

Tuesday
April 3, 2007

Norton, Kansas
Home of Dr. Lamont Shirk

Briefly
Beef roundup set for Thursday

The Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center at Hays will hold its annual beef cattle research roundup on Thursday. It will begin with registration at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. The program is free. This year's roundup program will include cattle research summaries and a walking tour of the feedlot; health and management of early-weaned calves; survivability of cool-season grasses; the effect of finishing diet composition on generation of odor compounds in manure; and distiller's byproducts for beef production.

Dinner ticket deadline Friday

Friday is the deadline to get advance tickets for the dinner and dance to be held Saturday, April 21 at the Norton American Legion. The Norton County Arts Council is bringing the Steve Miller K.C. Band to town for the evening. Dinner and dance combo tickets are \$25 while the dance only, is \$15. Tickets for the dance only may be purchased at the door. Arts Council members will be admitted, free, to the dance, but are required to purchase dinner tickets. For more information, call the Norton Chamber at 785-877-2501.

Good Friday service to be held

A Community Good Friday Service will be held at noon in the Fellowship Hall at Norton Christian Church. The service is sponsored by the Norton Ministerial Alliance. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a sack lunch.

Umpire clinic set for Saturday

An umpire certification clinic will be held Saturday. The clinic will certify all umpires for ASA softball and baseball. For more information, call Joe Durham at 785-984-4405.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy and colder with lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain showers or sowing showers.

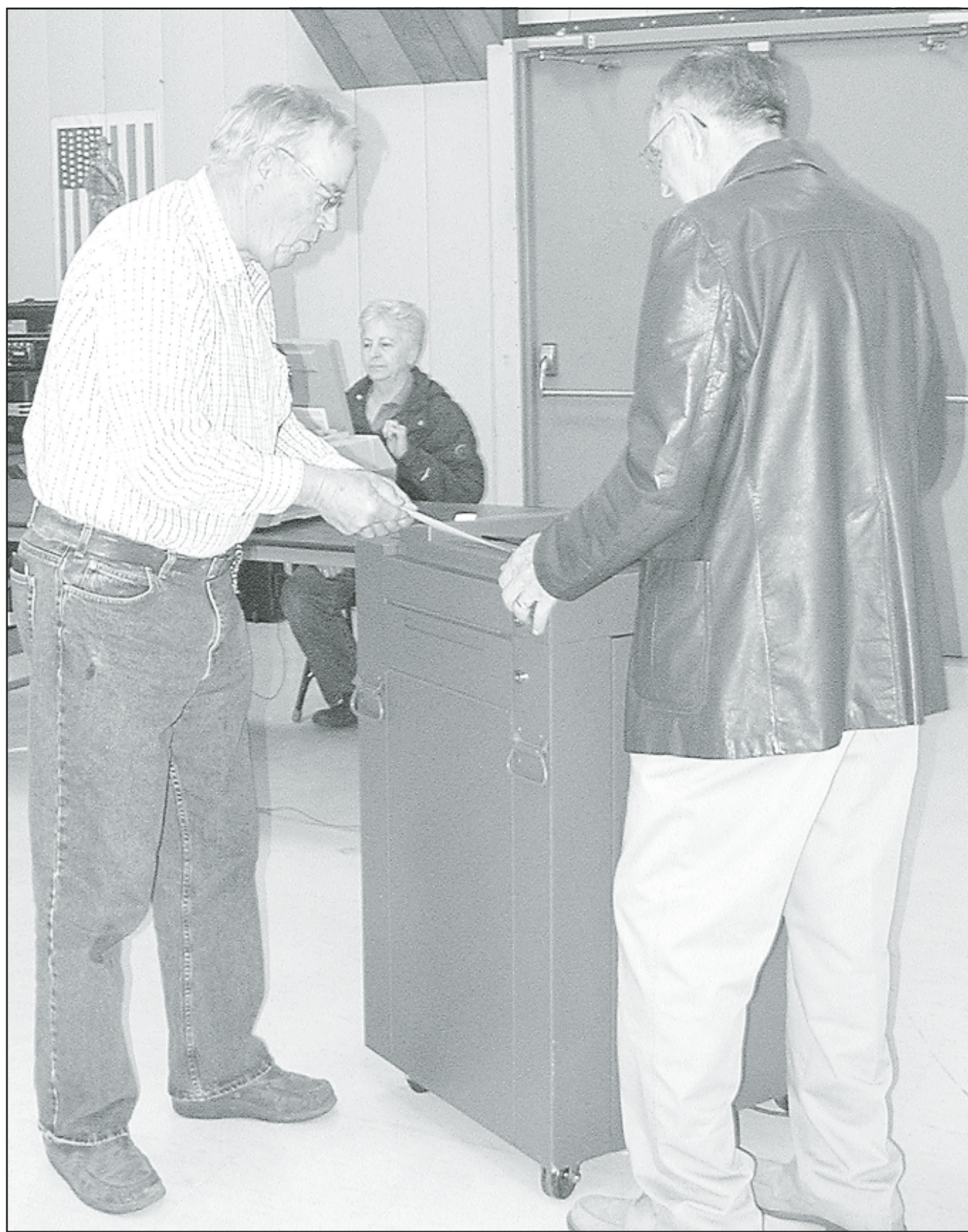
Kingham report:

Friday Low 34, High 65
Saturday Low 41, High 58
Sunday Low 32, High 73
Monday Low 45, High 78
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help each of us to be a friend to others as a sign of your love for us. **Amén**

At the polls...



Election Results

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Norton City Council

Ward I
Kelly Gaer 66
Harriett Gill 57

Ward II
Elaine Mann 69
Charlotte Stephenson 58

Almena City Council

At-Large (two seats open)
Kevin Largent 107
Christina Land 106
Saundra Anderson 36

Mayor
Gerald Wilson 93
Jan Jonaitis 31

A full story on Tuesday's election will appear in Friday's edition of *The Norton Telegram*. The figures shown here are from the races where competition was involved. The election results are not official until the ballots are canvassed by the Norton County Commission. Canvassing begins at 9 a.m. Monday morning on the second floor of the county courthouse.

Tuesday, a Norton voter, left, entered his ballot to be counted. He was assisted by Eugene Wiltfong, left. Evelyn McDiffett, center, used one of the electronic voting machines.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton man wants to use ATVs in city

By VERONICA MONIER

A Norton resident wants to be able to ride his all-terrain vehicle (ATV) in town. Butch Rima said he needs it to get around because of a disability. He said unless the city has a specific ordinance against it, they can be used on city streets, but not the state highway or right-of-ways.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said the city's code says to use the city streets, a vehicle must be tagged and licensed.

Councilman Jerry Jones said the state won't let you tag an ATV.

"So you're telling me that I can't ride a lawn mower or my handicap scooter because they're not tagged?" Mr. Rima asked.

Police Chief Lynn Menagh said he thought there was a provision allowing the use of a handicap scooter.

Mr. Rima said he would be happy to pay for a permit allowing him to ride his ATV or do anything else needed.

"I can understand that you don't want a bunch of people out there in the streets on ATVs," he said. "But, you should allow something for people with disabilities."

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said they should research what was in the city code and if something could be done.

Mrs. Griffiths said she would look into the situation.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Mr. Rima that he owns a house at 314 S. State St. and that the house south of it is in very bad condition. He said it has a rodent problem, broken windows and shingles that always blow off. He wanted to know when something was going to be done about it.

Chief Menagh said orders to clean it up have been sent out, but they have to wait for a certain time period before other steps can be taken. He said they have 45 days to correct the deficiencies before anything else can be done.

- Spoke with Mr. Rima about a noise problem. He said he lives at 403 E. Holme and across the street from his house some-

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Hospital has renovations on its mind

By VERONICA MONIER

The renovation ball is rolling for the lower level of the Norton County Hospital.

Representatives of the Health Facilities Group, the group doing the plans for the lower level renovation, met with the hospital board to review the plans.

The biggest change is in the physical therapy department. After the renovation, there will be four treatment rooms, including a hydrotherapy room.

It will have a centrally located office with doors for privacy and an open gym area.

Cardiac rehabilitation will move to the area previously used for storage. The room will be expanded.

The board room and an educational room will occupy the area where physical therapy is located.

Telemedicine, which is now upstairs, will move to the lower level where cardiac rehab is now. The old telemedicine room will be converted into an office.

The hospital will also landscape where the patio is.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller said the cost estimate is \$347,750 for construction and another \$47,775 for fees for a total \$395,525.

To pay for this, he said, they have \$230,000 in the George Jones memorial fund. The rest of the money will come from other estates and reserves.

The board approved preparing the bid documents and sending them out.

Construction is expected to take four to five months.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the bad debt accounts and sent them to the collection agency.

- Bought new wall-mounted scopes for the Doctors Clinic and a new wheelchair scale for the hospital. The old wheelchair will go to the clinic. The cost was \$8,000 and included a discount. The purchase was not budgeted.

- Reviewed patient surveys.

- Heard that the evening clinic was "a go" and that the hospital and clinic staff have all been willing to help. Board member Dennis Gillhouse said he thought it was great that the staff is enthusiastic about the clinic. The clinic will be held Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled through the clinic.

- Held a 5-minute closed session to discuss the confidential risk management report. After coming back into open session, the board approved the report.

- Held a 30-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

Senator's bill to help senior programs

Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts told *The Norton Telegram* late last week that legislation he introduced to preserve the way some states, including Kansas, acquire commodities for their senior nutrition programs was approved by both houses of Congress and is on its way to President Bush's desk to be signed into law.

At issue, the senator said, was language in the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act that would prevent seven states, including Kansas, from receiving donated commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These states would be forced to use a commercial vendor or go through a school lunch authority program, which Kansas does not have.

"States like Kansas would be penalized if they were forced to use a commercial vendor to purchase commodities," Sen. Roberts said. "They would have to spend more money for the same quality. We needed to pass this correction to allow our state to continue operating our successful senior nutrition programs, like Meals-On-Wheels, as we always have."

Sen. Roberts joined Senators Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.) in introducing a bill to amend the Older Americans Act, allowing states to continue to re-

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