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## Briefly

*The Norton Telegram will be closed during the Veterans Day Parade*

**Arts and Craft Fair set for Saturday**

The Norton County Annual Arts and Crafts Fair is taking place on Saturday. Vendors will also be located at the National Guard Armory and 4-H Building, the Norton Community Center, the American Legion and at the Eisenhower Elementary School.

**High School play has two showings**

The Norton Community High School drama club will present this year's fall play, "Murder in the Knife Room" this weekend. The show will open at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the East Campus Auditorium. A matinee will follow at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

**Early dismissal for the Norton Schools**

The Norton Schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12 in honor of Veteran's Day and to allow our students and staff to participate in the Veteran's Day parade.

Breakfast and lunch will be served and the buses will run at dismissal.

Norton USD 211 schools will dismiss at 1p.m. Wednesday for teacher training.

**Veterans Day parade Monday**

The Veterans Day parade will be on Monday. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. with sign-in beginning any time from noon until the start of the parade at the east campus on the North State Street.

## Markets

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Wheat.....\$8.65  
Milo.....\$7.08  
Soybeans.....\$14.02  
Corn.....\$7.36  
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain in the afternoon. High of 77. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain in the evening, then overcast with a chance of rain. Fog overnight with a low of 19. Sunday - High of 39.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, Nov. 6 .....Low 37, High 63  
Wednesday, Nov. 7 .....Low 33, High 65  
Thursday, Nov. 8.....Low 30, High 63  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for your love. Grant us the confidence to know that no matter what our situation is, you will not let us fall. Amen.



Tim Bashford (foreground) submits his ballot for the election. In the background, Ray and Carla Coligan get their ballots so they can vote. Election workers were: Carol Olliff, Marie Moritz and Bev Har-diek. This years general election had a good showing with 71 percent of registered voters turning out.

– Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## Kansas youth elect Romney

Teens from Norton Community High School and Norton Junior High School were joined by kids from Eisenhower Elementary School on Nov. 6 to vote. The students of the Norton District elected Republican candidate Mitt Romney for President by a margin of 472 votes to 117 for Democratic candidate Barack Obama.

Norton Students also elected the following:

Tim Huelskamp - US Representative (Republican)

Ralph Ostmeyer - State Senator 40th District (Republican)

Travis Couture-Lovelady- State Representative 110th District (Republican)

Robert Wyatt- Norton County Clerk (Republican)

Cynthia Linner- Norton County Treasurer (Republican)

Wanda Vincent- Norton County Register of Deeds (Republican)

Troy Thomson-Norton County Sheriff (Republican)

Doug Sebelius- Norton County Attorney (Republican)

Students also approved a tax to build a new swimming pool.

456 students voted yes

165 students voted no.

"Young people in Kansas participated in 'learn by doing' Kids Voting activities in the classroom to prepare for election day," said Emily Brabbury, Kids Voting Kansas Executive Director. "Election day becomes a true celebration as our youth have the opportunity to see for themselves how the process works and how they can make a difference by participating."

Kids Voting Kansas is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization dedicated to educating Kansas students about the rights, responsibilities, and process of participating in democracy. After receiving classroom instruction, students go to the polls alongside a teacher and "vote" in their own election at booths that were staffed at the junior high gym by 2013 Seniors.

For State and National Kids Voting Results go to [www.kidsvotingkansas.org](http://www.kidsvotingkansas.org)

If you have any questions please contact Bill Johnson at Norton Community High School (785-877-3338).

## Race for state senate seat

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The tale of two incumbents running for one seat came to an end Tuesday with state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell soundly defeating Sen. Allen Schmidt of Hays in the general election.

With all of the 224 precincts in the 40th District reporting unofficial results early today, Ostmeyer captured 66 percent of the vote to Schmidt's 34 percent. Sen. Ostmeyer had 21,666 votes to his opponent's 11,311. Results for Ellis, Logan and Decatur counties were still incomplete.

Ostmeyer apparently carried almost every county in the district, which con-

tains about 71,500 people. He won by a large margin in the rural counties, but Schmidt carried his home county, winning 6,285 votes in Ellis County to Ostmeyer's 6,182. In Cheyenne County, Ostmeyer got 1,076 votes in incomplete returns, while Schmidt got 308.

Turnout was up across the district. In Sherman County, which had 69.3 percent voter turnout, election workers nearly ran out of ballots.

Sen. Ostmeyer, a two-term incumbent, and Sen. Schmidt, who was appointed after the resignation of 36th District Sen. Janice Lee in 2010, were thrown into the same district during the reapportionment process earlier this year. The 40th District was reduced from 17 counties to 13 1/2, but took in

Hays and Ellis County, long considered to be a Democratic stronghold.

Sen. Ostmeyer is a farmer and rancher in Grinnell. After serving two terms in the state House of Representatives, he was elected to the Senate in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. He has served on the Natural Resources, Local Government Rules and Regulations and Energy and Environmental Policy committees.

Ostmeyer defeated Norton County Commissioner John Miller in the Republican primary election by a hefty margin, 64.4 percent to 35.5 percent, 7,396 votes to 4,078. He carried every county in the district, including Ellis County, new to the district this year – 995 to 554.

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## Results from the Norton County general election

By Dana Paxton  
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This year's general election brought out 71 percent of Norton County's registered voters. Along with the presidential vote, citizens voted on the local issues of the new swimming pool and a position for county commissioner. Results of the local election will not become official until the county commissioners canvass the results at a Thursday, November 15 meeting.

By now it is common knowledge that the team of Obama and Biden won the presidential race. President Obama will hold office for four more years defeating the team of Romney and Ryan. There were 393 votes for Obama and 1855 for Romney locally.

Tim Huelskamp continues to hold the office in the US House of Representatives for the First District with 1975 votes. Incumbent Ralph Ostmeyer remains in the Kansas Senate for the 40th District over Allen Schmidt 1777 to

468. Travis Couture Lovelady beat out Phillip Martin for the Kansas House for the 110th District 1796 to 436. Finally, Preston Pratt remains the District Court Judge for the 17th District with 1880 votes.

Locally, primary winner R.A. Peterson, got the vote again for 2nd District County Commissioner over Carolyn Applegate 514 to 182. He will take office after the first of the year. Charles Posson, primary winner for the position replacing John Miller as 3rd District County Commissioner ran unopposed and had 707 votes in this general election.

Robert Wyatt, Norton County Clerk, with 2035 votes, Cynthia Linner, Norton County Treasurer with 1947 votes, Wanda Vincent, Norton County Register of Deeds with 2111 votes, Troy Thomson, Norton County Sheriff with 2103 votes and Doug Sebelius, Norton County Attorney with 1898 votes all ran unopposed and will stay in their

elected offices.

The big issue other than the presidency was the ballot item of the sales tax increase for the new swimming pool. Ward 1 results had 154 voting yes and 158 voting no. Ward 2 had 222 for the pool and 163 against it and in Ward 3 there were 189 yes votes and 181 no votes. The advance vote was 101-92 in favor of the pool. This left the final tally at 666 for the tax increase and 594

against it, passing the .75 tax increase for the Norton County residents and the new swimming pool.

Other items on the ballot included the offices of the Supreme Court Justice position and six Court of Appeals Judge positions. All incumbents were voted to stay in office. The final issue on this year's ballot was that of the Constitutional Amendment change which overwhelmingly won 1250 to 796.

### November 6, 2012 General Election

Norton County	Voters	Reg. Voters	Percent			
Ward One	317	579	55	Highland #1	204	282 72
Ward Two	396	660	60	Highland #2	49	82 60
Ward Three	379	668	57	Highland #3	38	59 64
Almena/Grant	231	346	65	Solomon #1	29	72 40
Harrison	(Total 356)	10		Sandcreek	9	31 30
Center #1	277	430	64	Sandcreek #2	11	31 30
Belle Plain	13	23	57	Advanced	358	
Center #2	68	107	64	Totals	2379	3363 71

## Norton Senior Center hires new director from Colorado

By Mike Stephens  
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After 10 years the Norton Senior Center will have a new director. Ramona Pabian is stepping down from the position she has held since 2002 and will be replaced by Melinda Segura as Senior Center Director.

Segura comes to Norton from Denver, Colo., where she ran her own in-home care business, was a volunteer for Food Bank of the Rockies and was a housekeeper for St. Anthony's Hospital.

Segura is a Certified Nurses Assistant

and received the certification six years ago at the Andbe Home in Norton.

"I like working with people and getting involved with the church (Crossroads Church)," said Segura.

She will officially take over the position on Jan. 1, 2013. The responsibilities for the position are numerous and complicated, including writing local, state and federal grants. This detailed process Segura must learn by November 30. The majority of the Senior Center's funding comes from these grants.

"It's complicated right now, but Ramona is teaching me so I've got back-

up," explained Segura. "Just knowing she'll be here is a comfort."

In addition to grant writing, Segura will be responsible for public transportation needs, service projects on a local, state and national level, shoe boxes for Feed the Children, foster care for children, care packages for homeless veterans, cheer bags for Norton County Hospital and walker bags for the Andbe Home to name a few.

On December 15, the Senior Center will host a Mexican food dinner as a

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Melinda Segura

