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Briefly

Early dismissal for Homecoming

Norton Community High School will be having its annual homecoming on Friday, September 17.

The parade will begin at 2:45 p.m. with the courthouse pep rally at 3:00 p.m.

All students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

The Eisenhower Grade School will not be dismissed early, but students will be excused to attend the parade and pep rally if picked up at school by their parent(s) or guardian(s).

Buses will run at the NORMAL afternoon dismissal time. Students in grades 7-12 who ride the bus home will be picked up at the Courthouse square at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Norton to host college conference

Norton Community High School will be the host site for the 2010 college Planning Conference. Juniors, Seniors and their parents from Norton and Decatur counties are invited to attend. The Conference will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the junior high gymnasium.

Many colleges and universities in the state will be represented, as well as Vocational and Technical Schools and military services. Parents and students will receive different kinds of information including admission requirements, housing, programs offered, financial aid and much more. For more information, contact your local high school counselor.

Booster club holds weekly meeting

All Norton Community High School sports fans are invited the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria. Tennis coach Jim Green, volleyball coach Peggy Cox, cross country coach George Rossi and football coach Lucas Melvin will talk about game results. After the speeches, the 48-16 football win over St. Francis film will be shown. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

Markets

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Wheat\$6.02
Milo.\$3.96
Soybeans.\$9.41
Corn\$4.11
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 7 p.m.
Wednesday - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. **Wednesday Night** - Mostly cloudy with a low around 54.

Kingham Report

Friday, September 10..... Low 63, High 84
Saturday, September 11 .. Low 50, High 82
Sunday, September 12 Low 58, High 92
Monday, September 13... Low 54, High 94
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, strengthen us to seek the welfare of those around us. Help us to be faithful to all you ask of us. Amen.



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THEY DIED SO WE CAN BE FREE

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO GLENN McCUBBIN

Fighter pilot was shot down over Vietnam

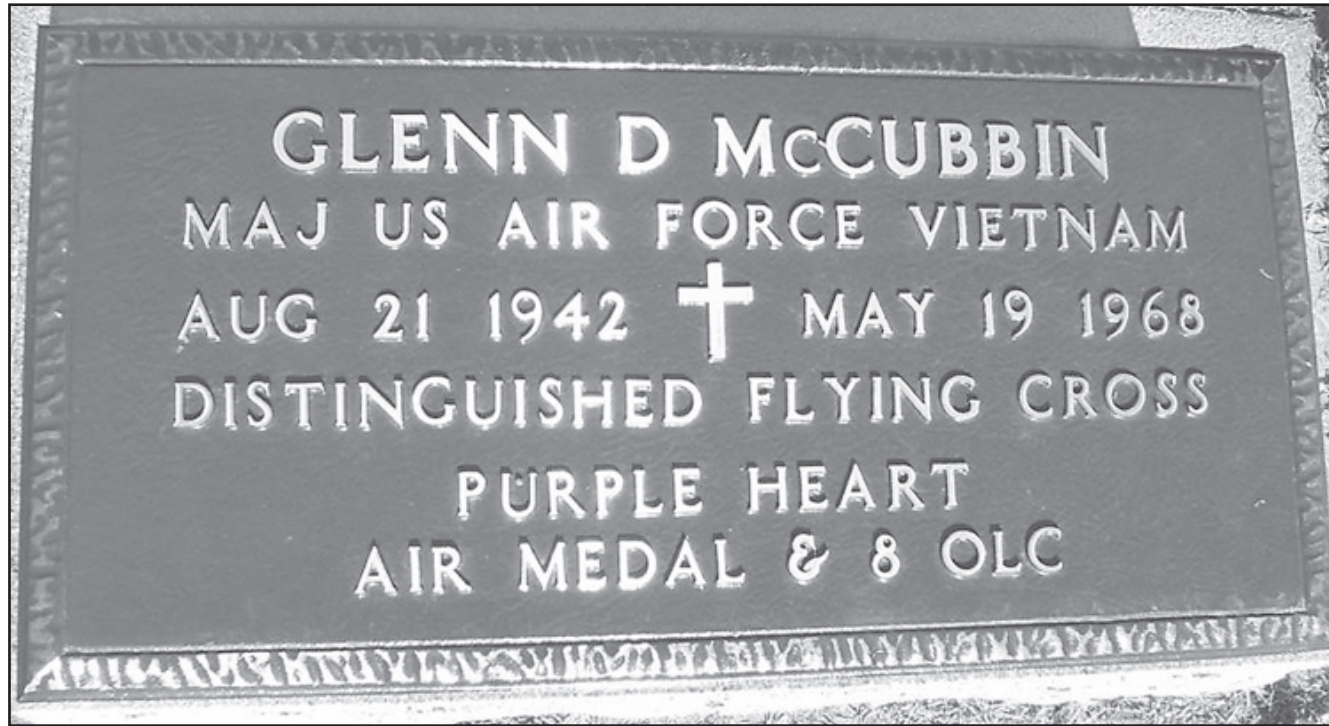
This is the second in a four-part series about servicemen killed in the line of duty.

"Not knowing was the worst," said Wanda (Colip) Stephenson, Norton, sister of 1st Lt. Glenn McCubbin, who was shot down May 19, 1968 over North Vietnam.

Ms. Stephenson was only 15 years old at that time but she said when 'that car' drove in - we knew. She and her parents, Lewis and Martha (McCubbin) Colip, and her other brother Harold McCubbin, were enjoying a Sunday dinner when officers from Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb., came to deliver the news that their son and brother was missing in action. She said the family was in shock.

The family learned from military reports that Lt. McCubbin along with another Air Force officer, Capt. Joe Davies, comprised the crew of a F-4D Phantom fighter jet on a night mission over North Vietnam. Their target was a bridge northwest of Dong Hoi, North Vietnam. The two men and their plane failed to return from the mission. According to coordinates given, their last known location was near the city of Ron in North Vietnam. A search was immediately begun for the two officers.

A radio signal was picked up in a location that could not be exactly established, but the families were told the transmission was coming from across the border into Laos, some 50 miles from the city of Ron. The voice could not be identified. A second transmission was received from about 30 miles deeper into Laos. Lt. McCubbin and Capt. Davies were never found. Lt. McCubbin was



24 years old.

Ms. Stephenson said her brother, who voluntarily joined the Air Force, was doing what he wanted to do more than anything else - fly. She said, "Glenn loved to fly. After the Air Force, he planned to be a commercial pilot." She said she still has the MIA bracelet with her brother's name on it.

Lt. McCubbin graduated from Norton Community High School in 1960. He studied at Kansas University for two years then attended the Air Force Academy for two years. He returned to Lawrence in the fall of 1963, graduating in 1965 with a Bachelor's Degree. He joined the United States Air Force and received his pilot's training at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas, graduating in December of 1966. He was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant in 1967 and was sent to Vietnam in October of 1967. After being declared "Missing in Action", Lt. McCubbin was advanced to the rank of Captain and, later, to Major. He was officially declared "Killed in Action" ten years later on May 9, 1978.



Lt. Glenn McCubbin, posing in his US Airforce plane. He was shot down over North Vietnam in 1968 and listed missing in action until 1978 when he was then listed as killed in action. Courtesy photo

In 1988, a joint United States/Vietnamese team, under the auspices of the Joint Task Force for Full Accounting, visited the region where Maj. McCubbin's plane went down. Witnesses were interviewed regarding the incident.

Some villagers described the crash of an aircraft like that of Maj. McCubbin's and said human remains were recovered from the crash site but, no evidence of that was ever given to the team.

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'Earthquake' was suspect in water main rupture

By Dana Paxton

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At about 3:00 a.m. Friday morning several people felt a rumble and shaking of their homes. Rumor has it that an earthquake was the reason for the water main cracking and leading the loss of water to the city, but that is all it was, a rumor.

According to our Emergency Preparedness Director/Manager Troy Thomson, there was no earthquake. After the Kansas Department of Management checked with the US Geological Survey out of Golden, Colorado, he was told that they can measure anything above a 2.0 on the richter scale and that there was no evidence of any seismic activity here in our area that night.

"We are near a fault line but often times when a company is drilling for oil this happens. It is due to the high pressured water injection being forced into the drill-



Last Friday, City crews worked to remove a broken section of a main water line running down south State Street. Pictured are John Stanton, Jason Dial and Dan Sisk hard at work in the middle of a very dirty job.

Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

ing hole." Thomson said.

Mr. Thomson was told, in passing, by several people that they felt the shak-

ing. That is why several thought it was an earthquake. There is no evidence to prove this.

"The reports of the earth shaking came in at 3:00 a.m. and then by 7:45 a.m. the water had reached the surface of State Street," city administrator Rob Lawson said. "An eight foot piece of 12 inch ductal iron water main was removed. This entire section had a crack in it which was leaking. We had a major leak."

The city crew worked all day to restore the city with water. By 3:30 that afternoon they were able to start pressurizing the town and return service. By 5:00 the pipe was replaced and covered up with dirt. Concrete work has yet to be finished.

Friday afternoon Chris Frack, the Water Waste Supervisor, took four samples to McCook to be tested. Three out the the four samples passed but any failure at all required a boil order for the city. Again Monday, Mr. Frack returned to McCook with four new samples. "I really think it **(Rupture - Continued on Page 5)**

Homecoming events planned

By DICK BOYD

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The 2010 Norton Community High School Homecoming Week began on Monday and will culminate with Friday's events.

Each day is designated a special day. Monday was originally named Movie Star Day but school was not held on Monday in honor of former third grade teacher Nan Smith, who died last week of cancer. Her funeral was Monday morning at the First United Methodist Church and an overflow crowd of all ages was in attendance.

Today was Twin Day, Wednesday will be Teacher/Student Switch Day, Thursday has been designated Senior Citizen Day and Friday will be Blue and Yellow Day.

On Friday, students at the high school and junior high will be dismissed at 2 p.m. so they can watch the parade,

which starts at 2:45 p.m. in front of the junior high. The parade will end at the Norton County Courthouse, where the pep rally will be held at 3 p.m.

Eisenhower Grade School will not be dismissed early but students will be excused to attend the parade and pep rally if picked up at the school by their parents(s) or guardian(s).

Buses will run at the normal afternoon dismissal time. Junior high and high school students who ride the bus home will be picked up at the Courthouse square at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Activities at Travis Field will begin at 6:20 p.m. with the performance of the Dance Team. The Cheerleaders will follow with a dance number at 6:30 p.m.

The King and Queen will be crowned at 6:45 p.m. The Queen candidates **(Events - Continued on Page 5)**

Norton youth wins tiebreaker to claim this week's Pigskin prize

By DICK BOYD

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Four football fans were in the running for the \$15 scrip money first prize with just one miss in the second week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest but Jacob Green, Norton, won with a tiebreaker game score that was just one point off!

Jacob missed just the Kansas upset of Georgia Tech. In the tiebreaker game, Ohio State defeated Miami 36-24 and Jacob picked it 35-24.

Also missing one game were Kelly Sweet, Norton; Taryn Graham, Norton and Julie Hilburn, Alma. All three missed the Phillipsburg win over Smith Center. Kelly chose Ohio State over Miami 27-24 in the tiebreaker or 9 points off the actual scores of the two teams. Taryn chose Ohio State by 42-27, also 9 points off.

A drawing was held and Kelly was chosen for second place and \$10 in scrip money. Taryn will receive the third place prize of \$5 in scrip money.

Thirty-three fans missed just two games and 29 of them missed Kansas's win over Georgia Tech and Phillipsburg's win over Smith Center. Those 33 fans with two misses are: Linda Covington, Bob Covington, Ja'Nee Moore, Sandi Winchell, Joni Hilburn, all of Alma; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Mitch Tegtmeyer, Eudora; W. Luis Cass, Dorothy Bottrell, both of Beaver City; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Nish Millan, Goodland; Craig Foley, Diana Smith, Mary Ann Hager, Josh Green, Rick Green, Lynn Nelson, David Riemann, Scott Ellis, Chase Rice, Amanda Ray, Travis Ray, Doug Ray, Deb Thiele, Melanie Romey, Trey Millan, **(Pigskin - Continued on Page 5)**