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County health has 29 doses of vaccine

Twenty-nine high risk people will be able to get flu vaccine from the Norton County Health Department after Oct. 29.

Those with the highest risk will be allowed to register their name in a drawing that will be held by the health department at 8 a.m. on Oct. 29. To be considered high risk and allowed to register, a person

- Must be a resident of Norton County
- Must be at least six months of age, and
- Must have a signed physician's order clearly stating what that person's chronic condition is. Chronic conditions are lung disease such as asthma or emphysema; heart disease such as congestive heart failure — high blood pressure doesn't count;

a metabolic disorder such as diabetes; an immune system disorder such as those patients who are being treated with chemotherapy, have lupus or HIV; a kidney disorder such as those who are on dialysis; people with sickle cell anemia; and people who are organ transplant recipients.

To register, a person must bring their signed physician order to the Norton County Health Department during regular business hours. Mailed physician orders WILL NOT be accepted. The physician order will be screened by a health department nurse and only those orders that meet the screening criteria will be put in

the box for the drawing.

County Health Director Gina Frack said they will be accepting physician orders until 4:15 p.m. on Oct. 28. She said people who register do not need to be at the drawing, but can be if they want to. After the drawing, she said those whose names were drawn will be contacted, which is why people need to be sure to include a telephone number and address with the physician orders.

Immunization Coordinator Jenda Jones said she doesn't know when more vaccine will become available, but that the health department is getting daily updates.

She said the health department received

a total of 50 doses, which were ordered from Aventis, a vaccine manufacturer. She said 21 of the doses had to go to the health department's high risk home health patients. The other 29 are left for those who are at the highest risk.

Ms. Jones said 650 doses were ordered from Chiron, the company that can't distribute because of contamination.

"We're trying to get everyone a vaccine dose who needs one," she said, "but there is a very limited supply. We'll let the public know as soon as possible if we are able to get any more vaccine."

Norton, Kansas Home of Jim Kauten

Briefly

Bazaar, supper set for Saturday

The Norcatat United Methodist Church will host their annual Bazaar and Soup Supper Saturday at the church's educational building. Soup and pie, will be served beginning at 5 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted. The bazaar/auction will follow at 7 p.m.

Fall concert will be held Tuesday

The Jay Singers and the high school and junior high choirs will present their fall concert at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the East Campus auditorium. Under the direction of Valerie Lee, the groups will perform a variety of choral music. Accompanists will be Cindy Mordecai, Hannah Mills and Rachel Lentz.

Eat turkey, ham Wednesday night

Prairie View Reformed Church will host their annual Fall Supper at the church from 5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday. The ladies of the church will prepare turkey, dressing, ham, homemade pies and all the trimmings. Donations will be accepted.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms early in the evening. Breezy with lows in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny and cooler with highs in the upper 60s. West winds 5 to 15 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with lows around 40. South winds 5 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy with highs in the mid 60s. West winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the north 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 30s. **Monday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s.

Howell report:

Tuesday High 71, Low 47
Wednesday High 54, Low 50, .01 prec.
Thursday High 65, Low 54
Week ago High 56, low 47
Month ago High 72, Low 50
Year ago High 88, Low 52
October precipitation93 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 22.40 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, Christ Jesus, for the changes you bring into our lives. We are grateful for the joy we find when we rejoice "in your blessings to all of us." Amen



Sharolyn Bredemeier, (right) owner/operator of Route 36 Collectables, Norton, looks over the new "Red Hat" leaded glass pieces on display at the store, created by exhibitor, Lynn Ward, Norcatat. Mrs. Bredemeier (above) looked over the items on display by Johnny and Ada Arford, Almema, local, well-known antique dealers.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Norton business has something for everyone

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

What makes Sharolyn Bredemeier such a "go-getter"?

It could be the fact that she is a cancer survivor and feels she has had a second chance. Or, it could be that she was raised on a farm and learned early about hard work. Either way, Mrs. Bredemeier said, "I just keep on keepin' on."

This high-energy lady needs that extra "something" to keep up with the new business she opened in Norton a little over a month ago. Route 36 Collectables is a colorful mix of old things, new things, used things, crafted things and collectable

things.

Route 36 Collectables, on the east side of Norton, is housed in what was formerly the Norton Flea Market. With several hundred square feet of showroom floor, she rents space to antique dealers, crafters and collectors. She has an eye for what will sell and is willing to add about anything to the mix. Recently she added antique furniture sales, on commission, to her inventory.

Her open honesty is probably her greatest asset.

"You gotta listen to your customers and give them what they want," said Mrs.



Bredemeier. "I keep a log of specific things people are looking for. When I find it, I let them know. People always want something new."

One of her friends, Cindy Kindall said, "This is a fun place to come and shop. And Sharolyn has a welcoming smile for everybody."

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Collapsed bridge causes havoc

By STEVE HAYNES and CAROLYN PLOTTS

Two vehicles wound up in Sappa Creek after a bridge collapsed Thursday night near the Norton/Decatur county line, and at least one man was taken to the Norton County Hospital.

Decatur County dispatch received a call around 9:30 p.m. to report the bridge collapse. A pickup apparently was crossing a bridge over the Sappa Creek, 10 miles north of U.S. 36 and about a quarter mile west of the county line on a township road, when it collapsed.

The truck, with Decatur County plates, was westbound on the 57-foot-long wooden bridge when the deck gave way, causing the pickup to crash into the west abutment.

The bridge is at the foot of a short hill west of the county line. The truck fell about 20 feet to the creek bed below.

The driver apparently was able to crawl out of the red pickup and walk to call for help. But before emergency crews could arrive, another vehicle, this one eastbound, arrived at the fallen bridge. Unable to stop, that vehicle, a Suburban-type sport utility registered in Norton County, fell nose-first into the bed of the pickup and flipped over onto its top. It reportedly had three occupants.

Responding from Decatur County were two ambulances, a sheriff's deputy, several first responders, the ambulance director and Road Supervisor Tim Stallman.

No one was taken to the hospital by ambulance, however, the driver of the pickup, believed to be a farmer living in the Lyle community, was taken by private vehicle to the Norton County Hospital.

Mr. Stallman said his office had not received a report of damage to the bridge. He said the law requires all bridges maintained by the county to be inspected at least once every two years by a professional engineer. The 57-foot timber bridge was rated to carry just 6 tons on two

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Incumbent focuses on economic development

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton County Commissioner Leroy Lang is running for re-election in the 2nd District in the Nov. 2 general election.

He said during his second term, if elected, the focus needs to be on economic development.

Mr. Lang said there are two parts to economic development. First, he said, is taking care of the businesses and industry already in a county, and second is bringing in new businesses and industry.

He said the county needs an economic development director.

"Right now, the county is having preliminary talks with the city to see what can be done about hiring an economic development director," he said. "We need to get going on this."

"We've got to have someone talking to people and going to different schools, trade shows and workshops — anything that's economic development related."

Whoever the county finds, Mr. Lang said, has to be good at their job, and has to be someone who can show businesses why they need to locate here and that the people here have the work ethic to make any business a success.

He said the county doesn't need to look at attracting Fortune 500 companies, but smaller businesses. He said

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L. Lang

Write-in candidate feels a change is needed

By VERONICA MONIER

Ivan Kingham is running a write-in campaign for the 2nd District seat on the Norton County Commission in the Nov. 2 general election.

Mr. Kingham said he is running, even though he lost the Republican primary 271-238, because a lot of people asked him to. He said people told him they couldn't vote in the primary election because of their party affiliation, but wanted to have a chance to vote for him in the general election.

"With their prodding, I decided to go for it," he said. There is not a Democrat in the race, and incumbent Leroy Lang, a Republican, is the only one on the ballot.



I. Kingham

Mr. Kingham said he decided to run because he still feels a need for a change in the way the county government is being run.

Mr. Kingham said, if elected, he would like to see a lot more effort go into cooperation between the county departments and into economic development.

"We need to bring in a good (economic development) director so we can improve the standing of our businesses," he said. "Like the ambulance barn grant: I think if we had someone working on that a bit harder, it wouldn't have slipped away. Now, we have to do it all again."

He said he sees a need for a bigger ambulance building. When he toured the current building, he said, he saw that the service has outgrown it. The office and quarters are too small, and there is no shower area.

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Bridge collapses under truck

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axles and a maximum of 13 tons for five. The load-limit signs wound up in the creek with the two vehicles.

Mr. Stallman called out county workers to place three sets of warning barricades on both approaches to the bridge. He figured that would be enough to keep anyone else from landing in the creek.

He said the county has 117 "off-system" bridges on township roads and about 400 total bridges. It's not unusual to have one damaged during harvest, he said, when loaded grain trucks weighing 20 tons or more try to cross them.

The two of the bridge's three spans fell into the creek. Mr. Stallman said it looked like the bridge stringers and deck were OK, but the westerly pier may have failed, dropping the two spans to the creek below. Each of the two piers is made up of five uprights, similar to telephone poles, driven into the ground.

If one or more of the uprights failed, he said, the bridge might have snapped under the relatively light weight of the pickup.

At night, he said, the gap where the bridge had been would be all but invisible to an approaching driver until it was too late to stop.



Two trucks were wrecked when a bridge collapsed Thursday night north and east of the Lyle community in northeast Decatur County. The second, a Suburban type (foreground) registered in Norton County, was eastbound on the township road and went nose first into the creek, landing in the bed of the first, a red pickup, and flipping over on it's top. The pickup, westbound on the township road sometime earlier, may have gone down with the bridge and hit the west abutment head-on.

— Telegram photo by Steve Haynes

Commissioner runs for re-election

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the cost of doing business in Norton County, and in western Kansas in general, is lower. The cost of living is also lower.

Mr. Lang said the county needs jobs at the middle of the pay scale so that the people who move here can afford to make a living, buy a house and raise a family.

"We want to have a good environment to raise a family," he said. "That's why I moved back after being away for work for awhile."

Mr. Lang said there are several other things the county needs to continue working on.

First, it needs to get the landfill going. He said the commissioners will be taking bids next week to dig a waste disposal pit, so that is moving along. He said the weather will be a big factor in when the landfill is completed.

Also, the county needs to continue working on roads and bridges, which, he said, always will be a project.

He said they've gotten the county in good financial shape and need to keep it that way. Being in

good financial shape allows the county to be flexible with what it can do and makes it so officials aren't always worrying about next month's bills, he said.

The new airport board is working well, he said. The city-county airport is being managed more efficiently and is making better use of the taxpayers' dollars. Also, he said, some of the work can now be done easier by the city or county, rather than hiring someone to do it.

"The airport is a vital link for economic development," he said. "We've got to have a good airport to get more businesses here."

Mr. Lang said the county needs to keep an eye on water issues, even though that is handled by the state. Without water, he said, there won't be any business.

As for agriculture, he said the elevator situation needs to be worked out. He said one elevator won't be enough to handle all of the county's crops, so they need to get someone to build a new elevator or buy the empty one.

Another thing the county

doesn't want to forget is that it has a lot of local talent and if someone comes up with a good, solid idea for a business, the county needs to help get it started.

In addition to serving as a county commissioner, Mr. Lang farms with his wife of 38 years and his son. He also has a daughter who lives in Overland Park. He has lived in Oklahoma and Texas and was once an ag teacher.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was in the National Guard when younger, and was on active duty for about a year.

Mr. Lang will face Ivan Kingham, who is running a write-in campaign, in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Mr. Lang defeated Mr. Kingham in the primary election 271-238.



Norton store is collectors' dream

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She is also full of ideas and enthusiasm for the business of selling. The first business she had after cancer forced her to switch careers was selling a creation of her own called "Visors Your Way". They were fabric-covered visors that she made and marketed herself.

Craft fairs and flea markets have been her way of life for several years. She has made the circuit, pulling a large enclosed trailer packed with her wares. Her youngest son, Cody, 13, has been a great help.

"He's my right hand man," she said.

One of her marketing ideas is to have outdoor flea markets at her business on a regular basis. She said the interest is there and judging by the calls she has been receiving from all over, she predicts

that her parking lot could be filled every month.

The store's location on Highway 36 is ideal for customer traffic. Shoppers from California, Colorado, Nebraska and all points in-between have stopped in to browse and buy. In addition, she said, "We have people come in here everyday from right here in Norton that didn't know we were here."

She's hoping to change that, though, with local newspaper and radio advertising campaigns and flyers promoting her business.

Saturday she's set to kick off the outdoor flea market season with vendors staking out their spaces late Thursday afternoon. She's even talking about adding barbecue pork and drinks to the festivities. Nov. 13, opening weekend of pheasant season, she is planning a huge flea market on her parking lot

with crafters, drawings and prizes.

Mrs. Bredemeier and her husband, Steve, are transplants from southeast Nebraska. He is the farm manager for Don Hazlett Farms of Colby. They live and work on a Lenora farm. Together, they have seven children.

Besides herself and her son Cody, the only other employee of Route 36 Collectables is Dorothy Brown, who is there when Mrs. Bredemeier can't be.

The store is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Sunday, but you might find her there moving furniture or rearranging displays.

To find out if Route 36 Collectables has that unique item you are looking for, stop in or call 785-567-6059, she'll put you "wish" in her log book and then go to work to find what you want.

Candidate runs write-in campaign

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Also, he said, he has had dealings with the current administration and he didn't like the way things were done. He said he would like to see that change.

"If the discord continues within the county, its will self-destruct," he said.

Mr. Kingham said the drought the last several years has hurt the county and the city.

"I see a strong need to help the businesses we have now to improve and bring in new employees," he said. "I don't like seeing the buildings downtown going empty."

He added that the county needs to diversify it's economic base.

Mr. Kingham thinks the city-county airport is in pretty good shape, and that the new runway will last for several decades with proper maintenance.

One other thing the county needs to work on, he said, is environmental terrorism. He said each county is supposed to develop a plan to handle environmental terrorism, including animal disease.

"At the moment, I'm not aware of any plan, and I'd like to see that taken care of," he said. "The cattle-livestock industry is big in this county and brings in a lot of wealth. We would be crippled if that gets hit."

Mr. Kingham served on the airport board for 20 years, including an advisory board that was in effect when it was just city owned. He has also served on the board of

the Norton County Co-operative for 14 years and the Farm Bureau board for eight.

He and his wife Joyce have two adult children, Ted and Connie, and two grandchildren.

In his spare time, Mr. Kingham enjoys flying, tinkering in his shop and rebuilding antique tractors.

He will face Mr. Lang in the general election in a rematch of their race in the August primary.

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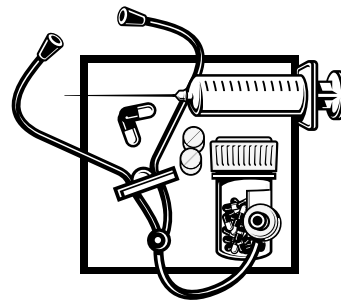
Voter's Guide Tim Peterson, Monument For KANSAS SENATE, Dist 40

Issue	Tim's Position	Tim Peterson's Comment
Abortion	Pro-Life	"I am pro-life. Life begins at conception."
Agriculture	Pro-Ag	"I will support farms and ranches. The number one industry in Kansas must be protected"
Cigarettes and Alcohol	Pro-Life	"Cigarette and alcohol companies addict mothers and hurt unborn children. I will not encourage these industries by taking their dirty money. My opponent does."
Economic Development	Pro-Kansas	"I will promote NW Kansas as a retirement area for the United States. I will support the small business entrepreneur."
Education	Pro-School	"I will work to get more money into the classroom. Taxpayers need better auditing tools to make sure that their money is spent properly."
Energy	Pro-Kansas	"I will work to stimulate investment in wind generated electricity. I will support the ethanol industry."
Gambling	Pro-Family	"Gambling sells false dreams of instant wealth. I will not support this charade. My opponent has voted for the lottery."
Guns	Pro-Gun	"I will support and defend the right to keep and bear arms."
Health Costs	Pro-Family	"We should not force families to choose between proper health care and food."
Health Insurance	Pro-Family	"Many families are being forced to gamble by going without health insurance. This is not right. I will work hard and speak out about this major problem."
Roads and Highways	Pro-Kansas	"We must continue our current highway program. I will not support attempts to cut funds from our highway program."
Seniors	Pro-Family	"I will work to make Kansas senior friendly."
Taxes	Pro-Family	"I will not support any action or inaction that will increase property taxes. Taxes should be based on the ability to pay."

Vote Pro-Family → Vote Tim Peterson

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Norton County Health Department



Norton County Health Department will hold a drawing for 29 doses of flu vaccine October 29 at 8:00 a.m. at the Norton County Health Department Office

(office hours, location and contact information below)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:

Due to such a small supply of vaccine only those at the highest risk will be allowed to register. The screening guidelines are:

- Must be a resident of Norton County
- Must be at least 6 months of age
- Must have a signed physician's order clearly stating what your chronic condition is (must be at least one of the chronic conditions listed below)
 1. Lung Disease (examples: asthma, emphysema)
 2. Heart Disease (example: congestive heart failure — NOT high blood pressure)
 3. Metabolic Disorders (example: diabetes)
 4. Immune System Disorder (example: chemotherapy patient, lupus, HIV)
 5. Organ Transplant Recipient
 6. Sickle Cell Anemia
 7. Kidney Disorder (dialysis)

You must bring your signed physician order to the Norton County Health Department during our regular business hours. We will not accept a mailed physicians order. Your physician order will be screened by a Health Department nurse. Only those orders that meet the screening criteria will be placed in the box for the drawing. Physician orders will be accepted through 4:15 p.m., October 28th—no exceptions.

October 29th, 2004 the public is welcome to attend the drawing of 29 names at Norton County Health Department. It is not required that the 29 individuals drawn be present at the drawing to receive their flu shot. Norton County Health Department staff will contact the shot recipients not present to make an appointment to receive their Flu Shot.

Norton County Health Department

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.