

Help is at hand



Norton firemen, police, emergency medical technicians and ambulance responded to a two-vehicle accident Thursday morning at the intersection of U.S. 36 and Second Street. One person was removed from a late model sport utility vehicle and transported to Norton County Hospital. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Norton 4-H'ers do well at Kansas State Fair

By KEITH VANSKIKE, County Extension director
Norton County 4-H members did well at the Kansas State Fair. Kelsie Griffith placed 5th out of 11 in the steer class.



Two 4-H'ers participated in Horse events. Kyra Fulton placed 3rd in the Halter group for her age division and Kylena Hager placed 3rd in flags, and 6th in team versatility and pole bending.

Claudia Lacy received a blue for Fashion Revue garments.

Other exhibits were: vegetables with Jacob VanSkiike receiving blue ribbons for his tomatoes and squash, Joshua VanSkiike getting blue ribbons for his jalapeno peppers and tomatoes, Megan Wentz receiving a red for her clothing entry.

Those chosen to display their Arts and Crafts were Annette Becker, Claudia Lacy and Kelli Johnson.

Other entries were:
• Electric — Luke VanSkiike, purple.

• Photography — Katrina Wentz and Carissa Wentz, purple; Hannah Fulton, Kelli Johnson, Claudia Lacy, Christopher Maddy, Jacob VanSkiike, Luke VanSkiike, Kelsie Griffith, Tanner Griffith, Jake Kramer, Joshua

VanSkiike Megan Wentz, Melinda Becker and Annette Becker, blue; Jessica Cook and Diedre Kramer, red; and Kayla Cook, white.

• Rockets — Jacob VanSkiike, blue; Diedre Kramer and Jake Kramer, red.

• Annual Flowers — Jacob VanSkiike, blue; Joshua VanSkiike, red.

• Perennial Flowers — Jacob VanSkiike, red; and Joshua VanSkiike, blue.

• Flowers Arrangements — Jacob VanSkiike, blue; and Joshua VanSkiike, red.

• Wildlife Notebook — Luke VanSkiike, blue.

City gives field, water to schools

Council divided on handing track, football area over to district

By VERONICA MONIER

Despite dissent, the Norton City Council reached an agreement with the Norton School District about Travis Field and the water that goes to it.

The agreement gives ownership of the football field to the district but the track must be available to the public.

The district will give the city \$15,000 to buy a mile of six-inch PVC pipe, which will be used to lay a water line from a non-potable water city well to a point in Elmwood Park, from which the district will have to lay a line to the field. The district will get free water for the field for five years after the main line is laid. After five years, the contract will be re-negotiated.

Councilwoman Donna Foley asked if the city planned to never charge the school district for water.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said no, that the city would look at the contract five years after the line had been laid.

Councilman Jerry Jones asked when the city would be getting the \$15,000 and how much laying the line was going to cost the city. The line will have to go under the highway and through a creek, which could get expensive, he said.

Mr. Jones said he also had a man tell him he didn't think the city should give the field to the school district.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said the agreement will benefit the city as well.

Mr. Jones said that was true, but the city has rushed through things like this before.

"It might come back to bite us," he said.

Councilman Ron Briery said the school is going to be getting free water until the city does the project.

Mayor David Corns said the city will get the money as soon as the contract is signed.

Mr. Lawson said the project is probably three years away because the city needs to get the water plant done before it can be

started.
"It's an asset to the city," said Mrs. Mann. "We don't have to start this right now."

Councilman Kelly Gaers said the project will supply water to the park and baseball fields.

The motion tied 3-3 with Mr. Jones, Mr. Briery and Councilman Jim Williams voting no and Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Mann and Mr. Gaer voting yes. Mayor Corns broke the tie by voting yes.

In other business, the council:
• Authorized Mayor Corns to sign contracts and agreements with Rural Development for the water treatment plant. Mr. Lawson said nothing was definite yet, but the city should receive grants for about a third of the project, the other two-thirds coming from loans.

• Scheduled a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19, regarding the loan from Rural Development for the water plant.

• Heard from Mr. Lawson that the public works crew has been leaving door hangars for residents

who are using trash containers that exceed 35 gallons. He said the city code says that 35 gallons is the maximum volume that a trash container can be. But, he said, that needs to be changed to a maximum weight instead of volume.

• Learned that the sewer cleaning had been delayed a week because the company's truck broke down. Mr. Lawson said there were a couple of people who were concerned that their house would flood or sewage would be sprayed everywhere. He said that, generally, is not the case.

• Held a public hearing, and approved resolution 17-2005 regarding a proposed loan an amount not to exceed \$6.8 million from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund, which is administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. There were no comments from the public.

• Authorized Mr. Lawson to get bids for a cab and chassis pickup truck and also for a utility bed for the new pickup for the electric department.

• Authorized Mr. Lawson to begin negotiations for the purchase of land.

• Waived the three reading rule for Ordinance 1552, adopting the codification of the city's ordinances and adopted the ordinance.

• Went into a 10-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Heard that Vernon Jones is being recognized by the Kansas Department of Commerce for being one of the Kansas' Oldest Worker award winners.

Norton fan guesses all winners

By DICK BOYD

Austin Hager of Norton was the only fan to turn in a perfect entry in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and will receive \$15 in scrip money.

Four fans missed just one game so were in the running for the second and third prizes. Tennessee at LSU was the tie-breaker game and they had a tiebreaker of their own. Tennessee defeated LSU 30-27 in overtime on Monday evening in a game delayed because of the hurricane Rita.

Since none of the four fans who missed one game chose Tennessee to win, judges went to the score of each team to decide the second and third place winners. Donald Thalheim, Long Island, was the second place winner of \$10 in scrip money. He chose LSU by 26-23 or eight points off. Third prize of \$5 in scrip money goes to Barbara Springer, Hoisington, who chose LSU by 27-20 or 10 points off.

Just missing the money and points off on the tiebreaker were Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo., 11 and Kenney Leiker, Norton, 11.

Correct on all but two games were: Kirk Kasson, Mike Shearer, Brian Thompson, Donelle Stewart, Sydney Brands, Marilyn Lowry, all of Alma; Jim Springer, Jim Cole, Emily Vallin, Mike Hammond, Jerome Laurin, Roger Shearer, all of Long Island; Brad Killian, Lincoln; Bob Moore, Evelyn Springer, both of Hoisington; Aaron McDowell, Lexie McDowell, Brody McDowell, all of Hill City; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Christian Shewey, Jeris Norman, Roland Washburn, Tom Davis, Douglas Daniels, Luke Keilig, Sady Keilig, Craig Heskett, Russ Frack, Nathan Morse, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three games were: Kristen Brands, Foster Brands, Shirley Sides, Glenn Brands, all

of Alma; Karen Shearer, Kirsten Baird, Ken Tharman, Frank Kaiser, Dwight Vallin, all of Long Island; Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Randy Springer, Nancy Moore, Andy Moore, all of Hoisington; Jillian Stoelting, Orleans, Neb.; LeeRoy Schuckman, Hays; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; Mary Boyd, Hill City; Chriselle Thomson, Tracey Sproul, Misty Nuzum, Linda Matson, Dalton Miller, Mary Ann Hager, Amie Menagh, Kyle Mindrup, Kathy Erbert, Dalton Smith, Cathy Kellerman, Kristy Keilig, Tiffney Yeager, Sandy Husted, Kirk Foley, Betty Harper, Kelly Hill, Craig Foley, David Riemann, Mark Keilig, Kevin Jilka, Lynn Nelson, Spencer Shirk, Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton.

Missing four games were: Shelly Shearer, Janette Callaway, Sherri Lowry, Bob Covington, Carol Voss, all of Alma; Jared Foley, Wichita; Tim Moore, Hoisington; Jane Mindrup, Eric Farber, Lonnie Kellerman, Lacy Keilig, Rick Green, Lawrence Wiseman, Howard Gill, Marj Allen, Amy Daniels, all of Norton.

The fifth week's entries must be

postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday or you may bring them to The Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the full page Pick-Em advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.

Only one entry per person is allowed but extra blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money 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 this week's games were:

- Norton 55, Osborne 6
- Smith Center 38, Phillipsburg 29
- Plainville over Stockton 38-7
- Mankato 36, Logan 6
- Northern Valley 56; Western Plains 20
- Goodland 17, Oberlin 7
- Fort Hays 18, Adams State 15
- Kansas State 54, North Texas 7
- Miami 23, Colorado 3
- Minnesota 42, Purdue 35
- Boston College 16, Clemson 13
- Ohio State 31, Iowa 6
- Tennessee 30, LSU 27 (OT)

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If You Bought Copenhagen, Skoal or other U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Products in Kansas

You may benefit from a class action settlement.

There is a proposed Settlement of a class action lawsuit, *Chance and Osborn v. UST et al.* in the District Court of Seward County, Kansas. The lawsuit concerns U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company's moist smokeless tobacco products purchased in Kansas.

What is the Litigation About?
Plaintiffs allege that U.S. Smokeless Tobacco engaged in sales practices that made it possible for U.S. Smokeless Tobacco to monopolize the market for moist smokeless tobacco products in violation of antitrust and/or consumer protection laws. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco denies all claims of wrongdoing made by Plaintiffs.

Who is Involved?
You may be a member of the Settlement Class if you are of legal age to purchase tobacco and purchased U.S. Smokeless moist snuff tobacco products, including Copenhagen and Skoal, at any time from January 1, 1990 to the present in Kansas. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and employees are excluded from the Settlement Class.

What will Class Members get?
If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, eligible Class Members will receive a package of coupons worth approximately \$650.00 in discounts for future purchases of Copenhagen, Skoal, Rooster or Red Seal moist smokeless tobacco products. In order to file a Claim Form and receive these coupons, please visit the website or call the toll free number below.
Class Counsel will petition the Court for reasonable attorneys' fees, in an amount not to exceed 33% of the total value of the settlement.
Class Counsel's fees, costs and expenses will be paid by

U.S. Smokeless separately and will not reduce the amount of benefits to Class Members.

- What are My Legal Rights?**
- If you wish to remain a member of the Settlement Class, you do not have to do anything. However, to receive the coupon package, you must file a Claim Form. If the Court approves the proposed Settlement and you submitted a valid Claim Form, you will receive the coupons. You will also be bound by all the Court's orders. This means you will forego any claims you may have against U.S. Smokeless Tobacco that are covered by the Settlement.
 - If you wish to get coupons, you need to complete a Claim Form. You can get a Claim Form by visiting www.kssmokelesstobaccosettlement.com, calling 1-877-874-7560 or writing the Claims Administrator at the address below. Claim Forms must be signed and postmarked by September 16, 2006.
 - If you do not wish to be a member of the Settlement Class, you must sign a Request for Exclusion letter as outlined in the Notice of Settlement. Your request must be postmarked by November 11, 2005.

When Will the Settlement Be Approved?
The District Court of Seward County, Kansas will hold a Fairness hearing to decide if the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate on November 30, 2005. The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the District Court of Seward County, 415 N. Washington Street, Liberal, Kansas 67901.
If you remain a member of the Settlement Class, you or your counsel have the right to appear in Court and object to the Settlement. However, in order to object, you must file a written objection, as described in the Notice of Settlement. Objections must be filed by October 29, 2005.

For Information on the Proposed Settlement, Your Rights and a Copy of the Notice and Claim Form:

Visit: www.kssmokelesstobaccosettlement.com Or Call: 1-877-874-7560

Or Write: Claims Administrator, Kansas Smokeless Tobacco Settlement, P.O. Box 1752, Faribault, Minnesota 55021-1752