



# Drivers, passengers take wild ride

What began as a routine evening for Lyle residents Kenny Cozad and Greg Sumner ended with two totaled vehicles and trips to the emergency room.

At about 8:30 p.m. Thursday evening, Mr. Cozad was on his way to feed his cattle and horses. He was near the Norton/Decatur county line, heading west on a Decatur township road one mile north and 1 3/4 mile east of Lyle when he approached a wooden bridge at the foot of a short hill. Mr. Cozad said he realized, too late, that the bridge had partially collapsed and his 1992 Ford F-150 pickup plunged, nose-first, into the dry creek bed, hitting the west side of the bridge abutment.

Mr. Cozad said, "That's about the scariest thing that's ever happened to me."

He was thrown against the dash losing two teeth and receiving cuts requiring 25 stitches to close.

Mr. Cozad said he never lost consciousness and crawled out the passenger window. He walked to a nearby homestead where he called for help. It was his former wife, Jeana Cozad, who alerted emergency crews in Decatur County.

Oberlin dispatch received the call at 9:25 p.m. But before assistance could get to the scene, a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban, going east, driven by Greg Sumner, also of the Lyle area, did a nose-dive off the bridge approach and landed in the bed of the pickup. Passengers in the Sumner vehicle were his employees, Chris Bekker and Paul Vanvuuren, from South Africa. No one was seriously injured although Mr. Sumner said he was bruised front and back and stiff and sore all over.

"That was quite a surprise," Mr. Sumner said. "I imagine I'll be a better defensive driver now, except nobody will ride with me."

Both drivers said that the amount of dirt on the 57-foot bridge, along with the recent rainfall, contributed to the collapse of the span.

The Decatur County ambulance was called out but not used. Mr. Cozad and Mr. Sumner were taken to Norton County Hospital in private vehicles. Neither man was kept overnight, although, Mr. Cozad has not been released by his doctor to return to work.

"I have two black eyes, two missing teeth, stitches and a big knot on my head," Mr. Cozad said. "My little boy, Shane, (4) was scared of me at first. But when he heard my voice, he knew it was me."

Mr. Sumner said that he saw his doctor in Holdrege the next day and got an electrocardiogram test.

Both men echoed Mr. Cozad's opinion of, "I'm just glad I'm here."



Two trucks wound up wrecked when a bridge collapsed Thursday night north and east of Lyle on the Decatur side of the county line. The second, a Suburban type was eastbound on the township road and went nose first into the creek, landing in the bed of the first, a pickup, and flipping over on its top. The pickup, westbound on the township road some time earlier, may have gone down with the bridge and hit the west abutment head-on.

— Photos by Tom Brannan

# Hill City boy picks tiebreaker winner

By DICK BOYD

Eleven football fans were correct on all 10 games in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in *The Norton Telegram* but Brody McDowell, Hill City, was the only one to pick the correct winner of the tiebreaker game and will win the \$15 in scrip money for first prize.

Michigan defeated Purdue 16-14 in the tiebreaker game and Brody picked it 35-28 but the actual points didn't make any difference since he was the only one to choose Michigan to win.

Second place of \$10 in scrip money goes to Evelyn Springer, Hoisington, who picked Purdue to win by a score of 24-17 which was a total of 11 points off the actual scores of the two teams.

Gail Bailey, Norcat, chose Purdue by 26-16 or 12 points off and will receive the \$5 scrip money third prize.

The other eight fans who were correct on all 10 games and points by which they missed the tiebreaker score are: Mike Hammond, Long Island, 14; Craig Foley, Norton, 14; Mary Ann Hager, Norton, 16; Pam Araujo, Prairie View, 16; Lacy Keilig, Norton, 19; Rick Green, Norton, 22; Janette Callaway, Almena, 25; Jillian Stoelting, Orleans, Neb., 28.

Correct on all but one contest were: Jerry Laurin, Dwight Vallin, Hutch Gehrke, Alison Cole, Karen Shearer, Jim Cole, all of Long Island; Sydney Brands, Glenn Brands, Foster Brands, Shirley Sides, Shelly Shearer, Marilyn Lowry, Cathryn Horn, Miriah Florence, Brandon Towery, C.J. Woodmansee, Michael Callaway, all of Almena; Denise Bailey, Shayla Bailey, both of Norcat; Dorothy Shearer, Hayden Wiltfong, both of Edmond; James Covington, Lawrence; Jared Foley, Wichita; Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; Andy Moore, Randy Springer, Barbara Spring-

er, all of Hoisington; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Lonnie Kellerman, Luke Keilig, Kelly Hill, Robin Sproul, Georgie Rorabaugh, Roland Washburn, Kindra Green, Tom Davis, Kirk Foley, Amber Sheley, Kevin Jilka, all of Norton.

Missing two games were: Roger Shearer, Emily Vallin, Frank Kaiser, Megan Cole, Jim Springer, all of Long Island; Donnelle Stewart, Mike Shearer, Bob Covington, Linda Covington, Jordan Herman, Lisa Miller, all of Almena; Dale Shearer, Judson Wiltfong, both of Edmond; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Jacob Gallentine, Christina Anderson, Paula Stutterheim, all of Prairie View; Bradena Stagemeyer, Hendley, Neb.; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Ron Callaway, June Callaway, both of Larned; Mark Bailey, Norcat; Laurel Smith, Manhattan; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Tim Moore, Bob Moore, both of Hoisington; Tim Rowse, Burwell, Neb.; Norm Stockham, Deb Thiele, Nathan Morse, Jennifer Terrell, Sherri Unrein, Virginia Carlton, Misty Nuzum, Jane Mindrup, Linda Matson, Sady Keilig, Kristy Keilig, Mark Keilig, David Riemann, Lawrence Wiseman, Wilma Wiseman, Tom Baumann, Morgan Farber, Gavin Sproul, Cathy Kellerman, Lynette Archer, Betty Harper, Glen Wiltfong, all of Norton.

Incorrect on three games were: Samuel Field, Karen Wenzl, both of Almena; Nancy Moore, Hoisington; Brett Post, Prairie View; Brad Killian, Lincoln; Luke Bailey, Norcat; Nikki Covington, Lawrence; Tiffany Yeager, Raymond Ankenman, Alicia Ankenman, Kenney Leiker, Douglas Daniels, Tami Antrim, Marj Allen, Sandy Husted, Amie Menagh, Isaac Schaefer, Elinor Wiltfong, Dalton Smith, Bruce Holland, Caitlyn Patterson, all of Norton.

The ninth week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday or left at the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's college games. High school games are omitted this week since all are played on Thursday night. Only one entry per person is allowed but extra official entry blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor. Only official entry blanks will be accepted.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money, spendable at participating merchants, will be paid each week. At

the end of the season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.

Scores of this week's games were:



- Palco 44, Logan 0
- Norton 50, Russell 7
- Northern Valley 74, Eastern Heights 14
- Oberlin 14, Hill City 6
- Osborne 28, Plainville 14
- Fort Hays 17, Mesa State 9
- Oklahoma 41, Kansas 10
- Kansas State 45, Nebraska 21
- Oklahoma State 20, Missouri 17
- Arizona State 48, UCLA 42
- Michigan 16, Purdue 14

# CORRECTION

In the Oct. 19 edition of *The Norton Telegram*, the report on the county commissioner's meeting said an in-bound call center would generate an annual income to the community of \$65,000. It should have said the community would realize \$25,000 a year in additional money. This was a reporter's error.

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- ♥ **George W. Bush** promoted and signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law.
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- ♥ **George W. Bush** signed "Laci and Conner's Law," which recognizes as victims unborn children who are killed or injured in violent federal crimes.
- ♥ **George W. Bush** opposes using your tax dollars to pay for abortion.
- ♥ **George W. Bush** supports legislation to prevent minor daughters from being taken across state lines for secret abortions in order to avoid parental notice laws.
- ♥ **George W. Bush** has nominated many pro-life judges.

**John Kerry**

- **John Kerry** voted to keep partial-birth abortion legal every chance he got — six times.
- **John Kerry** supports the current policy which allows abortion on demand for any reason — Even as a method of birth control.
- **John Kerry** voted against "Laci and Conner's Law," which recognizes as victims unborn children who are killed or injured in violent federal crimes.
- **John Kerry** has voted to use your tax dollars to pay for abortion.
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