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## Students preparing to plant wheat



Briefly

### Blood drive will be this Wednesday

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive on Wednesday at the Norton County 4-H building from noon to 6 p.m.

### Church supper is set for Wednesday

The annual Long Island United Methodist Church Supper and Bazaar will be held at the Long Island church on Wednesday. The menu will include turkey/ham, dressing and all the trimmings with homemade pie as well. Serving will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with the Country Store open with baked goods and items too numerous to mention during the evening.

### Hospital board will meet Monday night

The Norton County Hospital Board meeting for October, usually scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, has been moved to Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the hospital. The regular meeting date will resume in November.

### EES students set to hold vocal concert

The third and fourth graders at Eisenhower Elementary will hold a vocal concert Tuesday evening. The concert is planned for 7 p.m. at the East Campus auditorium.



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Before re-planting the plot of ground, Eisenhower Elementary students spent part of Thursday afternoon taking soil samples of the school's wheat plot. The students have been planting, harvesting and maintaining the small wheat plot for several years and, in the process, get to learn about the importance of wheat and other agriculture to the Kansas food supply. With this "Little Red Hen" project, students get to see the wheat from planting to harvest, then use harvest to make food products like bread and pretzels at the school. The Little Red Hen project is funded through grants from Farm Bureau.

Pictured, Twin Creeks Extension Agent Keith Van Skike talks about different types of soil samples while Mrs. Slipke's 6th grade science class waits their turns to take samples. Students will plant a wheat crop a little later this fall after the plot of ground has been prepared for planting.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

## Pigskin Pick-Em nets nine perfect entries

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The many fans entering this week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest really displayed their skills at picking winners as nine of them turned in perfect papers and judges went to the tiebreaker game to decide the three prize winners.

Making it even more interesting was the fact that two of the three winners were previously annual champions of the contest.

This week's winner is Taryn Graham, Norton, who happens to be the defending champion. In addition to getting the correct winners on all nine regular games, she was closest to the actual score of the tiebreaker game, which was won 48-45 by West Virginia over Texas. Taryn chose West Virginia by 42-35 or a total of just 16 points off the actual score of each team. Taryn will receive \$15 in scrip money as her reward.

Laquita Smith, Norton, also had a perfect entry and chose West Virginia over Texas by 46-26, 21 points off and will receive \$10 in scrip money as her prize.

Another former annual contest winner, Mary Ann Hager, Norton, won the third prize of \$5 in scrip money since she predicted all winners and chose West Virginia by 30-24 or 39 points off.

Also correct on all nine regular games but pick-

ing Texas to win the tiebreaker game were: Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Tobi Boller, Jennifer Boller, David Riemann, Regina Beikman, all of Norton.

Missing just one game were Jim Springer, Long Island; Heather Simmons, Alex Ronzani, Fig Millan, Keely Millan, Virginia Carlton, Chad Gasper, Rick Green, Paul Myers, Travis Ray, Dustan Daniels, Scott Ellis, Steve Vollertsen, Doug Ray, all of Norton.

Incorrect on two contests were: Dorothy Becker, Logan; Linda Covington, Bob Covington, Tiffany Compton, all of Alma; Ann Becker, Lenora; Lisa Mussman, Brenda Lenker, both of Phillipsburg; Trey Millan, Hays; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Lynn Nelson, Nathan Morse, Douglas Daniels, Jeff Porter, Wilson Ellis, Tom Davis, Devon Gasper, Jacob Green, Abby Rice, Chase Rice, Len Coady, Lisa Shearer, Andrew Lantz, Dalton Miller, Cassie Walker, Shara Dukes, Ken Gregoire, Jeris Norman, Chelle Millan, Tiffney Yeager, Ryan Hopkins, all of Norton.

Miscuing on three games were: Alberta Geil, Brenda Husted, Sandi Winchell, all of Alma; Dean Knapp, Bird City; W. Luis Cass, Beaver City; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Kenney Leiker, Ellis; Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Andrew Ellis, Charlotte Gasper, Wilma Wiseman, Kerri Ray, Amanda Ray, Patty Gall,

Baylee Miller, Deanna Gallentine, Dalton Smith, Darin Williams, Tom Baumann, all of Norton.

Incorrect on four contests were: Theresa Knapp, Bird City; Julie Hilburn, Alma; Brenda Beutler, Keegan Smith, Coady Knapp, all of Norton.

Jim Winchell, Alma; Bob L. Cass, Beaver City; Kennedy Yeager, Clint Hammond, both of Norton, missed five games.

#### This week's entries

The seventh week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. today and received in the mail no later than Monday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. today.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in Tuesday'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 26, Colby 23 O.T.; Northern Valley 54, Natoma, 8; Wheatland 32, Logan 18; Phillipsburg 59, Thomas More Prep 0; Quinter 14, Hill City 6; Florida 14, LSU 6; Kansas State 56, Kansas 16; Ohio State 63; Nebraska 38; South Carolina 35, Georgia 7; West Virginia 48, Texas 45.

## Pool forum scheduled for next Thursday evening

To help provide information and answer questions from the public, Norton city leaders will host a second public forum Thursday leading up to the Nov. 6 election on whether or not to levy a sales tax to fund the construction of a new city swimming pool.

The meeting is slated for Thursday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room at Prairie Land on Highway 36 just west of Norton.

Norton City Council member Roberta Ryan reports that the current city pool was constructed 58 years ago and, as the facility has aged, many maintenance issues have arisen.

The question of whether or not to build a new pool has been a topic before the city council for about three years, especially as the city has moved forward with investigating the possibilities for renovation or new construction.

To help determine the best option for the city, the council decided to hire a consulting company to conduct a study to point out the problems with the current swimming pool and what the cost would be to fix it.

Ultimately, after taking four bids, the city hired Aquatic Design Consultants to conduct the study. According to

the company's evaluation, the current swimming pool is plagued with problems, included water leakage, misaligned shell, inadequate filtration and chemical distribution and non-compliance with ADA regulations, among other problems.

A pool committee appointed by the city council worked with the designer to come up with a design that committee members felt fit the needs of Norton. The committee conducted a community survey to gather public input about the pool design and after some tweeks, the committee approved the final pool design.

"From that design came the \$3,977,600 total construction cost and a detailed estimate based on up-to-date construction numbers from projects that have just been completed in Kansas," Ryan said. "This number also includes furnishings (\$30,800), construction testing (\$25,000), and a contingency fund of \$85,000. The total projected cost which includes construction, operations and maintenance of pool when finished, furnishings, construction testing, a contingency fund, bond issuance cost, and debt reserve is \$4,535,000."

The proposed pool will include a toddler area of 578 square feet, zero depth entry and adult area of 3,790 square feet, lap/general use area of 3,375 square feet (six lanes at 25 yards) and diving area of 1,531 square feet, totalling 10,164 square feet. Slides and two diving boards, a bathhouse area of 4,352 square feet, including breezeway

and mechanical housing are also in the proposal.

Ryan reported that the proposed cost of the project includes a sewer main attachment to the city sewer system. Everything is included in the price for the complete project, including landscaping, fence, sidewalks, parking lot and lighting. The bath house area, which will also house the mechanical room, and concession stand will be refined during final design, Ryan said.

To finance the proposed project, a Nov. 6 election ballot will ask voters to approve a .75 percent sales tax increase. The sales tax proposal is slated to pay a 20-year bond, and after 20 years, the proposed tax will be removed.

The current sales tax in the city of Norton is 7.55 percent and the proposed increase will take the rate to 8.30 percent.

If state leaders don't retract the decision, however, the state-wide sales tax rate is slated to decrease by .60 percent next year. With the .75 percent pool sales tax, the rate would be left at 7.70 percent, or .15 percent higher than the current rate.

Anyone with questions about the proposed project or sales tax is encouraged to attend the Oct. 18 meeting to raise their concerns. On hand at the meeting will be Rick Ens, the city's bonding agent, and Kevin McElyea, the pool designer.

For more information about the design of the proposed project, visit [www.nortonpool.com](http://www.nortonpool.com)

## Parent/teacher conferences are next Monday in Norton schools

Marking the end of the first quarter of the school year, Norton Community Schools will be holding parent-teacher conferences Monday, Oct. 22

For Eisenhower Elementary students, teachers in the building schedule individual appointments with parents and information has been sent home with Eisenhower students.

For the junior high and high school, the morning session will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the afternoon session will be from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Parents should visit the school office to pick up their student report cards, then visit the classroom teachers.

High school teachers who also teach junior high students will meet with parents in the junior high gym during the first session. High school teachers will be in their classrooms for the afternoon session.

In addition to the Monday conferences, school will not be in session on Friday, Oct. 19 or Monday, Oct. 22. School will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

## Markets

Friday, October 12, 2012

Wheat	\$8.37
Milo	\$7.12
Soybeans	\$14.56
Corn	\$7.57

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Friday Night - Overcast with thunderstorms and rain showers. Fog overnight. Saturday - Overcast with a chance of a thunderstorm in the morning, then partly cloudy. Fog early. High of 77. Saturday Night - Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms and a chance of rain in the evening.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, Oct. 9 .....Low 36, High 69  
Wednesday, Oct. 10 .....Low 28, High 65  
Thursday, Oct. 11 .....Low 41, High 64  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear Lord, guide us along our faith journey when we stumble along the way. Help us to always stay focused on our faith. Amen

