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Sports:

Norton and Northern Valley compete in cross country meets. Blue Jays football team blanks Thomas More Prep.

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Norton, Kansas Home of Phil Morel

Briefly

Boosters to meet Wednesday

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton Community High School football coach Bruce Graber, volleyball coach Jill Lively, tennis coach Jim Green and cross country coach Deyton Hager will report on recent competition by their teams. Refreshments will be served.

All fans of Norton Community High School athletics are invited.

Furharvester class set for Saturday

A furharvesting education course will be held at the Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The refuge office is four miles west of Kirwin or six miles east of Glade and one mile south.

The course will include classroom as well as hands-on outdoor activities and is a must for beginning trappers but any trapper can

Anyone born after July 1, 1966, must successfully completed an approved course like this to buy a or trap furbearers on land other that their own, or to sell pelts. Residents age 14 and 15 may purchase a "junior permit" for

To pre-register, call Larry Stones at (785) 543-5820.

Weather

Forecast:

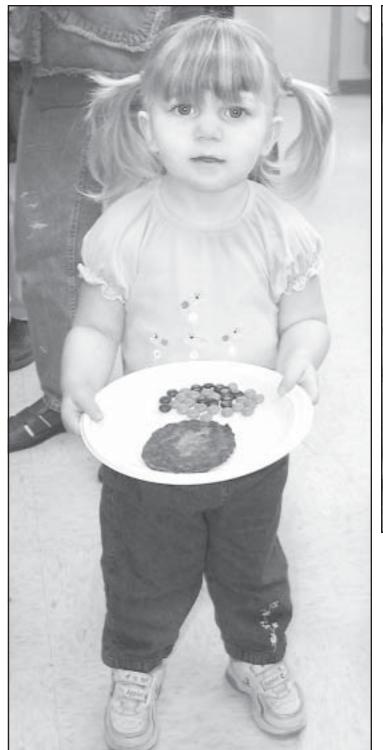
Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds up to 5 mph increasing to Northeast 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph after midnight. Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with scattered showers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph with chance of rain 50 percent. Wednesday Night — Cloudy with rain likely. Lows in the mid 40s with Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the evening. Chance of rain 70 percent. **Thursday** — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the 60s.

Howell report:

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Friday	High 81, Low 47
Saturday	High 77, Low 54
Sunday	High 76, Low 52
Monday	High 82, Low 49
Week ago	High 53, Low 48
Month ago	High 90, Low 67
Year ago	High 67, Low 50
October precipitat	tion 1.41 inche
Year-to-date preci	pitation 20.96 inches
(Readings taken at th	ne Paul and Pat Howell farm

10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Help us, Lord, to be a blessing to others as long as we live. Thank you for providing us with different abilities to glorify you in our daily living. Amen





Little Kenndy Yeager, (left) 2, carries her plate with sausage and M&Ms to the table. Lions on the serving line are left to right, Bruce Poage, flipping cakes, Ed Witt, pouring batter, Roy Skrdlant serving sausage, and Lions Club President Tom Brannan, overseeing. — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Lions whip up pancake frenzy

The crowd was steady during Saturday's Lions Pancake Day.

Breakfast began at 7 a.m. with club members serving pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Serving continued until 3 p.m.

Lions President Tom Brannan said more than 100 had already been served by 8 a.m.

Money raised by this event pays for Lions Club scholarships, Christmas baskets and other community projects.

County says no to checkup

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Kansas is offering a free audit for landfills but Norton County commissioners are uncertain if they want any more "help"

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the commissioners about the state at them and give a report.

 $The findings, commissioners \ have \ been$ told, are just so they'll know what condi-

tion their landfill is in. The report will not be used against the county because a landfill doesn't meet certain standards.

"(It's) been made very clear that no refrom the state on the landfill that they have percussions will come out of this," Comfurharvester license or to hunt, run been trying to get open for more than two missioner John Miller said. "Do we trust big brother, who says there are no reper-

> "What if six months later they come project to help counties with their land- back and say all small arid landfills have fills by having a person come out and look these problems so we're going to close all of them," Mr. Miller said.

> > Commissioner Dean Kruse agreed with (Continued on Page 5)

Halloween Parade will be Oct. 27

The Halloween Parade and Wiener sixth grade. Representatives of Develdowntown Norton.

ment and the Norton Area Chamber of up. Commerce will again co-sponsor the

Those who want to be in the parade need to assemble in the parking lot behind Hall's Clothing at 6 p.m. Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson and his wife Chriselle will be dividing the children into groups from pre-school to

Roast will be held Thursday, Oct 27, in opmental Services of Northwest Kansas and others will be holding a sign for The Norton Volunteer Fire Depart- each age group to direct where to line

> The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will move east along Main Street to State Street, then south to Washington Street and east to the fire department's station house.

When the parade reaches the station house, a free wiener roast will begin. (Continued on Page 5)

Blue Jay 'voice' honored at Friday's game

By DICK BOYD

For 26 years, Norton's Larry Black was the "radio voice of the Blue Jays" sports teams, but he's been out of circulation for a year and was taken by surprise Friday when he received a gift from a stadium full of Norton fans.

Just prior to the kickoff of the Norton-Thomas More Prep football game, Larry was sitting with wife, Terri, in the stands when Bruce Poage, "voice of the Blue Jays announcer", directed everyone's attention to the track for a presentation.

Moments later, a stunned Mr. Black walked down the stadium steps to receive a Norton Blue Jay football helmet which had been signed by many, many Norton fans and former athletes. Making the presentation was Norton Community High School Athletic Director Larry Mills.

"During the 1979 football season, Larry Black began broadcasting Blue Jay football games and other sports competition for Norton's KQNK Radio," Mr. Poage said.

"He continued to broadcast games through the 2004 season. That is 26 years of telling us about hundreds of plays made by many memorable Blue Jay athletic teams. Over hundreds of miles through rain, sleet, ice and snow, Larry was there.

"Larry's knowledge of the game, his ability to make the game seem real, his instantaneous relaying of the action and his unbridled enthusiasm quickly earned him the title of 'radio voice of the Blue Jays'.

"Larry built a great following of local radio fans. The advent of the Internet quickly expanded this listening audience to a worldwide theatre as Blue Jay fans across

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In their living room on Saturday, Norton's Larry Black and wife, Terri, read the many, many names of Norton sports fans and athletes on the Norton football helmet presented to him by Blue Jay fans prior to the football game here Friday night. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

A vehicle fire had the Norton City Fire Department out Sunday night. At 8:35 p.m. Sunday, the fire depart-

ment responded to 405 E. Holme, where a 1997 Chevrolet Blazer, belonging to Veronica Monier, was on fire.

Fireman Curt Luehrs, Norton, was driving back into town when he noticed the fire and called it in. Mr. Luehrs put the initial flames out with a portable fire extinguisher.

Sixteen men and three trucks arrived to electrical short in the dash. They were at

fight the blaze, which was caused by an the scene for about 30 minutes. Blazer appeared to be a total



trical fire started in the dash on the driver's side.

No one was injured. The loss.

Football announcer honored at game

(Continued from Page 1) the country and even around the

"It is with great pleasure and appreciation that we present this Blue Jay football helmet to Larry. Over the past year, this helmet has been signed by many who have been involved in the Blue Jay football tradition as well as the other Norton sports.

"Congratulations, Larry, and

world were able to follow the Blue he was assisted in the broadcasts by Craig Foley and Eric Farber have thankful. also provided color assistance.

reers a year ago to become a fulltime counselor with the Valley Hope Association, Mr. Farber people pass through." knew there had to be some way to thank him for all his years of ser- Club has also honored Mr. Black vice. He came up with the helmet with the Blue Jay Booster of the thank you so very much for all you idea and spent most of the year Year Award.

did to help build Blue Jay pride." carrying the helmet to Norton During the first 15 years of his job, sporting events to get signatures.

"I've never been so honored in Steve Herrs. Trent Richmond, my life," said Mr. Black. "I'm so "Those names on the helmet re-

When Mr. Black changed ca-mind me of the highlights of my life. Doing those broadcasts, I've seen some of the most incredible

The Norton Blue Jay Booster

Commission says no to landfill checkup

him, noting that the Norton County landfill has just been open." checked by the state and isn't even open yet. "We've gone through the most

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rigorous process. I don't see we need any more."

Mr. Archibald said he didn't see how it could hurt to have another person check the landfill.

Mr. Miller suggested he call other landfill operators in the area and see what they are doing.

us," Mr. Miller mused. "We're not

"I do. I see nothing but downsides," Mr. Kruse said.

County Councilor Doug Sebelius noted that many groups including Valley Hope have an outside committee come in to check their facilities before they get audited so they to Road and Bridge Supervisor can find out the problems before Tom Brannan about having his they're inspected.

would have any time to do what roads.

"Idon't see a lot of down side for this guy would suggest. I'd feel a lot better about it if we had the final OK. We might like to participate but we don't see any reason to at this time."

Mr. Miller did say that he felt the landfill needs more windscreens to keep trash from blowing and suggested that Mr. Archibald talk crew build some more this winter "But," he said, "I'm not sure we when there's less work to do on the

Local man charged with sexual battery

arrested by the Norton County Sheriff's Department Thursday and charged with sexual assault for allegedly making unwanted advances against a 16-year-old boy.

Jay Harold Holste faces two counts of sexual battery and one of lewd and lascivious behavior after the Norton boy accused him of "unlawfully and intentionally touching" the youth without his

or satisfy the sexual desires of the \$3,500 bond Thursday afternoon, offender" on July 19 and Aug. 5.

Mr. Holste was also accused by the same boy of exposing himself

are class A person misdemeanors p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, beand the count of lewd and lascivi- fore District Magistrate Judge Deb ous behavior is a class B non-per- Anderson. son misdemeanor.

Mr. Holste was booked into the three daughters.

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A Norton County farmer was consent with "the intent to arouse Norton County Jail. He posted a of which he paid \$350 or 10 per-

He is to make his first appearance in the district court at the The two counts of sexual battery Norton County Courthouse at 1

Mr. Holste is married and has

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Halloween Parade set for Oct. 27

(Continued from Page 1) Kids will be able to get apples and candy in trick or treat bags from employees of the Norton County Hos-The wiener roast is

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

financed through donations from businesses and individuals in the



THE NORTON TELEGRAM

This year the candy will be donated by the hospital.

All children are invited to participate. For more information, call the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 877-

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PUBLICNOTICE

Premier Pork Inc. Class Action Settlement

Published in The Norton Telegram on Pork, Inc. and its principal who testified represent you in the settlement at your Friday, October 14 and Tuesday, October 18, 2005. (2T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

SCOTT COUNTY, KANSAS PREMIER PORK INC., on behalf of itself, And all others similarly situated,

RHONE-POULENC S.A., RHONE-POULENC AG COMPANY, INC., RHONE-POULENC ANIMAL NUTRITION, INC., DEGUSSA-HULS AG, DEGUSSA-HULS CORPORATION, MITSUI & CO. U.S.A., INC., MITSUI & CO. LTD., NIPPON SODA COMPANY, LTD., and NOVUS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. CV2000-3 **NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

To: INDIRECT PURCHASERS OF **METHIONINE** CONTAINING PRODUCTS FOR LIVESTOCK IN KANSAS FROM JANUARY 1, 1985-December 31, 2002

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CARE-FULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AF-

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN EXPRES-SION OF ANY OPINION BY THE **COURT AS TO THE MERITS OF ANY** OF THE CLAIMS OR DEFENSES AS-SERTED BY EITHER SIDE IN THIS LITI-**GATION. THE SOLE PURPOSE OF** THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE LAWSUIT AND SETTLEMENT SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE AN INFORMED **DECISION AS TO WHETHER YOU** SHOULD REMAIN IN OR OPT OUT OF THIS CLASS ACTION.

BACKGROUND OF THE CASE

The Plaintiff, who is: a Kansas livestock owner, alleges that from January 1, 1985-December 31, 2002, Defendants violated the Kansas antitrust laws by conspiring or combining to fix the price and control the market for methionine. Methionine is an animal feed amino acid added to feed rations for poultry, dairy and beef cattle, turkeys and swine, and can be purchased either as pure methionine or incorporated into feed rations (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'Methionine"). The Plaintiff alleges that as a result of the Defendants unlawful conduct, the price of Methionine was substantially higher than it would have been otherwise in a competitive market. Consequently, Class Members paid substantially higher prices for Methionine than they should have during the time period January 1, 1985 to the end of 2002. The Defendants deny these claims and charges.

CLASS ACTION RULING

On May 1, 2004, the Court ruled, over Defendants' objections, that this lawsuit may be maintained as a class action for: All persons and entities (excluding all government entities, defendants, and other manufacturers of Methionine and their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, officers and directors) who purchased Methionine in the State of Kansas for end use as an animal feed additive (excluding pet feed for dogs, cats, birds and fish) indirectly from any of the Defendants at any time during the period January 1, 1985 through the end of 1998

THE SETTLEMENT

All Defendants continue to contest the class action ruling and dispute that they have any liability in this case, but after substantial discovery on the merits of Plaintiffs allegations, the Defendants agreed to settle in order to avoid the further expense and inconvenience of protracted litigation and the uncertain risks inherent in litigation. Certain Defendants also agreed to expand the class for settlement purposes to include middlemen purchasers of Methionine.

The Settlement Class is: All persons and entities who purchased Methionine for livestock in the State of Kansas from anyone other than directly from one of the Defendants from January 1, 1985-December 31, 2002. However, the Settlement Class is broken down into two separate classes as there were separate settlements for end users and the middlemen who sold to end users. A. THE SETTLEMENT END-USER

<u>SUBCLASS</u>

YOU ARE AN END-USER SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER if you purchased Methionine in Kansas for end use in livestock but not for resale between January 1, 1985-December 31, ("Settlement End-User Settlement Subclass Member"). YOU ARE **NOT** A SETTLEMENT END-USER SUBCLASS MEMBER if you purchased Methionine: (1) directly from one of the

Defendants. (2) for resale. (3) outside Kansas, (4) for pets or human consumption, or (5) for the government. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Defendants have agreed to pay a total of S 1,600,000 to the Settlement End-User Subclass into an interest-bearing account if and when the settlement becomes final. If the settlement is finally approved by the Court and becomes effective, certain of these funds will be used to pay Courtapproved administrative expenses. litigation costs, including attorneys' fees up to 33% of the total settlement settlement proceeds. You may, of

amount. The Named Plaintiff, Premier

in this case, which enabled the case to proceed on behalf of the class, will each request an incentive award of \$7,500. **B. THE MIDDLEMAN SETTLEMENT** <u>CLASS</u>

YOU ARE A MIDDLEMAN SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER if you purchased Methionine in Kansas for resale between January 1, 1985-December 31, 2002. ("Middleman Settlement Class Member"). YOU ARE NOT A MIDDLEMAN SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER if you purchased Methionine: (1) directly from one of the Defendants. (2) outside Kansas. (3) for pets or human consumption, or (4) for

the government. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, certain Defendants have agreed to pay a total of \$75,000 to the Middleman Settlement Class into an interest-bearing account if and when the settlement becomes final. If the settlement is finally approved by the Court and becomes effective, certain of these funds will be used to pay Courtapproved administrative expenses. litigation costs, including attorneys' fees up to 33% of the total settlement amount. The Named Plaintiff, Premier Pork, Inc. and its principal who testified in this case, which enabled the case to proceed on behalf of the class, will each request a incentive award of \$7,500.

C. SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS **DISTRIBUTION**

After payment of Court approved costs, fees, and incentive awards to the Named Plaintiff and its principal, the remainder of the Settlement proceeds for the two settlement classes will be distributed as follows:

I. Cy Pres distributions to universities and community colleges which function in mainly rural, livestock producing areas of the state in the amounts set forth below for scholarships to be presented annually in the amount of \$5,000 to an entering student interested in agriculture, economics, or teaching:

a) Emporia State University \$30,000 b) Pittsburg State University \$30,000 c) Fort Hays State University \$30,000 d) Garden City Community College

e) Seward County Community College \$20,000 f) Dodge City Community College

\$20,000 2. Remaining funds after the cy pres distribution shall be distributed as

be distributed based on the proportion of Methionine each claimant has to the total Methionine of all claimants, who Lead Class Counsel, and (4) interim have not participated in previous methionine settlements. The Claims Administrator shall be provided with a list of the percentage of Methionine contained in various animal feeds for guidance from Plaintiffs and Defendants based on known feeding formulas requirements set forth in animal nutrition guidelines. Although the number of claimants or the size of each claim cannot be known at this: time, no claimant will receive more than 200% of the approved Methionine claim. Remaining funds, if any, after distribution to the Settlement End-User Subclass will be distributed pro rata to the annual university and community college scholarship funds set forth

b) Middleman Settlement Class will be distributed based on the proportion of Methionine each claimant has purchased to the total Methionine purchases of all claimants, who have not participated in previous methionine settlements. Although the number of claimants or the size of each claim cannot be known at this time, no claimant will receive more than 200% of the approved Methionine claim. Remaining funds, if any, after distribution to the Middleman Settlement Class will be distributed pro rata to the annual university and community college scholarship funds set forth above

ELECTION BY SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS

If you fit the above description of a Settlement End-User Subclass Member or a Middleman Settlement Class Member, you have a choice whether or not to remain in the particular Subclass on whose behalf this lawsuit is being maintained and has been settled. You should understand the consequences of this choice in making your decision.

1. If you want to remain a member of the particular Settlement Subclass, you do not have to do anything at this time. By remaining a Settlement Class Member, any claims vou have against the Defendants for damages under the Kansas antitrust laws arising from the Defendants' conduct as alleged by the Named Plaintiff will be settled as set forth above, you will share in that settlement as set forth above, and your claims against the Defendants will be released. As a member of the Settlement Class, you will be represented by Lead Class Counsel, Rex A. Sharp and Isaac L. Diel, but you will not be personally responsible for their fees or expenses since they will be paid out of the

course, hire your own counsel to

own expense. You also have the right to object to the settlement. If you have questions, you may write to the Claims Administrator, Hay, Rice & Associates at P.O. Box 668, Liberal, KS 67905, or review additional materials at www.ksmethioninesettlement.com. 2. If you want to be excluded from

either Settlement Subclass, vou must notify the Claims Administrator, Hay, Rice & Associates at P.O. Box 668. Liberal, KS 67905 of your desire to be excluded by: (1) writing (not email or telephone), (2) stating your name, address, and telephone number (and that of attorney representing you, if any), (3) the amount of Methionine you purchased from January 1, 1985-December 31, 2002 or a good faith estimate of the amount of such purchases, and (4) mail the written exclusion so that it is received no later than January 2, 2006. By making this election to be excluded: (a) you will not share in any settlement that might be paid to Settlement Class member as a result of the settlement of this lawsuit: (b) you will not be bound by any decision in this lawsuit favorable to the Defendants and will not benefit from any decisions in this lawsuit favorable to the Named Plaintiff, and (c) you may present any claims you may have against the Defendants by filing your own lawsuit at your own expense. The filing of any objection to the settlement will not extend this exclusion deadline. If you are excluded, you have no right to object to the settlement.

HOW TO SHARE IN THE CASH SETTLEMENT

To share in the settlement proceeds of either Settlement Subclass set forth above, you must submit by mail a completed and signed Proof of Claim and Release no later than January 2. 2006 to the Claims Administrator. The Proof of Claim and Release can be obtained by written request to the Claims Administrator using the tear off form below and also can be obtained at

www.ksmethioninesettlement.com. **FURTHER PROCEEDINGS**

The Court has scheduled a hearing on January 31, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Scott County Courthouse, 303 Court Street, Scott City, Kansas, 67871, for the purposes of determining whether (1) the Settlement Agreement is fair. adequate and reasonable and should be given final approval, (2) whether the Named Plaintiff and its principal should a) Settlement End-User Subclass will receive an incentive award and how much, (3) the amount of attorneys' fees and costs that should be awarded to payment of expenses to the Claims Administrator. Although you may attend this hearing, you are not required to do so to participate in the settlement. If you are a member of either Settlement Subclass and wish to support or object to the Settlement Agreement in writing or be heard at the hearing, you must file a sworn statement with the Clerk of the District Court of Scott County, 303 Court Street, Scott City, Kansas, 67871, which must include: (1) the class member's complete name and either business or residential address (and the lawver representing you, if any), (2) a statement that you are either a Settlement End-User Subclass Member or Middleman Settlement Subclass Member based on the criteria set forth above, (3) each reason for support or objection to the settlement along with any supporting papers you wish the Court to consider, (4) the statement must be received by the Clerk on or before January 2, 2006. The date of the hearing may be changed by court order without further notice to the class. You may learn of any such change by checking the court record or consulting

the website identified above. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Any questions you have concerning the matters contained in this notice should not be directed to the Court but should be directed in writing to the Claims Administrator at Hay, Rice & Associates, P.O. Box 668, Liberal, KS 67905 or by referring to the website at

www.ksmethioninesettlement.com. The pleadings and other records in this litigation may be examined at any time during regular office hours at the Office of the Clerk, Scott County

Courthouse, Scott City, Kansas. DO NOT CALL THE COURT OR

THE CLERK OF THE COURT. Signed: Robert J. Frederick District Court Judge

REQUEST FOR CLAIM FORM Name (print): Business Name (print): Address:

KS Zip Code Telephone No. Fax No.

> State of Kansas County of Scott

a true copy of the document which is filed or is of record in my office.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be

Dated 10-3-05 Darlene Kohman Clerk of District Court

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