy.

Sponsors of the tourney were Vibram Disc Golf, Kent Lockhart, Veteran Lawn Service, City of Norton Travel and Tourism, First State Bank, Cole Family Eye Care, New Age Industries, R.W. Yeager, Natoma Corporation, Gil's Barber Shop, Jay's Woodworking, Bullock, Inc., Valley Hope Association, Western Pest Control, Inc. and Deanna Braun Insurance, Lamont A. Shirk, DDS, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, McDonalds, KQNK Radio and the Norton Telegram.

Very, very dry



A small grass fire broke out in a draw just south of the Norton County Hospital parking lot around noon on Thursday. Norton Fire Chief Mitch Jones said the cause of the fire is unknown. Two units and 12 firemen were dispatched to the scene. It took about 15 minutes to extinguish the fire. "There is a lot of potential for fire with the hot and dry condition," Jones said. The Norton County Sheriff's Department, the Norton Police Department and Norton EMS assisted at the scene.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens