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Briefly

Telegram Poll

McCain - 75

Obama - 58

Ron Paul - 3

Gov. Palin - 1

Bob Barr - 2

Total: 139

Take part. See details Page 4

College planning conference set

Norton Community High School will host the 2008 College Planning Conference. Juniors, seniors and their parents from Norton and Decatur counties are invited to attend. The conference will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the junior high gymnasium.

Many colleges and universities in the state will be represented, as well as vocational and technical schools and military services. Parents and students will receive different kinds of information including admission requirements, housing, programs offered, financial aid and much more.

In addition, this year local business will have the opportunity to visit with students in regards to employment opportunities. For more information, contact Shane Miller, high school counselor.

Free recycling bins still available

There are still 172 recycling bins at the city office for anyone who wants one. They are free to Norton City utility customers only. Simply show up at the city office and take one home.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 58. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 82. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-east. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 55. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 85. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 53.

Kingham report:

Sept. 23 Low 60, High 80
Sept. 24 Low 49, High 82
Sept. 25 Low 60, High 85, .20 Prec.
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for being our provider. Help us to depend on you to meet all our needs. **Amen**

Recording history



Barbara Porter was the videographer for the Washington Street Park dedication ceremony last Friday evening. Ms. Porter filmed the speeches and the people attending the ceremony. — Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Popular grade school event attracts 133

By **BRANDY LEROUX**
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Eisenhower Elementary School held its annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition during their physical education classes this fall, with 133 students participating.

The top three in each age group are:

- Eight to nine year old girls — first place, Caitlyn Cox with one hundred thirty feet, eleven inches; second place, Baylee Miller; third place, Jessica Ambrosier.

- Eight to nine year old boys — first place, Jace Ruder with one hundred seventy five feet, two inches; second place, Landon Porter; third place Tevin Petrie.

- Ten to eleven year old girls — first place, Lexi Voss with one hundred ninety nine feet, four inches; second place, Casey Ambrosier; third place Adrienne Ankeman.

- Ten to eleven year old boys — first place, Jacob Green with two hundred thirty three feet, five inches; second place, Luke Keilig; third place, Gavin Lively.

- Twelve to thirteen year old girls — first place Morgan Farber with one hundred eighty seven feet, six inches; second place, Kaitlyn Bohl; third place, Brook Sumner.

- Twelve to thirteen year old boys — first place Derick Campbell with two hundred sixteen feet, five inches; second

place, Breven Sondergaard; third place, Jared Tallent.

The first place winners in each age group will have the opportunity to go on to Scott City for the Sectional Competition on Saturday, Oct. 11. The top five scores of the combined sectionals will be able to advance to the Team Championship held during a Kansas City Chiefs football game, which allows students to showcase their talents in punting, passing and place kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy.

“The Punt, Pass and Kick Competition is a great experience for the students. Along with getting an opportunity to compete for a ribbon by showcasing their

individual skills, students learn how to run such an organization, how to subtract for accuracy and learn the importance of being organized and efficient when running an event,” said Joan Bolt, Eisenhower Elementary physical education teacher and local Punt, Pass and Kick Coordinator.

Mrs. Bolt has been the coordinator for about 8 years, taking over after the Jaycees no longer sponsored it. She does not keep records of those who go on to Scott City, but remembers that Hayli Bozarth and Dakota Dreher both went on to Kansas City, and said she believes five of the six students are going to try to go to Scott City.

Passing the time



Rose Getty, Littleton, Colo., relaxed in the Norton Public Library reading while waiting to meet family members on Thursday afternoon. She and husband Dale are originally from Almena. — Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Almena Foster Grandparent honored

By **TOM DREILING**
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The name Margaret Breathouwer is of household status in some quarters, and for good reason.

Some of those reasons being:

- She helps children with special needs serving as a trusted mentor, confidant and friend;

- She works one-on-one with them, offering guidance and support;

- And as a Foster Grandparent volunteer, she may read to them, serve as a positive role model, help with homework and provide friendship to those needing a little extra attention and support.

Mrs. Breathouwer was recently recognized for her four years of service to the Foster Grandparent Program at the Northern Valley Preschool in Almena.

The Foster Grandparent Program is sponsored by Fort Hays State University and funded by the Corporation for National & Community Service, Washington, D.C.

According to Jolene Nierberger, director, Foster Grandparents must be at least 60 years of age or older and be willing to make a commitment of serving a minimum of 15 hours each week.

“For their service, these seniors are provided benefits which include a tax-free stipend, transportation allowance, accident and liability insurance, paid orientation, monthly training, sick leave, vacation, holidays and recognition,” she said. When asked if there was any age limita-



Margaret Breathouwer

tion for volunteers, Ms. Nierberger said there wasn't, other than being at least 60, and said they have some volunteers who are 90 years of age. “We try to keep them occupied,” she said.

Director Nierberger asks anyone wanting more information about the program to please call the university at 785-628-5809.