



Tuesday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Dan Pfannenstiel

Briefly
Holiday sets
paper back a day

The Norton Telegram will reach its subscribers a day later than usual next week, due to the Monday Labor Day Holiday. The Telegram will be delivered on Wednesday, and the Monday Telegram Extra will be delivered on Tuesday.

"Sorry for the inconvenience," said the papers' publisher Tom Dreiling. "We hope you all enjoy the last holiday weekend of the summer season...and be careful out there," he said.

Boosters holding first meeting

The first meeting of the 2007-08 season for the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Football coach Lucas Melvin, cross country coach Tom Hehn, volleyball coach Peggy Cox and tennis coach Lisa Henderson will give season previews of their teams.

Election of officers will be held. Plans will be made for the tailgate party which will be held prior to the first home football game on Friday, Sept. 7 versus Trego Community High School.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to Wednesday's meeting.

'M', 'N', 'O' tags due this Friday

The deadline for businesses or persons whose last name begins with "M", "N" or "O" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bike tags will be Friday, Aug. 31. Be sure to bring the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), insurance policy number and expiration date with your proof of insurance.

Remember the office's computers are shut off at 4:30 p.m. daily. The office will be short-staffed on Aug. 28 and 29 because some of the staff will be in a training class.

The office's telephone number is 877-5795.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Showers and thunderstorms likely. **Wednesday** — Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy with a high near 77. **Wednesday Night** — Areas of fog after 1 a.m. **Thursday** — Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Partly sunny with a high near 81.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 59, High 80, .20" Prec.
Saturday Low 58, High 81
Sunday Low 67, High 92
Monday Low 68, High 97
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God of the past, present and future, teach us to cherish our good memories, put the bad ones behind us, and look forward to future blessings from you. **Amen**

Barrels of entertainment



There were a lot of fun activities for people to participate in or watch at Saturday's Jennings Firemen's Fun Day. An annual treat (top left) for the firemen and watcher both is the barrel racing competition, where a team of firemen compete to see who can handle their hose better. Jennings Fire Chief Kelly Green (above) helped out in the kitchen making funnel cakes. Looking on was Ashley Brown. A couple of Oberlin girls (bottom left) cooled off by sharing a snow cone.

— Photos by Kimberly Davis

Pick-Em contest starts today

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The 38th annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest for area football fans begins in this issue of *The Norton Telegram*.

Each week during the season, football fans will have a chance to win prizes by guessing who will win high school and college football games.

The weekly prizes will total \$30 in scrip money. First place will be \$15, second, \$10 and third, \$5 in scrip money.

The fan who picks the most correct

games during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

The great thing about the Pick-Em Contest, the most popular event ever conducted by *The Telegram*, is that it's fun and doesn't cost you a cent.

And, even better, the rules are as simple as Hut-One, Hut-Two, Hut-Three. Turn to the Pick-Em page and find the games listed in the sponsors' ads. Pick the team you think will win each game and write the winners on the

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Condition of fall victim given

By **CAROLYN PLOTTS**
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Jerome Rudolph, the 74-year-old man who fell more than 20 feet last Thursday afternoon, remains in the Intensive Care Unit of Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney.

Mr. Rudolph, a master brickmason, fell to the sidewalk below, when planking/scaffolding gave way while he and his grandson, Andrew Sheley, were doing brickwork on a downtown Norton building.

JoAnn Rupke, family spokeswoman, said her father was no longer in a medi-

cally-induced coma. She said there had been some changes in his condition, but he was no longer sedated.

Mrs. Rupke said she has talked with the brain surgeon caring for her father. She said, "He was pleased with Dad's progress. He also said Dad has a long haul ahead of him."

Mrs. Rupke, the oldest of Mr. Rudolph's 10 children, said family was staying with their father continually — taking turns.

Other injuries suffered by Mr. Rudolph included a broken clavicle, a broken

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Telegram's straw poll coming to life

By **TOM DREILING**
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Hillary? Obama? Rudy? Mitt? John? Sam?

And so many more. Some of the names and faces are familiar, while others are becoming more in focus as the pace toward the 2008 presidential election begins to pick up steam.

Everything is earlier this time around, thanks in part to states moving their primary elections to January and February. It used to be presidential primaries stretched through June, but there's a race underway to be among the states who will determine the nominees of the two major parties.

New Hampshire and Iowa could easily hold their primary and caucus (respec-

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Tony and Verla Gyrsch like to spend time together in their kitchen. The Gyrsch's home is one of three on this year's Homes Tour.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Couple opens home for annual tour

By **VERONICA MONIER**
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The home of Verla and Tony Gyrsch is one of three on this year's Norton County Arts Council's Homes Tour.

They live at 16490 PDRA Road south of town. Theirs is the only home on the north side of the road.

The Gyrschs home is a reverse, two-story. Instead of the second level being above the main level, it is below it. The main level includes a great room, master bedroom and bathroom, kitchen, dining room, computer nook, utility closet and a half bath. On the lower le-

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