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Briefly

Early Childhood Screen scheduled

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding an Early Childhood Screen on Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The screen is to identify potential problems in vision, hearing, speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning. Children eligible for the screen are ages 3 through 5, but not in kindergarten next fall. The screen will take about 45 minutes. To schedule an appointment, call Joan Hale at Eisenhower Elementary at 877-5113 by Wednesday.

Booster Club to get spring preview

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will hold its Spring Sports kickoff meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited. Speaking about the upcoming season will be Norton track coach Jason Jones and golf coach David Stover. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend the meetings.

Candidate plans visit to Norton

First District Congressman Jerry Moran, R-Hays, a candidate for the United States Senate, is scheduled to stop in Norton during the Congressional Easter recess on Monday, April 13. According to information from his office, he will be at the Norton Public Library from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. The public is invited.

Weather

Forecast:

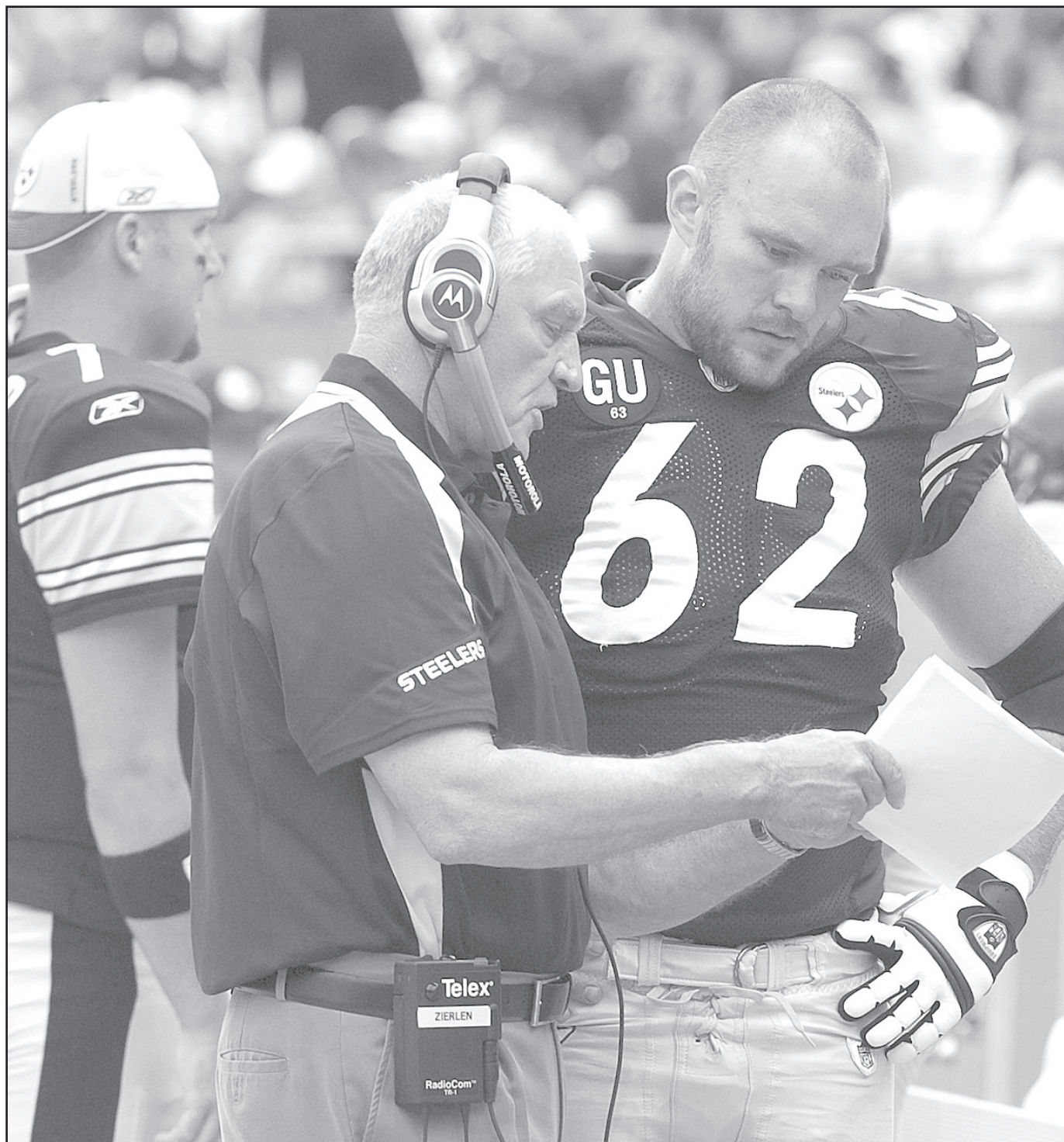
Tonight - Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear with a low around 27. Wednesday - Increasing clouds with a high near 56. Wednesday Night - A slight chance of rain before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Thursday - A chance of rain and snow before 1 p.m., then a chance of rain. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Friday - A 40 percent chance of snow.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 37, High 59
Saturday Low 39, High 73
Sunday Low 50, High 74
Monday Low 54, High 70
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, God, for your patience with us as we come to know you better. Amen



Larry Zierlein talked to Justin Hartwig on the sidelines at Heinz field during the Steelers home opener against the Houston Texans on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008. Zierlein, a native of Lenora, is offensive line coach for the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

- Photo credit; Pittsburgh Steelers/Danielle Hudak

Lenora has tie to Steelers

It's been a long road but Larry Zierlein, a native of rural Lenora, has reached the highest echelon of football coaching. A 1963 graduate of Lenora High School, Zierlein is currently the offensive line coach for the world champion Pittsburgh Steelers football team. He is the son of Elmer and Maxine (Bolleger) Zierlein. He and wife Marcia (Stephens) Zierlein have three children. His brothers are Lloyd and Linda (Wagoner) Zierlein of Norton and Lynn and Sharon (Lang) Zierlein of Smith Center.

The Norton Telegram received permission from The Houston Chronicle newspaper to reprint the following feature story which was written about the Zierleins prior to the Steelers' 2009 Super Bowl victory.

By RICHARD JUSTICE
The Houston Chronicle

TAMPA, Fla. --She begins to cry when she is asked what winning this Super Bowl would mean.

"It would mean I'm probably the proudest person in the world of what my husband has accomplished," Marcia Zierlein said.

She's referring to her husband of almost 40 years -- Larry Zierlein, offensive line coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Something about the question gets to her.

"I'm not normally an emotional person," she said.

Theirs is a coaching life. Thirty-nine years. Fourteen jobs. Thirteen cities. Twenty homes.

There are hundreds of other couples just like them. Coaching is like that because it gets into the heart, grabs you and won't let go.

It's the players and the games, the competition and camaraderie and the job that's a passion.

Coaches love what they do, but they hate it, too. They just can't let go. They try to quit, swear they're going to quit and then they come back even though the hours are numbing, the heartbreak frequent.

Above and beyond

For Marcia Zierlein, Larry's career was her life. She worked, too. And raised kids, coached Little League and took care of the house while he was recruiting, running a practice or teaching.

"She sacrificed everything for dad and

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Something a bit extra linked to this class

April 1 and 2 are dates to circle for aging drivers in the Norton area. Those are the dates for the AARP Driver Safety Program (Defensive Driving) Class at the Norton County Hospital. The class runs from 6 to 10 p.m.

Anise Gill, Norton, is the instructor and may be contacted at (785) 877-5170.

According to AARP, this is an 8-hour course covering topics such as the effects of aging on driving, identify the most common crash situations, tips on how to reduce the chance of crashes, and to makes drivers think about how they drive.

The class will also offer tips on driving strategies that take into account the

changes experienced as one ages.

The course is open to everyone with a valid driver's license, although it is geared toward 50 and over.

The AARP Driver Safety Program has reached millions since its inception in 1979, and those completing the course are given a certificate that entitles them to a discount on their auto insurance for the next three years.

Cost for the program is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-AARP members; the cost covers the material. However the majority of students receive the registration amount back through the discount on their insurance. You must present your membership card.

Free Staters prove more than just musicians

By TOM DREILING
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The upside: very good concert.

The downside: the crowd, or lack thereof.

The Norton County Arts Council brought the Free Staters to the East Campus Auditorium for a Saturday evening performance, and the small attendance seemed in agreement that it was a worthwhile way to spend an evening.

As with a few other attractions this season, the turnout was disappointing, said Carol Erlenbusch, president of the arts council.

Next on the council's agenda will be the Magic & Illusion of Eric Vaughn. That performance is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m., also at the East Campus Auditorium.

The Free Staters, as those who took time out of their schedules to see, enjoyed the fun and fast-paced music from the 1850's America — from Irish jigs, English ballads, Italian mandolin orchestras and the "new American popular music," by noted composers like Stephen Foster, Daniel Emmett and Thomas Daddy Rice, all overlaid with the unique syncopation of African rhythms, according to a description the organization pre-promoted.

The Free Staters perform in authentic clothing of the period. And their 19th century sound quickly catches the ear of the concert goer. The free Staters focus on the importance of minstrel music and its rise to prominence as Americans' first popular music.

Their performance takes you back to what life was like for an average American dealing then with a host of issues like slavery and women's right and temperance and industrialization and politics.

With their style, they served not only as musicians, but as teachers of our historic past.

Tom James' specialties are the spoons,

bones, guitar, donkey jawbone, dumbek, jews harp and he also sings.

Betsey Goering plays the fiddle, an instrument she cut her teeth on when only three years of age. Her violin was made at the turn of the 20th century.

And husband Jonathon Goering, plays guitar and minstrel five-string banjo and he, too, sings.

- Vicki Henderson also contributed to this report.

Looking ahead...

Mr. Vaughn, the magician and illusionist. You might want to arrive at the auditorium early on April 26 — otherwise you might miss him, without knowing it.

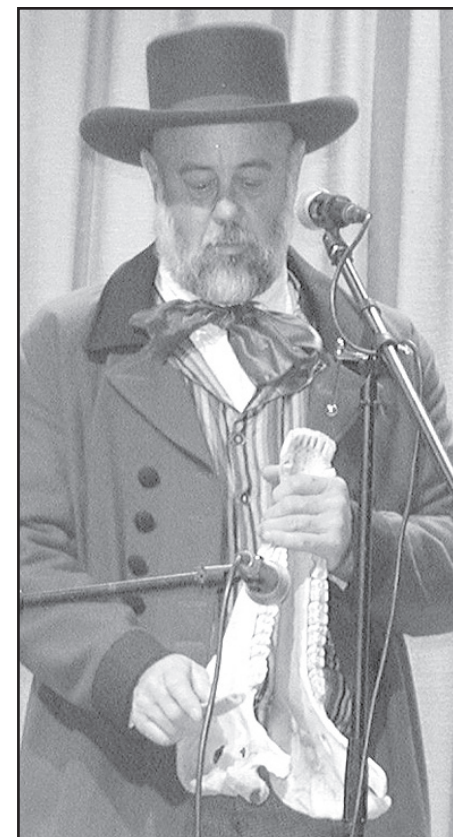
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