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**Tuesday**

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Charles Hadley

*Briefly*

## Booster club to meet Wednesday

All Norton Community High School sports fans are invited to the weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the school cafeteria. Speaking about recent results of their team's competition will be tennis coach Jim Green, volleyball coach Peggy Cox, cross country coach George Rossi and football coach Lucas Melvin. Following the speeches, the film of Norton's 33-0 football win over Oberlin will be shown. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

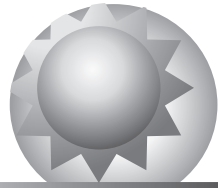
## Meeting to brief vets on benefits

A reminder was issued today of the Sept. 22 meeting at American Legion Post 63, Norton, for all veterans and their families regarding information about earned VA benefits. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. and is expected to conclude around 8:30 a.m. The meeting is part of the Legion's annual American Legion Veterans of Foreign Affairs Tour when State and District officers visit each of the more than 325 American Legion Posts in Kansas. Additional information is available by calling (785) 232-9315.

## Resident to share story at library

Darlene McEwen will be at the Norton Public Library to share the history behind the Friendship Quilt raffled off at the birthday celebration in June. She will be at the Library on Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. to share the stories of friendship and fun.

## weather forecast



**SUNNY**

Tonight - Partly cloudy with areas of fog through the night. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with areas of fog in the morning. Wednesday night - Partly cloudy with areas of fog through the night. Thursday - Mostly sunny.

## Kingham report:

Friday, Sept. 18 ..... Low 57, High 80  
Saturday, Sept. 19 ..... Low 47, High 74  
.60 Precipitation  
Sunday, Sept. 20 ..... Low 55, High 77  
Monday, Sept. 21 ..... Low 52, High 77  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, we praise you for giving us lives of meaning and purpose whose value can never be destroyed by tragic events. Amen

## Tower work continues



Miller & Associates employees continued painting the side of the Norton water tower yesterday. Work on the tower is continuing this week. The roof has been completed, but a lot of work remains. Water is continuing to flow out of fire hydrants to relieve the pressure on the water pipes.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Treasure hunt scheduled

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More than 50 local businesses and individuals will be participating in this weekend's fourth annual "U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt," one giant yard sale stretching across all 13 counties from the Colorado line to the Missouri line.

The event begins Friday and ends Sunday.

This treasure hunt, and the two preceding, is designed to encourage travel on U.S. 36 so those taking advantage can experience the friendliness of the people, the attractions the various towns offer, and to allow the communities involved an opportunity to visit one another. Some people come from long distances

— other states — to shop for bargains at this 'yard sale' that consumes hundreds of thousands of acres. And as the word gets around each year, the crowds grow larger.

Businesses in the immediate Norton area include:

1. Norton Rotary Maps Information booth, 410 East Holme (BB—Gun Museum, Highway 36 east). Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
2. Multifamily yard sale with antiques, collectibles, holiday
3. G'ma Cindy's Country Quilts, Inside Town and Country Kitchen (Highway 36 east) Friday 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday 6:00

a.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

home made baby quilts, wall hangings and larger quilts

3. Ruth's Antiques, 601 A East Holme (Highway 36, east) Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

antiques, collectibles, quilts, glassware, jewelry and vintage accessories

4. Mike Volgamore, 601 A East Holme (Highway 36 east next to Ruth's Antiques) Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

local advertising, primitives, framed advertising, furniture

5. Arford Antiques, 601 A East Holme (Treasure - Continued on Page 5)



Jama Babcock, who is bicycling 350 miles to Denver in support of her friend Cody Hilburn, took time Saturday morning to stop in Norton to watch the foreign exchange student who is staying with her and her husband in Phillipsburg as she played tennis for the Lady Panthers in the Norton Junior Varsity Tournament. Above, Jama and Annika Wirth, Munich, Germany, wish each other "good luck" in their various ventures. Pictured are, from left, Harold Shinn, Norton, who cycled to Oberlin with Jama; Jama; Donna Brobst; Annika; Melinda Dougherty and Nicole Babcock; Jama and James' niece.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## Bicyclist becomes fund-raiser

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Jama Babcock of Phillipsburg, formerly of Logan, is riding her bicycle to Denver to help her friend Cody Hilburn with medical and travel expenses in his fight against Ewing's sarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

She left Phillipsburg on Saturday morning and was in Norton by 10 a.m. where she stopped at the first stop light east of Denver!

Although she won't have any more stop lights on her five-day journey, she will travel only 70 miles per day and make overnight stops.

Jama also made an additional stop in Norton on Saturday where she watched Annika Wirth, Munich, Germany, the foreign exchange student staying with her and husband, James, play tennis in the Junior Varsity Tennis Tournament at the Swimming Pool Park in Norton.

"The whole thing has been perfect so far," Jama said when in Norton. "It's a perfect day to bicycle."

She said Cody and his wife, the former Kara Boyd, gave her a good send off in Phillipsburg. Other family members met her at the Prairie View junction of U.S. 36 Highway and some at the Alma turnoff.

Cody and Kara were married in May and, shortly after their honeymoon, he learned of his illness.

Jama said she had already met a lot of really nice people and that donations were going well. One person stopped her on the trip to Norton and handed her \$140. In all, she said she received \$200 between Prairie View and Norton and that the total raised for Cody since she announced her ride was \$2700 as of Saturday noon.

A benefit fund entitled "That's Why She Rolls" has been established at the

First National Bank & Trust in Phillipsburg, Logan and Long Island. Donations may be dropped off at the bank in any of the three towns or mailed to P.O. Box 627, Phillipsburg, Ks. 67661. Any size donations will be appreciated.

Colorful t-shirts to show your support of Jama's ride are available in all sizes from children's to triple large for \$15 plus \$5 for shipping from Chyanne Hilburn, Cody's sister. Her address is P.O. Box 242, Logan, Ks 67646. Make your check out to "Cody's Cause". Any additional donations when you order t-shirts would also be appreciated.

A support vehicle driven by Donna Brobst and Melinda Dougherty, both of Logan, is accompanying Jama but she says, although she is riding solo, she welcomes fellow bikers who wish to join her for a few miles along the way.

Before cycling on to Oberlin for the (Biker - Continued on Page 5)

## Pigskin pickers face challenge

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The second week of the Telegram's 2009 Pigskin Pick-Em Contest was a tough one for most contestants with even the winners missing three contests.

In fact, ten fans were in the running for prizes with three misses.

First place of \$15 in scrip money goes to Regina Beikman, Norton, who missed the Louisiana/Lafayette win over Kansas State, Missouri Western victory over Fort Hays and UCLA win over Tennessee.

Southern Cal won the tiebreaker game over Ohio State by a score of 18-15. Regina chose Southern Cal by 27-21 or a total of 15 points off the actual scores of each team.

Kollean McMullen, Norton, won the second prize of \$10 in scrip money. She missed the Thunder Ridge win over Logan, Atwood victory over Hoxie and Louisiana Lafayette win over K-State. She chose Southern Cal to win the tiebreaker game by 28-21 or a total of 16 points off.

Third place of \$5 in scrip money goes to Robert Covington, Alma. He miscued on Michigan's win over Notre Dame, Atwood's victory over Hoxie and Louisiana Lafayette's win over K-State. He predicted a score of Southern Cal over Ohio State by 31-21, or 19 points off.

Tom Davis, Norton, was the only other fan missing three games to pick Southern Cal to win the tiebreaker game. He chose 38-21 or 26 points off. The other six went with Ohio State. They were: Sandy Winchell, Ja'Nee Moore, both of Alma; Naedean Whitney, Doug Daniels, Brenda Beutler and Toby Nickell, all of Norton.

Correct on all but four games were: Julie Hilburn, Shirley Stutterheim, Rodger Stutterheim, all of Alma; Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Ann Becker, Lenora; Christal Rose (defending champion), Arapahoe; Robert Yenne, Arvada, Colo.; Emma Steele, Denver; Trey Millan, Odessa Gaskin, Diana Smith, Patty Gall, Linda Matson, Karen Cozad, Wilma Wiseman, Bob Husted, Rick Green, Jacob Green, Clay Ulmer, Sarah Durham, Patrick Pomeroy, Rhonda McDowell, Monica Wilson, Rodney Stapp, Nathan Morse, all of Norton.

Missing five contests were: Don Cass, Beaver City; Nish Millan, Goodland; Glenn Brands, Linda Covington, Jasmine Covington, Chris Lowry, Bryce Marble, Foster Brands, all of Alma; Fig Millan, Nate Kasper, Amanda Burns, Jane Mindrup, Dalton Miller, Ken Gregoire, Mary Ann Hager, Rosalie Schulze, Kathy Zimmerman, Brittne Schock, Lawrence Wiseman, Tom Breit, Doug Ray, David Riemann, Dustan Daniels; Robert Blecha, Chase Rice, Lynn Nelson, all of Norton.

Incorrect on six games were: Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; Donna Nelson, Le- (Pigskin - Continued on Page 5)

## Meeting canceled, agenda on hold

Norton Economic Development's monthly meeting was cancelled last Tuesday due to a lack of a quorum.

The agenda was tabled until the next meeting but included an update about a call center, promoting Norton County Initiative, an overview of the strategic plan meeting, the first impressions study and the January 2011 business directory.

Diane Stiles, economic development director, said the first impressions study is a study by Kansas State University to evaluate communities.

She said the study was done in 2004 and one board member requested the study be repeated.

She said economic development has been keeping track of the errors in the business directory, which was released in July.

"In January, we will print a corrected and updated version. After that, we will likely update it every year or every other year to keep the information current," she said.

The next economic development board meeting will be held on Oct. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at 113 N. Norton.

September's agenda will be discussed at that meeting. All meetings are open to the public.