

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

August 31, 2012

The Norton Telegram office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 3. Today's paper will be free to every home and the Monday Extra and the Tuesday, Sept. 4 paper will be combined and delivered on Wednesday, Sept. 5. The Jamboree insert will be in the Aug. 31 edition, not the Sept. 4 edition.



Briefly

Theatre holding poker run benefit

The Norton Theatre is holding a benefit Poker Run on Sept. 8. Registration will be at the Norton Theatre from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with a picture at 10 a.m. Hill City-Tropp's Plainville-The Outlook Stockton-The Office Phillipsburg-The Horseshoe Norton-Eagles Lodge (hog roast/silent auction) \$10 a hand- \$25 for 3 hands T-shirts for sale- \$15 Motorcycles and vehicles are welcome. For more information contact Kim at 785-874-8492 or Kris at 785-871-1771.

Breast cancer event slated for Thursday

A breast cancer awareness event will be held Thursday at Prairie Land Electric's conference room. Speakers are Dr. Anne O'Dea from HaysMed and Dr. Glenda Maurer of Norton Medical Clinic. The event is planned from 6:30-8 p.m. and refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

Markets

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Wheat\$8.20
Milo\$7.52
Soybeans\$17.00
Corn\$7.87

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Friday Night - Clear with a low of 64. Winds from the SSE at 5 to 15 mph. Saturday - Partly cloudy in the morning then clear with a high of 90. Winds less than 5 mph. Saturday Night - Clear with a low of 64. Sunday - Clear with a high of 102. Sunday Night - Clear.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, August 28.....Low 64, High 97
Wednesday, Aug. 29Low 62, High 98
Thursday, August 30.....Low 60, High 100
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Wonderful Father, thank you for helping us to see beyond the turmoil that sometimes rages around and within us. Amen

Dedication held for nursing school



By Mike Stephens
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A ribbon cutting and open house was held on Saturday, Aug. 25 for the opening of Colby Community College's Norton Campus.

Speakers included Dr. Steve Vacik, Colby Community College President, Jeanann Wilson, Colby Community College Norton Campus Coordinator, Rich Miller, Norton County Hospital CEO and Scott Sproul, Norton City/County Economic Development Executive Director, along with Derek Schmidt, Kansas Attorney General.

Moving into the newly renovated 9,000 square foot facility will allow Colby Community College to expand its nursing school from 18 to 30 students.

This fall the nursing program

will begin offering night classes, which will increase the number of students to 60 per semester.

The program was expanded to Norton in 1975 and has been working out of a 2,400 square foot area of the Norton County Hospital.

The college will offer adult education, GED prep and pre-healthcare bridge classes every Wednesday at the Norton campus. There is no charge to enroll in these courses.

The renovation and relocation of the program was a joint project funded by Colby Community College, Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Norton County Commissioners, Norton County Community Foundation, Norton County Hospital and Norton City/County Economic Development.

(Pictured at left) Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt addresses the large crowd at the dedication ceremony.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Empowerment tour planning stop in Norton

Coming up on Sept. 11, Norton will be one of seven stops on the Kansas Small Business Empowerment Tour as state officials reach out to small business owners and individuals about changes to the state's business and tax environment in recent months.

On the tour, state officials will meet with small business owners, economic development leaders and local citizens. Topics to be discussed include tax reform changes for 2013, the state's efforts to recruit businesses to Kansas and updates on the state's Rural Opportunity Zone program.

State leaders expected on the tour are Commerce Secretary Pat George, Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan, Labor Secretary Karin Brownlee and Securities Commissioner Aaron Jack.

The tour meeting is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Sleep Inn and Suites conference room. Other stops include Manhattan, Hays, Dodge City, Hutchinson, Wichita and Independence.

Seating is limited, so anyone interested in attending is asked to register at kansascommerce.com/KSTour. For more information, contact Diana Feldhausen at dfeldhausen@kansascommerce.com or by phone at 785-296-2994.

Car races/show set for this weekend

MBM Motorsports and NEPRA will present the 11th annual vintage car show and races this weekend. The event will be held at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton.

The event will get underway Saturday evening with vintage car races at the Elmwood Park Speedway. Pits open at 4 p.m. with the grandstand opening at 5 p.m. Racing will begin at 7 p.m.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, everyone is invited back to the park for the car show where owners and drivers will be on hand to talk about the history of their cars. A noon meal will be provided for racers and exhibitors.

Racing will continue Sunday evening with pits opening at 4 p.m., grand stand opening at 5 p.m. and racing beginning at 7 p.m.

Admission for each day is \$12 for adults and children 13 and under are free with a paid adult admission. Two-day tickets are also available for \$20, also with 13 and under free with paid adult admission.

For more information about the races or show, contact Rick Schwab at 785-871-0851, Don McMullen at 785-877-3299, Jerry Bantam at 785-877-5353 or Randy Bantam at 785-871-7370.

Norton awarded second geometric grant

By Carleen Bell
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The Kansas Department of Transportation announced this week that Norton is one of 18 cities in Kansas that have been awarded a round of grants for the department's Geometric Improvement program.

The purpose of the project is to improve intersections and road deficiencies on state highways running through cities across the state.

The Norton project includes \$750,000 in state contributions to improve a section of Highway 36 from west of Brown Street to east of Jones Avenue.

The recently announced grant is in addition to a previously awarded grant, which is slated to improve Highway 36 from approximately Subway west to Loves. The second round project will continue west almost to Norton Animal Health Center.

Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson said the city is required to contribute 5 percent of the cost of each project.

In addition, Lawson said, he would like to see both portions of the project run together, along with possibly using state funding to add a sidewalk that would run from the Brooks Motel to the vet clinic. That funding is not guaranteed, however. When both improvement projects are finished, the portion of Highway 36 will be four lanes with

new curb and gutter. Though the the Department of Transportation resurfaced the selected portion of highway last fall, the resurfacing was a very temporary fix and by the time the geometric improvements get underway in 2014 and 2015, the asphalt surface will be broken down again and in need of repair.

Blood drive nets 112 units

After the Aug. 22 blood drive held in Norton, the American Red Cross reports that 112 units of blood were collected in the Battle of the Badges challenge.

Catherine Younger of the American Red Cross said that 125 people showed up to donate blood. The goal was to collect 104 units, which was surpassed with 112.

The winner of the Battle of the Badges competition was the fire department with 42 votes. Second was EMS with 22 votes and law enforcement took third with 20 votes. The fire department has taken the victory crown for two out of the last three competitions.

The next blood drive in Norton will be Wednesday, Oct. 18 at the Norton County 4-H building.

Jennings Firemen's Fun Day held Saturday, Aug. 25

The 21st annual Jennings Firemen's Fun Day was held Aug 25 in Jennings. In attendance were many current and former Jennings residents, supporters from nearby farms and communities, their friends and their relatives.

Approximately 60 people participated in the health fair and received one of the most comprehensive and affordable panel of tests that is offered in the State of Kansas. Participants were screened for a c-reactive protein and Vitamin D level. These tests are usually very expensive and were available to participants at a very low cost and helps assess the risk for a heart attack and helps predict osteoporosis in addition to other health problems.

As usual the day began with the sale of approximately 120 dozen kolaches of seven different varieties. As usual, the kolaches are a crowd favorite and were sold out before noon, as were several dozen homemade cinnamon rolls.

The children were kept busy with pony rides, courtesy of Peggy Westmorland, train rides by Greg Otter, Coin Search, courtesy The Bank, Jennings, the Giant Slide, the dunk tank, and, a new addition to the Fun Day, a large inflatable slide and Moonwalk, provided by Jump-a-rama from Selden. All rides were free, compliments of the Jennings Fire Department.

The Wobble Trap Shoot, held at the Bill Heilman farm, had approximately 40 shooters aged 13 to 65 years old. They contributed nearly \$1,200 to the

proceeds of the day. Winners of the Annie Oakley were Bill Heilman, Seth Otter and Jimmy Kruse. Winner at the five stand was Eric Fleckenstein. Special thanks go to Ed and Jo Braun and Bill Heilman for their contributions to the event.

The Legion bake sale netted \$400 to be used for improvements to the American Legion building and 12 Legion members participated in the parade.

The museum was a busy place with over 100 visitors from Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas viewing the artifacts. Visitors are always impressed with the number and quality of items to be viewed.

The bingo tables were busy all day.

Lunch was served by the Jennings Fire Department and was quite popular. The parade was delayed briefly until guests had finished going through the lunch line. The parade had over 40 entries and was led by the Norton and Oberlin American Legion Riders and the Oberlin and Jennings American Legion Posts. Jim Gallentine played the Star Spangled Banner while the crowd saluted the US flag flying over the fire house. The flag had had once flown above the Jennings schools. Dignitaries in attendance included State senator Allen Schmidt, Hays, and State Representative Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell.

Following the parade, over 30 children from ages 4 to 12 participated in the tractor pull.

- 5-year-olds - 1st Elle Juenemann, 2nd Abe Taylor, 3rd Londyn Schiltz
- 6-year-olds - 1st Will Bruggeman, 2nd Trent Fenner, 3rd Braden Scheetz
- 7-year-olds - 1st Jaron Adelman, 2nd Sidney Taylor, 3 Jayden Fenner
- 8-year-olds - 1st Nolan Juenemann, 2nd Christopher Isbell, 3rd Madison DuBois
- 9-year-olds - 1st Calista Isbell, 2nd Alana Meitl, 3rd Anja Ladrigan
- 10-year-olds - 1st Brandon Vacura, 2nd Jaren Rush, 3rd Anna Carter
- 11-year-olds - 1st Judith Isbell, 2nd Shiloh Marine, 3rd Clayton Carter

Nine teams from Jennings, Oberlin, Lenora and Norcatour competed in the firemen's barrel competition. Winners were Jeremy and Eric Green, Jennings. Runners up were Tanner Eskew, Jennings, and Dan Dempewolf, Oberlin. Jeremy and Eric Green won the traveling trophy for 11 consecutive years before losing it in 2010 to Matt Farr and Aaron Ploussard of Oberlin. They regained the trophy for Jennings in 2011 and ensured it stays in Jennings for the next year.

Seven girls entered the queen contest. The winner was Malilah Green. Runner-up was McHaley Carter. Winners of the bike giveaway were Jazzmin Mills and Luke Wahlmeier.

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