

**Tuesday**  
September 19, 2006

## The treasure hunters

**Norton, Kansas**  
Home of Dorothy Hawks

*Briefly*  
**Boosters to meet on 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 head football coach Lucas Melvin, head volleyball coach Chuck Zimmerman, head tennis coach Jim Green and head cross country coach Deyton Hager will update fans on latest competition by their teams and preview upcoming contests.

Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.

**Disaster loan deadline Sept. 26**

The expiration date for filing applications for Emergency Disaster loans by farmers and ranchers in Norton, Rawlins, Decatur and Phillips counties is Sept. 26, said John C. Vogt, farm loan manager, Farm Service Agency, Norton. Mr. Vogt said those needing farm credit as a result of severe winter storms Nov. 27-28, 2005 and who think they are eligible for Farm Service Agency assistance, should make their applications at the FSA County office, 11640 Pineview Dr., or PO Box 365, Norton, Kan. 67654 before the expiration date.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," he said.

Additional information is available by calling (785) 877-5156.

**Red Cross looking for blood donors**

The American Red Cross will be in Norton Wednesday. The blood drive will be held at the American Legion from noon to 6 p.m.. Everyone who comes in to donate will receive a free 125th anniversary Red Cross T-shirt. Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

*Weather*  
**Forecast:**

**Tonight** — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 40s. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs around 80. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms after midnight.

**Kingham report:**

Friday ..... Low 64, High 93  
Saturday ..... Low 60, High 88  
Sunday ..... Low 42, High 78  
Monday ..... Low 43, High 61  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for being with us every step we take in life. Help us to walk with confidence, knowing that you are always beside us. **Amen**



Tanis Lynch and his mom, Terrie Zimmerman, Prairie View (above) checked out what was available during this weekend's U.S. 36 Border to Border Treasure Hunt. Other bargain hunters traveled a bit further, stopping just outside Norcatur to look over items offered for sale by local vendors. — Telegram photos by Patsy Maddy, Carolyn Plotts



**Bargain hunters search highway for the best deals**

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

From one end of the state to the other, US 36 was bustling over the weekend, with bargain hunters.

The first annual US 36 Treasure Hunt officially started Friday morning. Clubs, individuals, non-profit organizations and families hauled garage sale/flea market finds to locations all along US 36. In Norton, 26 different locations were registered on the official maps distributed at an information booth at the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum by Carolyn Applegate. (Continued on Page 5)

*Correspondents*  
**wanted to tell 'goings on'**

If you are a frustrated writer living in Lenora, Edmond, Prairie View, Long Island, Beaver City, Clayton or Wilsonville, Neb., *The Norton Telegram* wants you.

It has long been the desire of *The Telegram* to provide news for readers in those areas.

However, over time, country correspondents from those areas have moved, quit or died.

Responsibilities for a writer include submitting once a week, or once a month, an article about the happenings in your locale. It can include school and church events, plus the goings and comings of local residents.

Once a year the correspondents are entertained to a tea hosted by *The Telegram* staff. Writers are paid by the column inch.

For more information about writing a column, call Carolyn Plotts at 785-877-3361.

**Baseball strikes out with school again**

By VERONICA MONIER

A local resident tried again to get baseball as a school activity in Norton, but was unable to do so.

At the last Norton School board meeting, Joe Durham, a baseball coach, said last year when he tried to get the school district to pick up baseball, he was doing it for a selfish reason.

"I wanted my son to be able to play baseball in school," he said. "He had been able to do that in his last school and I wanted him to be able to do it here."

This time, he said, his reasons were unselfish and were for all boys who

wanted to play.

He said the board decided not to pick up baseball for a number of reasons last year, including traveling distance, contracts with other schools, transportation problems and the cost of having a team.

"I can't help you with finding bus drivers," he said. "But, I can help with costs. The field can be rented for \$1, the uniforms can be rented for \$1, and I will coach for \$1."

Mr. Durham said the numbers are there to have a team.

"What I'm asking for this time is that you take a survey at the high school and

junior high," he said. "If the survey shows no interest, then the matter will be dropped."

Board member Scott Ellis asked if it was too late to get a team for this spring.

Larry Mills, activities director, said it was, and if the board approved it, the sport would have to be added next year, if not the year after.

The board wanted to know who would do the survey.

Mr. Durham said they could probably just have a sign-up sheet. He said there were six teams within a two-hour drive (Continued on Page 5)

**Three tie for 'pick-em' first; Norton man wins it**

By DICK BOYD

Doug Ray, Norton, was one of five fans who turned in a perfect entry in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in *The Telegram* and he was the winner of the first prize of \$15 in scrip money, thanks to the tiebreaker game and good luck in a drawing with two others who missed the tiebreaker teams' scores by the same total.

Smith Center defeated Phillipsburg 37-0 in the tiebreaker game and Ray picked it 34-26 or a total of 29 points off. Amanda Ray, Norton, and Bob Moore, Hoisington,

also had perfect entries and both chose Smith Center by 28-20, which is also 29 points off.

Judges broke the tie with a drawing. Doug Ray's name was drawn first, Amanda's second and Bob's third. Amanda will receive the \$10 scrip money second prize and Bob will receive the \$5 scrip money third prize.

Also turning in perfect entries and points off on the tiebreaker game were Lexie McDowell, Hill City, 30 and Denise Bailey, Norcatur, 34.

Virginia Carlton, Norton, also was cor-

rect on the winners of all 11 games but she incorrectly chose Phillipsburg to win the tiebreaker game.

Missing just one game were: Brian Thompson, Clint Lowry, both of Alma; Gail Bailey, Lucas Bailey, both of Norcatur; Andy Moore, Barbara Springer, Nancy Moore, all of Hoisington; Roger Shearer, Long Island; Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Dalton Miller, Jeris Norman, Roland Washburn, Craig Foley, Kiel Fahrenbruch, Rosalie Schulze, Debora Heskett, Travis Ray, all (Continued on Page 5)