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Briefly

County offices open at 9 Monday

All Norton County offices will open at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8, so county employees can attend a health care enrollment meeting. The meeting will be at the Norton County Emergency Management Services Building.

Historical group to meet Sunday

High Plains Historical Association will hold its annual meeting at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley Sunday at 2 p.m. It is a Dutch-treat lunch followed by a program presented by Michael Baughn, president of the Smokey Hills Trail Association.

Mexican food to benefit K-9

There will be a benefit to raise money for the Norton Police Department K-9 Program Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen. Rojas Mexican food will be served.

Veterans groups host annual parade

The Norton American Legion and VFW will host the annual Veterans Day parade, Nov. 11. The parade begins at 2 p.m. All area high schools and junior high schools are asked to enter their bands and other groups. Local organizations also are asked to participate.

A Marching Veterans Group will meet in the Christian Church parking lot prior to 2 p.m. All area and visiting veterans are asked to participate.

For more information, call: Jake Durham. (785) 877-2400 or Richard Wiltfong (785) 877-2459.

Time change nets extra hour of sleep

Don't forget to change your clocks this weekend. Daylight savings time ends Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 a.m. so turn your clocks back.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.17
Milo	\$4.87
Soybeans	\$11.56
Corn	\$5.10

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Clear with a low around 27. **Saturday** - Sunny with a high near 73. **Saturday Night** - Clear with a low around 34. **Sunday** - Sunny with a high near 77. **Sunday Night** - Mostly clear. **Monday** - Sunny with a high near 74. **Monday Night** - Partly cloudy with a low around 40. **Tuesday** - A 20 percent chance of showers.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Nov. 2Low 32, High 58
Wednesday, Nov. 3Low 40, High 63
Thursday, Nov. 4Low 30, High 54
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, teach us to walk in wisdom, courage, and love. Help us show the hospitality that welcomes others into your presence. Amen



Larger than normal voter turnout Tuesday

By JUDY SHERARD
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Forty-three percent of the registered voters in Norton County went to the polls Tuesday. That translates to 1,780 votes cast in the midterm election. Of that amount 241 were advance ballots.

Voter turnout was larger than usual for a midterm election, but there were few glitches, said Robert Wyatt, Norton County Clerk.

Numbers won't be official until the Norton County Commission canvasses the votes Monday morning; however, the County followed the state in sweeping the Republican Party into power. There were no contested races locally, but incumbent Richard Thompson received 531 votes for Norton County Commissioner.

United States Senator

Norton County - Jerry Moran, 1,523 votes; Lisa Johnston, 156; Michael Dann, 31; and Joe Bellis, 14. Statewide Moran had 70 percent of the total.

United States Representative of the First District

Norton County - Tim Huelskamp, 1,338; Alan Jilka, 324, and Jack Warner, 45. Huelskamp's statewide total was 74 percent of the votes.

Governor

Norton County - Sam Brownback and Jeff Colyer, 1,337; Tom Holland and Kelly Kultala, 285; Andrew Gray and Stacey Davis 55, and Ken Cannon and Dan Faubion, 36. Brownback and Colyer won 63 percent of the vote statewide.

Attorney General

Norton County - Derek Schmidt, 1,191; Stephen Six 472, and Dennis Hawver 46. Schmidt received 55 percent of the votes statewide.

Secretary of State

Norton County - Kris Kobach, 1,212; Chris Biggs, 418, Philip Lucas 35, and Derek Langseth, 24. Statewide Kobach received 59 percent.

State Treasurer

Norton County - Ron Estes, 1,130; Dennis McKinney, 520. Estes received 59 percent of the state total.

State Representative of the 120th



Naedean Whitney, left, and Ella May Schulze, were among the election workers at the Norton County Courthouse Tuesday. —Telegram photo by Judy Sherard

District

Norton County - Ward Cassidy, 1,271, and Robert Strevey, 438. Cassidy won 5,618 to 1,406 votes for Strevey.

Running unopposed were Sandy Praeger, state insurance commissioner; Debra S. Anderson, district magistrate, 17th District, 3rd Position, and Sally Cauble (R), state board of education, 5th District.

The two constitutional amendments on the ballot also passed.

The first amendment dealing with the right to bear arms passed in Norton County with 1,553 yes and 84 no votes. It passed with 89 percent voting yes statewide.

November 2, 2010 General Election

Norton County	Voters	Reg. Voters	Percent			
Ward One	259	740	35	Highland #1	150	377 40
Ward Two	282	834	34	Highland #2	32	104 31
Ward Three	243	792	31	Highland #3	34	67 51
Almena/Grant	201	442	45	Solomon #1	28	72 39
Harrison	(Total 451) 9			Sandcreek	12	35 34
Center #1	229	498	46	Solomon #2	12	35 34
Belle Plain	12	26	46	Advanced	241	
Center #2	51	129	40	Totals	1780	4144 43

The second one stated that the right to vote can't be taken away from those with mental illness. The tally in Norton County was yes 982 and no 631. Statewide 63 percent were in favor.

Norton arts and craft fairs offer shoppers holiday ideas

By JUDY SHERARD
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Whether you're looking for a gift or something new to brighten your home for the holidays, you're sure to find it at one of the arts and crafts fairs in Norton Saturday, Nov. 13.

The Norton County Arts Council has been hosting an arts and crafts fair in Norton for 37 years, said Arts Council President Carol Erlenbusch.

She and her husband, Gary Erlenbusch, are co-chairs of the Arts and Craft Fair.

Altogether there are 40 booths this year in two buildings, the National Guard Armory and the 4-H Building, including 18 new vendors. Booths are spread out in both buildings, and the variety includes jewelry, pottery, pencil drawings, wood carvings, knives, florals and Christmas ornaments, Erlenbusch said.

All of the items are handmade.

There is a \$2 admission fee for those 12 and older, which is good for both buildings. Erlenbusch said they charge because this is the group's only fundraiser.

Lunch will be served at both locations.

In addition to the Arts Council arts and

crafts fair, other Norton organizations host arts and crafts fairs that day.

This is the fifth year the Norton Senior Center has participated in the event, said Ramona Pabian, director of the Center.

That venue features what Pabian calls "over flow. It isn't exactly crafts, but it isn't flea market either. It's new stuff."

Several vendors will be returning there along with new ones. "They wouldn't keep coming back if they weren't happy with sales," she said.

There will be booths with books, jewelry, crafts and bags. We're pretty well full, Pabian said.

The Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., is handicap accessible and allows wheelchairs and strollers.

There will be a bake sale, and the senior ladies will have a lunch stand serving soup, sandwiches and desserts.

The Norton County 22nd annual Genealogical Society's Arts and Craft Fair at Eisenhower Grade School is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafts will be in the gym and cafeteria. It is free admission.

The American Legion also will host an arts and craft fair that day.

Officials attend highway meeting

By JUDY SHERARD
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With support letters in hand, eight Norton County residents attended a meeting in Hays Oct. 26 intended to identify crucial transportation projects in Northwest Kansas.

The group, which included city and county officials as well as business people, went to lobby for the modernization of K-383 in Norton County, said Scott Sproul, Norton City/County Economic Development Director.

Sproul said the 26 mile stretch of highway that also runs through Phillips County, provides a direct diagonal from I-80 to I-70, and draws a significant amount of truck traffic. It was targeted

because of safety issues and the amount of commerce connected with the road.

Because there are no shoulders, trucks easily can have wheels drop off the edge causing them to be pulled off the road and roll or be forced into the other lane. The highway also has no guard rails or reflectors making curves a hazard, he said.

Participants at the meeting broke into focus groups and lobbied for their individual projects. When the results were tallied, the K-383 project in Norton County was designated number one and number two in Phillips County.

It was one of five projects considered at the meeting, but was designated a

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Spit and polish



Norman Myers Jr. gives the windows at the Hidden Dragon that extra bit of elbow grease Tuesday afternoon. —Telegram Photo by Judy Sherard