

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

October 23, 2012

Briefly

Red Ribbon week celebrated this week

The Norton School will be celebrating "The Best Me Is Drug-Free" Red Ribbon Week through the end of the month. It is a campaign to fight against substance abuse. So put on your red in support a drug-free lifestyle.

Booster club to meet Wednesday

The ninth meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club in the fall sports season 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 volleyball coach Kevin Jilka, head cross country coach George Rossi and head football coach Lucas Melvin.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the meetings, which will be held every Wednesday evening at the same location.

You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

Ribbon cutting on Friday at Bella Sole'

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting for Bella Sole' on Friday at 10 a.m.

Author to visit the USD 211 schools

The Northwest Kansas Library System, USD 211, The Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Natoma Corporation, New Age Industrial, First Security Bank and Trust and the Almena State Bank will bring author Ben Mikaelsen to present his stories to the UDS 211 schools and the public on Thursday at the Stull Gym at 8:30 a.m.

Markets

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Wheat	\$8.36
Milo	\$7.19
Soybeans	\$14.53
Corn	\$7.44

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tuesday Night - Clear with a low of 48. Wednesday - Clear in the morning then partly cloudy with a high of 70. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain in the evening. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a high of 50. Breezy.

Kingham Report

Friday, Oct. 19	Low 34, High 66
Saturday, Oct. 20	Low 38, High 83
Sunday, Oct. 21	Low 41, High 74
Monday, Oct. 22	Low 47, High 62

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

Prayer

Dear God, show us our talents so that we can help to spread your word and love today. Give us courage to use them often and well. Amen



The Norton Junior and Senior High school music students held their first concert of the year on Thursday. Under the direction of Tammy Cochran, the Show Choir started the night, followed by the Junior high choir and then the men's group, ladies group and rounded out the evening with the high school chorus.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Eight turn in perfect Pick-Em entries

By DICK BOYD

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Eight fans had perfect entries in the eighth week of the Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and Chad Gasper, Norton, emerged as the first prize winner of \$15 in scrip money based on his choice of the score of the tiebreaker game.

Texas Tech defeated TCU 56-53 in three overtimes and the tiebreaker score guesses obviously weren't very close. All but one of the eight fans with perfect entries chose Texas Tech as the winner. Chad selected Texas Tech with a score of 48-28, or 33 points off the actual scores of the two teams.

Kerri Ray, Norton, also missed none of the regular games and chose Texas Tech by 41-31, or 37 points off and will receive \$10 in scrip money for second

place.

Third place scrip money of \$5 goes to Jeff Porter, Norton, who was perfect on all nine regular games and chose Texas Tech by 40-30 in the tiebreaker, or 39 points off.

The other fans with perfect entries and points off on the tiebreaker game were: Tobi Boller, Norton, 46; Jacob Green, Norton, 54; Linda Covington, Almena, 58; Andrew Lantz, Norton, 65.

Amanda Ray, Norton, also had a perfect entry on the regular games but incorrectly chose TCU to win the tiebreaker game.

Fans missing only one game were: Kenney Leiker, Ellis; Ann Becker, Lenora; Sandi Winchell, Almena; Shara Dukes, Baylee Miller, Dustan Daniels, Chase Rice, Abby Rice, Laquita Smith, Darin Williams, Regina Beikman, Taryn Graham, Doug Ray, all of Norton.

Incorrect on two contests were: Dorothy Becker, Logan; Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Jasmine Covington, Bob Covington, Tiffany Compton, all of Almena; Lisa Mussman, Phillipsburg; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Trey Millan, Hays; Theresa Knapp, Bird City; Craig Knapp, Ryan Hopkins, Keegan Smith, Dalton Smith, Douglas Daniels, Travis Ray, Dalton Miller, Heather Simmons, Tom Baumann, Charlotte Stephenson, Ken Gregoire, Chelle Millan, Steve Vollertsen, Wilma Wiseman, Len Coady, Andrew Ellis, Tiffney Yeager, Fig Millan, Keely Millan, all of Norton.

Miscuing on three games were: Julie Hilburn, Alberta Geil, Jim Winchell, all of Almena; Brenda Lenker, Phillipsburg; Dean Knapp, Bird City; Jim Springer, Long Island; Lisa Shearer, Jennifer Boller, Virginia Carlton, Mary Ann Hager, Rick Green, Nathan Morse, Clint Hammond, Kennedy Yeager, Wilson Ellis, David Riemann, Tom Davis, Charlotte Gasper, Paul Myers, Chandra McKenna, all of Norton.

Missing four contests were: Brenda Husted, Almena; Scott Ellis, Garret Otter, Lynn Nelson, Devon Gasper, Cassie Walker, Brenda Beutler, Patty Gall, all of Norton.

This week's entries

The ninth week's entries must be

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Pool forum draws large crowd with questions

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A large crowd attended the second informational public forum on the proposed construction of a new swimming pool in Norton which was held at the meeting room of Prairie Lane Electric on Thursday evening in Norton.

The meeting was hosted by the City of Norton and was attended by City Council members Roberta Ryan, Harriet Gill, Donna Foley, Jerry Jones and Jerry Moritz; Mayor David Corns; City Administrator Rob Lawson and City Attorney Karen Griffiths. Council member Ron Briery had a scheduling conflict and was unable to be present.

Councilman Moritz, who is chairman of the Parks and Cemetery Committee, was the moderator.

Also in attendance were Kevin McElyea, Aquatic Design Consultants, Inc., the pool designer and Rick Ensz, Cooper Malone McClain, Inc. Investment Bankers, the city's bond underwriter.

McElyea began by projecting on a screen the diagram of the proposed new swimming pool and explaining all the features. He made the point that the design reflects the results of the public survey which he said received a large response from citizens.

Answering a question from the crowd later in the evening, he stated that the new pool would be a "Chevrolet" design, including all the necessary features, versus a "Cadillac" design with more luxurious features.

As part of his presentation, McElyea explained the many defects of the

58-year old pool, including horizontal settlement, uneven and rough surface, worn out piping, cracks in the structure, water leakage, inefficient pool filtration and chemical treatment system and deteriorating bath house roof plus non-compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act regulations. He said there is so much wrong with the pool that remodeling would cost about as much as a new pool, would only last half as long and would lack modern features.

Ensz explained the 20-year financing of the pool, indicating that he underestimated revenues and overestimated costs to ensure that the project would be financially sound.

He told the large crowd that the city of Norton is strong financially and

should have no trouble with the financing. He displayed a chart that showed the city of Norton's sales tax revenues steadily growing in recent years despite a slowing economy, which indicates a plus "pull factor" for the city, according to the Annual

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Annual Halloween parade to be held this Thursday

The Annual Halloween Parade and Wiener Roast will be held this Thursday in downtown Norton. The Norton Volunteer Fire Department and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will again co-sponsor the event. Participants in the parade are asked to assemble in the parking lot across from Destination Kitchen and Stitch Up A Storm on East Main at 6 p.m. Kids will be divided into groups from pre-school to sixth grade. Representatives of DSNWK and others will be holding signs for each age group to line up. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will move east along Main Street to State Street, then south to Washington Street and east to the City Hall. At the conclusion of the parade, the free wiener roast will be held by the Norton Volunteer Fire Department. The wiener roast is financed through donations from businesses and individuals in the Norton area. Norton County Hospital personnel will be handing out trick or treat bags that contain apples and candy. This year the candy will be donated by the hospital. All children are invited to participate. For more information, call the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Office at 877-2501.



Kevin McElyea, pool designer, second from left, answers a question from the audience during the City of Norton's informational public forum on the proposed new swimming pool for Norton. Also pictured, from left, are City Administrator Rob Lawson; City Councilman Jerry Moritz, the moderator for the forum and Rick Ensz, representing the City's bond underwriter.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

