

Friday

September 29, 2006

Norton, Kansas
Home of Connie Glenn

Briefly

Norton District has 757 students

The Norton School District has 757 students attending classes (head count) this fall, according to figures provided earlier in the week.

That number is down by 9 from last year's head count at this time.

The figures show:

- 260 students attending Norton Community High School; 132 in the junior high school; 365 in the elementary school.

BB Gun Team meeting nears

The new 2006-2007 year for the Norton BB Gun team is gearing up. The first meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum on East Highway 36.

This team is for children between the ages of 8 and 14 as of Dec. 31 this year. Parents are asked to attend the meeting with their child. For more information, call Cameron or Lynette Archer at 785-877-5567.

College planning conference set

Norton Community High School will be the host site for the 2006 College Planning Conference. Juniors, seniors and their parents from Norton and Decatur counties are invited to attend. The conference will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 4 in the Norton Junior High Gymnasium.

Many colleges and universities will be represented, as well as vocational and technical schools and military services.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80s. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with highs around 90.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 46, High 82
Wednesday Low 50, High 62
Thursday Low 35, High 68
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, gracious God, for touching the lives of your people in many styles and varieties of gathering. Help us to understand one another and to follow together the way of love.

Amen

'Oh give me land lots of land...'



Yup....that's dirt. Members of the Norton Community High School FFA Land Judging team inspected soil and its components. Front row, left to right: Pat Burton, Donny Hildebrand, Caleb Vanover, Levi Ninemire, Christopher Maddy, Sara Campbell and Blake Wolf. Second row, left to right: Tim Becker, Chase Braun, Miranda Mock, Jessica Gilgenbach and Ashley Esslinger. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

How does your land stack up? Ask these kids

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

These kids know good land when they see it.

The Norton FFA Land Judging Team, under the guidance of FFA advisor, Garrett Beydler, placed first in both the senior and greenhand division of the Northwest District Land Judging competition held Sept. 20 in Norton.

The Norton senior team garnered 1,003 points, well ahead of their next closest rival, Hays, with 893 points. Northern Valley High School also sent a team which placed sixth with a team total of 719 points.

At the district meet, Caleb Vanover placed first in the Greenhand Division with 324 points. Others placing from Norton were Jessica Reeves, fifth place with 299 points; Christopher Maddy, sixth with 294; Cody Cook, eighth with 286; and Miranda Mock, ninth with 258.

Norton's Greenhand team took first place with 917 points.

Ellis' team came in second with 837 points.

Northern Valley came in ninth place with 473 points.

Sara Campbell placed second in the Senior Individual division with 342 points.

Pat Burton was right behind her in third with 337. Blake Wolf and Tim Becker were the other Norton team members to place. They came in respectively at fifth and sixth with 324 and 322 points.

Other team members competing at District were: Andrew Black, Kerby Brandyberry, Chase Braun, Samantha Cook, Tyler Cook, Kyle Edgett, Ashley Esslinger, Jessica Gilgenbach, Donny Hildebrand, Emily Juenemann, Levi Ninemire, Casey Robinson and Kayla Scheetz.

Wednesday, the Norton and Northern Valley Schools competed in the North-

west Kansas Area Land Judging Contest held in Stockton. The winning team was Hays High School with 1,194 points.

Norton placed second out of 14 schools with 1,172 points. Northern Valley ranked ninth with 748 points.

In individual competition, Pat Burton came in second with 414 points; Tim Becker was fourth with 388 and Christopher Maddy was seventh with 370.

Other FFA members competing at the area contest were: Levi Ninemire, Caleb Vanover, Jessica Gilgenbach, Blake Wolf, Donny Hildebrand, Chase Braun, Miranda Mock, Ashley Esslinger and Tiffany Peters.

Newspaper's poll shows Sebelius lead

By TOM DREILING

Thirty-one readers of *The Norton Telegram* cast 'ballots' so far in the newspaper's e-straw poll and the incumbent governor is leading the way.

Governor Kathleen Sebelius (D) owns 19 votes and challenger Republican Jim Barnett 12. The response locally would indicate a likely Sebelius victory today in Norton County, but the election isn't until Nov. 7.

Those numbers are interesting because in the 2002 race for governor, Mrs. Sebelius won over Republican Tim Shallenburger in Norton County by 215 votes — 1,131-916.

Readers can still take part. E-mail tomd@nwkans.com, call 877-6908, fax 877-3732 or mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654.

Of the 31 responses received, 26 were by e-mail, 3 by regular mail and 2 by telephone.

Comments were not solicited, but temptations lurk in such instances. One e-mail respondent said, "Gov. Sebelius has a job waiting when she loses Nov. 7 — as a school bus driver." Another commented, "Jim who?"

Norton Community High School remains a Class 3A school, according to the new figures released earlier this week by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Norton claims 183 students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades, on which the classifications are determined.

Atwood-Rawlins County moves from 2A to 1A. They show an enrollment in the three upper grades of 86. Quinter also moves from 2A to 1A with 86 students also. Scott City, 4A, joins the 3A ranks, with 201 students in grades 10-11-12.

Because these figures generate a lot of

comment, The Telegram will pass along the entire list for Classes 3A, 2A and 1A (and highlight some of the schools in 4A).

Class 3A, enrollment range 130-203 (boys' schools noted with an*, meaning enrollments are doubled):

- Allen-Northern Heights, 145; Anthony-Harper-Chaparral, 177; Atchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy, 169; Baxter Springs, 180; Belleville-Republic County, 182; Beloit, 195; Burlington, 198; Caney Valley, 198; Cheney, 198; Cherryvale, 161; Conway Springs, 144; Easton-Pleasant Ridge, 203; Effingham-Atchison CC, 160; Ellinwood, 146;

Ellsworth, 159; Erie, 169; Eskridge-Mission Valley, 130; Eureka, 159; Fredonia, 203; Frontenac, 154; Galena, 156; Garden Plain, 153; Gypsum-SE of Saline, 192; Halstead, 196; Haven, 199; Hesston, 200; Hillsboro, 197; Hoisington, 155; Holcomb, 186; Horton, 151; Hutchinson-Trinity, 133; Kismet-SW Heights, 134; Lakin, 156; Leon-Bluestem, 182; Lyons, 165; Marion, 158; McLouth, 130; Medicine Lodge, 160; Mound City-Jayhawk Linn, 146; Neodesha, 193; Norton Community High School, 183; Oberlin-

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Norton High retains Class 3A status

By TOM DREILING

The Nov. 7 general election is just around the corner.

If you are not registered to vote, or if you have questions about your status, now is the time to take care of that so you can join with what local and state officials hope will be a large turnout on election day.

The registration books are open and will continue to be until 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23. Registration, by law, closes 14 days prior to every election.

Norton County voters can register at the following locations:

- Almena City Office
- Lenora City Office and Library
- Norton County Clerk's Office

You can take advantage of registration during regular office hours.

Who needs to register or re-register? According to the legal notice appearing in Tuesday's *Telegram* from Norton County's Election Officer Robert D. Wyatt, "Acitizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, or will have attained the age of 18 years at the next election, must register before he or she can vote."

"When a registered voter changes resi-

dence from one precinct to another precinct, such voter must re-register.

"When a registered voter fails to vote in two consecutive general elections, such voter's name may be removed from the registration books and party affiliation lists. Such voter must re-register."

Additionally, you may apply in person, by telephone, or by mail to the county election officer to be registered. Application forms will be provided by the county election officer on request of the applicant, who must sign the application form.

Further information is available by calling the county clerk's office at 877-5711

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