

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

September 6, 2011

Briefly

Booster Club to meet Wednesday

The first weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club in the new fall sports season will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Speaking about the results of their team's season opening competition will be head tennis coach Jim Green, head volleyball coach Kevin Jilka, head football coach Lucas Melvin and head cross country coach George Rossi.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the meetings.

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

Phillipsburg to

hold 9/11 ceremony

Phillipsburg and Phillips County will hold a 9/11 remembrance ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Phillips County Courthouse. The ceremony will include a proclamation by Mayor Fred Robinson, along with speeches and a time to honor local firemen, police, EMT personnel and past and present military veterans.

Chic Boutique to host ribbon cutting

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, a ribbon cutting will be held at the new Chic Boutique on State Street on the north end of the old Hall's Clothing building. The ribbon cutting is planned for 11 a.m.

Pure Prairie to hold ribbon cutting

On Thursday, Sept. 29, a ribbon cutting will be held at Pure Prairie on S. Kansas Street. The ribbon cutting is planned for 3 p.m.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.75
Milo	\$6.70
Soybeans	\$13.11
Corn	\$7.35

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly clear. Thursday - Sunny with highs in the upper 70s. Thursday Night - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Friday - Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 70s. Friday Night - Partly cloudy.

Kingham Report

Friday, Sept. 2	Low 70, High 84
Saturday, Sept. 3	Low 64, High 72
.10 Rain	
Sunday, Sept. 4	Low 46, High 73
Monday, Sept. 5	Low 44, High 76

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we praise you for your glory and majesty. Make us good and faithful stewards of your love and of your creation. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Driver avoids injury in crash



This B&B Redi-Mix truck rolled over onto its side Friday morning on Road E9 east of Norton. The driver, Matthew Wisdom of Hays, was not injured in the crash.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

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A Hays man escaped serious injury Friday morning when a cement truck he was driving rolled over on a gravel road east of Norton.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson reported Friday that Matthew Wisdom of Hays was operating a 1994 redi-mix truck for B&B Redi-Mix northbound on Road E9, several miles east of Norton. Wisdom met a southbound vehicle and attempted to move to the east side of the road. The truck, however, slid into the east ditch and rolled over onto its passenger side in the ditch.

Wisdom was able to exit the vehicle and suffered only a few scrapes and bruises from the crash. While some minor spillage occurred from the truck, Thomson said it wasn't enough to warrant a clean-up effort. The truck was removed from the ditch later that afternoon.

The investigation into the crash is complete and no citations were issued. Responding to the incident were the Norton County Sheriff's Department, the Almena Fire Department and Norton County EMS.

Norton resident is the first Pigskin winner

By Dick Boyd

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Keely Millan, Norton, was the winner of the first week of the 42nd annual Norton Telegram Pigskin Pick-Em Contest with a perfect entry other than the tiebreaker game.

Keely was correct on all nine games and missed the tiebreaker winner but will still receive the \$15 scrip first prize because only one other entrant was correct on all games.

That person, Joni Shellito, Norton, will have to settle for the second place \$10 in scrip money because she picked a score on the wrong tiebreaker game.

There was more competition for the third prize of \$5 in scrip money with 13 fans missing just one game.

Judges went to the tiebreaker game and discovered that 10 of the 13 chose Oregon to defeat LSU in the contest when the Tigers were a 40-27 winner.

Charlotte Gasper, Norton, won third by picking LSU to win by 21-14, which was a total of 32 points off the actual scores of the two teams. Her only miss was the Plainville defeat of Phillipsburg.

Also missing just one game and points off on the tiebreaker were Lori Pasicas, Stockton, 37 and Tiffney Yeager, Norton, 43.

Also missing one game but picking Oregon to win the tiebreaker were: Alberta Geil, Donelle Stewart, both of Al-

mena; Jim Springer, Long Island; Keegan Smith, Dalton Smith, Kelly Sweet, Dalton Miller, Trey Millan, Misty Nuzum, Rick Green, all of Norton.

Incorrect on two games were: Tiffany Welch, Logan; Iris Mastin, Oberlin; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Barbara Springer, Long Island; Brenda Husted, Linda Covington, Darrell Moore, all of Almena; Jennifer Boller, Vallene Berry, Ashley Brown, Fig Millan, Baylee Miller, Deb Thiele, Charlotte Stephenson, Cope Railsback, David Riemann, Lisa Shearer, Monica Wilson, Joe Durham, Tom Davis, Paige Lowry, Abby Rice, Cassidy Palmer, Taryn Graham, Gaylene Cuzick, Joni Hilburn, Shelby Jones, Steve Vollertsen, all of Norton.

Missing just three contests were: Sandi Winchell, Bob Covington, Ja'Nee Moore, all of Almena; Jared Foley, Wichita; Mitch Tegtmeier, Erin Foley, both of Eudora; Lynn Nelson, LeRoy Newell, Chase Rice, Andrew Lantz, Laquita Smith, Craig Foley, Doug Ray, Gavlin Henderson, Kerri Ray, Douglas Daniels, Dustan Daniels, Wilma Wiseman, Stacy Area, Jacob Green, Regina Beikman, Diana Smith, Kirstie Gible, Mary Ann Hager, Virginia Carlton, all of Norton.

Miscuing on four games were: Kenney Leiker, Hays; Ann Becker, Lenora; Jasmine Covington, Julie Hilburn, both of Almena; Anastasia Foley, Patty

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Telegram welcomes new Society Editor

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Subscribers and readers of the Norton Telegram will notice this week an addition to the paper's staff line-up, in the form of a new Society Editor/Reporter.

Mike Stephens joined the Norton Telegram staff last Monday and will be in charge of the newspaper's society pages.

Originally from Denver, Colo., Stephens attended Colorado State University to study Journalism, then graduated with a journalism degree from Metropolitan State College in Denver.

As a college senior, he began his career as an intern video editor for KUSA TV in Denver and for the past 18 years, his career has included television journalism, covering news and sports events in and around the Denver area.

Though successful in his career, Stephens said he was ready for some changes, which eventually led him to Norton. His mother and sister live in Norton and he wanted to move to the area to be closer to them.

"It's been a nice change to be in Norton," Stephens said. "I'm used to sitting in traffic for four hours a day to get to and from work and now I

can commute in just a few minutes." In his free time, Stephens enjoys a variety of activities, including golf, following sports news and following political news. He also enjoys skiing and biking when he gets time.

As Society Editor/Reporter, Stephens is responsible for handling obituaries, social news and announcements and public record publication. He will also be assisting in news and photo coverage for every area of the newspaper.

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know the people of Norton and getting to know the people who help make the newspaper what it is," Stephens said. "I'm enjoying my time in Norton and looking forward to becoming a part of this community."

Norton Telegram General Manager Dana Paxton also welcomed Stephens on board to the newspaper, citing his background as an excellent strength.

"We are very happy to have Mike join our staff," Paxton said. "His previous journalism experience will be a great asset to the newspaper and to the community and we're looking forward to working with him."



Mike Stephens

Jennings Firemen's Fun Day draws large crowd

A large crowd attended the 20th annual Jennings Firemen's Fun Day.

Approximately 65 persons participated in the health fair and Kolache coffee.

The garage sale netted over \$500 for the fire department and the Legion bake sale brought in over \$300 for the Jennings American Legion.

The dunk tank did a brisk business. It was operated by the Hoxie cheerleaders who also performed a couple of dance numbers during the parade. Approximately 150 dozen kolaches were baked by local ladies and were all sold by noon.

Forty-five shooters registered for the wobble trap shoot raising nearly \$1,000 for the fire department. Gary Gawith was the top shooter at the Five Stand. Annie Oakley winners included Bill Heilman, Eric Fleckenstein, Kyle Edgett and Greg Bruggeman. Special thanks go to Ed and Allen Braun of Reager and Rock Meier, Menlo, for their efforts in making the shoot a great event.

As he has for the past many years, Stacy Hartzog did an excellent job keeping everyone informed of the day's activities and emceeing the parade. The parade, led by the American Legion Freedom Riders Post #63 had approximately 50 entries. Dignitaries included Derek Schmidt, Attorney General for the

State of Kansas, Ralph Ostmeier, State Senator of the 40th District, and Ward Cassidy, State Representative of the 120th District.

Thirty-six children entered the tractor pull contest for kids from four to 12 years of age. The top three prize winners are qualified to compete at the Kansas State Fair. Winners were: 4-year-old: Abraham Taylor - 1st, Talan Sauvage - 2nd, Payton Bailey - 3rd; 5-year-old: Dashiell Brown - 1st, Will Bruggeman - 2nd, Jessiah McDougal - 3rd; 6-year-old: Sidney Taylor - 1st; 7-year-old: Dylan Green - 1st, Christopher Isbell - 2nd - Rayna Taylor - 3rd; 8-year-old: Calista Isbell - 1st, Kennedy Yeager - 2nd, Hannah Bailey - 3rd; 9-year-old: Brandon Vacura - 1st, Taryn Fleckenstein - 2nd, Jaren Rush - 3rd; 10-year-old: Brecken Rowh - 1st, Dylan Spresser - 2nd, Clayton Carter - 3rd; 11-year-old: Ashley Vacura - 1st; 12-year-old: Matt Vacura - 1st, Dawson Spresser - 2nd.

Winners of the Bike Giveaway sponsored by the Jennings Fire Department and EMS were Malilah Green and Jesse Isbell.

Ten teams entered the Firemen's Team Competition. Winners were Eric and Jeremy Green from the Jennings Fire Department. They reclaimed the trophy they lost last year to Matt Farr and Aaron Ploussard of Oberlin. Prior to last year's loss the Green team

had won eleven consecutive years.

The safety demonstrations by Midwest Energy and the Honor Flight Presentations by Gayle Bainter and George Launchbaugh, both past 90 years of age, were well attended. The museum had nearly 100 guests from six states. Ten communities in Kansas were represented.

Taryn Fleckenstein was voted queen for 2011. Runners-up were Clayton and Anna Carter.

Raffle winners were Sue Long - small flat screen TV, Carl Wahlmeier - DVD player, and Ed Braun - Surround Sound System. The food stand did a brisk business both at lunch and supper.

Only about 35 pounds of the four hogs prepared and 30 buns of the 400 buns purchased were left at the end of the day.

Following the supper and the crowning of the queen, Mike Bailey auctioned off a large number of quality items donated by area businesses and individuals. The bidding was brisk and the buyers were generous.

The firemen greatly appreciated everyone who came to celebrate the day. The Fun Day began as a time for kids to play and enjoy being in Jennings so they were pleased with the number of children who came to join in the fun. They were also happy to see many adults enjoying the day.

