



From Thomas Jefferson to John Kerry, the Also-Ran Gallery offers a glimpse of those who weren't elected president when they ran.

## First State Bank offers gallery of those not elected

Since 1965, Norton has been home to the Gallery of Also-Rans. Pictures of unsuccessful candidates for presidents from Thomas Jefferson to John Kerry are on display on the mezzanine level of the First State Bank at the corner of Main and State. Each of the honorees has their own concise biography. Famous men like Andrew Jackson share the walls with Horatio Seymour and Rufus King. New

York Times publisher Horace Greeley, who once spent the night at stagecoach Station 15, is among the distinguished losers. There are 58 portraits on display. There is no charge to see the gallery.

The gallery is the creation of the late banker W. W. Rouse. Stop by during business hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on Saturday 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or call 785-877-3341.

# Norton

## Towns keep busy numerous community,

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Whoever said, "There's nothing to do in a small town," obviously never lived in a small town.

Norton is a vibrant, busy town with a wide variety of activities for residents and visitors.

First and foremost, it's a sports town. The Norton High School Blue Jays have excited their fans for many years with state-ranked football, basketball and wrestling teams. Any Friday night during the school year will find the stands packed with Blue Jay Boosters.

There's plenty of fine dining too. Norton is home to four nationally known fast-food franchises, a Chinese restaurant, two bars and grills, and several home-owned restaurants.

If you enjoy holiday lights at Christmas, county fairs, fireworks on the Fourth of July, Veterans Day parades and flowers in the spring, Norton is the town for you.

Cultural events are brought to the city by the Norton County Arts Council. Plays, a craft fair, a home tour and children's theater are some of the events sponsored by the council.

The highlight of the summer is Norton's county fair. It is always scheduled for the

last full week of July so out-of-towners can plan their vacation. Set in beautiful, tree-lined Elmwood Park, the county fair has the perfect setting.

Elmwood Park hosts car races and a farmer's market.

One of the new additions is the horse arena. The livestock barns are where 4-Hers display their animal projects.

Operated entirely with volunteers, the carnival and fair is an attraction that brings visitors from neighboring counties and Nebraska. Rides include a Ferris wheel, octopus, roller coaster, and kiddie rides. Game booths guarantee lots of winners. The fair provides inexpensive fun for the whole family. Grandstand shows run the gamut from gospel music to car races.

The Norton Recreation Commission offers everything from T-ball to adult softball during the summer. At the recreation building, aerobic classes are offered. There is also an indoor walking area and a basketball court.

In the summer the Norton Swimming Pool gives young people and adults a cool way to get a little exercise. Swimming lessons and water aerobics are available along with a kiddie pool where younger children can play under the watchful eyes of their parents.

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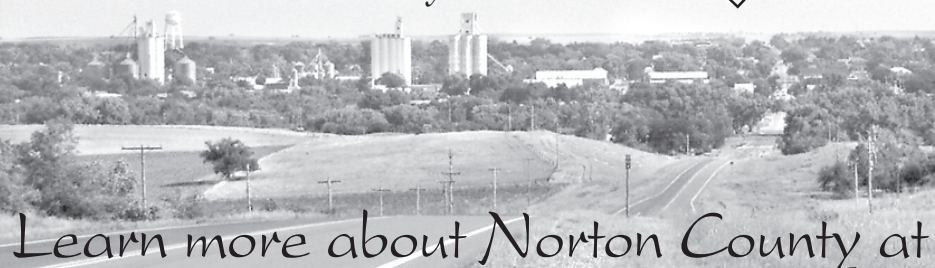
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Station 15 stands in a roadside park along U.S. 36. Many notable figures passed through Norton on the stage in the early days of the settlement.

## Stagecoach station stands as reminder of past travels

In early times, the Leavenworth and Pikes Peak Stagecoach Line ran through the site of Norton. Stations along the route provided food, lodging, and fresh teams of horses.

New York Times publisher Horace Greeley spent the night of May 24, 1859 at Station 15 near Norton.

Other famous travelers of the old west

also stopped here, including Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and Roy Bean.

A replica of Station 15 is located in the roadside park beside Highway 36.

Inside it is equipped with period furnishings and mannequins in historical costumes. It's free and can be viewed 24 hours a day. There's also a tourist information booth in the same park.