

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

March 31, 2009

Norton, Kansas
Home of Joyce Garrison

Briefly

High school prom is Saturday event

The Norton Community High School Junior/Senior Prom will be held Saturday. The theme, Forever Tonight, will be available for public viewing from 1-4 p.m. in the junior high gym. The Promenade starts at 6:30 p.m. in Stull Gymnasium. Mike Sander will be honored speaker for the prom banquet. The dance begins immediately after the banquet. Coronation of the Prom King and Queen is scheduled for 10:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend the crowning. Vicki Robison is Junior Class sponsor.

Varied agenda for council Wednesday

The Norton City Council will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the City Building. On the agenda are: 3rd reading of Ordinance #1583, allowing for the recovery of costs of collections as to delinquent accounts owed to the City of Norton; City Administrator Rob Lawson will give his report and discuss the Prairie Land sewer main; Councilwoman Kim Snyder will give a report on the Parks Committee meeting; and Councilman Toby Kuhn will give a report on the Public Safety Committee meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

Rock hikes price for Friday nights

The Rock in downtown Norton has increased admission for 7th, 8th and 9th graders to \$2 on Friday nights. The new price went into effect on March 27.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a low around 24. North-west wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Wednesday - A 20 percent chance of rain after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 54. Wednesday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 28. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high near 52. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 29. Friday - Mostly sunny with a high near 63.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 20, High 38
Saturday Low 11, High 55
Sunday Low 13, High 66
Monday Low 27, High 53
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God, help us always to remember to be joyful, to pray, and to be thankful so that we encourage others. Amen

Good news handshake



Melissa Hadley, Jennings, shook hands with Ron Montgomery at a benefit hog roast held in her honor Saturday night at the Jennings Masonic Hall. More than 100 people attended the fund raiser. Ms. Hadley and her husband, Shane New, were both injured several weeks ago in a car accident on the Jennings Road. She was released from Kearney Medical Center two weeks ago to continue her recuperation at home. - Photo by Carolyn Plotts

Election day just one week away

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There are 3,709 registered voters in Norton County. Of those:

- 2,770 live within the City of Norton
- 683 live in Ward 1
- 696 live in Ward 2
- 699 live in Ward 3
- 441 live in the Almena school district
- 414 live in Lenora's school district
- 38 live in Decatur County's school district
- 46 live in the Logan school district

Polling booths will be set up at the Lenora Community Building, the Almena City Hall, and the American Legion in Norton, City of Clayton, Solomon 1 and 2 voting districts, including the City of Edmond, and rural residents residing in Norton Unified School District 211 will vote.

If you have moved since the last election, you do not need to re-register to vote. On voting day, go to your polling place and fill out a provisional ballot. The ballot will be reviewed by the canvassing commission on Monday, April 13.

There are several open seats for election that no one has filed for. The registered Norton County voter who gets the most write-ins will win the election for the seats.

From yuck to yummy it's taste time again

Students in grades 5 and 6 at Eisenhower Elementary will be participating in the 2nd annual Fruit and Vegetable Taste Test Project on Thursday and Friday during their physical education classes. The taste test is sponsored by the Coordinated School Health Program, Eisenhower physical education and with the help of Wellness Curriculum Council members, said Joan Bolt, physical education teacher at the school.

The variety of fruits and vegetables will come from the "5 a Day Color Way" information available from the better Health Foundation. The students will have the opportunity to taste test up to 10 different fruits and vegetables with an encouraged suggestion of trying at least two of each that they may have not tasted before. They will then fill out a paper naming the food, identifying it as a fruit or vegetable, listing two benefits of the color they have chosen and rating the food 1 to 4, with 1 being "not liking it at all" and 4 being "it was great!", Mrs. Bolt said.

The available fruits and vegetables will (Continued on Page 5)

Seats up for election are as follows:

Norton City Council

3 seats up for election, plus mayor.

Current Norton Mayor David Corns is running for re-election.

Ward 1, currently held by Kim Snyder, is running unopposed for re-election.

Ward 2, currently held by Elaine Mann. She is not seeking re-election, and no one filed to run for this position.

Ward 3, Wally Burton was selected by Mayor Corns and the city council to fill out the unexpired term of Ron Briery. Two others, Joe Leroux and Tim Bashford, are running for the seat. Mr. Burton is not running for the position.

Almena City Council

Monte Montgomery, who is running for re-election.

Kevin Sides, who is running for the position.

Lonnie Shearer, who is not running for re-election.

Brian Schreiber, who is running for the position.

Tracy Stutsman, who is running for the position.

Camille Cox, who is running for the position.

Lenora City Council

Two city council seats are up for re-election, plus the mayor's position.

Mayor's seat is held by Raymond Heikes. No one is running for this position.

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Seat held by Dan Mannell, who is running for re-election.

Seat held by Loyd Schoen, who is running for re-election.

Edmond City Council:

All four city council seats are up for re-election, plus the mayor's seat. Currently on the Edmond City council are:

Mayor Jim Akers

Norma Riley

Bob Anderson

Jeremy Hallam

Don Knigge

All of the above incumbents are running for re-election.

Clayton City Council:

All five seats are up for re-election, plus the mayor's seat. No one is running for any of the open Clayton City Council seats. Voters can vote for five or fewer candidates. Also on the Clayton City ballot are Norton school board candidates. Currently on the Clayton City Council are:

Mayor Russell Bird

Tom Hickert

Ruby Cook

Richard Mather

Michelle Franco

Mary Arnold

Norton School Board: #4, currently held by Scott Ellis, who

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'See to Learn' exams slated here Friday

Program is for birth to age five

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A free vision screening program for three year olds in Kansas called "See To Learn," started as a pilot program in 1991 to "see" how well it would work across the nation. It worked!

The primary purpose is to prevent undetected vision loss, mostly amblyopia, or "lazy eye." Friday morning in Norton has been blocked off exclusively for See To Learn appointments. To make an appointment, call 877-5115. The exam is free of charge.

"The doctors who came up with this program looked at ages birth to 5 years for a good age to do these tests," said Karen Aldridge, Norton optometrist. "They decided on three because by that age, most kids are more cooperative, can answer questions and are just beginning preschool. We want kids to see well to be able to learn in school."

The child will have their visual acuity, or sharpness, tested first. Dr. Aldridge uses pictures instead of letters. The pictures are of a house, a circle, an apple and a square.

When the pictures are placed too far away for the child to clearly see, all the pictures look like circles.

After the acuity test, a light will be shown in one eye to make sure both pupils shrink. Next they look at the eye lids. Eyelids that droop too much can cause amblyopia.

The refractive condition of the eye is checked, which looks for near or farsightedness. The cover test checks the eyes' alignment and makes sure one eye doesn't turn towards the inside or outside.

The eye movement test checks if both eyes can track targets, both far away and up close. The last part of the exam is talking with the parents, and teaching them how to look for potential vision issues.

Nationwide, about 1 in 5 kids have some kind of vision problem. Dr. Aldridge said Norton has a healthy community, and only about 1 in 20 kids who come in for the See To Learn exam end up having a vision problem.

The exam takes 15 to 20 minutes, and after it is over, the child receives a colorful sticker.

"We all try to be very silly in the office on See To Learn day," said Dr. Aldridge. "A lot of kids equate a doctor's office with a shot. We promise them that we will never give them a shot, and try to make it a good time for them so they're not afraid."

Gun guys



Shane Wyatt, far right, showed different parts of a gun to Matthew Russell, Steve Herredsberg, Mike Luft, and Ken McVay Saturday during the Carry-Concealed class. Mr. Wyatt said he's had 75 "students" go through his classes, which are held at the Norton City Building.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux