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Briefly

Voting underway for the 8 Wonders

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.

Public vote determines the results of the competition.

Voting began Sept. 3 and ends Oct. 20 at midnight. Paper ballots must be postmarked by Oct. 20.

Ballots can be picked up at First State Bank, 105 W. Main Street.

Sports fans invited to Booster meeting

All Norton Community High School sports fans are invited to the weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Fans will be updated on recent competitions by Norton football coach Lucas Melvin, cross country coach George Rossi, volleyball coach Peggy Cox and tennis coach Jim Green.

At the end of the meeting, fans will be invited to watch the film of Friday night's 36-0 football victory over St. Francis.

You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

City Council will meet on Wednesday

City council will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the city building, 301 E. Washington Street. The agenda includes reports from the city administrator, finance committee and personnel committee. All meetings are open to the public.

weather forecast



Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 39. Wednesday - Sunny with a high near 73. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph. Thursday - A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m. partly cloudy with a high near 57. Thursday Night - A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 35. Friday - Partly sunny with a high near 58.

Kingham report:

Friday, Oct. 2 Low 39, High 63
Sat., Oct. 3..... Low 30, High 61
Sun., Oct. 4..... Low 38, High 56
Mon., Oct. 5 Low 51, High 58
1.05 Precipitation
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O Lord, in the battles of our lives, help us to find hope in you and your goodness. Amen



Spc. Matthew Bryce (second from the right) stepped off the plane after a year-long deployment in Iraq. 75 guardsmen arrived on Sept. 24 and another 180 returned last Tuesday. Several other Norton guardsmen returned with Bryce.

—Photo courtesy of Spc. Matthew Bryce

Norton guards home

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Kansas National Guardsmen, who volunteered for deployment to fill vacancies with the 287th Sustainment Brigade last year, returned from Iraq in two groups in September.

The first group of about 75 soldiers returned to Kansas on Sept. 24, and the second group of about 180 soldiers returned to Kansas on Tuesday.

Those returning on Thursday who

are assigned to the 170th Maintenance Company included Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Rubio of Goodland (former 1st Sgt. for the 170th), Spc. Cody Breon (Co., Norton), Spc. Matthew Bryce (Co., Norton), Staff Sgt. Terrence Burgess (Det 3, Russell), Spc. Zachary Gibbs (Co., Norton), Sgt. Ryan Grillo (Det 1, Goodland), Spc. James Hobbs (Det 2, Colby), Sgt. Don Little (Det 1, Goodland) and Sgt. Blake Schulte (Det 1, Goodland).

The group returning on Tuesday in-

cluded Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Bryson (Det 2, Colby), Sgt. 1st Class Rickie Christie (Det 3, Russell), Sgt. Adam Fink (Det 3, Russell), Sgt. Richard Fisher (Co., Norton), Staff Sgt. Robert Flynn (Det 1, Goodland), Staff Sgt. David Jermark (Det 1, Goodland), Spc. Kristopher Ried (Det 3, Russell), Sgt. Norman Rogers (Det 2, Colby) and Spc. Matthew Scheetz (Co., Norton).

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Health department selected for accreditation program

The Norton County Health Department was selected by the Public Health Accreditation Board to participate in a test of the new national voluntary public health accreditation program.

As one of 30 public health agencies selected from more than 145 applicants, the health department will work through the accreditation process and will provide valuable feedback that will inform the voluntary accreditation program's national launch in 2011.

While there are standards for hospitals, schools, law enforcement agencies and even daycare centers, there has not previously been a nationally-recognized set of standards for public health departments despite the critical role they play in preserving and promoting the health of communities and residents. The goal of public health accreditation is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of all health departments in the country.

"The launch of the test is a critical step that moves us closer to a national voluntary accreditation program that is practical and promotes continuous quality improvement in all health departments," said Public Health Accreditation Board president and chief executive officer Kaye Bender, RN, PhD, FAAN.

"The overwhelming number of applications we received from health departments that wanted to be test sites signals

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Pick-em winners announced

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Fig Millan, Norton, outguessed the many, many other football fans entering the Pigskin Pick-Em Contest last week by just missing one game and earning the \$15 scrip first prize.

Fig's only miss was the Stanford defeat of UCLA. Although he incorrectly chose the winner of the tiebreaker game between Oklahoma and Miami, it wasn't needed since he was all alone with one miss.

Six fans missed just two games and were in the running for the second and third prizes. Nathan Morse, Norton, and Paige Baird, Long Island, were the only two of the six to correctly pick the winner of the tiebreaker game. Miami edged Oklahoma 21-20 and Nathan picked it 35-21 or 15 points off the actual scores of the two teams and will receive \$10 in scrip money. His only two misses were Oregon State over Arizona State and Stanford over UCLA.

Winner of third place money of \$5 in scrip was Paige, who missed the Oregon State win and Auburn over Tennessee. Paige picked the tiebreaker 32-28, or 19 total points off.

The other four fans missing just two games were: Trey Millan, Norton; Heather Simmons, Norton; Chase Rice, Norton and Dan Mannel, Lenora.

Correct on all but three contests were: Aaron McDowell, Brody McDowell, both of Hill City; Noah Kalny, Lake Quivera; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Lexi Voss, Brenda Husted, Shirley Stutterheim, all of Alma; Kurtis Shearer, Edmond; Charlotte Stephenson, Virginia Carlton, Amanda Ray, Doug Ray, Kathy Zimmerman, Deb Thiele, Lynn Nelson, Stacy Area, Tiffney Yeager, Mary Ann Hager, Bob Husted, Toyah Braun, Gary Matson, Lawrence Wiseman, Kollean McMullen, Brittne Schock, Taryn Graham, Jennifer

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Harvest on hold due to the weather

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Wet weather is causing delays in the winter wheat planting, but it is also causing delays for the corn, dryland bean and hay harvests.

Twin Creeks Extension Agent Keith VanSkiike said soybeans need to be harvested soon.

"The moisture, wind and changing temperatures cause damage to the bean pod," he said.

"It is critical to get soybeans harvested," he said.

VanSkiike said he has heard good reports on the soybean crops. He attributed it to good moisture in August.

Other crops under harvest include corn, sorghum and hay.

VanSkiike said the corn and sorghum will stand for awhile.

"The corn looks really good," he said.

VanSkiike said the hay harvest is also underway and cautioned farmers about harvesting damp hay.

Packing damp hay results in loss of protein as well as rotting.

There are two kinds of hay: cane and alfalfa. He said cane hay is harvested once a year, but alfalfa is harvested several times each year.

He expects farmers to be able to cut five times this year, due to the increased moisture.

Wheat planting has been underway, but the damp weather has slowed it somewhat.

"Sept. 25 - Oct. 10 is the prime time for planting. We're stretching that. Right now, they've got to get their wheat planted," he said.