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Briefly

Carp Derby set for July 24 at reservoir

The 30th Annual Norton Carp Derby will be held July 24 at Prairie Dog State Park. The contest will begin at 9 a.m. and fishing will end at 6 p.m. The shotgun contest will start at the Leota Cove boat ramp at 9 a.m. Weigh-in will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Advance entries must be post- marked no later than July 19 or received by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce no later than July 23.

Farmer's market held in city park

The Norton County Farmer's Market will be held Thursdays from 7-9 a.m. and also from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the main entrance to Elmwood Park.

MARKETS	
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WHEAT.....	\$4.50
MILO.....	\$3.13
SOYBEANS.....	\$9.59
CORN.....	\$3.44

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Local Weather

Sat
7/17

101/70

More sun than clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.

Sun
7/18

99/69

Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.

Mon
7/19

101/71

Times of sun and clouds. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the low 70s.

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Kingham report:

Tuesday, July 13Low 57, High 108
Wednesday, July 14Low 75, High 100
Thursday, July 15.....Low 65, High 89
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us realize that we never stand alone, that no matter what the challenges or circumstances of our lives, you are with us. Amen.



Adobe work



Zach Dreher and Jacob VanSike, Americorp members at Prairie Dog State Park, worked on the Adobe House last week. The house is open for tours on weekends thanks to Dreher and VanSike participating in the Americorp program, a grant funded program. —Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Huelskamp talks deficit, taxes

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Tim Huelskamp, Republican candidate for the First District Congressional seat, made a stop in Norton on Tuesday to talk with a dozen constituents at Town and Country Kitchen. Huelskamp, who is one of six Republicans running in the Aug. 3 primary, said there are three issues he is focused on: the deficit, healthcare and taxes. The budget, he said, is something that needs to be reigned in. “The current administration plans on adding \$1 tril-

lion a year. I’ve been a strong proponent of balancing the budget,” he said. Huelskamp said he would try to repeal “Obama Care” if elected. “In my opinion, they have socialized healthcare. The worst part of that bill is the cuts to Medicare,” he said. “We need to make sure we pass common sense reforms. We can do something about it, we can repeal it,” he said. The third major issue, he said, is taxes. He said he is opposed to raising taxes to get out of debt. He acknowledged there is not much difference be-

tween himself and his opponents, but he said his conservative record sets him apart. “Frankly, I see things a little bit differently. I look at the failure to represent the values you and I believe in,” he said. According to his Web site, he has been active in efforts to outlaw partial-birth abortion and euthanasia, pass parental notification laws (Huelskamp - Continued on



Tim Huelskamp

Wheat harvest takes a wrong turn

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Wheat harvest took a wrong turn for the Marcuson family south of Oberlin on Saturday, but as it turned out, a lot of friends were there to help them when they needed it. The family was ready to start harvest that morning. Brad Marcuson drove the combine to the field, about five miles south of the family’s home place on U.S. 83 and about 15 1/2 miles south of Oberlin. Because Brad’s father, Gail, had heart surgery in Denver a couple of weeks ago, they were shorthanded. Daughter Sarah was drafted to drive a tractor pulling a grain cart, used to unload wheat from the combine and haul it to a truck at the edge of the field. Elaine Marcuson followed in the family’s beat-up 1989 Ford pickup. Brad said he looked back up the open highway and

told Sarah on the radio there was a pickup coming, but it was OK to turn. She wasn’t sure how to downshift, however, and the tractor stalled on a slight rise. That left her mom no place to go. Sarah, who said she was not familiar with the tractor, said she saw the pickup coming fast, and tried to warn her mother, but it was too late. The 1994 Ford, driven by Ronald Steelsmith, 29, Phillipsburg, plowed into the back of Mrs. Marcuson’s truck where it was stopped in the southbound lane. At that point, you can see up the road more than three miles, to the top of the hill on the north side of the Prairie Dog Creek valley. Decatur County dispatch logged the first call on the wreck just after noon. The dispatcher called sheriff’s Deputy Jay Tate, who was on duty, plus two Oberlin ambulances and fire rescue crews from Oberlin and Jennings. People passing by, several of them friends

of the Marcusons, stopped to help. Firemen had to use hydraulic tools to pry apart the old Ford pickup so they could safely extricate Mrs. Marcuson. Brad got in the bed of the truck and leaned in the broken rear window to talk to his wife, while Sarah stood at the passenger-side door. County Ambulance Director Linda Manning and others helped Mr. Steelsmith, who remained in his vehicle until the ambulance crew could move him. Deputy Tate said he thought the driver had not seen Mrs. Marcuson’s pickup stopped to make a left turn. His pickup left no skid marks before the impact, which drove the old Ford nearly 300 feet up the side of the west bank of the road. The force left the frame bent and the bed crumpled; the Phillipsburg man’s truck was crushed from the cab forward. (Accident - Continued on Page 5)

Telegram says goodbye to their reporter/editor

Today will be the last day for Norton Telegram Reporter/Editor Erica Bradley. Ms. Bradley spent a little over a year here with us at the paper. She started as a reporter and within four months was promoted to Editor/Reporter. She attended meetings, took photos, covered news stories, wrote and edited the paper’s content and put the paper together. She has decided to further her education and

return to Boston, Mass. to get her Master’s in Communication. “A year isn’t a long time to build lasting relationships but she did just that. She and her special dog Macy will be greatly missed. “We wish her the best in her future endeavors and hope that she will never forget that the staff as well as God loves her,” said Dana Paxton, general manager (Telegram - Continued on Page 5)

Heritage group sets meeting

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The American Heritage group has scheduled a meeting for 7 p.m. on Monday, July 19 in the Norton Public Library’s Community Room and it is open to the public. “The future of our state and nation rests on voters going to the polls,” said Kathy Wilmot. “It is critical that voters are fully informed about candidates for whom they cast votes.” To assist in educating voters, the American Heritage group is compiling information on candidates’ stand

on various issues, voting records and experience. In response to recent news concerning the proposed sex education in Montana, a short DVD presentation featuring Miriam Grossman, M.D., will be viewed at Monday’s meeting. Also on the agenda will be discussion and planning activities in conjunction with Constitution Day, which will be observed nationwide on September 17, 2010. Representatives from the Norton National Guard, American Legion, VFW and Patriot Guard and others in- (Meeting - Continued on Page 5)