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Briefly

Hansen Museum celebrates Craft Fair

The Hansen Museum's annual Craft Fair will be held on Sept. 19. Hosting crafters from Kansas and surrounding states, this is a shopper's paradise. This event is held on the Hansen Plaza Square on Main Street in Logan. There is no admission charge to attend this event. Fair times are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Crafters will begin to check in at 6 a.m. and will be ready for customers at 10 a.m.

Early release set for homecoming

Norton Community High School will be observing its annual Homecoming activities next week.

The Homecoming parade will begin at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, followed by the courthouse pep rally at approximately 3 p.m.

All students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 25.

Eisenhower Elementary School will not be dismissed early, but students will be excused to attend the parade and pep rally if picked up at school by their parent or guardian.

Buses will run at the normal afternoon dismissal time. Students in grades 7-12 who ride the bus home will be picked up at the courthouse square at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Time changed for jv football game

The starting time of the Norton versus Smith Center junior varsity football game at Travis Field in Norton on Monday has been changed to 6 p.m.

Weather forecast

SCATTERED SHOWERS

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a low around 49. Saturday - Mostly sunny with a high near 77. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 54. Sunday - Mostly sunny with a high near 80. Sunday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Monday - A chance of rain. Monday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, Sept. 15 Low 52, High 81
Wednesday, Sept. 16..... Low 54, High 78
Thursday, Sept. 17 Low 52, High 77
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Father, thank you for sending us godly friends. Help us to be such friends to others. Thank you for Jesus, our truest friend. Amen



The work on the water tower came to an end this week with Miller & Associates finishing up the Norton Bluejay mascot on the north side of the tower. The work included painting the inside, outside, roof and the

Bluejay mascot on the north and south sides of the tower.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Tower work comes to an end

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Work on the water tower was nearing completion at the end of the week with the Bluejay mascot on the north and south sides of the tower. Rob Lawson, city administrator, told city council the work would be done by Thursday, but the tower could not be refilled until seven days after the painting is complete.

He said that was to give the paint time to dry so air pockets do not develop.

Mr. Lawson told the council that pumps would still be in use at the water treatment plant for another week, and that the pressure release valves would continue to run.

The tower was painted on the inside and outside with blue lettering and a blue roof in honor of the Norton Bluejays.

Mr. Lawson said the mascot can be seen from the high school parking lot.

"It looks neat," he said.

Toby Kuhn, finance committee chair-

man, reported on last Tuesday's finance committee meeting. He said several business owners attended and asked questions about funds being transferred between city accounts. The transfers are necessary to meet the loan repayments due to work on the water plant.

"We encourage people to come in and talk to us," Mr. Kuhn said.

In other council business:

• Brian Thompson from Mapes and Miller Accounting delivered the 2008

audit report to the council. He gave an overview of refuse, sewer and water figures and said there was a significant amount of debt due to the work on the water and power plants.

• The council discussed the vacancy on the housing authority board. They made a motion to appoint Jamie Amlong to the board. Vote taken, motion passed.

• Mr. Lawson discussed having a cleanup week on Oct. 26-28. Residents

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New flu warnings issued for employers

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The fear of a pandemic H1N1 virus is causing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to issue warnings to employers regarding their policies for sick-leave for their employees.

Gina Frack, Norton County health department nurse, said influenza may have an impact on employer's policies.

Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, state health officer and director of health for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, released a letter to Kansas businesses providing guidance and asking for their assistance in limiting the spread of the 2009 H1N1 virus this fall

and winter.

"Businesses across Kansas will play an important role in helping us limit the spread of the virus," Dr. Eberhart-Phillips said.

"We can't say for sure what will happen in Kansas, but as we move into the fall and winter flu season it is time for businesses and employees to prepare. We are fortunate that so far the disease has been relatively mild, but the number of cases of disease in the southern hemisphere has far exceeded normal seasonal flu levels," he said.

"It's a good time to review policies now, in case of a wide spread illness,"

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\$1 million investigation has concluded in Colby

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In an investigation that has made headlines around Kansas, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies have recovered more than \$1 million in stolen farm equipment from a property about four miles north of Colby.

The son of a former sheriff was jailed as officers seized the implements and hauled them to town. The equipment was locked up at the city shop. Lawmen in as many as four states were trying to track down all the thefts.

Robert Blecha, director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, said in a statement Tuesday that the Thomas County Sheriff's Office began the investigation

after a check on a John Deere 7820 tractor during a traffic stop Thursday afternoon found it had been reported stolen from Colorado.

Search warrants were issued and a search of a property north of Colby turned up more than \$1.3 million in allegedly stolen farm equipment, including a combine, grain cart and several tractors. Blecha said the equipment was reported stolen from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Matthew Jones, a farmer in rural Thomas County, was arrested and booked into the county jail Thursday afternoon in connection with the stolen property. Jones was later re-arrested on warrants

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The They Also Ran Gallery has been nominated for the 8 Wonders of Kansas. The gallery, located inside First State Bank on Main Street, is being considered because they recognize presidential candidates who came in second.

—Courtesy photo/Le Ann Shearer

Gallery gains recognition

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The They Also Ran Gallery, located inside First State Bank in Norton, is the only gallery of its kind in the nation and is being considered for the 8 Wonders of Kansas for recognizing presidential candidates who came in second.

LeeAnn Shearer, curator, said the gallery was started in 1965 by W.W. Rouse, former owner and president of the bank. Mr. Rouse, an avid history buff, had finished reading Irving Stone's book, "They

Also Ran," about presidential candidates who lost. The book is available for viewing inside the gallery.

Mrs. Shearer said Mr. Rouse chose which candidates to display. Each runner-up is not displayed.

"We recognize those who came in second. No one else does that. It's fun to learn about these gentlemen," she said.

The gallery is open during normal bank hours, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mrs. Shearer said appointments are

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