

# Pigskin Pick-em Contest kicks off, winners announced

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Chriselle Thomson, Norton, got the new football season started on a winning note, turning in a perfect entry in the first week of the 40th annual Norton Telegram Pigskin Pick-Em Contest to earn the first prize of \$15 in scrip money.

Chriselle even had the tiebreaker game winner correct, although it wasn't needed to declare her the winner.

Alabama won the tiebreaker contest by a score of 34-24 over Virginia Tech.

Seven other fans missed just one game and were in the running for the second and third prizes.

Dennis Maybon, Norton, won

the \$10 scrip second prize by coming closest to the tiebreaker score. He picked Alabama to win 29-20, which was a total of nine points off the actual score. Dennis only miss was the Logan win over Western Plains.

Third prize of \$5 in scrip money was won by Dalton Miller, also of Norton. He chose Alabama by a score of 24-21, or 13 points off.

Also missing just one contest and points off on the tiebreaker game were: Aden Schilling, Norton, 15; Charlotte Stephenson, Norton, 16; Misty Nuzum, Norton, 18; Odessa Gaskin, Norton, 18; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond, 19.

Incorrect on just two games were: Donna Nelson, Lenora; Heather Simmonds, Mary Ann

Hager, Patty Gall, Gary Matson, Naedean Whitney, Lynn Nelson, all of Norton.

Missing just three games were: Kenney Leiker, Hays; Kurtis Shearer, Dale Shearer, both of Edmond; Aaron McDowell, Lexie McDowell, both of Hill City; Bob Covington, Linda Covington, Shirley Stutterheim, Foster Brands, Glenn Brands, Chris Lowry, all of Alma; Tiffany Yeager, Fig Millan, Amy Daniels, Virginia Carlton, Jane Mindrup, Bob Husted, Jeris Norman, Deanna Gallentine, Lawrence Wiseman, Wilma Wiseman, Stacy Area, Tom Davis, Douglas Daniels, all of Norton.

Fans missing four contests were: Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Sandi Winchell, Rodger Stutter-

heim, Lexi Voss, all of Alma; Don Cass, Beaver City; Christal Rose, Arapahoe; Janiece Walter, Regina Beikman, Jennifer Boller, Ken Gregoire, Brenda Beutler, Rosalie Schulze, Trey Millan, Baylee Miller, Taryn Graham, Linda Matson, Nate Kasper, Tammy Maddy, Rodney Stapp, Jacob Green, Nathan Morse, Doug Ray, Chase Rice, Eric Farber, all of Norton.

Correct on all but five games were: Julie Hilburn, Bryce Marble, both of Alma; Sandy Husted, Diana Smith, Megan O'Connor-Wetter, Tom Baumann, Rod Maddy, Dustan Daniels, Bill Meyer, Patrick Pomeroy, David Riemann, Bashford family, all of Norton.

Missing six contests were:

Ja'Nee Moore, Jasmine Covington, both of Alma; Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Nish Millan, Goodland; Keely Millan, Kolean McMullen, Tracey Sproul, Karen Cozad, Rick Green, all of Norton.

### This week's entries

The second week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Saturday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

The defending champion is Christal Rose of Arapahoe.

Scores of last week's games were:

- Norton 21, Phillipsburg 14
- Palco 26, Northern Valley 0
- Logan 40, Western Plains 20
- Ashland 24, Hill City 20
- Hoxie 13, Trego 12
- Oberlin 18, Osborne 15
- Ellis 35, Atwood 8
- Kansas State 21, Massachusetts 17
- Nebraska 49, Florida Atlantic 3
- Kansas 49, Northern Colorado 3
- Oklahoma State 24, Georgia 10
- Missouri 37, Illinois 9
- Alabama 34, Virginia Tech 24

## Values cause budget problems

By **ERICA BRADLEY**  
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County mill rates will increase due to state valuation decreasing, although taxes are not expected to go up. The Norton County Commission discussed the budget, and their options for making the 2010 budget work without raising taxes during their Aug. 17 meeting.

The county lost an estimated \$2 million in valuation, causing the county budget problems. State assessment was down approximately \$1 million and agriculture value was down approximately \$1 million.

In an interview after the meeting, County Clerk Robert Wyatt told The Telegram the mill levy will go up by a couple of mills to maintain the same level of taxes levied in 2009. He said the commission does not want to raise taxes on property owners, but the budget has been hit hard with the

decrease in state revenues and valuation decreases.

The commission has lowered each department budget and used reserve funds to offset the decrease in state funding. John Mapes, Mapes and Miller Accounting, said the county budget will be very tight this year.

The commissioners also discussed the possibility of the budget falling short in 2010. They would have to take out no-fund warrants if there is not enough money in the budget.

Mr. Wyatt said the problem is caused by less funding from the state as well as unfunded mandates.

"We hope we do not have to consider no-fund warrants. Our state funding is still very questionable," he said.

Commissioner Carolyn Applegate made a motion to increase the mill levy. Vote taken, motion

passed.

In other commission business:

- Diane Stiles, Norton City/County Economic Development director, and Delbert Harvey, Ag Valley location manager, discussed road access to the east site. Ag Valley is preparing the site for the fall harvest. The county has agreed to help make better access to the site with county assistance and road material.

- Jim Ninemire, rural resident, discussed the condition of the roads in his area. He said the roads are in bad condition and have not been mowed. The road is a school bus route as well as a mail route, he said. The commission said they will take the request to the road department.

- Gil Otter discussed the possibility of re-plumbing the 4-H building. He said there was a leak during fair week in the galvanized pipe.

## Homes tour starts council's season

The Norton County Arts Council, Inc. begins its 35th season with the traditional Homes Tour and Membership Drive on Sept. 13 from 2-4 p.m.

This year's tour features the homes of Rick and Denise Schwab, Mark and Montica Leitner and Norman and Gloria Nelson. The Nelson Home will also be the site of refreshments.

Memberships may be purchased at any of the three homes with the cost of a single membership increasing to \$25 and a family membership increasing to \$50. Purchasing a membership saves \$22 per individual. This is the first time in many years the membership fees have increased.

"Hope that all who take in the tour will purchase a membership and support the arts council. If you are not interested in pur-

chasing a membership, the cost to participate in the tour is \$10 per person," Arts Council President Carol Erlenbusch said.

This season's programs include SpinMaster Brent Delling, YoYo Champion, demonstrating his skill and Elvis Tribute Artist Joseph Hall from 2008's "America's Got Talent." Mr. Hall's performance comes just prior to him taking his show to Branson, Mo. in February.

In January, we will celebrate Kansas Day with the Jeff Davison Band and February features Flying Debris, a juggling act for all members of the family. March is for the Irish (real or imagined) with the Wild Clover Band and the season wraps up in April with a history lesson from Gladys The Riveter. The annual Craft Fair held in November is another of the membership benefits.

"In the past, we've been able to have a set price for the performers, but today the cost not only includes their fee but motel, mileage and meals plus the cost of advertising. We've had to trim back on the distance our performers travel and the size of the groups because of these higher expenses," Mrs. Erlenbusch said.

"The Norton County Arts Council invites and encourages everyone to take advantage of the excellent programs we have to offer," she said.

"The continuation of the Arts Council depends on our supporters and members of the public; so if you are looking for affordable, quality entertainment suitable for all ages, consider purchasing a membership and attending a Norton county Arts Council Program," she said.

## Police log

### August 31

- 8:55 a.m. Request for accident report
- 8:56 a.m. Report of individual acting strangely, 300 block W. Washington
- 9:23 a.m. Individual in custody transported to Sheriff's Office
- 9:49 a.m. Report of loud vehicle
- 10:36 a.m. Report of lost dogs
- 10:48 a.m. Report of children being abused
- 12:34 p.m. Request to speak to officer, 500 block W. Wilton
- 1:00 p.m. Court ordered evidence destruction
- 1:13 p.m. Individual having problems with neighbor, 500 block W. Wilton
- 2:09 p.m. Report of dog running loose, 1000 block Echo Acers
- 2:33 p.m. Individual requesting information on court order
- 3:16 p.m. Individual wanting key back, 500 block W. Wilton
- 6:38 p.m. Report of vehicle accident, 2nd St.
- 6:59 p.m. Theft report

### September 1

- 2:31 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree
- 5:14 a.m. Activated alarm, Pamida
- 7:50 a.m. Traffic control for wide load
- 8:30 a.m. Officer question and answer at Library
- 9:26 a.m. Request to help acquire property, 1000 block Kennedy
- 1:48 p.m. Request for dog bite report, 300 block S. Wabash
- 2:12 p.m. Information on cell phone
- 4:04 p.m. Vehicle accident, 100 block S. State
- 4:25 p.m. Report of snake in yard
- 4:54 p.m. Report of kids putting mattress in someone's yard, Woodfield and Jones
- 7:27 p.m. Speak to officer concerning ticket
- 9:17 p.m. EMS assist, 500 block W. Wilton
- 10:20 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning rental property
- 11:07 p.m. Report of possible break in, 700 block W. Woodfield

### September 2

- 9:13 a.m. Report of damage to shed, 100 block E. Warsaw
- 10:49 a.m. Vehicle stop, State and Woodfield
- 11:00 a.m. Motorist assist, Ar-

- mory and State St.
- 3:18 p.m. Vehicle stop, Diamond Shamrock
- 3:38 p.m. Vehicle stop, Armory and Churchill
- 7:00 p.m. Report of damage to fence, 300 block W. Lincoln
- 9:09 p.m. Report of kids causing damage to school sign, Norton Community High School
- 9:30 p.m. Officer located kids causing damage to school sign
- 10:42 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning neighbor, 300 block W. Lincoln
- 11:18 p.m. Individual requesting information on service calls to residence

### September 3

- 1:20 a.m. Complaint about neighbors, 500 block W. Wilton
- 2:25 a.m. Vehicle stop, Loves
- 7:52 a.m. Vehicle stop, W. Highway 36 and Valley Hope
- 8:05 a.m. Vehicle stop, W. Highway 36 and Sunset
- 8:19 a.m. Vehicle stop, W. Highway 36 and Westridge
- 8:37 a.m. Report of individual walking dog without a leash, Truman Dr.
- 12:50 p.m. EMS assist, Valley Hope
- 3:16 p.m. Vehicle accident, 500 block N. Graves
- 3:53 p.m. Vehicle stop, W. Highway 36 and Westridge
- 4:34 p.m. Report of neighbors slamming doors and yelling, 500 block W. Wilton
- 5:05 p.m. Report of too many vehicles parked on street, 600 block W. Washington
- 5:10 p.m. Vehicle stop, Kansas and Park
- 5:40 p.m. Vehicle accident, 1100 block N. Second
- 7:50 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, Pamida
- 8:05 p.m. Report of individual worried about his children
- 8:06 p.m. Report of stray dog, 1000 block Hartford

### September 4

- 12:34 a.m. Civil dispute, 500 block W. Wilton
- 7:37 a.m. Investigation, Eisenhower Elementary
- 8:50 a.m. EMS assist, 800 block Wabash
- 10:06 a.m. Welfare check, 800 block N. Archer
- 11:21 a.m. Report of phone harassment, 100 block N. Kansas
- 1:34 p.m. Vehicle stop, US Highway 283
- 2:39 p.m. Report of vehicle driving recklessly, Norton Com-

- munity High School
- 2:43 p.m. Vehicle stop, 600 block N. Jones
- 3:04 p.m. Vehicle stop, 400 block N. Second
- 5:13 p.m. Report of possible scam
- 6:44 p.m. Report of dog running loose
- 7:14 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 700 block Woods Dr.
- 9:35 p.m. Assist individual getting another individual inside residence, 500 block Wilton
- 10:57 p.m. Vehicle stop, Crane and West

### September 5

- 2:29 a.m. Report of missing dog, 600 block N. Jones
- 6:56 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 700 block W. North
- 8:09 a.m. Vehicle stop, 200

- block N. State
- 11:12 a.m. Vehicle stop, State and Wilton
- 12:39 p.m. Report of small child walking up street, 600 block N. Second
- 1:03 p.m. Report of female transient, US Highway 36 & Westridge
- 1:58 p.m. EMS assist, 800 block N. 1st
- 2:18 p.m. Welfare check, 900 block Quail Dr.
- 3:07 p.m. Welfare check, 500 block W. Wilton
- 3:30 p.m. EMS assist, 500 block W. Wilton
- 3:57 p.m. Vehicle stop, Taft St.
- 4:11 p.m. Request for ride home from Norton Community High School
- 5:40 p.m. Vehicle stop, W. High-

- way US 36
- 9:42 p.m. Vehicle stop, Holme and West
- 10:40 p.m. Request to speak with officer concerning vehicle accident

### September 6

- 1:40 a.m. Vehicle stop, Main and State St.
- 5:22 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree
- 10:10 a.m. Vehicle stop, N. Norton and E. Main
- 10:28 a.m. Report of juveniles with paintball guns, N. Jones
- 10:42 a.m. Report of purse left

- in store, Pamida
- 3:11 p.m. Report of civil dispute
- 3:17 p.m. Report of kitten needing picked up, 200 block E. Waverly
- 4:36 p.m. Parking citation, 400 block N. Graves
- 7:30 p.m. Check on home detention
- 10:16 p.m. Request for officer at race track inside pit area
- 11:14 p.m. Welfare check, 500 block W. Wilton
- 11:56 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning eviction

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