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Home of Sharon Leiker

Briefly
Sebelius keeps lead in local poll

By TOM DREILING
Add 9 more. That's the number of new respondents to *The Telegram's* e-straw poll since Friday's story with the initial reply from 31 readers. The candidates are incumbent Governor Kathleen Sebelius (D) and challenger Republican Jim Barnett. Of the 40 total straw votes to date, 25 think Gov. Sebelius will win a second term and 15 favor Mr. Barnett. Readers can still take part. E-mail tom.d@nwkansas.com, call 877-6908, fax 877-3732 or mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654. Of the 40 responses received, 32 were by e-mail, 6 by regular mail and 2 by telephone. A couple of comments reasoned that Gov. Sebelius' lead is due primarily to name recognition. Another said, "The sitting governor has truck loads of cash to spend on advertising, which is a big disadvantage to my candidate."

Booster club meets this week

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Football coach Lucas Melvin, volleyball coach Chuck Zimmerman, tennis coach Jim Green and cross country coach Dayton Hager will report on latest contests by their teams and preview upcoming competition. Refreshments will be served. All Norton Community High School fans are invited.

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Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy.
Wednesday — Partly cloudy and cooler with highs in the upper 60s.
Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.
Thursday — Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 50, High 82
Saturday Low 50, High 84
Sunday Low 54, High 91
Monday Low 53, High 89
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, help us look beneath the storms of life to the peaceful calm we can have when we deeply rust in you. **Amen**

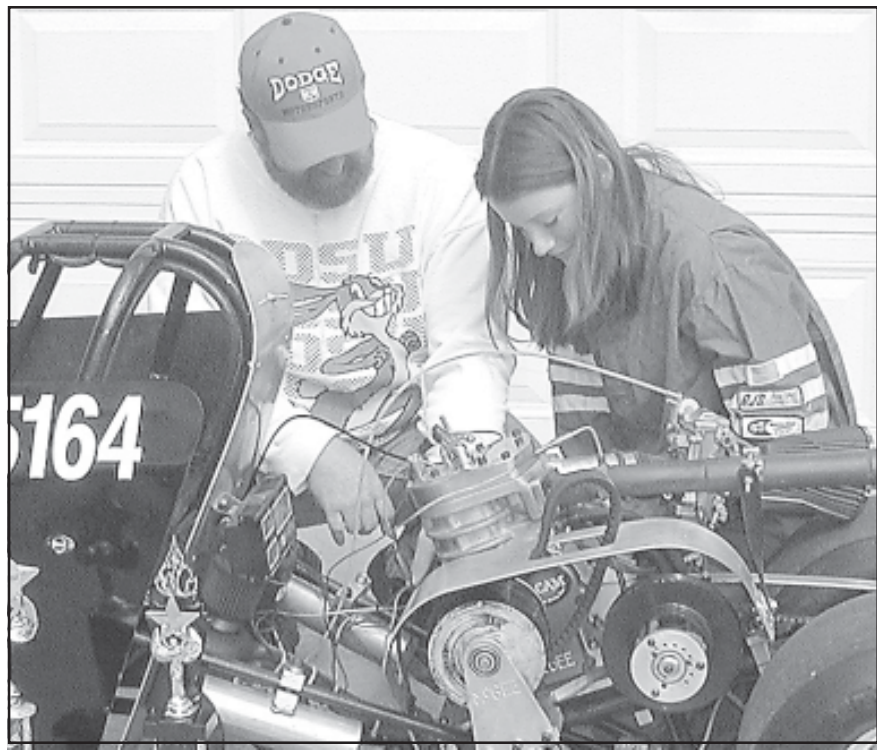
'Gentlemen, oops, Lady, start your engine!'



Fun sport for 14-year-old

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
While most high school freshmen aren't even thinking about driving, 14-year old Jessica Reeves of Norton is ripping down the racetrack at 85 miles per hour and racking up wins on the drag strip. Driving a junior dragster, scaled down to half the size of a full-size dragster or rail car, Jessica is second in point standings after her first year. Her driving record qualified her to compete at the Bandimere Drag Strip in Denver. She didn't go, but considered it quite an accomplishment just to qualify because a driver has to be in the top 10 to qualify. She has no problem controlling the 50 horsepower, carbureted engine with two-stage centrifugal clutch that runs on methanol alcohol. The frame is made of chrome and moly-steel and the shell is made of carbon fiber. The tires are special drag racing slicks with no tread and the rack and pinion steering is controlled by a steering wheel that has to be removed so she can slide into the cockpit. Jessica said she likes drag racing because it's a level playing field. She races against boys and girls in her own age group. She said about 35 per cent of the drivers are girls. She races at the Kearney track which is sanctioned by the National Hot Rod Association. It is a straight 1/8 mile track. The safety of the young drivers is ranked of the utmost importance. Jessica's parents, Bruce and Beth Reeves, see to it that she wears her helmet, a neck brace, gloves, a fire-retardant driving suit, a five-point safety harness and has a roll bar. Another safety feature built into junior racing is the speed limit. If a driver exceeds the 85 mile per hour limit, by even the slightest of margins, the driver is disqualified from driving for the rest of the day. If a driver exceeds 87 miles per hour, they are suspended from competing for six to 12 months. Jessica said her car attracts a lot of attention because it makes a lot of noise. Another big accomplishment for her is to have been mentioned and had her picture appear in the July 28 issue of *National Dragster* magazine. A well-rounded student at Norton Community High School, Jessica is involved in FFA, vocal, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and is in the choir at Norton United Methodist Church. Asked if she was going to continue drag racing, she said, "Oh, yeah. It's a fun sport."

Sitting snugly in her junior dragster, Jessica Reeves, left, is ready for the green light. Jessica and her father, Bruce Reeves, below, check out the 50 horsepower engine.



Norton lady takes top prize in Pick-Em

By DICK BOYD
Charlotte Stephenson, Norton, was one of only two fans to turn in a perfect entry in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in *The Telegram* and she won the \$15 scrip money first prize based on the score of the tiebreaker game. Travis Ray, Norton, had the other perfect entry and will receive \$10 in scrip money for second place. Texas Tech edged Texas A&M 31-27 in the tiebreaker game. Stephenson and Ray both incorrectly chose Texas A&M to win. Judges compared points for each team to actual points scored and Stephenson, who chose Texas A&M by 32-17, was 19 points off. Ray chose Texas

A&M by 20-17 or 21 points off. Third place went to Bob Moore, Hoisington, who missed only the Oregon victory over Arizona State. Moore and Ryan Maddy, Norton, were the only fans to miss one game who correctly chose Texas Tech to win the tiebreaker game. Moore was closest to the actual score. He chose Texas Tech by 27-24 or 7 points off. Maddy picked it Texas Tech by 35-20 or 11 points off. Maddy's single miss was Kansas State's loss to Baylor. With five weeks completed in the 12-week contest, Ray and Moore are running neck and neck for the season championship. Ray, who won first last week, has missed just six games. Moore, who placed

third with a perfect entry the third week, has missed seven games. Also missing just one game but incorrectly choosing Texas A&M to win the tiebreaker game were: Karen Shearer, Roger Shearer, both of Long Island; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Marj Allen, Sandy Husted, Jennifer Terrell, Doug Ray, Rod Maddy, Amanda Ray, Craig Heskett, Douglas Daniels, all of Norton. Correct on all but two games were: Marilyn Lowry, Alma; Emily Vallin, Long Island; LeeRoy Schuckman, Hays; Andy Moore, Nancy Moore, Barbara Springer, all of Hoisington; Matthew Berneking, Salina; Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Lucas Bailey, Mark Bailey,

both of Norcatur; Kerri Ray, Craig Foley, Roland Washburn, Patty Gall, Josh Green, Deb Thiele, Misty Nuzum, Gentry Sproul, Gavin Sproul, Amie Menagh, Jeris Norman, Virginia Carlton, Kristen Fahrenbruch, David Riemann, Tom Davis, all of Norton. Missing three games were: Bob Covington, Kristen Brands, Glenn Brands, Janet Callaway, Brian Thompson, Colton Lowry, Skyler Harris, all of Alma; Jerome Laurin, Mike Hammond, Jim Springer, all of Long Island; Ethan Gallentine, Prairie View; Gail Bailey, Denise Bailey, both of Norcatur; (Continued on Page 5)

Enrollment figures readjusted

By TOM DREILING
The enrollment figures provided *The Telegram* for the Norton School District appearing in Friday's Briefly column on the front page, were apparently a bit inflated. Superintendent Greg Mann picked up on the published numbers and plugged in the actual figures, which show more of a decline in enrollment than readers might have believed by Friday's report. Here are the official figures, as sent to

the state on Sept. 20.

Head Count Enrollment:
• Norton Community High School, 237, of which 23 are Lenora School District students.
• Norton Junior High School, 125, of which 7 are Lenora School District students.
• Eisenhower Elementary School, 365. Norton School District head count with Lenora School District students, 727.

Full Time Equivalent Enrollment:
• Estimated Norton School District (number used for budgeting process), 658.1.

Sept. 20, 2006 enrollment -Sept. 20, 2005:
Norton School District + Lenora School District head count is -9 compared to last year.
Norton School District full time equivalent is -15.5 compared to last year.

Commissioners close the books

The Norton County commissioners held their end of month meeting on Thursday, and approved and signed the vouchers and payroll for September. Cynthia Linner, county treasurer, reported the sales tax collection for September, which was deposited to the general fund, amounted to \$26,427.58. She said this brings the year to date deposit to \$279,797.18. She also presented the special auto vouchers for signature. These included mileage and motel rates.