

Running for a higher purpose



The Alum For Athletes 5K run and one mile fun walk was held Saturday with over 70 participants in attendance. The event was started a year ago by a few Norton alumni in hopes of raising scholarship money for a senior athlete. Due to such a great turn out last year, the organization was able to award scholarships to two seniors, Mariah Farber and Dillion McConney.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Free bridge lessons at Norton Public Library

The Norton Public Library will be providing free lessons on learning to play bridge. The instructor will be Carla Latimer from Jennings. Carla will be instructing students on the modern way of playing Bridge. Lessons will be on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 11. Please call the Norton Public Library at 785-877-2481 to sign up and state your preference of 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

PLATFORM: Addressing the full service needs of Norton County by knowledgeable staff providing courteous service with a smile

elect Sarah Durham

FOR . . .

Norton County Treasurer

★ PAYABLES AND RECEIVABLES ★ MANAGING ★ FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN
★ STAFF RETENTION ★ HUMAN RESOURCES ★ CUSTOMER SERVICE
— Work Background: 32 Years as a Human Services Professional —
Education: Bachelor of Arts Management of Human Resources; and Master of Science Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Ad Paid for by Sarah Durham, Candidate for Norton County Treasurer and Treasurer, Sandy Smith

Rural Kansas photography contest seeks submissions

Kansans are called to submit their photos for a Rural Kansas Photography Contest, now taking online submissions through Sept. 17. The contest will award prizes to first and second place winners in four categories.

Rural Landscape: a photograph depicting an expanse of scenery in rural Kansas

Community: a photograph depicting Kansans participating in shared activities, from casual cookouts to town festivals

Health Care: a photograph of anything health care related

Recreation: a photograph depicting how rural Kansans spend their free-time

Contest entries can be submitted online at www.ruralhealth.kumc.edu, via email to juza@kumc.edu or to Jenifer Yuza, Rural Health Education and Services, School of Medicine-Wichita, 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214-3199.

The contest is open to Kansas residents and individuals who work in Kansas ages 18 and older. Winners will receive a University of Kansas tote bag filled with memorabilia and will have their winning photo published in Kansas Connections and on the Rural Health Education and Services website. More information about contest rules and contest entry forms are available online at www.ruralhealth.kumc.edu.

Vote For

Curtis Eveleigh

CANDIDATE FOR
NORTON COUNTY DISTRICT 3 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE
"DOING MY BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY"

Norton County Resident Since 1974
Paid for by Curtis Eveleigh for Norton County Commissioner
Debra Eveleigh, Treasurer - 15010 Hwy. 36, Norton, KS

Sudoku Puzzle #2612-M

			1			2		3
	4		5			6		7
		6				4	8	
	3			8	5			
9	5	7				8	4	1
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	9	2				7		
1		3				9		2
4		8				6		

Medium

Beasty Phrases

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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71						72			73			

- ACROSS**

 - Farm prefix
 - Smoke-filled room folks
 - Port of Iraq
 - Serb or Croat
 - Jillions
 - Menachem's 1978 co-Nobel
 - Carroll's "slithy" thing
 - Paddy product
 - Donald Duck's girl
 - Something certain
 - Rwy. stop
 - Bobs, butches, and buzzes
 - Captain Kangaroo player Bob
 - Heartthrob of Archie
 - Part of TNT
 - Suffix with ethyl or methyl
 - Rec room game
 - Main idea
 - Obstructive sort
 - Elude
 - Clean kind of energy
 - Bard's before
 - Serpentine swimmer
 - Invoice component
 - Clutter collector
 - ___ New York minute
 - Significant time
 - Gullible one's purchase, perhaps
 - Stadium toppers
 - "You ___?" (butler's line)
 - Goody-goody
 - Get a smile out of
 - Word on Irish stamps
 - Be suspended
 - Kind of printer
 - Chef's direction

DOWN

 - Nick and Nora's dog
 - Amorphous hunk
 - Sitarist Shankar
 - Take too far
 - Like the mob that stormed the Bastille
 - "Polish Wedding" star Lena
 - Ness or Lomond
 - The "turf" in surf and turf
 - Better, in street lingo
 - Santa ___ winds
 - Sound of a perfect basketball shot
 - Haile Selassie worshiper

- Indo-__ languages
 - Orphaned boy of comics
 - Web suffix
 - "What's your ___?"
 - Osso buco, e.g.
 - Ecce -opposite
 - Vintage cars
 - Obsolescent PC screens
 - A Musketeer
 - Ward of "Once and Again"
 - "___ it!" (response to a joke)
 - Shot fluids
 - "Jurassic Park" beast, for short
 - Societal oddball
 - Avoid work
 - Pug's workplace
 - Artgum, e.g.

- 440 yards, to a track runner
 - Poet born on Lesbos
 - Gas or clutch
 - Coffee allure
 - "The Stranger" author
 - Things to rotate
 - Trot or canter
 - Cross inscription
 - Like the Sabin vaccine
 - Warm-hearted
 - Prankster's pre-Halloween buy
 - Computer add-on?

R. A. Peterson for Commissioner District 2

Hello, I am Dr. R. A. Peterson. I have lived in Norton, Kansas in District #2 for 40 years. I was very recently widowed and have two sons, one daughter-in-law, and five grandchildren. I have served on the Norton City Council for two years. I was part of the Norton Housing Authority, HUD, for four years. I was also a member of the Norton Hospital Board for four years. But who cares, it's not what I did but what I am going to try to do!! Norton County has a problem.

2012 BUDGETS FOR DECATUR, GRAHAM, AND NORTON COUNTIES

	Decatur	Graham	Norton
Sheriff Department Budget	\$142,000	\$362,902	\$535,108
No. of Sheriff/Deputies	1 S - 2 D	1 S - 2 D	1 S - 6 D
Ambulance Budget	\$187,300	\$145,443	\$520,750
No. of Full-Time Staff	1	1	7

In my opinion this needs to be worked on!

I would like to combine the sheriff and police departments. We have seven employees in the sheriff and six employees in the police departments, which equals thirteen safety officers. The sheriff department has five vehicles and the police department has six vehicles. If we could combine the two departments and cut the budget by 50%, think of what we could save a year!

I was disappointed the way the previous commissioner handled the road milling mess with the Braun family and the Tom Brannan situation!!! We need dignity and respect at the commissioner level again. I was very happy with the way Commissioner Thompson voted on the 'new' hog confinement. I will listen to the majority and the minority not just the 'big operators'!!!

Yes, I now have more time than ever to devote to Norton and Norton County. If you would like to work with me to try and make a difference, cast a vote for R.A. Peterson. Remember, only you the voters CAN make the change.

I am accepting NO donations. I feel you should pay your own way; therefore, you owe favors to No One!!

Thank you in advance for your support,
Dr. R. A. Peterson

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The governing body of
Norton County

will meet on the 13th day of August, 2012 at 9:30 A.M. at the Norton County Courthouse Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2013 Expenditures and the Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2013 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

FUND	2011		2012		Proposed Budget 2013		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,699,173	18.712	1,847,262	23.705	1,870,979	836,879	17.420
Road & Bridge	1,090,892	8.501	1,043,950	10.779	1,388,000	1,036,709	21.580
Special Bridge	93,601	2.276	26,616				
Solid Waste	367,613		260,160		299,135		
EMS-Ambulance	526,910	7.402	520,750	4.656	550,524	259,706	5.406
County Health	442,491	1.546	415,495	1.429	432,725	63,325	1.318
Noxious Weed	196,225	1.500	222,671	1.500	219,868	72,060	1.500
Election	65,464	1.234	78,530	1.447	41,705	24,021	0.500
Economic Development	153,640	2.408	138,080	2.409	139,780	104,001	2.165
Appraiser's Cost	121,537	2.832	129,628	2.725	135,823	107,498	2.238
4-H Maintenance	10,248	0.117	10,000	0.220	8,715	5,746	0.120
Fair	8,500	0.189	9,000	0.188	9,000	7,609	0.158
Soil Conservation	10,000	0.220	10,000	0.201	10,000	8,963	0.187
Airport	37,900	0.852	52,345	1.084	62,345	56,785	1.182
Mental Retardation	49,000	1.070	50,000	1.037	45,000	38,144	0.794
Mental Health	25,900	0.564	35,669	0.768	40,000	35,659	0.742
Hospital	111,500	2.498	122,575	2.500	134,347	120,101	2.500
Andhe Home Maintenance	17,800	0.400	19,503	0.400	22,359	19,216	0.400
Extension Council					15,000		
Historical Society	4,475	0.100	4,930	0.100	5,551	4,804	0.100
Sr. Citizens Service	45,950	1.000	49,200	1.000	54,503	48,040	1.000
Employee Benefits	1,118,850	24.754	1,226,500	23.087	1,293,250	1,043,983	21.731
Bridge Bonds	120,370		122,290	2.815	128,840	93,676	1.950
EMS Building Bonds	21,801	0.458	21,600	0.450	24,400	19,720	0.410
EMS Building COP Debt	41,765	0.889	45,265	0.978	48,240	41,129	0.856
Econ. Rec. Zone Bonds	16,686	0.434	17,662	0.450	25,950	19,553	0.407
Noxious Weed Deficiency	0		83		83		
911 Fund	16,027		39,953		40,000		
Wireless E-911	26,962		21,220		21,220		
District Coroner	2,981		9,500		9,500		
Special Alcohol Programs	8,000		14,845		17,070		
Special Parks & Recreation	500		9,289		12,410		
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay			37,786		49,235		
County Health Cap Outlay	0		41,102		42,168		
Non-Budgeted Funds	2,795,941						
Totals	9,248,702	79.956	6,653,459	83.928	7,197,725	4,067,327	84.664
Less: Transfers	528,810				215,326		
Net Expenditure	8,719,892		6,618,133		6,982,399		
Total Tax Levied	3,153,996		3,624,032		4,067,327		
Assessed Valuation	39,446,465		43,180,163		48,040,217		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	650,000		613,000		470,000		
Lease Pur Princ	632,930		602,495		541,643		
Total	1,282,930		1,215,495		1,011,643		

Other District Funds	2011		2012		Proposed Budget 2013		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
Gettis Cemetery	1,868	2.841	1,886	2.690	1,888	1,800	2.315
Clayton Cemetery	2,878	2.414	2,886	2.218	2,879	2,500	1.936
Oronoque Cemetery	1,235	1.153	1,228	1.043	1,244	1,112	0.963
Edmond Cemetery	1,934	0.434	1,926	0.363	1,917	1,846	0.963
Almena Cemetery	32,468	5.752	32,086	5.731	32,183	28,292	5.314
West Union Cemetery	0	0.000	0	0.000	3,770	4,000	0.476
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	18,807	3.203	30,489	5.421	32,815	29,296	5.207
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	43,490	3.313	43,365	3.045	45,262	40,726	2.410
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	11,520	3.178	11,567	3.071	11,770	10,663	2.724
Almena Township	1,254	0.275	1,333	0.273	1,336	1,188	0.265

Assessed Valuations	2011		2012		2012	
	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012
Gettis Cemetery	633,571		669,178		777,581	
Clayton Cemetery	1,050,608		1,127,142		1,291,626	
Oronoque Cemetery	964,076		1,066,520		1,154,943	
Edmond Cemetery	4,079,238		5,085,399		5,085,399	
Almena Cemetery	4,918,609		4,936,269		5,233,607	
West Union Cemetery	0		0		8,400,310	
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	5,194,912		5,219,328		5,625,996	
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	11,708,440		12,737,170		16,897,531	
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	3,284,617		3,398,657		3,914,120	
Almena Township	4,326,312		4,350,753		4,478,831	

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Robert Wyatt
County Clerk