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## Tuesday City to honor Vietnam veterans

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By HARRIETT GILL

### Briefly

#### Booster Club to meet at Stadium

The regular weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held as a work session beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Travis Field. Fans are asked to assist with painting of the Blue Jay beak on the field along with other lettering.

If time allows following the work session, everyone is invited to the high school building where Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin will show the film of Norton's win on Friday over

#### Volunteer guards needed for Wall

Volunteers are needed for guard duty for the Vietnam Memorial Wall from Sept. 23 to Sept. 27. If you can help call, Jon Wyatt, Director of the American Legion Riders, Post 63, at 785-202-0282.

#### Coat drive held at Friday's game

The Norton chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is hosting a coat drive at the football game this Friday, September 10. Bring you old hats, coats, jackets, gloves, mittens and other winter wear to the game against St. Francis and help the needy keep warm this winter.

#### Heritage Quilt Club to start new year

The Heritage Quilt Club will start their new year on Monday, Sept. 13 at Prairie Land Electric basement. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

The progra will be a trunk show by Melody Brown of Cottage Inspirations in Cambridge, Neb. All quilters are invited.

### Markets

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Wheat .....	\$5.80
Milo .....	\$3.74
Soybeans .....	\$9.74
Corn .....	\$3.94

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

**Tonight** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m., otherwise, mostly cloudy with a low around 65. **Thursday** - Patchy fog before 1 p.m., otherwise, cloudy then gradually becoming mostly sunny with a high near 81. **Thursday Night** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 65. **Friday** - Partly cloudy with a high near 87. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

### Kingham Report

Friday, September 3.....Low 45, High 76  
Saturday, September 4.....Low 51, High 92  
Sunday, September 5.....Low 57, High 98  
Monday, September 6.....Low 64, High 78  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Dear Father, help us understand that you want to be involved in every detail of our lives, no matter how insignificant it may seem. Amen



## City to honor Vietnam veterans

The week of Sept. 20 was declared Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week by the City of Norton. At the Sept. 1st regular meeting of the Norton City Council, Mayor David Corns reported he had signed the Proclamation in recognition of the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall to be displayed in Norton.

Mayor Corns reported that the city sales tax receipts in July were \$20,874.80, county sales were \$24,554.08 for a total of \$45,428.88. Year to date sales receipts are \$283,965.63.

Police Chief Pat Morel reported he received 15 applications for the Police Officer vacancy and eight applicants were tested. After scoring the tests, five ap-

plicants were interviewed. He recommended the hiring of Gabriel Walz to fill the vacancy. Walz is currently working for the Carbon County Sheriff's department in Rawlins, Wyo. as a detention deputy and is not a certified officer. The council approved the hiring and voted to offer the position to Gabriel Walz at a starting pay grade of 9-A.

City Administrator Rob Lawson, stated that the questions regarding the power plant have the three current employees concerned about their jobs.

"Can we give some kind of assurance from the council about the job security to these employees?" Lawson said.

The council stated that the employees would be absorbed into the city in the event the power plant would

close.

Lawson further stated that some maintenance needs to be done at the power plant and general maintenance will continue until a decision is made. The power plant is in the process of doing load capacity tests. The City is still waiting for a cost estimate for the radiator repair company. Tarps for the radiators have been ordered and they will be installed before cold weather is here.

Lawson reported on the grant approval for the new windows and HVAC system at the Recreation Center. The grant will require certain criteria to be met, including following the Davis-Bacon Act and other regulations. Steve Schrum is researching the grant details and requirements.

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Before the parade at the Jennings Firemen's Fun Day on Saturday, Kade and Koi Wessel of Hoxie tried their balance on the jacob's ladder. The day included a health fair, games and shooting events.

Photo by Kimberly Davis

## Jennings firefighters hold fun day, health fair

A crowd flocked to Jennings on Saturday for the 19th annual Firemen's Fun Day, keeping volunteers busy from the health fair in the morning, through the afternoon parade and into the evening.

Seventy people took advantage of the health fair. Results will be sent to participants.

Over 100 dozen kolaches were baked in the Masonic Hall. With some 70 dozen available for purchase at the fire house at 8 a.m., they were sold out by 11 a.m.

Other activities included a scavenger hunt, dunk tank, pony rides, a giant slide and train rides. This year, the pony rides and the giant slide rides were free.

Trooper Tod Hileman, a highway patrolman from Colby, gave kids a chance to look inside and under the hood of his patrol car and to wear the "drunk" goggles to simulate the effects of driving under the influence of alcohol. "Brother Yo" of Youthville fascinated everyone with his yo-yo skills and John Whitfield, an illustrator and cartoonist from Oklahoma, kept busy doing caricatures of the young people.

Bill Heilman reported 30 participants from the Garden City, Norton, Oberlin, Selden, Hoxie, Lenora, Norcat and Jennings areas in the Wobble Trap Shoot. Eric Fleckinstein, Jennings, won with a

score of 23 out of 25. Kyle Edgett, Lenora, and Eric Fleckenstein and Mr. Heilman, both of Jennings, won the Annie Oakley competition.

The \$700 profit from this event was donated to the Jennings Fire Department.

Other activities included a cake walk, bingo, tours of the Czech Museum, garage and bake sales and an afghan raffle. The music of the Hoxie Old-Time Band was enjoyed by the crowd throughout the morning.

The parade, led by Jennings American Legion Post members, included more than 40 entries, including fire trucks, horses, mules, bicycles, floats, trucks,

cars, tractors, dogs, and both children and adults.

The 2009 queen, Jazzmine Wahlmeier, and 2010 queen, Allison Hartzog, rode with Gary and Clara Gillum and their team of mules. The queen candidates, Lacy Micek, Oberlin, and Ashley Vacura, Omaha, rode in a wagon built by the Northwest Kansas Technical College and pulled by two Belgian horses driven by Jake Conger of Goodland. There is no age limit for queen and the fire department hopes to have more candidates registered next year. The new queen for 2011 is Miss Vacura.

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## Traveling memorial will stop here in two weeks

By Carolyn Plotts

"The Moving Wall" is the half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. It is the realization of Vietnam veteran John Devitt, Stockton, Calif., who vowed to make a transportable version after he recognized the healing nature of the Wall. He wanted those who were not able to travel to Washington to be able to see and touch the names of friends or loved ones in their own home town.

Using his own money, Mr. Devitt founded Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd. With the help of friends and volunteers the first replica was built and displayed in 1984 in Tyler, Texas. The Moving Wall has been touring the country for more than 20 years.

Demand for the Moving Wall was so high and the waiting list so long, the group built a second Wall. A third Wall was added in 1989 and in 2001, one of the Walls was retired due to wear.

The Moving Wall visits hundreds of

small towns and cities throughout the United States, staying five or six days at each site. Local arrangements are made months in advance. A sponsoring organization is needed to make the local arrangements for placement and security.

Under the auspices of the Norton Arts Council, arrangements have been made for The Moving Wall to stop in Norton from Sept. 23 through Sept. 27. Arts Council president, Carol Erlenbusch, heads the committee of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to bring the Wall to Norton. Mrs. Erlenbusch said, "Bringing the Moving Wall to Norton is by far the biggest project I've ever personally undertaken. After my husband, Gary, and I visited The Wall in Alma, Neb., we decided we would try to bring it here. The Norton County Arts Council agreed to be the sponsor but we needed the help of the community. After an organizational meeting, a committee was formed. (Memorial - Continued on Page 5)

## Winner gets all but one in first Pigskin Pick-Em

By DICK BOYD  
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Chase Rice, Norton, got the 2010 football season off to a great start by missing just one game and besting all other entrants in the first week of the 41st annual Norton Telegram Pigskin Pick-Em Contest to earn the first prize of \$15 in scrip money.

Chase's only miss was the Kansas upset by North Dakota State, one that most everyone missed as well.

Fourteen other fans missed just two games and 11 of them were in the running for the other two prizes by virtue of picking the right winner of the tiebreaker game in which Kansas State defeated UCLA 31-22.

Winner of the second prize of \$10 in scrip money was Nish Millan, Norton, who missed the Grinnell/Wheatland win over Logan and the Kansas University upset. He was just one point off on the tiebreaker game score, choosing K-State by 31-21.

Third prize of \$5 in scrip money was won by Jim Springer, Long Island, who

was incorrect on the Weskan win over Northern Valley and the Kansas upset. He chose K-State by 27-20 or six points off.

Also missing just two games and points off on the tiebreaker game were: Karen Cozad, Norton, 8; Diana Smith, Norton, 8; Steve Vollertsen, Norton, 9; Doug Ray, Norton, 9; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif., 10; Malinda West, Norton, 11; Ja'Nee Moore, Almena, 11; Brian Schuler, Norton, 15; Scott Ellis, Norton, 20.

Also missing two games but incorrect on the tiebreaker were Kerri Ray, Norton; Patty Gall, Norton and Jeris Norman, Norton.

Missing three games were: Dale Shearer, Edmond; W. Luis Cass, Beaver City; Aaron McDowell, Lexie McDowell, both of Hill City; Mitch Tegtmeyer, Eudora; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Shirley Stutterheim, Bob Covington, Brenda Husted, all of Almena; Anna Foley, Bryce Lofgreen, Stacy Area, David Riemann, Jennifer Boller, Dalton Miller, Mary Ann Hager, Deb Thiele, Jacob Green, Josh Green, Christal Rose, Rick Green, Travis Ray, (Pigskin - Continued on Page 5)