



Tuesday
October 16, 2007

Norton, Kansas
Home of Alfred Benien

Briefly

Blood drive set for Thursday

Volunteer blood donors are needed. You can help prevent blood shortages by donating at the Norton Blood Drive from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Norton Correctional Facility, East Highway 36. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule your appointment. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

Donors must be in generally good health, weigh 110 pounds or more and be at least 17 years old (16 with parent's permission). For more information visit www.bloodgiveslife.org.

Norton students take Friday off

Norton students will not have school this Friday because of a teachers' work day, which will be used to finish grading and prepare for parent/teacher conferences. Thursday is the last day of the first nine weeks of the school year.

There will also be no school for Norton students next Wednesday, Oct. 24, because of parent/teacher conferences. For parents of Eisenhower students, conferences will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For parents of junior/senior high students, conferences will be held from both 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Boosters meet on Wednesday

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to Wednesday evening's Blue Jay Booster Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Featured speakers will be Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin, head cross country coach Tom Hehn and head volleyball coach Peggy Cox.

Following the speeches by the coaches, everyone will be invited to view the film of Norton's District football victory over Beloit last Friday evening.

You do not have to be a member of the Blue Jay Booster Club to attend the club's meetings.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Patchy fog after 4 a.m.
Wednesday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Patchy fog before 9 a.m.
Wednesday Night — A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy with a low around 45.
Thursday — A 20 percent chance of showers.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 49, High 63, .30 Prec.
Saturday Low 52, High 59
Sunday Low 51, High 56, .30 Prec.
Monday Low 42, High 51
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to seek you first and always so that we may faithfully follow where you lead. Amen

A trip through time

Black powder meet takes shooters back

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Prairie Powder Packers had a great turnout for their October shoot last weekend.

Kay Snodgrass, a member of the shooting club, said they had 46 registered shooters, which is more than they've had in previous years. However, she said the majority came from Colorado and Nebraska. There were only five Norton County families in attendance.

"Everyone who came seemed to appreciate it," she said. "They said they had a good time and that it was a really good shoot."

Most of the competition winners were from out of state. But, she said, local people had a good showing. They were:

- Dale Carlson — 50-yard buffalo/one bole, second; 50 100-yard bole, third; 100-yard bole, third; 25-yard pistol, third;
- Robert Keith — 50-yard pistol, first; 25-yard pistol, second; winner of the pistol aggregate; tomahawk throw, second; winner of the throwing aggregate (both knife and tomahawk); adult bottle shoot, second;
- Michael Snodgrass — knife throw, third;
- Tabitha Smith — ladies tomahawk throw, second;

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Dale Morrow (left) practiced his knife throwing skills during the Prairie Powder Packers' October shoot last weekend. Mr. Morrow came from Colorado for the shoot. Mike Haresnick, Minden, Neb., (below) took aim and fired his black powder pistol. Shooters and throwers were scored on their skills. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Park plans becoming a reality

By VERONICA MONIER
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As many people have noticed and commented on, city crews are digging a hole in downtown Norton.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said they are removing the sand from the lot and replacing it with dirt, so that a park can be put in.

Originally, they filled the hole that was left after two buildings burned down with sand because it was muddy and they couldn't get dirt.

Now that it's been decided to put a park in, the city is taking out the sand and replacing it with dirt.

The sand will be used with several property clean-up projects the city is working on, he said.

Crews were working on the project last week, but have since been stalled by weather.

Mr. Lawson said they plan to remove all of the sand in the lot to a depth of about three feet. When the Downtown Restoration Committee, whose project

this is, gets their trees, the city will dig a little deeper.

The city plans to deal with the sand and dirt and then install a sprinkler system for the grass, a drip system for the trees and, finally, an electrical system for lighting.

He said once the committee has their trees in, the sprinkler system will be installed. The committee will then have sod laid.

Prison crews, Mr. Lawson said, are doing a lot of work on the project. "It's a joint effort," he said.

Norton woman comes out on top in pick-em

By DICK BOYD

Seven fans missed just one game in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest but Erin Hill, Norton, won the first prize of \$15 in scrip money for coming closest to the tiebreaker game score.

Auburn won the tiebreaker game by a 9-7 score over Arkansas.

Erin missed the Kansas State win over Colorado and chose Auburn by 28-17 or 29 total points off the scores of each tiebreaker team.

Second place of \$10 in scrip money goes to Chandler Sumner, Norton, who missed just the Nebraska loss to Oklahoma State and chose Auburn by 44-40 or 68 points off.

The other five fans with one miss chose Arkansas to win the tiebreaker. Finishing in third and winning the \$5

scrip money prize was Linda Matson, Norton, who chose Arkansas by a 10-7 score or 5 points off. Linda was last week's champion. Her one miss was the Nebraska loss.

Also missing one game and points off on the tiebreaker were Bob Moore, Hoisington, 29; Tom Davis, Norton, 33; Kama Mandl, Norton, 38; Jennifer Terrell, Norton, 38.

Correct on all but two contests were: Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Andy Moore, Nancy Moore, Barbara Springer, all of Hoisington; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; Shayla Bailey, Norcatour; Emily Vallin, Long Island; Bob Covington, Carol Voss, Sandi Winchell, all of Alma; Craig Foley, David Riemann, Fig Millan, Rosalie Schulze, Jeris Norman, Baylee

Miller, Janiece Walter, Patty Gall, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three games were: Brad Killian, Lincoln; Tim Moore, Evelyn Springer, both of Hoisington; Matthew Berneking, Salina; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; HiPlains Co-op, Donna Nelson, Ann Becker, all of Lenora; Mark Bailey, Gail Bailey, Lucas Bailey, all of Norcatour; Turner Linner, Alberta Geil, Linda Covington, all of Alma; Frank Kaiser, Jim Springer, both of Long Island; Georgie Rorabaugh, Wilma Wiseman, Lawrence Wiseman, Rodney Stapp, Spencer Shirk, Rick Green, Karen Carter, Nathan Morse, Douglas Daniels, Regina Beikman, Laurie Cliff, Sandy Husted, Diana Smith, Tracey Sproul, all of Norton.

Miscuing on four games were: Jared (Continued on Page 5)

County looks at its options for insurance

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton County Commission is looking for the insurance company that will work best for the county's employees.

Charles Krull, the county's group consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield, gave the commission the 2008 rates at its Oct. 9 meeting. He also talked about Blue Cross Blue Shield's new policy on the BlueRx Card, a prescription drug benefit going into effect Jan. 1, 2008.

Mr. Krull said the county's rate will have a 9.1 percent increase for 2008, which includes both the medical and prescription parts of the policy.

He also presented the benefit summary, which the commission reviewed.

The proposed covered services and benefits for the county employees will remain the same as provided within the 2007 health package.

The commission also talked to: **Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge supervisor**, who said the mower tractors are all running and are being concentrated on

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