

Pigskin winner announced

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Entering the weekly Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in the Norton Telegram is a family affair for the Millan family and one of them, Trey, was the 2013 season champion.

It wasn't easy for Trey, a Norton Community High School graduate who is a college student in Hays, since he was battling with his father Fig of Norton for the championship.

Trey was correct in picking 88 winning high school and college teams in the 12-week contest and father Fig finished just one game behind with a total of 87 for runner-up. Fig was leading by one game until the final week.

As the 2013 champion, Trey received a handsome trophy engraved with his name along with \$50 in scrip money.

The three winners each week received a total of \$30 in scrip money.

Other Millan family members also did well in the contest. Keely Millan tied for sixth with 82 wins, Chelle Millan tied for tenth with 81 and Nish Millan, all of Norton, finished with 77 wins.

Mary Ann Hager of Norton, a former overall winner who tied for runner-up last year, tied for third with Taryn Graham, Norton, also a former winner. Each of them picked 85 winners.

Virginia Carlton, Norton, placed fifth with 84 winners. Tobi Boller, Norton, Steve Voltersen, Norton and Len Coady, Norton, tied with Keely Millan for sixth with 82 wins.

Tying for tenth with Chelle

Millan and 81 wins were David Riemann, Norton, a former season champion and Chase Rice, Norton, also a former season champion. Dalton Miller, Norton and Lisa Mussman, Phillipsburg, tied for 13th with 80 wins.

Kerri Ray, Norton, the defending 2012 champion, tied for 15th with Chad Gasper, Norton and Crystal Freudenburg, Norton, with 79 wins.

Tying for 18th were Ken Gregoire, Norton; Jeris Norman, Norton; Tom Baumann, Norton, and Lynn Nelson, Norton, all with 78 wins.

Six fans tied for 22nd with 77 wins. In addition to Nish Millan, they were Kacie Boydston, Long Island; Travis Ray, Norton; Douglas Daniels, Norton; Amanda Ray, Norton; Doug Ray, Norton. Doug Ray is also a former season champion.

Abby Rice, Norton, was correct on 76 games and tied for 28th with Dustan Daniels, Norton; Jennifer Boller, Norton; Scott Kentfield, Norton and Sandi Winchell, Almena.

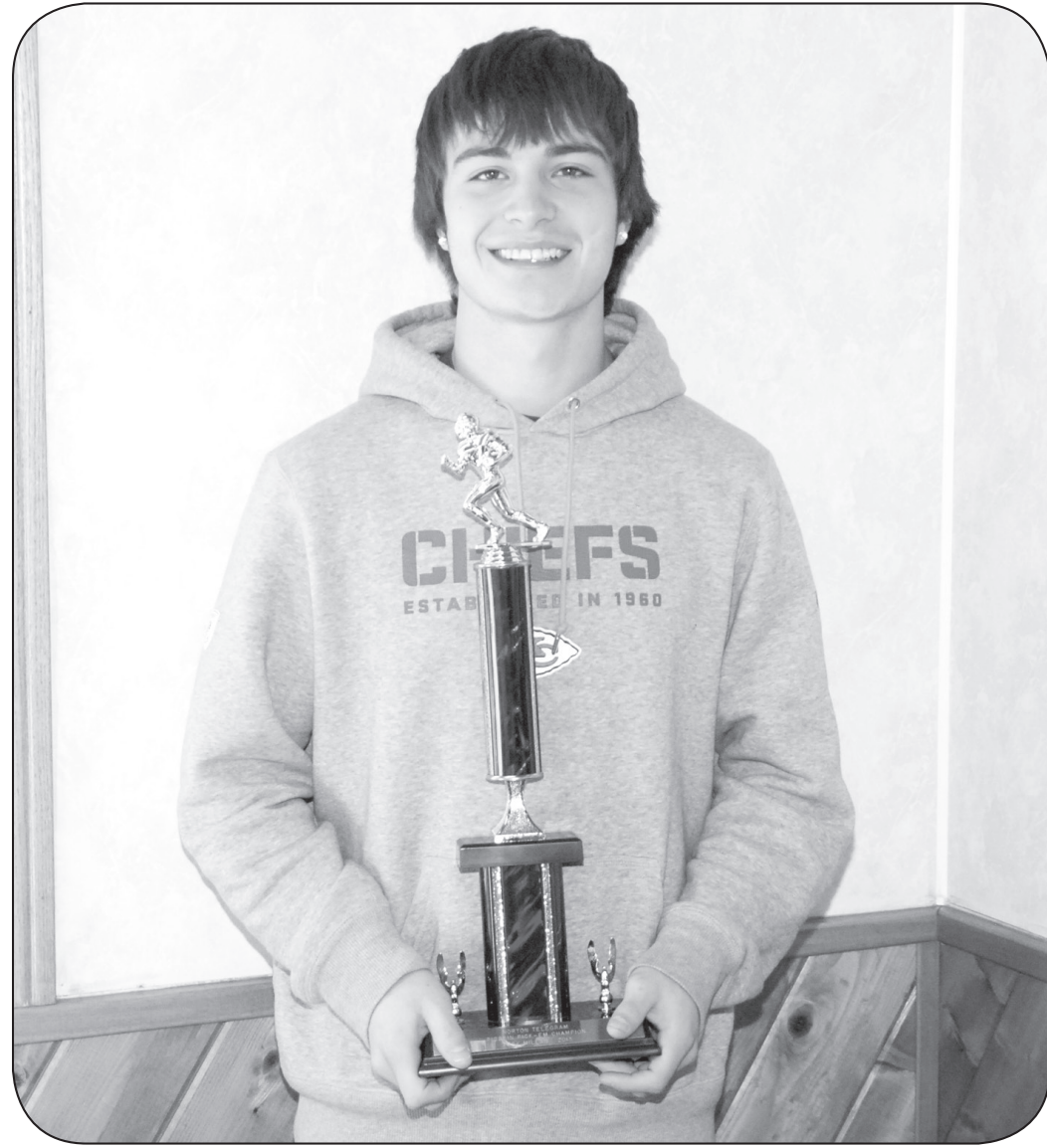
Correct on 75 games was Charlotte Stephenson, Norton, followed by Regina Beikman, Norton, 73; Barbara Brooks, Clayton, 72; Tiffany Compton, Almena, 72; Jennifer Ellis, Norton, 71; Bruce Rushton, Norton, 71; Wilma Wiseman, Norton, 70; Niles Peterson, Shawnee, 69; Ann Becker, Lenora, 69; Lisa Shearer, Norton, 69; Scott Ellis, Norton, 69; Tom Davis, Norton, 68; Baylee Miller, Norton, 68; Brenda Husted, Almena, 68; Haley Graham, Almena, 68.

Other top placers were: Devon Gasper, Norton, 67;

Trent Alexander, Norton, 67; Keegan Smith, Norton, 67; Dalton Smith, Norton, 66; Deanna Gallentine, Norton, 65; Sharrelle Shinn, Norton, 65; Nathan Morse, Norton, 65; Tiffany Becker, Logan, 65; Bill Nelson, Norton, 65; Shara Dukes, Norton, 64; Dorothy Becker, Logan, 64; Edgar Jameson, Norton, 63; Tiffney Yeager, Norton, 62; Bob Covington, Almena, 60; Charlotte Gasper, Norton, 60; Alberta Geil, Almena, 60; Patrick Hall, Norton, 60; Shelby Jones, Norton, 59; Brody McDowell, Hill City, 58; Aaron McDowell, Hill City, 58; Lexie McDowell, 58; Brody Horwart, Norton, 58; Maria Tipton, Norton, 58; Kenney Leiker, Ellis, 57; Darin Williams, Norton, 56; Diana Baumann, Norton, 56; Rick Green, Norton 56; Andrew Ellis, Norton, 56; Jasmine Covington, Almena, 55; Linda Covington, Almena, 54; Julie Hilburn, Almena, 53; Ja'Nee Moore, Almena, 53; Jacob Green, Norton, 53; Heather Simmons, Norton, 51; Ryan Hopkins, Norton, 51; Monica Wilson, Norton, 45; Kelli Alexander, Norton, 43; LeRoy Newell, Norton, 42; Jim Winchell, Almena, 42; W. Luis Cass, Beaver City, 41.

Many thanks to all the fans who enjoyed entering the 2013 Pigskin Pick-Em Contest and especially to the following sponsors: Nex-Tech, Almena State Bank, Jamboree Foods, Moffet Drug, Valley Hope Association, Natoma Corporation, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, New Age Industrial Corporation, Inc .

Congratulations to Norton's Trey Millan 2013 Pigskin Pick-Em Champion!



Winner of \$50 in Scrip and Trophy

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Library

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State Park is federally owned land and that the Chamber now has to submit a permit to the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, and she is pretty sure the permit will be denied. Vance asked the council to consider letting the Chamber hold the event at Elmwood Park if the permit is denied.

Vance said Elmwood Park has plenty of space but it also has lots of trees. The Chamber carries liability insurance for the fireworks display and Vance said the Chamber would be open to other suggested locations for the fireworks show, and she will notify the City when the permit is approved or denied.

The Council voted 5-1 (Gill voted no) to give city employees a \$250 salary adjustment per quarter, instead of a cost of living adjustment for 2014. Harriett Gill said this will be the second year in a row that city employees have not been given a cost of living adjustment, and a two percent cost of living adjustment would cost less than the \$1,000 salary adjustment.

In other council news:
-approved a donation to Nor-

ton Post Prom of \$150.

-waived the formal first reading of Charter Ordinance #14, repealing Charter Ordinance #13, and levying an annual tax for the purposes of maintaining the Norton Public Library at a rate not to exceed eight mills. The Library requested this because they had to cut their budget last year, as they were capped at seven mills.

-directed staff to order the materials to replace the four-inch water line on Kansas from Waverly to Lincoln, and the six-inch water line on Wilton and Jones, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. This was a budgeted item.

-authorized the purchase of two new grinder pumps at a cost not to exceed \$2,200 plus freight, with no change being made to the disposal fees.

-approved the State of Kansas contract bid of \$39,993 through the State contract holder, Shawnee Mission Ford, for a 2015 Ford F-350 4x4 dump truck, with snow plow and attachments, at a total cost of \$39,993. This was a budgeted item.

-accepted the City of Beloit's offer of \$2,500 for additional items at the power plant. Beloit

will remove the items and transport them.

-will require the water and sewer plant operators to obtain their next level of certification through Kansas Department of Health and Environment within six months, as per their job descriptions.

-Jerry Jones stated that the USD 211 lease is coming up; he wanted to clarify that nobody from the school has talked to the City about renewing the lease, and the City has never indicated it would not renew the lease.

-approved Appropriating Ordinance #4 (Jerry Jones abstained from the vote).

-approved the Feb. 5, 2014, council meeting minutes as written.

The following building permits were presented:

K. Carpenter - \$10,000, repair foundation at 605 N. Second

Chris Corbin - \$200, demolition of accessory building at 309 W. Woodfield

Dan Sisk - \$300, demolition of porch at 315 S. First Street

Jeff LeClair - \$3,000, put metal roof on at 327 W. Lincoln Street

Sheriff

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al's offices, make the decisions about how the money raised from telephone taxes is used by emergency personnel.

It's possible, he said, that the council will decide to go to a regional 911 dispatch system so that Norton County wouldn't need the recorder.

"We don't know what they're doing," Sheriff Thomson said. "They don't know what they're doing and, they control the money."

We might get money for 911 or they might regionalize it, he told the commissioners. The decision hasn't been made yet.

So, the sheriff said the \$3,000 leased machine would be great.

"This is an insurance policy; that's what this is," Sheriff Thomson said. "It just keeps us out of law suits, and it has many times."

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that there were only four prisoners in the jail.
- Briefly discussed the new Department of Transporta-

Preliminary results on Ag census

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently made the following statement on the 2012 Census of Agriculture preliminary results:

"The preliminary data released today provide a snapshot of a strong rural America that has remained stable during difficult economic times.

We have slowed significantly the loss of farmland, which has totaled 72 million acres since 1982. New tools provided in the 2014 Farm Bill will help to further slow and reverse this trend.

The data confirm that farm income is at a record high. However, the prolonged drought and

lack of disaster assistance have made it more difficult for livestock producers and mid-sized farms to survive. The 2014 Farm Bill guarantees disaster assistance and provides additional stability for farmers and ranchers.

A bright spot in the data is the slight increase in young farmers and the stable number of small farms and large-scale farms. This reflects our work to grow both local and regional food systems and exports, but we must do more for mid-sized

operations. The 2014 Farm Bill will expand support for beginning farmers and new market opportunities for all producers.

Finally, the data illustrate the strength of diversity in crop production, markets, people and land use across the agricultural sector. While the aging nature of the farming population is a concern, we are hopeful that as we attract and retain the next generation of talent into rural America, this trend can also be reversed."

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Inmates

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according to Petrie. So the program has to rely on donations.

He believes the quilt program is very positive for the inmates and the community, "and the quilt program could spread to other prisons," said Petrie.

Schukman said that quilt-making gives the inmates a sense of purpose. "It gives the

inmates enthusiasm when they know it's going for a good cause. When they get thank you notes they just beam; they feel productive."

The inmates quilts have even been displayed at the Norton County Fair and the Norton Public Library, and Schukman said they would be open to do-

ing displays at other locations as well.

Donating the quilts "gives people a better view of the inmates because they're giving back to people," said Schukman. "It's also a positive reflection on the prison."

Prairie Duster Drill Team Tryouts Sat., March 8 at 3:00 p.m.

If you are 14 or older and would like to be on our team, Tryouts will be at the Logan Arena in Logan, KS

Contact an officer for more information:
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