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Briefly

Booster Club will meet Wednesday

Norton Community High School sports fans are invited to the weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club at 7:30 p.m. 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. Coach Melvin will give a preview of Friday night's first District contest at Goodland. You need not be a member to attend.

Parent-teacher meetings Monday

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Monday, Oct. 18 in Norton USD 211. The morning session will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and the afternoon session is from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Parents are asked to pick up grade cards at the office before meeting with teachers. High School teachers who also teach Junior High will meet with parents in the Junior High gym in the morning session. High School teachers will be in their rooms for the afternoon session. Students may attend conference with their parent but will not be allowed to pick up grade cards.

BB gun team holding tryouts

Persons interested in learning more about the Norton BB Gun Team or boys and girls between the ages of 8-14 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2010 who are interested in trying out for the team are invited to attend the first meeting of the team's new year on Monday, Oct. 18 in the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum on East Highway 36 across from Kowpoke Supply in Norton. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. with a short informational meeting explaining what the program is all about. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., try outs for this year's team will begin. Once the team is established, regular meeting nights will be Monday of each week at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cameron Archer, phone 871-0710.

Political debate to air Thursday

On Thursday Oct. 14 the debate between Bob Strey and Ward Cassidy will be aired on Smokey Hills Public Television at 9:00 p.m. It will be re-aired on Sunday Oct. 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Markets

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Wheat	\$5.86
Milo	\$4.55
Soybeans	\$10.45
Corn	\$4.78

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Areas of frost after 1 a.m. Otherwise partly cloudy with a low around 36. **Wednesday** - Areas of frost before 10 a.m. Otherwise sunny with a high near 69. **Wednesday Night** - Clear with a low around 38. **Thursday** - Sunny with a high near 78. **Thursday Night** - Clear with a low around 41.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to use our talents to bless others, even when we are hurting. Amen



Thar she blows!



Norton Public Works crews searched for a water leak on Monday. The water problem was on State Street south of the previous large water main break that resulted in shutting down the water for the city and a boil order. Jason Dial made a cut through a city storm drain to allow a visual sighting. The leak was determined to be about 30 feet south

of the storm drain cut. Locating the break proved to not be a problem when the back hoe reached the water main level. Water exploded from the main and bubbled into the excavated hole. "This is definitely not as bad as the break we had on Sept. 10," said Rob Lawson, City Administrator.

-Telegram photos by Harriett Gill

New park cabins to be dedicated on Friday

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is dedicating two new cabins at the Prairie Dog State Park, October 15, at 1 p.m. Park fees will be waived from 1 to 3 p.m. while the cabins are open for public tours.

Wildlife and Parks Secretary Mike Hayden will be attending the dedication.

The deluxe cabins fulfill the demand for comfortable and affordable camping facilities without the inconveniences of camping either by tent or campers. Prairie Dog State park manager, Toby Kuhn,

anticipates the cabins will be a popular attraction.

"There is a great deal of community interest to spend time outdoors but without the hassle of tents or expense of campers," he said.

The cabins have been named Prairie Dog and Eagle View.

In addition to filling a need for recreational enjoyment, the cabins were built as a result of a multi-agency collaboration involving Wildlife and Parks Department, Greenbush Southeast Kansas Education Service Center, the Norton

Correctional Facility and the Kansas Wildscape Foundation. Inmates at the Norton Correctional Facility built the cabins through an educational program administered by Greenbush. The Kansas Wildscape Foundation provided funding for the cabins. The Wildlife and Parks Department provides a location for the cabins and maintains the structure.

Mark Stock, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks cabin program administrator, said the cabin program is a success story how multiple agencies can work together to ultimately benefit

the public.

"The cabin program's success is a direct result of each agency stepping up to the table and volunteering resources. Each agency's contribution is critical for the overall program's success," Stock said.

Cabin reservations can be made starting October 15 with the first night of occupancy beginning November 1.

For more information about the Prairie Dog State Park cabins, call 785-877-2953 or reserve online at reserve.ksoutdoors.com.

Longtime school custodian will miss hugs from students

by Judy Sherard
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You could say it's the hugs that lure Bill Goscha to work every day.

Goscha just retired as the Eisenhower Elementary School custodian.

"I get lots of hugs every morning. They're adorable, good kids," he said. "In the morning they come looking you up for a hug."

The students returned those hugs to Goscha one hundredfold Friday at a party in his honor, and presented him with a "Hugs to You" book.

Goscha has worked for the Norton school district for a total of 20 years, 19 of them at the Elementary School, starting out as a school bus driver. He was working as a farmer and took the bus driving job to supplement his farming income, he said.

He once was offered a chance to move to the same position at the high school, but turned it down because he didn't want to leave the Eisenhower students.

However, Goscha, 69, is leaving them. "I'm not bothered about my age. I've lived that long, and I'm proud of it," he said.

He won't miss the work, he says, but

even at his retirement reception he needed to be reminded that he was the guest of honor and didn't work there anymore.

He will miss the people — the faculty, staff and especially the kids.

"I've had lung cancer and find it hard to breathe," Goscha said. "I can't say enough about the staff. They have been supportive through my cancer treatment, and the kids sent cards and letters."

However, Superintendent Greg Mann said even while going through treatments and unable to work for a couple of months, Goscha was worried about the school and getting back to work.

Staff members hold him in high regard, as well. A top ten list of reasons Bill is great for the Friday assembly, grew to 75 reasons.

Mann may have put it best in describing Goscha. "He's a man of his word."

Even though a sick child may mean a mess to clean up and work for him, that isn't what bothered Goscha. "When one of them is hurt, it hurts me," he said.

Kids get a good education here at the school, Goscha said. Not surprisingly, there have been changes in 19 years,

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Holiday delays Pick-Em Contest

Since there was no mail delivery on the Columbus Day holiday Monday, all mail entries for the weekly Pigskin Pick-Em Contest were not received in time for grading prior to the deadline for today's Telegram.

The story listing the winners will be in Friday's Telegram.

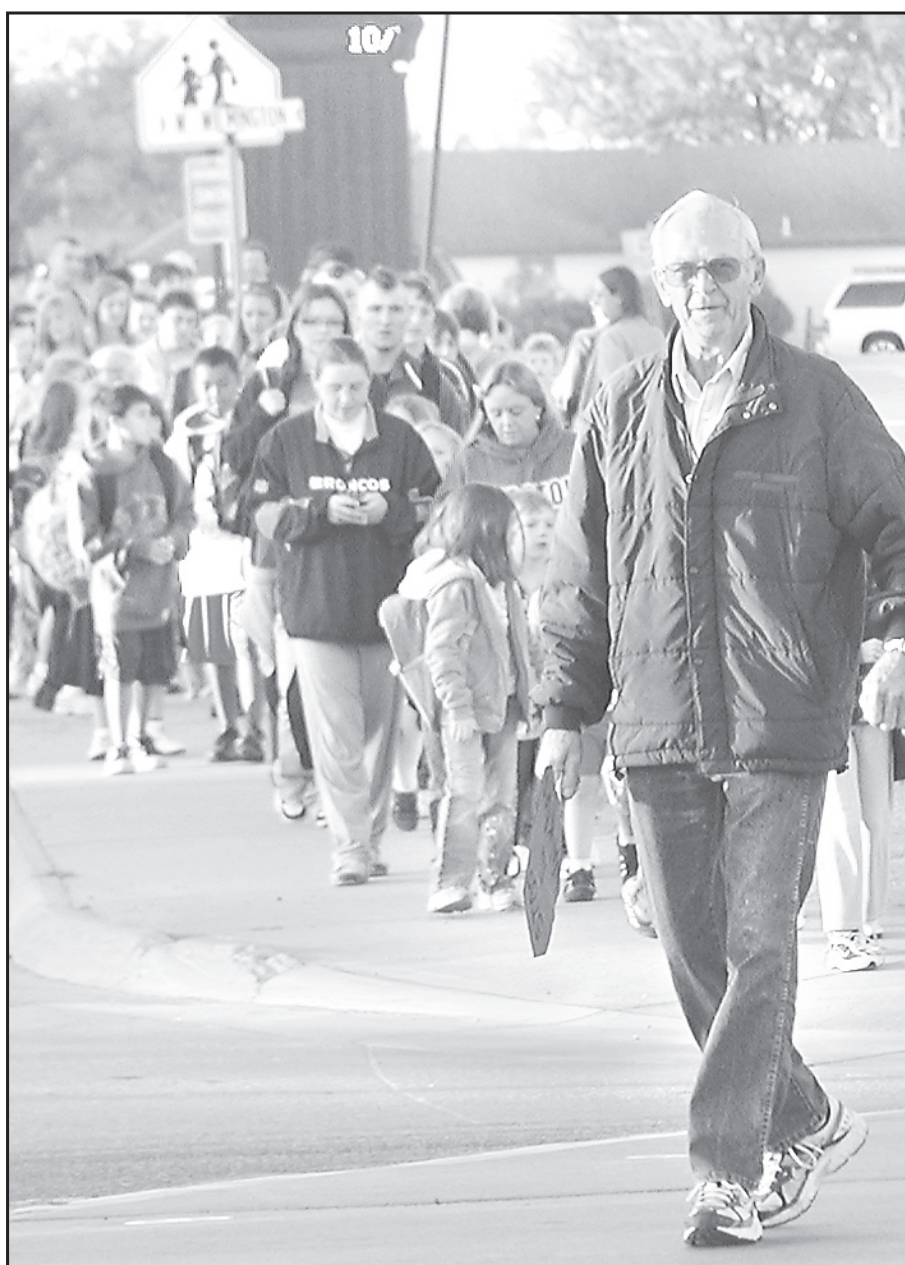
Turn to the full page Pick-Em Contest advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college

games.

Only one entry per person on official entry blanks is allowed but extra entry blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money will be paid each week.

At the end of the 12-week season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.



Bill Goscha leads the students on International Walk to School Day last week for the last time as a Norton School District employee, but hopes to return to lead the walk next year. Goscha retired last week as custodian at Eisenhower Elementary School.

-Telegram photo by Judy Sherard