

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

September 11, 2012

Briefly

Booster club will meet Wednesday

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

Speaking will be head tennis coach Jim Green, head volleyball coach Kevin Jilka, head cross country coach George Rossi and head football coach Lucas Melvin.

Schools dismissing early Wednesday

The USD 211 schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Wednesday for teacher training. Buses will run and lunch will be served.

Illusionist show is Sunday afternoon

The Norton County Arts Council will present Reza this coming Sunday at the East Campus Auditorium. Reza is an illusionist who will present a show full of magic and illusion. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information about the show, visit www.rezalive.com

Trivia night set for Saturday evening

The Second Chance Homeless Pet Society will be holding their annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Saturday at the Norton Eagles Lodge. Registration at 6 p.m. with the trivia contest running from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Treasure Hunt will begin this Friday

The three-day US 36 Treasure Hunt begins this Friday running from the Colorado line to the Missouri line. Maps can be picked up for the Norton area at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Markets

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Wheat	\$8.21
Milo	\$7.23
Soybeans	\$16.30
Corn	\$7.64

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tuesday Night - Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy with thunderstorms and a chance of rain. Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorm and a chance of rain in the morning. Highs in the 90s. Thursday - Mostly cloudy with rain showers.

Kingham Report

Friday, Sept. 7	Low 61, High 74
Saturday, Sept. 8	Low 44, High 84
Sunday, Sept. 9	Low 45, High 82
Monday, Sept. 10	Low 52, High 92

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

Prayer

Dear God, help us in times of struggle to remember that your love for each of us is steadfast. Amen.

Poker run nets \$3,800 for theatre

By Carleen Bell
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To help raise money for the Norton Theatre's digital conversion, a benefit poker run was held Saturday. Organizer Kim Mortenson reports that 44 registered motorcyclists showed up for the ride and several others who hadn't registered. After making several stops around northwest Kansas, the ride ended up back in Norton for a free-will donation dinner. About 200 guests were served at the dinner.

All together, the event raised \$3,800 to help bring updated showing equipment to the Norton Theatre, which is in danger of closing without the updated equipment.

The goal is to raise \$150,000 for the projects to keep the theatre open and showing films.

(Right) Motorcyclists Gerald Speer and Justin Speer (center) sign in for the poker run at the theatre while Justis Posson (left) and Kris Knapp (right) help keep everything organized.

—Telegram photos by Carleen Bell



Pigskin Pick'Em winners miss only one game

By Dick Boyd

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Six football fans missed one game in the second week of the annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and three won prizes based on the tiebreaker game.

Winner of the \$15 scrip first prize was Amanda Ray, Norton, who missed just the Rice win over Kansas. UCLA beat Nebraska 36-30 in the tiebreaker game and none of the six picked Nebraska so the judges decision was based on how close each one came to the actual score of each team.

Amanda picked Nebraska by 28-27 or a total of 11 points off.

Second prize of \$10 in scrip goes to Clint Hammond, Norton. He also missed the Kansas loss and was 13 points off on the tiebreaker.

Virginia Carlton, Norton, won the third prize of \$5 in scrip. Her only miss was also the Kansas game. She was 19 points off on the tiebreaker.

The other three fans with one miss and points off on the tiebreaker were: Travis Ray, Norton, 21; Kerri Ray, Norton, 22; Tom Davis, Norton, 24.

Missing two contests were: Jim Springer, Long Island; Trey Millan, Hays; Jim Winchell, Linda Covington, both of Alma; Brenda Lenker, Phillipsburg; Mary Ann Hager, Fig Millan, Jeris Norman, Keegan Smith, Lisa Shearer, Abby Rice, Doug Daniels, Du-

stan Daniels, Jacob Green, all of Norton.

Correct on all but three games were: Jasmine Covington, Alma; Bob L. Cass, Beaver City; Lexie McDowell, Aaron McDowell, both of Hill City; Kenney Leiker, Ellis; Lisa Mussman, Phillipsburg; Doug Ray, David Riemann, Steve Vollertsen, Scott Ellis, Rick Green, Lynn Nelson, Len Coady, Garret Otter, Brenda Beutler, Tom Baumann, Dawn Johnson, Baylee Miller, Craig Knapp, Jennifer Boller, Chelle Millan, Keely Millan, Andrew Lantz, Laquita Smith, Charlotte Gasper, Chase Rice, Kennedy Yeager, all of Norton.

Missing four games were: Brenda Husted, Sandi Winchell, Ja'Nee Moore, Alberta Geil, Bob Covington, all of Alma; Dorothy Becker, Logan; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Ashley Smith Maybon, Lawrence; Ann Becker, Lenora; Mark Smith Maybon, Shawnee; Nathan Morse, Will Ellis, Tobi Boller, Luke VanSkike, Wilma Wiseman, Dennis Maybon, Taryn Graham, Deanna Gallentine, Charlotte Stephenson, Tiffney Yeager, Heather Simmons, Ken Gregoire, Regina Beikman, Chad Gasper, all of Norton.

Incorrect on five contests were: Julie Hilburn, Alma; Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Devon Gasper, Shara Dukes, Cassie Walker, Paul Myers, all of Norton.

Tiffany Compton, Alma; Barbara Brooks, Clay-

ton; Dalton Smith, Sharrelle Shinn and Dalton Miller, all of Norton, missed six games.

One fan missed just three games but did not sign their entry.

This week's entries

The third 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.

Scores of last week's games were:

Norton 22, Goodland 7
Northern Valley 44, Triplains 18
Osborne 54, Hill City 36
Phillipsburg 24, Oberlin 0
Plainville 56, Ellis 0
Kansas State 52, Miami, Fla. 13
Rice 25, Kansas 24
Iowa State 9, Iowa 6
Florida 20, Texas A&M 17
UCLA 36, Nebraska 30

City reports on 2012 pool season finances and use

By Carleen Bell

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After the conclusion of the 2012 season, city leaders have released an operations report for the Norton swimming pool, indicating that the city lost just under \$20,000 from the facility this year.

According to the city's report, the total cost to operate the pool this season was \$45,430.15. The revenue from the facility was \$25,646.10, leaving a deficit of \$19,784.05.

According to city officials, such a deficit is not unusual for city pools. The loss in 2011 was \$19,115 and the loss in 2010 was \$19,557.

Included in the cost and revenue is concessions sold at the facility. The total cost of concessions for the pool was \$3,082.92 and total revenue from concessions was \$6,320.92.

The city pool was in operation for 135 days this year and overall, the facility used 2,913,915 gallons of water for the season. The cost of the water usage based on current consumer rates is \$9,928.97.

For admissions, 69 individual season passes were sold, along with 64 family passes. Punch cards totaled 88 and the total single daily admissions was 3,223.

Also this season, 13 pool parties were held at the facility. There were 11 life-guards and five concessions workers employed.

Council approves streetlight purchase

By Carleen Bell

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Looking for alternatives to inefficient lighting, the Norton City Council approved Wednesday evening a bid to purchase 175 streetlights for the downtown area.

According to Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson, the city received four bids for the purchase. The low bid was from Western Extralite of Hays in the amount of \$59,506.25.

Lawson said that the new lights will replace the current series lighting in the downtown area. The new lights are

brighter, much more energy efficient and are expected to last much longer than traditional incandescent lights.

The city has budgeted \$300,000 to replace street lights for the community and the installation of the current lights could take several months, depending on delivery time.

The lights that will be purchased are similar to the lights currently in front of the city office and post office. The new lights will include new fixtures on current light poles. The old fixtures will also generate some revenue for the city because they can be sold for scrap.

Extension announces new youth agent

Effective Sept. 30, Patsy Maddy of Norton will join the staff of the K-State Research and Extension Twin Creeks District as a 4-H youth development agent. The Twin Creeks District is comprised of Decatur, Norton and Sheridan counties.

Maddy, who will be based in the Twin Creeks District's Norton office, worked previously as a county coordinator for the Norton County Farm Bureau as well as a service associate for Farm Bureau Financial Services. She has also been a substitute teacher.

She earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from K-State.

Youth development extension agents provide leadership in their communities by developing and delivering educational programming relative to building life skills in children and teens, including a positive self concept, an inquiring mind, a concern for the community, healthy

interpersonal relationships and sound decision making.

Extension agents are jointly employed in a partnership between K-State

Research and Extension, headquartered on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan, and the local Extension board.

Drug take-back is Sept. 29

To help combat illegal and accidental prescription drug use, the Norton County Sheriff's Department is participating in the annual prescription drug disposal program.

On Saturday, Sept. 29, expired, unused and unwanted medication can be dropped off at the Sheriff's Office at the Norton County Courthouse. The service is free and anonymous and drugs can be dropped off from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The drug take-back is not limited to only prescription drugs. Medications like cough syrup, over-the-counter pain relievers and pet medications will also be accepted. The medication will be collected and sent to the Drug Enforcement Agency for disposal.

According to information from the Sheriff's Office, the take-back program has garnered 276 tons of medication at 5,600 drop-off sites across the nation.

