

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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## Friday

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Wilma Winder

### Briefly

#### Norton Lion named Zone Chairman

Norton Lion Sue Urban has been selected to serve as Lions Zone Chairman for 2008-09 with District Governor John Lee of Kismet. Lion Urban will attend the first District Cabinet meeting of the year at Rush Center on Aug. 16. Lions Club is the largest community service organization in the world numbering 1.4 million members in more than 45,000 clubs in 202 countries and geographical areas. The Lions comprise 1,750 members in 73 clubs in the entire western half of Kansas, according to Denny D. Smith, this area's public relations director.

#### Hunter safety to again be offered

A hunter safety class will again be offered in Norton on Aug. 11 through 14. The classes will start at 6 p.m. and continue through 9:30 p.m. each night unless otherwise noted. August 11 and 12 classes will be held at the Prairie Land meeting room on West U.S. 36, and the class Aug. 13 will be held in the city building meeting room east of the courthouse. On Aug. 14, the class will meet at the Prairie Powder Packers Gun Club for a walk-through and target shooting. Pre-enrollment is encouraged at either the End Zone in Norton or Prairie Dog State Park west of town.

**Question:**  
How do you  
make dirt?  
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### Weather

**Tonight** — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m.



**Saturday** — Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy with a high near 79. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Saturday Night — Showers and thunderstorms likely. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 66, High 91  
Wednesday... Low 66, High 83, .03 Prec.  
Thursday ..... Low 67, High 83, 1.0 Prec.  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear God, help us to be the people you want us to be, and free us from any root of bitterness. In the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

## 'Looks good from here, sis!'



Tyson (above) and Brynn Glennemeier decided to do a little High School parking lot. It passed with flying colors. — Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

## Recycling confronts Norton's council

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Recycling was one of the topics discussed at Wednesday night's Norton City Council meeting, prompting councilman Ron Briery to comment that he'd been getting questions about what colors of bags need to be used, or if solid containers can be used.

It was noted that if the citizens don't start recycling, solid waste rates will have to be raised again in the future. Any clear or blue bag can be used for recyclables, and even trash bins can be used, as long as they're on the curbs on Fridays only.

It was also noted that recyclables don't need to be separated by type to be accepted. Any recyclables that are at the curb on days other than Friday will be left there and not picked up until Friday.

In other business:

- The city's tax collections were reviewed. The city had collected \$20,360.58 in June, and the county had collected \$13,288. Year-to-date collections for the city are \$263,381.12 vs. \$239,580.66 in 2007, and \$221,304.27 in 2006. Council members noted that the much higher gas prices were possibly causing people to limit out-of-town shopping trips, thereby raising tax collections.

- The official second reading of ordinance 1577 — regarding solid waste collection charges — was waived. The final reading will be at the next city council meeting.

- During the budget hearing, Councilman Briery said there had been a lot of cutting to the budget, but they were able to keep the mill levy the same, and that the money coming in from the mill levy had increased. The rising costs of fuel

and utilities were cited as reasons for the increase in mill levies. It was noted that just because the money is in the budget, that doesn't necessarily mean it will all be spent. The budget was accepted as published with no more discussion.

- City Administrator Rob Lawson invited all council members to the utility meeting on Aug. 20 to discuss the water plant issues with Chris Miller, the engineer with Miller & Associates.

- Mr. Lawson said he'd been contacted by the conservation district for permission to apply for a grant for several recycling stations. These stations would be used at public functions, and there would be 30 for each recyclable — paper, plastic and aluminum. Mr. Lawson said he gave his consent to apply for the grants.

- The Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance premiums increase was ap-

proved. Mr. Lawson, on behalf of all city employees, thanked the council members.

- There was a general consensus that the council members noticed and liked seeing the accident reports in Tuesday's newspaper.

- The board went into a closed session at 6 p.m. for 15 minutes. Included in the session were all members of the city council, Mayor Corns and Mr. Lawson.

- Immediately upon resuming open session, the council went into another closed session for 20 minutes. Included were Mayor Corns, Mr. Lawson and Dan Bainter, public works supervisor.

- When open session resumed, another closed session was called for 15 minutes. Present for the closed meeting were the same as the previous closed sessions.

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## County sheriff lassos another victory

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There didn't seem to be a rush to the polls for Tuesday's primary election in Norton County, but nonetheless a couple of races were settled.

Incumbent Sheriff Troy Thomson (R) won the primary with 626 votes. His opponent, Brent Bohl (R), received 200 votes. Because the Democrats didn't have a candidate in the primary to advance to the November general election, Sheriff Thomson's career continues.

Sheriff Thomson said, "I'd like to thank all the voters who turned out and voted for me. I will continue to provide quality law enforcement for another four years."

Mr. Bohl said, "Congratulations to Troy. I'm glad we were able to run clean campaigns, and thanks to everyone who voted for me."

The only other contested race was between Clarence E. Wetter and John Miller for the Highland #3 Republican Central Committeeman's post. Mr. Wetter received 15 votes, and Mr. Miller 10.

Here are the results (which won't become official until the county com-

missioners canvas the results at their Monday meeting):

**United States Senate:**  
• Pat Roberts (R) — 742 votes  
• Jim Slattery (D) — 44 votes  
• Lee Jones (D) — 48 votes

**United States Representative 1st District:**  
• Jerry Moran (R) — 748 votes  
• James Bordonaro (D) — 65 votes

**State Senator 40th District:**  
• Ralph Ostermeyer (R) — 687 votes

**State Representative 120th District:**  
• John Faber (R) — 685 votes  
• Robert Strevey (D) — 84 votes

**17th District Court Judge:**  
• William B. Elliott (R) — 711 votes

**2nd District County Commissioner:**  
• Carolyn Applegate (R) — 271 votes

**3rd District County Commissioner:**  
• John Miller (R) — 179 votes  
**County Clerk:**  
• Robert Wyatt (R) — 734 votes  
**County Treasurer:**  
• Cynthia Joan Linner (R) — 752 votes  
**Register of Deeds:**  
• Wanda M. Vincent (R) — 767 votes

**County Attorney:**  
• R. Douglas Sebelius (R) — 692 votes

Norton County Republican Committee votes were cast as follows:

**Ward 1:**  
• Bernice R. Becker — 105 votes  
• Joe. E. Ballinger — 102 votes

**Ward 2:**  
• Ruth Lofgreen — 137 votes  
• J. C. Berry — 148 votes

**Ward 3:**  
• Norma Archibald — 104 votes  
• Curt Archibald — 106 votes

**Almena:**  
• Shari Archer — 82 votes  
• Wayne Archer — 85 votes

**Center 1:**  
• Elaine Lofgreen — 66 votes  
• John Lofgreen — 70 votes

**Highland # 1:**  
• Joni K. Berry — 47 votes  
• Steven L. Berry — 45 votes

**Highland # 3:**  
• Rebecca C. Wetter — 23 votes  
• Clarence E. Wetter — 15 votes  
• John Miller — 10

**Almena Township Trustee:**  
• Shad Chandler — 75 votes  
**Almena Township Treasurer:**  
• Abner Williams — 77 votes

## Less than 1,000 turn out to vote

Only 967 (or 27 percent) of the 3,691 total registered voters in Norton County turned out for Tuesday's primary election. The highest percent was Sandcreek with 53 percent of their 17 voters casting ballots. The lowest percent was Belle Plaine with only 3 percent coming out to vote of their 23 registered voters.

Here's the breakdown:  
• Ward One in Norton has 682 registered voters, with 138 (21 percent) voting.

• Ward Two in Norton has 673 registered voters, with 185 (28 percent) voting.

• Ward Three in Norton has 699 registered voters, with 144 (21 percent) voting.

• Almena/Grant has 404 registered voters, with 112 (27 percent) voting.  
• Harrison has 7 registered voters, with 2 (28 percent) voting.  
• Center # 1 has 454 registered voters, with 99 (22 percent) voting.

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