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Northern Valley competes in cross country, Lady Jays volleyball, Norton league cross country and Blue Jays to play Thomas More Prep.

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Dale Reeves

Briefly

Conferences

set for next week

The Norton school district will hold parent/teacher conferences Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no school for students on Wednesday and kindergartners will not have school on Thursday.

Conferences for the parents of Eisenhower Elementary School students will be Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Conferences at the junior and senior high school will be split into two periods on Wednesday — 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-6:30 p.m. Kindergarten conferences will continue on Thursday.

Scout food drive will be Oct. 24

The Norton Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be having a food drive to benefit God's Pantry beginning at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24. Scouts will be placing collection sacks at homes in Norton.

Place donations of non-perishables, canned food, disposable diapers and paper goods in the sack and leave on your front porch. If you did not receive a sack and would like to make a donation, call Mike Pollock at 874-4727 or Kent Mann at 877-3980.

Burn program to be held soon

A program on the emergency treatment of burn patients will be held from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg.

This program is approved for four hours of continuing education credit and is designed for advanced registered nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, emergency medical technicians, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

For more information or to register call the Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center at (785) 628-6128.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with lows in the lower 30s. **Saturday** — Cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. **Saturday Night** — Cloudy with lows in the lower 40s. **Sunday** — Cloudy with highs around 70.

Howell report:

Wednesday High 56, Low 30
Thursday High 56, Low 47
Month ago High 76, Low 51
Year ago High 69, Low 37
October precipitation77 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 22.24 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, help us to see all the blessings you shower on us each day. Help us try to be a blessing to others. Amen



Family goes shopping with prize

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

When Pat Douglas bought three new cell phones at Kellie's, the Alltel agent in Norton, he had no idea that he would be getting a huge return on his investment.

Sept. 29, Mr. Douglas' name was drawn from the thousands of entries in *The Norton Telegram's* \$1,000 Shopping Spree contest. He and his family agreed to let *The Telegram* tag along as they spent their winnings at the merchants who had helped with the promotion.

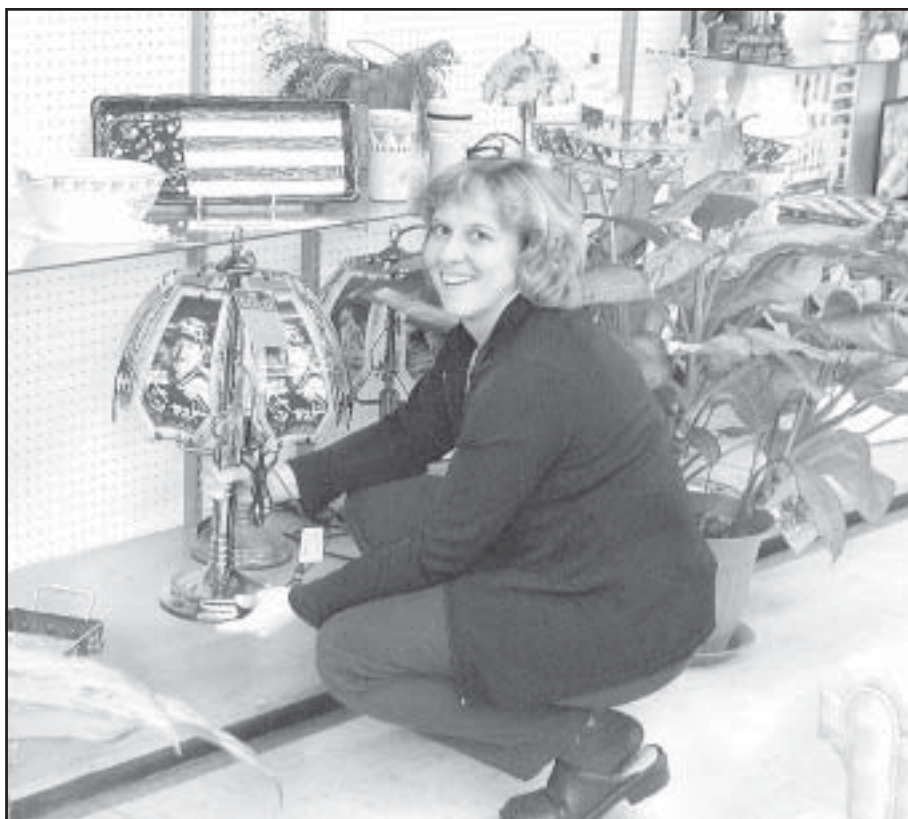
Power shopping took on a whole new meaning Wednesday evening as the Douglas family spent their windfall.

Maybe "spending" is not the right word for what the Douglases did. Spreading it around is more like it.

First they made a \$100 donation, 10 percent of their winnings, to the AWANA (Continued on Page 5)

Brad Sander (left), owner of Sander Furniture, totaled the tab for the Douglas family's spending spree after they power shopped Wednesday evening. Pat Douglas (above) fanned out the \$750 in scrip money he spent at the furniture store. Julie Douglas (below) selected one of the lamps their family took home after spending the \$1,000 in one night.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



County passes inspection on fuel tanks

By VERONICA MONIER

After some confusion, the county's underground fuel tanks passed inspection.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan told the Norton County Commissioners Tuesday that the annual inspection of the fuel tanks had been done. He said the inspection firm reported that the county's tanks did not pass inspection because of a lack in continuity.

Mr. Brannan said the firm gave him a list of needed repairs that totaled around \$4,300. That figure didn't include additional bid items, which made the price close to \$10,000.

He said he called several places, includ-

ing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and other firms familiar with the county's tanks, to get an explanation of why the tanks didn't pass and what exactly was wrong with them. He said he also looked at previous inspection reports and discovered a discrepancy in the inspection.

Mr. Brannan told the commissioners that the tanks are lined with fiberglass, which changes the inspection requirements. Once this was pointed out to the inspection firm, they agreed that the county's tanks did pass.

He said a new certificate is being sent to the county.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Heard from Mr. Brannan that the road crews are working on maintaining county roads with the recent rains. He said the county does have some roads that are torn up from recent milling applications and from the rain. The crews are working on these areas as quickly as possible, he said. The roads that were recently milled will need time to heal. With some warmer weather, the millings will make a firm roadbed.

• Learned from Mr. Brannan that county bridges OS220, OS104, OS161, and OS112 are all on the 2005 list to be repaired. Mr. Brannan said with steel prices as high as they are, they would have (Continued on Page 5)

Road work closes junction

By VERONICA MONIER

Travelers using the Washington Street/U.S. 36 junction west of town will have to choose a different way to come and go.

Kansas Department of Transportation Engineer Harold Schleicher said the junction will be closed for about two weeks. He said construction crews will be regrading the intersection, putting a pipe under it, and then tying it back into the highway a little bit differently.

That work coincides with work on U.S. 36 west of Norton from the city limits to the U.S. 383/U.S. 36 west junction. He said work on the six-mile stretch of road will be going on until November of 2005.

Mr. Schleicher said in the next two or three weeks, a stop light will be put up on the first bridge west of town while it's

being torn out to accommodate one-lane traffic. The bridge is going to be widened.

He said with good weather, they should have that bridge finished and reopened by December. After that, no construction will be done throughout the winter on that stretch of the road.

Around March, construction will begin again, starting with the bridge about a mile west of town. It will be removed and replaced and will have a stop light to keep one lane of traffic open.

As for the work being done on U.S. 283 in both Norton and Graham counties, he said the department still has Nov. 3 scheduled as the opening date. The paving has been finished and now crews are just finishing up some dirt work and seeding.

Plane crash survivor dies at hospital

A Wilsonville man, with extensive burns from a recent plane crash, died Tuesday.

Dennis Kasson, 52, spent the last three months in the Via Christi-St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita after being transported there by Eagle Med, an air ambulance service out of Goodland, after his spray plane crashed on July 15.



D. Kasson

Mr. Kasson was being treated for the third-degree burns that covered 60 percent of his body in the hospital's burn center. He had undergone numerous skin grafts and was kept in the intensive care unit.

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating what happened to find out what caused the accident.

The plane Mr. Kasson was piloting crashed in a field owned by Dave Donovan. After hitting the ground, the plane hit a power pole in the field.

The aircraft caught fire, burning Mr. Kasson. He was taken to the Norton County Hospital by Leroy Lang and, from there, he was flown to Via Christi.

When the Norton County Sheriff's Department arrived, the plane was burning and Norton Fire and Rescue was trying to put it out. A search was started to find Mr. Kasson, and then a call came that he had been taken to the hospital by private vehicle.

Responding to the scene were Norton Fire and Rescue, the Norton County Emergency Medical Service and the Norton County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Kasson's obituary is on Page 2.

Five players pick contest's winning teams

By DICK BOYD

Five football fans were correct on the winners of all games in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in *The Telegram*, but the entry submitted by Rick Green of Norton was closest to the score of the tiebreaker and he'll receive \$15 in scrip money for first place.

Michigan defeated Minnesota 27-24 in the tiebreaker and Rick picked it 28-24 or just one point off.

Second place winner of \$10 in scrip money is Robin Sproul, Norton, who chose Michigan by 28-21 or just four points off.

Winning third place and \$5 in scrip money is Jim Cole, Long Island, who selected Michigan by 24-18, or nine points off.

The other two fans who were correct on all winners missed the tiebreaker score by 24 points. Tiffany Yeager, Norton, chose Michigan by 17-10 and Megan Cole, Long Island, selected Michigan by 40-35. (Continued on Page 5)

Dealership liquidates used vehicles

Norton has lost its last new-car dealership and the company is now selling its used-car inventory.

City Motors is liquidating its used vehicles.

Attorney Doug Sebelius, who is representing Richard and Jeris Norman, the company's owners, said the business is not officially closed, however, the Normans are winding up the affairs of City Motors as a new car dealership.

Mr. Sebelius said their future plans for the business are uncertain.

The used vehicle inventory sale began this week with reduced prices on cars, vans, sports utility vehicles and trucks. It is operating on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Mr. Sebelius said the new cars have already been sold.

He said a major reason for the liquidation is the five years of drought western Kansas has faced.

"Business conditions have been tough," he said. "It's not unlike a lot of businesses in rural Kansas."

"It's kind of disheartening. But I don't think it's a surprise to small towns when something like this happens. It's hard to maintain a new car dealership."

City Motors is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. The business is east of Norton on U.S. 36 just north of the viaduct.

By VERONICA MONIER

Jack Frost has come and gone, but the county's first killing freeze has yet to visit.

Meteorologist Logan Johnson with the National Weather Service in Goodland said Wednesday afternoon that they expected frost this week, but didn't see Norton County's first freeze happening in the next several days.

He said to have a freeze, the temperature has to get below 28 degrees. Usually, that happens in mid to late October. Last year's first freeze in Norton County was on Oct. 26.

The difference between a frost and a freeze, he said, was that a freeze usually kills everything in the ground, while a frost just damages some of the more delicate plants.

Norton County Extension Director Keith VanSike said no one

can do anything about a killing freeze, but there are some things that can be done to protect against a frost.

He said the best thing people can do is bring tender house plants inside. To protect tomatoes, peppers, squash and other warmer-climate-loving plants, people should lay a blanket or tarp over the plants to create a micro-climate where it's warmer.

Some of the plants that are closer to the house or garage might be a little better protected from the cold wind and can withstand a little more than other plants can, he said.

Mr. VanSike said to pick all of the tomatoes possible, even if they aren't fully ripe yet, to save them from the cold. Once they freeze, he said they go bad and shouldn't be eaten.

Seedling wheat and seedling

grass are both pretty tolerant of the weather, he said. Fruit trees are going dormant around this time of year and so should be okay as well.

He said the county had a very light frost last week, but most bedded plants should still be salvageable.

First frost usually comes closer to the beginning of October. He said the 40-year average for first frost is Oct. 8.

Mr. Johnson said the overall forecast for this winter is pretty normal. He said the temperature should be standard for winter, but might be a little warmer than usual.

Normal, he said, means about 20 to 30 inches of snow with a few days where temperatures are below zero.

"So far, we're not looking at anything too harsh or too mild," he said.

Competition winners go to sectionals

The Northern Valley physical education classes have participated in the National Football League punt, pass and kick competition sponsored by Pepsi.

The program was for boys and girls 8-15 with four age divisions.

The winners of each division can compete in sectionals at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Scott City High School.

Everyone who competed received a certificate. The top three winners in each division received ribbons.

The winners in each division were:

• 8-9 girls — Haley Graham, first place, 156 feet; Brooke Hammond, second place, 141 feet;

and Chelsi McReynolds, third place, 101 feet.

• 8-9 boys — Lane Archer, first place, 178 feet; Jordan Baird, second place, 170 feet; and Ian Vincent, third place, 152 feet.

• 10-11 girls — Erika Chandler, first place, 180 feet; Kenzi Husted, second place, 172 feet; and Caitlyn Hale, third place, 148 feet.

• 10-11 boys — Dusty Eagleburger, first place, 249 feet; Austin Herman, second place, 242 feet; and Dillon Hogan, third place, 233 feet.

• 12-13 girls — Alison Cole, first place, 229 feet; Miriah Florence, second place, 222 feet; and Megan Cole, third place, 214 feet.

• 12-13 boys — Drew Eagle-

burger, first place, 338 feet; Tanner Jessup, second place, 303 feet; and Eric Woodside, third place, 257 feet.

• 14-15 girls — Amanda Hopkins, first place, 217 feet; Stephanie Tubbs, second place, 204 feet; and Jesse Zillinger, third place, 195 feet.

• 14-15 boys — Drew Britt, first place, 362 feet; Billy Holmes, second place, 310 feet; and Jacob Gallentine, third place, 308 feet.

Jim Cole, Northern Valley's physical education teacher, thanked all the students who competed. He said they had a lot of fun and did an excellent job in making this a successful competition.



It took some real manpower and the help of a winch truck to load a tree cut down Tuesday on the south end of Kansas Avenue. Larry Van Otterloo, owner/operator of Van's Tree Service, felled the maple, estimated to be almost 65 years old. Mr. Van Otterloo, (right) counted the growth rings before he and his assistant, Chance Indermuhle, (above) loaded the tree, which weighed about 2,500 pounds onto a truck.



— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Kayla Douglas (left) and her dad, Pat Douglas, who won \$1,000 in scrip from *The Norton Telegram's* Shopping Spree, began their Wednesday night spree at Moffet Drug. Staff on hand to help them were Patty Newell (on the phone), Missy Bowen and K.C. Carpenter.

Local family spends some money

(Continued from Page 1) (Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed) program headquartered at the Douglas' home church, Norton Christian.

While it is OK for the winner of the shopping spree to give away the money, it still had to be spent within a short time at a participating business.

Every Wednesday at 6 p.m., the program's cook Carol Mayo prepares a kid-friendly meal for about 200 youngsters who come for fun, games and scripture memorization.

She quickly spent the \$100 at Shop 'n Save.

The first stop on the Douglas shopping spree was Moffet Drug

Store, where Mr. Douglas plunked down \$150 for family prescriptions.

The immediate necessities having been taken care of, the family turned to some fun shopping.

Christmas shopping was on their minds as Mr. Douglas, his wife Julie and children, Kyle, Kayla and Kurt cruised the aisles at Sander Furniture on U.S. 36.

"Nobody can believe Julie is actually letting me spend any of this," Mr. Douglas said and he checked out the merchandise.

He didn't seem to have any trouble, though, as he selected a Dale Earnhardt lamp, a Kansas University Jayhawkers lamp, and two Ashley recliners.

"Every single thing we picked

out is for a present," Mrs. Douglas said. "Even though the recliners are presents to ourselves."

Daughter Kayla had persuaded her parents to let her have a computer desk.

"I really need a desk," she said. They agreed to the desk but stopped short of the chair to go with it.

At the end of the night, Mrs. Douglas wrote a check for the balance of their tab that the remaining \$750 in scrip money did not cover.

Other participating sponsors in the \$1,000 Shopping Spree were: First State Bank, Pamida Pharmacy, Western Distributing, Inc., Mud Slingers 4 x 4 and Town and Country Kitchen.

Football fans name winning teams

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Correct on all but one contest were: Michael Callaway, Karen Wenzl, Kirk Kasson, Janette Callaway, Jordan Herman, Bob Covington, Dorelle Stewart, all of Alma; Alison Cole, Jim Springer, Roger Shearer, Emily Vallin, Dwight Vallin, all of Long Island; Ron Callaway, Larned; Denise Bailey, Norcat; Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; J.D. Eggers, Bird City; Jacob Gallentine, Christina Anderson, both of Prairie View; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Kindra Green, Andrew Ellis, Aaron Overlease, Wilma Wiseman, Glen Wiltfong, Amber Sheley, Lynette Archer, Craig Foley, Sherri Unrein, Gavin Sproul, Georgie Rorabaugh, Kyle Mindrup, Luke Keilig, Elinor Wiltfong, Roland Washburn, all of Norton.

Missing two games were: Marilyn Lowry, C.J. Woodmansee, Cathryn Horn, Glenn Brands, Staci Montgomery, all of Alma; Hutch Gehrke, Glenda Smith, Mike Hammond, Frank Kaiser, Jerry Laurin, all of Long Island; Brett Post, Paula Stutterheim, both of Prairie View; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Barbara Springer, Randy Springer,

Nancy Moore, Tim Moore, all of Hoisington; Laurel Smith, Manhattan; Mark Bailey, Lucas Bailey, both of Norcat; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Mark Keilig, David Riemann, Caitlyn Patterson, Dalton Smith, Keegan Smith, Marj Allen, Regina Beikman, Jennifer Terrell, Lonnie Kellerman, Cathy Kellerman, Sady Keilig, James Horesky, Kelly Hill, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three games were: Samuel Field, Lisa Miller, Brandon Towers, George Griffith, Sydney Brands, Foster Brands, Brenda Husted, Shirley Sides, Mike Shearer, all of Alma; Kirsten Baird, Rachelle Cox, Karen Shearer, all of Long Island; Tim Rowse, Burwell, Neb.; Evelyn Springer, Bob Moore, both of Hoisington; Aaron McDowell, Brody McDowell, both of Hill City; Pam Araujo, Prairie View; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Jillian Stoelting, Orleans, Neb.; Gail Bailey, Norcat; James Covington, Lawrence; Bradena Stagemeyer, Hendley, Neb.; Kevin Jilka, Betty Harper, Kirk Foley, Raymond Ankenman, Norton County Co-op, Lawrence Wiseman, Virginia Carlton, Mary Ann Hager, Anastasia Foley, Amy

Daniels, Jane Mindrup, Lacy Keilig, Monica Wilson, Chriselle Thomson, Deb Thiele, all of Norton.

The seventh week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. today or left at *The Telegram* office before 5 p.m. today. The games were listed in the Pick-Em advertisement in Tuesday's *Telegram*. Only one entry per person is allowed but extra official entry blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor. Only official entry blanks will be accepted.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money, spendable at participating merchants, will be paid each week. At the end of the season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games were:

Norton 14, Ellis 0
Phillipsburg 55, Hill City 7
Osborne 28, Stockton 7
Fort Hays State 47, Fort Lewis 28
Northern Valley 54, Logan 6
Oklahoma 12, Texas 0
Kansas 31, Kansas State 28
Texas Tech 70, Nebraska 10
Oklahoma State 42, Colorado 14
Southern Cal 23, California 17
Michigan 27, Minnesota 24

Bridges are in the works

(Continued from Page 1) to see what they could get done. He recommended that they go ahead and get bids for steel and then see what the cost will be.

• Heard from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald that the county has been getting bids it doesn't need, such as a bid for new weight scales, for the landfill. He said this is because businesses are assuming it is a new construction site. Norton County is accepting bids for the water monitoring wells and the dirt construction to open the first pit.

• Learned that Mr. Archibald went to a recycling meeting last week in Hutchinson. He said electronic waste, such as computers and televisions, was discussed. The problem with electronic waste, he said, is that they have lead in them and so have to be disposed of in a Sub-title D landfill.


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Norton County
Commissioner

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