

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

September 20, 2011

Briefly

Party in the Park set for this Saturday

Everyone is invited to a Party in the Park at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24 in Auker Park, Norcat. Hot dogs, buns, marshmallows and tea will be provided. Just bring your own table service, a pot-luck side dish and chairs or blankets. A sing-a-long will follow.

Booster Club set to meet Wednesday

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

Speaking about the results of their team's recent 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.

Racquetball meeting planned for Sunday

The Norton Recreational Commission will hold a racquetball informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Norton Recreation Center to discuss the upcoming winter racquetball league, which will begin in October. For more information, contact Joan Bolt at 877-2122 or Gail at 874-4310.

Ice cream contest planned for Sunday

The staff of the Methodist Missions for Ministries will hold a Norton Ice Cream "Churn Off" championship on Sunday, Sept. 25 to determine the best home-made ice cream in the area. The contest is open to everyone and entrants should bring their ice cream to the First United Methodist Church between 4:30 and 4:50 p.m. and from 5-6 p.m., ice cream will be served to everyone for a free-will donation. Prizes will be awarded to the best ice cream creator.

Markets

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Wheat\$6.81
Milo\$6.16
Soybeans\$12.20
Corn\$6.73

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of light rain showers after midnight. Wednesday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain showers in the morning. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s.

Kingham Report

Friday, Sept. 16Low 42, High 58
Saturday, Sept. 17Low 50, High 60
Sunday, Sept. 18Low 53, High 76
Monday, Sept. 19Low 47, High 85

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

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for being with us in times of loss. Help us to sense your presence and comfort in every situation. Amen.

Northern Valley chooses royalty



The Northern Valley Huskies celebrated Homecoming Friday with a big win over Logan. The final score was 42-20. Members of the Royal Court are as follows: (back, left to right) KhriSSanna VanPatten, Brant Cox, Melissa Hawks, Gunnar Hays, Calen Bach, Cassie Lowry, Jon

Compton, Haley Graham, Mike Siard, DaKota Hilburn, (front, left to right) Kyle Speer, Rayne Wilson, Eli Schemper, Drew Schemper, Mary Baird, Austyn Cox, Jason Cox, Rhett Shelton, Jeremiah Hansen, Nolan Kinderknecht, Brady Lowry and Peyton David.

- Photo by Rayleen Osborn

Norton resident is third Pigskin Pick-Em winner

By Dick Boyd

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Amanda Ray, Norton, one of two football fans to turn in perfect entries in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest, was the winner of the \$15 scrip first prize since she came closest on the tiebreaker game.

Cory Martin, Almena, entered the other perfect entry and will receive \$10 in scrip for second prize.

Oklahoma defeated Florida State 23-13 in the tiebreaker game. Amanda picked it 34-17 or 15 points off the actual scores of the two teams. Cory chose Oklahoma by 42-34 or 40 total points off.

Nine fans missed just one game and seven of them picked the correct tiebreaker winner and were in the running for third place. Stacy Area, Norton, was closest to the actual score of the tiebreaker and will receive the \$5 scrip third prize.

Stacy was 5 points off on the tiebreaker score, followed by Nate Kasper, Norton, 6 off; Kerri Ray, Nor-

ton, 11 off; Abby Rice, Norton, 15 off; Sandi Winchell, Almena, 27 off; Jim Springer, Long Island, 27 off; Darrell Moore, Almena, 37 off. Also missing just one game but choosing the wrong winner of the tiebreaker were Jared Foley, Wichita and Scott Ellis, Norton.

Correct on all but two games were: Mitch Tegmeier, Eudora; Iris Mastin, Oberlin; Lori Pasicas, Stockton; Barbara Springer, Long Island; Jasmine Covington, Bob Covington, Ja'Nee Moore, all of Almena; Travis Ray, Anastasia Foley, Will Ellis, Steve Vollertsen, Lisa Shearer, Keegan Smith, Charlotte Gasper, Andrew Lantz, Chad Gasper, Doug Ray, Tom Baumann, Misty Nuzum, Jennifer Boller, David Riemann, Monica Wilson, Chase Rice, Paige Lowry, Trey Millan, all of Norton.

Missing three games were: Linda Covington, Brenda Husted, Donelle Stewart, all of Almena; W. Luis Cass, Beaver City; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Dalton Smith, Laquita Smith, Craig Foley,

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Norton USD 211 to hold late-start day this week

In transitioning to the new Multi-Tiered Systems of Support schedule, the Norton Community School District will hold a series of four late-start days during the current school year, with the first late-start planned for tomorrow (Wednesday). School will begin at 10:30 a.m.

For the late start days, no breakfast will be served at the school and buses will run on their normal routes,

two hours later than usual. School will dismiss at normal times.

According to information from Norton USD 211, the district is preparing to transition to the new system, which will group students for intensive instruction in areas of need, including math and reading. Transitioning to the system requires significant training for school personnel, which will take place on the late-start mornings.

County closes portion of road

By Carleen Bell

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After a public hearing on the matter Monday morning, the Norton County Commissioners agreed Monday morning to close a small section of roadway in the county.

The portion of roadway is described in the resolution as the "county road lying between the south half of Section two and the north half of section 11 in

Township One."

Norton County Road and Bridge Supervisor Sandy Smith recommended that the section of roadway be closed because it is neglected and unsuited for public travel.

With the closure of the road, the closed portion will be blocked off from public access and marked as a private road.

Stand-off situation ends in arrest of a local man

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A Norton County man has been taken into custody after his part in a stand-off situation that occurred in the early morning hours Sunday in the city of Edmond.

After he broke into the home of his mother and refused to leave, officers apprehended Mitch Kachel, 27, and have charged him with Criminal Trespassing and Criminal Damage to Property.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson reported Monday morning that his office received a call of a domestic situation at 3:23 a.m. Sunday. The caller reported that a man had broken into her house with a shotgun and she was able to hide from him and call 911. Upon arrival, officers learned that the intruder was the woman's son, who did not have permission to be there.

"I was able to make contact with the suspect on the phone and he refused to come out of the house," Thomson said. "He wasn't belligerent or threatening, he just refused to come out of

the house."

Over approximately two hours, officers of the Norton County Sheriff's Office, Norton Police Department, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and Lenora EMS stayed on the scene and attempted to lure Kachel out of the home, who became quieter over time.

The resident of the home, who was still hiding in the home, reported just before 6:10 a.m. that she was experiencing a potential medical emergency and officers decided to forcefully enter the home to apprehend the suspect. Kachel was taken into custody at 6:10 a.m.

Kachel was booked into the Norton County Jail on charges of Criminal Trespassing and Criminal Damage to property, but additional charges are pending a full investigation into the incident.

"We're glad that everyone is safe in a potentially bad situation," Thomson said. "I appreciate the officers and agencies that responded to the scene and helped everything go smoothly."

Norton Community High School begins Homecoming activities

By Dick Boyd

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The 2011 Norton Community High School Homecoming Week began on Monday and will culminate with Friday's events.

Each day is designated a special day. Monday was Favorite College Team Day and today was Hillbilly Day. Wednesday will be Color Day, Thursday has been designated Tacky Day and Friday will be Blue and Yellow Day.

On Friday, students at the high school and junior high will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. to prepare for the parade.

The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. in front of the Junior High and will end at the Norton County Courthouse, where the Pep Rally will be held at 3 p.m.

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

Buses will run at the normal afternoon dismissal time. Junior high and high school students who ride the bus home will be picked up at the Courthouse square at 3:35 p.m.

Activities at Travis Field will begin at 6:25 p.m. with the performance of the Dance Team. The Cheerleaders will follow with a dance routine at 6:30 p.m.

The NCHS Marching Band will take the field at 6:40 p.m. and the Coronation of the King and Queen will occur at 6:45 p.m.

The Queen candidates are Brae Bigge, Alexis Henson, Kylie Nuzum and Erin Terrell.

King candidates are Dillon McConney, Tye Nickell, Michell Shelton and Jordan Wahlmeier.

The crown bearers will be Jenessa Ruder and Bodie Pfannenstiel.

The Marching Band will perform a pre-game show at 6:50 p.m. and will perform again at halftime. In case of inclement weather, the coronation will be held at 10 p.m. in the Junior High Gym

Kickoff is 7 p.m. for the football game between Norton and Oberlin.

The Homecoming Dance will be held in the Junior High Gym from 10 p.m. until midnight.

