

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

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Briefly

Booster club to meet this Wednesday

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

Speaking will be head cross country coach George Rossi telling about state meet results and head football coach Lucas Melvin giving details of the District win over Phillipsburg and upcoming playoff game with Sacred Heart of Salina.

All fans are invited to the meetings. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

Tag renewals are due by October 31

October 31 is the deadline for the renewal of vehicle tags for all persons whose last name begins with "S" or business names beginning with "S." When renewing your vehicles at the Norton County Treasurer's office remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. For trailers, proof of insurance is required for the vehicle pulling the trailer. Verification of the VIN number, policy number and current expiration date is required. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for vehicle business. Driver license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. You need to have your driver's license and a current utility bill or a current bank statement with your name and address. CDL licenses must be renewed at a full service office in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

Stroke detection screening at Library

Stroke Detection Plus will be screening on Thursday, November 1 8:00 am - 3:30 pm at Norton Public Library.

Appointments are necessary. To set up an appointment, call toll-free 1-877-732-8258.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$8.40
Milo.....	\$7.08
Soybeans.....	\$14.53
Corn.....	\$7.32

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tuesday Night - Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy with a low of 34. Wednesday - Clear with a high of 68. Breezy. Wednesday Night - Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy with a low of 37. Thursday - Partly cloudy in the morning, then clear with a high of 73. Thursday Night - Mostly cloudy in the evening, then overcast with a low of 43. Friday - Overcast with a high of 66. Friday Night - Mostly cloudy in the evening, then overcast. Saturday - Clear with a high of 63.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us as we are. Help us to abide in your word always. Amen.

Have a safe Halloween!



This year's Heller Halloween parade brought out record numbers and a record number of hot dogs were cooked up and eaten. Featured in the photo from front left to right are: Layla Puga, Libbi Puga, Karen Carter and son Max, Holly Puga with her son Caylob, then Libbi Puga, and Cory and son Corbin Puga. Jack Carter is at the front of the photo.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

A boat tax an item on the Nov. 6 ballot

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, Kansans will have an opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment that would allow the Kansas Legislature to change the way watercraft are taxed for property tax purposes. For tax purposes, a watercraft is any boat powered by gasoline, diesel, electric, oars or sail, including sailboards, personal watercraft (jet skis), kayaks, and canoes.

The amendment would allow lawmakers to classify and tax watercraft on a basis different from other property. The amendment would not directly change how watercraft are taxed; rather, it is a required first step before legislators can make changes in the future, if they choose to do so.

A vote for the proposition would allow the legislature to separately classify and tax watercraft or to exempt watercraft from property taxes and impose another form of tax.

Watercraft property taxes vary by county and value of the watercraft. For county property tax purposes, watercraft are taxed at a rate of 30 percent of a vessel's value multiplied by the county mill levy. This rate is higher than many other states, and is set by the Kansas constitution, which is why an amendment is necessary to allow lawmakers to consider classification and tax rate changes. Three neighboring states - Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri - do not have a property tax on watercraft, and neither do Texas and Iowa.

Boats powered by gasoline, diesel, electric, or sail must be registered with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The department annually sends its list of watercraft registrations to each county so appraisers will know who has registered their watercraft. Registrations and renewals cost \$32.50 each, and are valid for three years from the registration date.

To lower their property tax burden, some owners unlawfully register their vessels in a neighboring state. The only way county appraisers know if a resident owns a watercraft is for the owner to declare it for property tax purposes or to use the watercraft registration records. An estimated 10,000 Kansas residents register their boats in other states to avoid paying higher property taxes in Kansas. Kansas has about 85,000 registered watercraft.

The department uses registration revenues along with matching federal funds—the amount of which is determined by the number of registered watercraft - to support boating-related programs such as developing, improving, and maintaining docks, boat ramps, toilet

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Toughest week for Pick-Em fans

By DICK BOYD

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In the toughest week yet for fans, only three were in the running for the prizes in the Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and all three of them missed one game.

Two of the three picked the wrong winner of the tiebreaker game between Oklahoma State and TCU, which was won 36-14 by Oklahoma State, so Charlotte Gasper, Norton, won the first prize of \$15 in scrip money.

Keegan Smith, Norton, won the second prize of \$5 in scrip money since, despite picking the wrong winner, Keegan was closest to the actual scores of the two tiebreaker teams.

Third place scrip money of \$5 was won by Dalton Smith, Norton.

Fans missing two games were: Dorothy Becker, Logan; Kenney Leiker, Ellis; Kerri Ray, Dustan Daniels, Heather Simmons, Tiffany Yeager, Kennedy Yeager, Brenda Beutler, Tom Davis, Devon Gasper, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three contests were: Aaron McDowell, Lexi McDowell, both of Hill City; Barbara Brooks, Clayton;

Ann Becker, Lenora; Brenda Husted, Jim Winchell, Jasmine Covington, Bob Covington, all of Alma; Len Coady, Cassie Walker, Charlotte Stephenson, Jennifer Boller, Regina Beikman, Lisa Shearer, Douglas Daniels, Chase Rice, Jacob Green, Chad Gasper, Jeris Norman, Ryan Hopkins, Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton.

Missing four games were: Tiffany Compton, Julie Hilburn, Linda Covington, all of Alma; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Lance Braun, Norcat; Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Craig Knapp, Keely Millan, Fig Millan, Taryn Graham, Abby Rice, David Riemann, Shara Dukes, Mary Ann Hager, Tobi Boller, Chelle Millan, Ken Gregoire, Tom Baumann, Amanda Ray, Travis Ray, Lynn Nelson, Steve Vollertsen, Cheryl Frias, all of Norton.

Incorrect on five contests were: Lisa Mussman, Phillipsburg; Jim Springer, Long Island; Trey Millan, Hays; Sandi Winchell, Alma; Rick Green, Nathan Morse, Andrew Lantz, Laquita Smith, Baylee Miller, Paul Myers, Dalton Miller, Patty Gall, all of Norton.

Darin Williams and Doug Ray, both of Norton, and Brenda Lenker, Phillipsburg, each miscued on six games.

This week's entries

The tenth 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 college games only since playoffs began today among high school teams.

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: Alabama 38, Mississippi State 7; UCLA 45, Arizona State 43; Georgia 17, Florida 9; Iowa State 35, Baylor 21; Texas 21, Kansas 17; North Carolina 43, North Carolina State 35; Kansas State 55, Texas Tech 24; Nebraska 23, Michigan 9; Notre Dame 30, Oklahoma 13; Oklahoma State 36, TCU 14.

Local missionary returns from successful trip to Africa

By Carleen Bell

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Focusing on encouraging church leaders in the region, Jim Rowh has recently returned from a missions trip to Kenya and the Republic of Congo in Africa.

To highlight his trip for the public, Rowh is hosting a public talk on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Norton Public Library. He will discuss his missions trip and show videos and photos for anyone in attendance at the talk.

Rowh said he has been taking mission trips since 2000. His trip to Kenya and the Republic of Congo last more than three weeks. He spent more than two weeks in Kenya, then several more days in the Republic of Congo.

Rowh's ministry is Gather the Outcasts. While on his latest mission, he helped host two meetings in Mumias, Kenya. The meetings were intended for church pastor training and a crusade to preach to the people of Mumias. He also held pastor training and crusades in Nairobi, Kenya and Goma, Republic of Congo.

The crusades are intended to preach the gospel of Christ, a message that Rowh said many people are hungry for in the embattled Republic of Congo.



"We were basically in a war zone in the Congo," he said. "Goma is a city of about one million people and 20,000 United Nations troops are stationed there. That is one of the most resource-rich parts of the world for diamonds, gold and precious metals, so there are a lot of rebel groups that come into the Congo from neighboring countries to steal territory and export minerals from the area."

Because of the battles over territory and natural resources, violence is common. Children are kidnapped to be trained as soldiers and women are raped

and kidnapped.

"God took us in there to give pastors encouragement and strengthen the church," Rowh said. "We were taken there to speak a prophetic word about God's plan to bring peace and prosperity to those people."

In Kenya, Rowh said, the population is about 80 percent Christian and 20 percent Muslim, but much of the Muslim population are extremists groups who practice violence against Christians.

To preach in a war-torn region can be dangerous and Rowh said he and his small group of missionaries took

precautions to stay safe. They were required to get a permit to hold the crusades and the permit did not allow for outdoor crusade meetings or meetings after dark.

"We just didn't go out after dark," Rowh said. "Our meetings were held in a fellowship hall behind a guarded wall, so we didn't feel threatened."

In addition to preaching, Rowh got the opportunity to meet with the Director of Cabinet Ministries for the Governor of North Kivu because the Governor's nephew was on the missions trip.

"We were able to give a word for the governor to strengthen his walk with the Lord," Rowh said, "and we were able to also talk to them about organic farming and how it might help their people."

Rowh said that nothing has been set in stone yet, but he is already thinking about possible plans for his next mission in Africa. Though the primary purpose is to spread the Christian gospel, that wasn't the primary focus of this year's trip.

"Few people came to the meetings that didn't already know about Jesus," he said. "This trip was more about giving a word of encouragement and strength for the people there and strengthening the church."

