

'Looks pretty good.'



Robert Wyatt, Norton County Clerk, sets up the voting booths at the American Legion on Monday for today's primary election. The polls close at 7 p.m. today. — Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Accident log

July 20 — Kenneth Royce Hitchcock, Burlington, Colo., driving a Harley Davidson motorcycle westbound on K383, failed to negotiate a curve, ran into the west ditch and rolled the motorcycle. He was taken to the Norton County Hospital and then taken to Wichita by LifeFlight. (The family reported Monday, Aug. 4, that Mr. Hitchcock had passed away.)

July 24 — Officer Black, Norton, responded to a call regarding a damaged parked car. There was damage on the passenger side and front fender. The owner was not sure when or exactly where it happened. Co-workers all checked their vehicles and no other damage was found. The owner thinks it happened at work. Property damage was more than \$1,000.

July 25 — Chief Morel, Norton, responded to a call regarding a minor accident. A vehicle was backing out of a private driveway and hit another vehicle that was illegally parked across the street. Property damage was more than \$1,000.

July 26 — Officer Stiles, Norton, responded to a hit-and-run. The reporting party said she parked in front of 209 W. Wilton at 3 p.m. on July 25 and noticed the damage the next day at 11 a.m. No one in the surrounding houses saw or heard anything, and no paint was exchanged. The reporting party's vehicle was legally parked. Property damage was under \$1,000.

July 31 — Officer Stiles, Norton, responded to a collision on private property. A vehicle pulled into a truck stop and did not allow

enough room to make the left turn, and hit another vehicle, which was legally parked. Property damage was under \$1,000.

Aug. 1 — Chief Morel, Norton, responded to a minor accident. A vehicle was improperly backing into a street from a parking area, and failed to see another vehicle backing from a parking area. There was minor damage to both vehicles. Property damage was in excess of \$1,000.

Aug 1 — Chief Morel, Norton, responded to a hit-and-run on N. Second St. A vehicle was northbound on Second St. and was struck in the right rear by another vehicle, which failed to stop and fled the scene. Property damage was more than \$1,000.

Inmates to return to work at county landfill

Curt Archibald, Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Norton County commissioners Monday regarding progress in getting state inmates back to work at the landfill. Mr. Archibald said he has talked with the Department of Corrections and should start having inmates at the landfill

sometime during the week of Aug. 10.

In other county business: •Tom Brannan, Road and Bridge Supervisor, delivered his weekly road report. Wyrill Farms has requested that road E9 between roads Z and AA, 1 mile East of Densmore, be closed. Mr. Bran-

nan planned to take the county commissioners out to look at it.

•Wanda Vincent, Register of Deeds, talked with the commissioners about her continuing efforts to get past records onto microfilm. Mrs. Vincent said she'd like to go with a Salina firm to continue transferring the paper.

Newton soldier killed in Iraq

Major General Tod Bunting, Kansas Adjutant General, reports the death of Specialist Ronald Andrew Schmidt, a member of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery, Kansas National Guard, killed in Iraq.

He died early Sunday morning, Aug. 3.

Specialist Schmidt, 18 (born Aug. 5, 1989), a resident of Newton, died when the vehicle he was in overturned while on patrol on Saturday, Aug. 2.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Specialist Ronald Andrew Schmidt," said Governor Kathleen Sebelius. "He made the ultimate sacrifice for this country and his loved ones and fellow soldiers need our prayers through this very difficult time."

"It's a tragic day for our Kansas National Guard family," General

Bunting said. "Our hearts go out to the family of Specialist Schmidt, and we will do everything we possibly can to support them through this time.

"We ask so much of our soldiers, hoping and praying they never have to give their life as Specialist Schmidt did. We are honored to have known him and will remember him accordingly."

Schmidt enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard on Jan. 27, 2007 during his senior year at Newton High School.

He began his military career with Battery C, 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery and was trained as a cannon crewman upon graduation from Newton High in May 2007.

He was promoted to Private First Class on Nov. 28, 2007, and then to Specialist.

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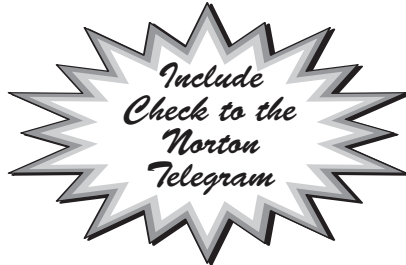
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