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Briefly

Booster club to meet Wednesday

This week's Norton Blue Jay Booster Club meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday in the cafeteria of the Norton Community High School.

Speaking to the fans a will be head football coach Lucas Melvin, head cross country coach George Rossi, head girls tennis coach Jim Green and head girls volleyball coach Christine Thompson.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are encouraged to attend these weekly meetings. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend the meetings.

Wellness program offered tonight

The Norton County Health Department and Dr. Martin Griffey will hold a free wellness program tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Prairie Land Electric. Call the Norton Medical Clinic or the Norton Health Department for more information.

Weight room open to the public

The USD 211 weight room is open to the public from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Special event road closure Saturday

KQNK Road will be closed for a special event on Saturday, 8AM-9AM.

With the cooperation of the County Commissioners, the road will be closed from Elmwood Park east to nearly RD E2. (RD E2 is not closed) for the 5K Hope in Color Run/Walk, to benefit patients at Norton Valley Hope who need assistance with cost of professional alcohol and drug treatment.

If you are a resident on or accessing KQNK Road, you will be able to enter and exit as needed. Please be patient and use extreme caution in the area for that hour. If possible, please avoid using the road for that hour. For more information on the road closure, please contact the county office. For more information on the event, please call 877-5111, visit the Chamber of Commerce office or www.valleyhope.org/special-events.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.83
Milo.....	\$4.83
Soybeans.....	\$13.36
Corn.....	\$5.53

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 91. Wednesday Night - 40 percent chance of rain. Thursday - 60 percent chance of thunderstorm in the afternoon and a high of 81. Thursday Night - Chance of rain. Friday - Overcast with a chance of rain and a high of 81.

Prayer

Thank you, dear Lord, for giving us life and for all your blessings we enjoy each and every day. Instill in us a good attitude and loving spirit so that others will see your love and grace at work in our lives. Amen.



Given out of one man's love for Norton

By DANA PAXTON
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Anyone who has driven down State Street in Norton might have noticed something new at the library. Three life size Fredrick Remington statues have recently been donated to the Norton County Library Board by former Norton resident, Sue Sharp, in memory of her late husband Bill Sharp. She chose to give them to the library board because of the love Bill had for the community of Norton, Kansas.

What about these statues makes them so magnificent you may ask. They are Fredrick Remington statues, that's why. Fredrick Remington was a famous American painter, illustrator, sculptor and writer specializing in depictions of the Old American West. He was born in 1861 in Canton, New York and spent his life doing what he loved, art, in any form he could. He started drawing soldiers and cowboys

at a young age and then after experiencing the west for himself continued with the western theme in his artwork. He even lived in Kansas, twice, first in Peabody, Kansas then later in Kansas City, Kansas. Remington died in December of 1909, leaving behind a legacy of his love for the west and his ability to bring art to life.

The three well known statues are "The Mountain Man", "Wicked Pony" and "Bronco Buster". "Each statue weighs between 1200 and 1400 pounds. All three were cast in the traditional lost wax casting process which takes several weeks to do with a lot of time and labor involved. These are not the first Remington statues to adorn Norton. Terry Nelson also has a collection on a smaller scale on display at the First State Bank. The First State Bank also has a life size version of "Rattlesnake". Norton now has one of the largest, if not the largest collection, of Remington

statues in Northwest Kansas.

While living in Brownsville, Texas, Bill and Sue Sharp had been told of a private sale that was taking place in Port Isabell, Texas that they might want to go to. There were to be statues and other things they might be interested in so they went, never expecting to find life size Remington statues. As they pulled up, the statues were the first thing they saw and Bill said he was going to buy them. Needless to say, they bought them. The statues were brought to their home and set in the driveway. Sue insisted that Bill decide where they were to go but if they were going on the grass that they were not to be moved. They then took up residence on the Sharps lawn for five or six years. "I couldn't tell anyone how to get to our home without mentioning the boys, everyone knew where we lived due to the three statues in the front yard," Sue said.

After five or six years, Sue answered her front door to find her step daughter, Colette Miller standing there, "Hi, don't shoot me I'm Kevlar." Unbeknowance to Sue, Bill had decided to lend the statues to the Mid America Bank in Baldwin, Kansas and Colette and her husband Mick Miller had come to transport them. Sue stated that she was not happy about this but watched as they loaded them up and drove away. They set in Baldwin for about five years but the constant questioning of the locals in their neighborhood prodded Bill to bring them back home. "People, strangers, were constantly asking what had happened to them and I think Bill was so tired of explaining what he had done with them that he brought them back. Once they were back home people said they were glad the boys were back," Sue stated. The statues then stood in the Sharp yard for about ten years.

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City approves improvements

By MIKE STEPHENS
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City Council member Donna Foley stated at Wednesday's meeting that the Public Works Committee received a request from Rose Garrison to make aesthetic improvements to the parking lot on the 100 block of S. State Street, at no cost to the city. The parking lot is north of the Learning Center, and Garrison wants to install a decorative fence that would coordinate with the fence on the south side of Washington Street Park. Garrison is asking the city to provide the labor to form up and pour six-foot wide by 55-feet long by six-inch deep concrete slab for the fence. The council

approved Garrison's request provided she obtain the appropriate permits from the city and from the Kansas Department of Transportation, and the city will get only the permit required for the concrete slab.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul also met with the Public Works Committee regarding a proposed new business that wants to locate on the south side of east U.S. Highway 36. The council agreed the city would provide the necessary infrastructure improvements and extend water, electric and sewer utilities to the property provided the project goes through. City crews would hook

the business up to city water at an estimated cost of \$1,000 and to city electric at an estimated cost not to exceed \$15,000. The cost to extend sewer services to the lot is estimated at \$44,900, and will have to be contracted out.

In other council news:
-Mayor David Corns reported the city general sales tax receipts collected in July of 2013 totaled \$25, 207, the city pool sales tax receipts totaled \$37,810, and the county sales tax receipts totaled \$16,300 for a total of \$79,317. The 2013 year to date sales tax receipts total \$414,608.

-City Clerk Darla Ellis will be working on the city water and sewer projects.
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Booster club membership drive to start

By DICK BOYD
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The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will begin their annual Membership Drive this Friday, Sept. 13 during Norton's football game with Goodland at Travis Field.

A membership booth will be set up adjoining the concessions stand.

This year, several levels of membership in the fan club will be offered. The different levels are \$10, Blue Jay Booster; \$25, Bronze Booster; \$50, Silver Booster and \$100, Gold Booster.

The Membership Drive will continue on Thursday, Sept. 19 when Norton plays host to Goodland and Dundy County in volleyball action. The membership booth will be set up in the lobby of the Stull Gym.

"With these different levels of membership, we are hoping to increase our revenue and be able to do more projects for the student/athlete," said Connie Miller, president of the Blue Jay Booster Club.

"Some past projects sponsored by the Blue Jay Booster Club are the tennis wall at the tennis courts, the tent for the track team, the cross country banner, the sound system in the wrestling room and the Norton Blue Jays fence decorations along the football field.

"The Booster Club is encouraging everyone who enjoys Norton Blue Jay sports to become a member!"

Those with questions can address them to Connie Miller, phone 871-0824,

Perfect entry wins first week of Pigskin

By DICK BOYD
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Jim Springer of Long Island, a long-time contestant, opened the 2013 football season with the only perfect entry in the first week of the 44th annual Norton Telegram Pigskin Pick-Em Contest. He wins the \$15 scrip first prize.

Five fans missed just one contest and were in the running for second and third prizes. Judges went to the tiebreaker game to decide. Miami, Fla. beat Florida 21-16 in the tiebreaker contest. Sharrelle Shinn, Norton, chose Miami by 21-7 and won the second prize of \$10 in scrip money.

She was the only one of the five to pick Miami to win the tiebreaker game so judges went by how much the other four were off on actual scores of the two teams. Chase Rice, Norton, was

just 9 points off so he is the winner of the \$5 scrip money for third.

Others with just one miss and points off on the tiebreaker, even though they chose the wrong winner, were Kerri Ray, Norton, 14; Travis Ray, Norton, 16; Lisa Mussman, Phillipsburg, 18. Kerri is the defending 2012 champion.

Correct on all but two games were Niles Peterson, Shawnee; Dorothy Becker, Tiffany Becker, both of Logan; Rancee Boydston, Long Island; Tiffany Compton, Maria Tipton, both of Alma; Rick Green, Charlotte Stephenson, Jennifer Boller, Tobi Boller, Mary Ann Hager, Nish Millan, Chelle Millan, Patrick Hull, Taryn Graham, Fig Millan, Virginia Carlton, Regina Beikman, Cassie Walker, Shara Dukes, Ken Gregoire, Abby Rice, Doug Ray, all of Norton.

Missing three contests were Heather Simmons, Ann Becker, both of Lenora; Julie Hilburn, Jasmine Covington, Brenda Husted, Sandi Winchell, Haley Graham, all of Alma; Dalton Miller, Trey Millan, both of Hays; Wilma Wiseman, Amanda Ray, Lynn Nelson, Scott Kentfield, Steve Vollertsen, David Riemann, Brody Horwart, Len Coady, Tom Davis, Bill Nelson, Crystal Freudenburg, Deanna Gallentine, Keely Millan, Edgar Jameson, Charlotte Gasper, Devon Gasper, Chad Gasper, all of Norton.

Correct on all but four games were Hank Kaiser, Long Island; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Jacob Green, Jeris Norman, Diana Baumann, Tom Baumann, Tiffney Yeager, LeRoy Newell, Dennis Maybon, all of Norton.

Missing five contests were Darline
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