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Check out today's edition for the annual Veteran's Day salute, featuring photos of the Veteran's Day Parade in Norton.

Briefly

4-H benefit dinner is set for Saturday

4-H Denver trip benefit meal will be Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Norton Armory. Cost is \$6 at the door. They will be serving beef fries, ham, beef and turkey.

Puzzle Exchange slated for Thursday

Whispering Pines is hosting a puzzle exchange on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Bring your puzzles and enjoy coffee and cookies. Whispering Pines is located on W. Highway 36 in Norton.

College to host holiday fund-raiser

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Northwest Tech's Computer Graphics Department will be hosting the second annual "Holiday Family Portrait" fund-raiser. This event will take place in the Hawks Nest located in the Student Union from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. mountain time.

This will be a first come first, served event, so no reservations will be needed. It will be \$25 for a single setting fee and all participants will receive their images on a CD with a full copyright waiver, which will allow participants to print and use the photos however they would like.

Farm and Ranch Expo is Wednesday

The McCook Farm and Ranch Expo will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Red Willow County Fairgrounds in McCook, Neb.

Markets

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Wheat\$6.30
Milo\$5.92
Soybeans\$11.00
Corn\$6.27

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Scattered flurries after midnight. Wednesday - Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 20s. Thursday - Mostly sunny.

Kingham Report

Friday, Nov. 11Low 33, High 62
Saturday, Nov. 12Low 30, High 67
Sunday, Nov. 13Low 39, High 59
Monday, Nov. 14Low 35, High 61

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

Prayer

Dear God, help each of us to be the face of Christ to all the people you bring into our life. Amen.

Math Magic show comes to Norton

Magic show entertainer Christian Augustine entertained Eisenhower Elementary students Friday morning with a "Math Magic" show at the East Campus gym.

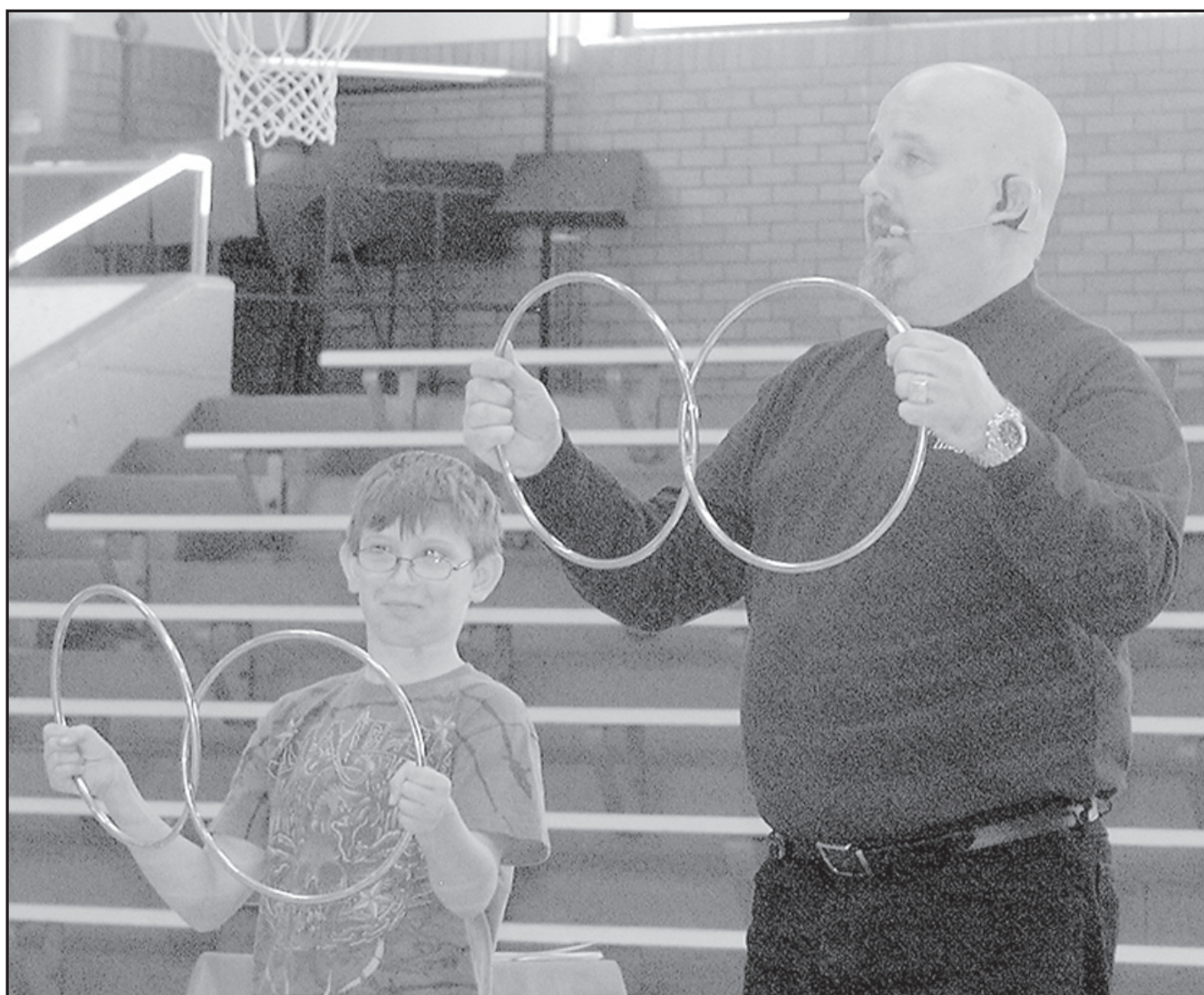
The show used numbers and real-world applications to teach young students about math and how numbers can be manipulated in exciting ways.

The magician performed a variety of tricks and illusions, taking teacher and student volunteers from the audience to assist in the show.

Along with math shows, Augustine also travels the United States performing science magic shows, along with performing for corporate functions and large crowd venues.

(Right) Eisenhower fifth-grader Andrew Gleason helps Augustine demonstrate a trick at the Math Magic show Friday morning.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell



Pigskin Pick-Em chosen by tie-breaker

By Dick Boyd

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Trey Millan and Len Coody, both of Norton, were the only two fans to miss just one game in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and Trey won the \$15 scrip first prize by virtue of being closer to the actual score of the tie-breaker game.

Oregon outscored Stanford 53-30 in the tie-breaker contest. Trey and Len both chose Stanford to win so the judge looked at how close each came to the actual score of each team. Trey picked Stanford to win 28-21, which was 34 points off and Len chose Stanford to win 42-17 or 48 points off and will receive the \$10 scrip second prize.

Trey and Len's only miss was the TCU win over Boise State.

Nineteen fans missed just two games and were in the running for the third prize of \$5 in scrip money. Only three of them picked Oregon to win the tie-breaker game, however, so that narrowed it down considerably. Tiffany Yeager, Norton, won third because she

was only 20 points off on the actual scores of the tie-breaker teams.

Tiffany missed the TCU win and South Gray's victory over Osborne.

Also missing just two games and points off the tie-breaker were Julie Hilburn, Almena, 31 and Monica Wilson, Norton, 32. Julie and Monica both missed the TCU win and Missouri's win over Texas.

Incorrect on two games but wrong on the tie-breaker winner were: Tiffany Welch, Logan; Lori Pasilas, Stockton; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Joni Hilburn, Bob Covington, Linda Covington, all of Almena; Fig Millan, Diana Smith, Shelby Jones, Charlotte Stephenson, Anastasia Foley, Samantha Rojas, Steve Vollertsen, Taryn Graham, Keegan Smith, all of Norton.

Missing three contests were: Holly Jane Scantlin, Lake Quivera; Jim Springer, Long Island; Erin Foley, Eudora; Ann Becker, Lenora; Jared Foley, Wichita; John Simpson, Sacramento, Calif.; Alberta Geil, Ja'Nee Moore,

Brenda Husted, Darin Burge, all of Almena; Dalton Smith, Amanda Ray, Wilma Wiseman, Virginia Carlton, Dalton Miller, Mary Ann Hager, Abby Rice, Douglas Daniels, Nathan Morse, David Riemann, Cory Martin, Jennifer Boller, Kelly Sweet, Jeris Norman, Tom Baumann, Keely Millan, Chad Gasper, Devon Gasper, all of Norton.

Miscuing on four games were: Iris Mastin, Oberlin; Mitch Tegtmeyer, Eudora; Sandi Winchell, Almena; Barbara Springer, Long Island; Regina Beikman, Vallene Berry, Paige Lowry, Chase Rice, Dustan Daniels, Lynn Nelson, Lisa Shearer, Doug Ray, Kerri Ray, Travis Ray, Chelle Millan, Ashley Brown, Tom Davis, all of Norton.

Incorrect on five contests were: Jasmine Covington, Almena; Brody McDowell, Lexie McDowell, both of Hill City; Charlotte Gasper, Rick Green, Jacob Green, Craig Foley, Gaylene Cuzick, Baylee Miller, all of Norton.

Last week's entries

The 12th and final week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday

and received in the mail no later than Monday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

The defending champion is Chase Rice of Norton.

Scores of last week's games were:

Plainville 6, Stanton County 0
South Gray 42, Osborne 38
Thunder Ridge 54, Otis-Bison 26
TCU 36, Boise State 35
Georgia 45, Auburn 7
Baylor 31, Kansas 30 OT
Kansas State 53, Texas A&M 50

4OTs

Missouri 17, Texas 5
Nebraska 17, Penn State 14
Oregon 53, Stanford 30

School administrator visits non-traditional schools

By Carleen Bell

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Visiting three "non-traditional" schools late last month, a local school administrator recently got the opportunity to glimpse what he predicts could be the future of education in Kansas.

Norton Superintendent Greg Mann reported to the Norton School Board Monday evening that he traveled to Rio Rancho, N.M., a suburb of Albuquerque, in late October to visit three "computerized" schools in the area.

Mann reported that he toured three schools, including a public cyber-school for grades 6-12, a public charter school for grades 4-12 and a night school for grades 9-12.

Students enrolled at the schools were there for various reasons, many by choice because traditional education just wasn't working out or wasn't the best situation to fit their needs.

Though different from traditional schools in many ways, the most pronounced difference, Mann explained, was how the students received instruction. For the most part, each student in the three schools worked independently on their own computer stations. The students worked with educational software intended to deliver instruction and track each student's progress.

The independent work setting doesn't, however, eliminate the need for qualified professional teaching staff. Mann explained that the classrooms he visited had professional staff supervising the students, but in a very different way than a traditional classroom. The teachers had the opportunity to work with students one-on-one and in small groups to help provide the individual attention that each student needs to suc-

ceed and excel. The teachers were in the classroom to support the computerized learning, not deliver presentations.

"The teachers I talked to said they wouldn't go back to the traditional way of teaching," Mann said. "They like the opportunity to work with students individually and in small groups and give the help that each student needs."

Though each of the three schools are operated differently, the main objective of each is to focus on the core subjects of math, science, language arts and social studies. In each of the schools, Mann explained, there are few, if any, opportunities for extra-curricular activities or elective courses. Educational credit can be earned, though, through life experience, like music lessons or volunteer experience.

Though the students don't attend the traditional five-day-per-week sessions, the students are encouraged and in some cases, required, to log into the educational programs and work from home in addition to the school attendance. Mann noted that even with the non-traditional school environment, students in the non-traditional schools tend to score very high on the New Mexico State Assessments and on other standardized tests like the ACT.

Of all the things that he observed in the schools, Mann explained that he understands the benefits of the non-traditional schools, not the least of which is allowing teachers to do what they are supposed to be doing.

"While (I'm) not sure (I) like like the school models (I) saw, (I) can definitely see how relieving the teacher of the responsibility of the daily preparation and presentation of information and a large portion of the grading could free teachers up to work more

in depth with individual students and small groups of students," Mann said.

The Superintendent also remarked that many of the students who are identified as Special Education students when they enter the non-traditional schools are not really suffering from learning disabilities. The real problem, Mann conveyed, is gaps in instruction and teaching. When the students are able to work at the pace and level appropriate for their needs, the students often excel and soon are removed from the special education category.

The Norton Superintendent outlined several areas that he perceived as potential advantages and disadvantages to the non-traditional school setting. The advantages include allowing teachers to provide one-on-one attention for students while the educational software provides learning for a wide range of abilities, leaving no gaps in instruction. Another advantage is that accountability goes back to each student, leaving students with no excuses for not doing what they should be doing. The software also removes the human element from instruction so challenges like illness, school absence and human emotion don't interfere with the teaching process.

Some of what could be perceived as advantages, though, can also be considered disadvantages of the non-traditional school setting. Removing the human element can also be a problem because students can't interact on a personal level with the computer.

Mann also cited a potential disadvantage that the schools aren't truly "stand alone" centers. Each relies heavily on traditional schools for back up and support for electives, extra-curricular activities, and a place for students to return if the non-traditional

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