

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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## Tuesday

### September 28, 2010

## Briefly

### Booster Club plans Wednesday meeting

All Norton Community High School sports fans are invited to the weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the school cafeteria. You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

### Hospital to begin work on entryway

Concrete work in the emergency entrance area of the Norton County Hospital parking lot is scheduled to begin Monday, October 4 and conclude Friday, October 15. The inconvenience to patients and visitors will be minimal, as work will be affecting only ambulance and private vehicle traffic directly in front of the Emergency Department garage doors and three parking stalls directly east of the Outpatient Clinic Entrance. Safe pedestrian access to the Main and Emergency/Night Entrance will remain through the entrance under the covered walkway.

The main parking lot for patients and visitors will not be affected with these improvements.

### Renew vehicle tags before Thursday

This is a tag renewal reminder for those whose names begin with the letter "P", "Q" or "R". The deadline is September 30. Bring your current proof of insurance and drivers license to the Norton County Treasurer's office in the Courthouse.

Drivers license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Instructional permits (IP) and drivers education restricted licenses can be processed in the office by appointment only.

If you have any questions call 785-877-5795. All CDL renewals need to be renewed at a full service station in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

## Markets

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Wheat .....\$5.74  
Milo.....\$4.22  
Soybeans.....\$10.31  
Corn.....\$4.44

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Tonight** - Clear with a low around 51.  
**Wednesday** - Sunny with a high near 86.  
**Wednesday Night** - Mostly clear with a low around 48. **Thursday** - Sunny with a high near 73. **Thursday Night** - Mostly clear with a low around 48. **Friday** - Mostly sunny with a high near 75.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, Sept. 21 .....Low 61, High 81  
Wednesday, Sept. 22.....Low 62, High 93  
Thursday, Sept. 23 .....Low 67, High 80  
25 Rain

Friday, September 24.....Low 44, High 82  
Saturday, Sept. 25 .....Low 60, High 75  
Sunday, Sept. 26 .....Low 44, High 75  
Monday, Sept. 27 .....Low 47, High 82

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, forgive us for complaining, and help us to be patient and show your kindness in difficult situations. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



# Wall draws onlookers from many states

By Judy Sherard

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Scores of people from 14 states, including Kansas and one person from Canada, have filed past "The Moving Wall" during its display in Norton. Some came to remember, some to learn, and still others to look for a name. Few came away unmoved by the experience.

"The Moving Wall," a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., arrived Thursday. Members of the American Legion Riders and numerous other volunteers assisted with set-up and during the event.

Lt. Col. Ramon Horinek, one of the most decorated officers and a former prisoner-of-war, was the speaker for the opening ceremony.

Horinek, who now lives in Texas, said he's often asked to speak. However, at nearly 80 years old, he only agrees to give four or five speeches a year.

"No way I was going to turn down one in Kansas so close to my home town of Atwood," he said.

Despite his personal torture by the North Vietnamese and five and a half years in captivity, Horinek said the real heroes were those whose names were on the Wall. They gave up their own plans for the future because their country called.

The Opening Ceremony also included a cannon salute by members of the First Nebraska Artillery. The cannons are exact replicas of Civil War cannons built by owners Billy Steinke, Culbertson;

Tom Lashley, McCook; Erv Huxoll, Arapahoe; Delbert Beins, Beaver City, and Lyle Hutchens, Hendley. Mark Hutchens, Beaver City and Wade Beins, Chadron, also helped fire the cannons. They were all dressed in authentic Civil War uniforms.

Friday evening's ceremony included the presentation of medallions by Curt Archibald, Commander of Weiland VFW Post 9043. Though the medallions for Vietnam War veterans have been approved by the Kansas Veterans Commission, they have not been made yet. So Archibald said the VFW and the Harmonson Redd American Legion Post No. 63 purchased coins to present to the 75 veterans who have made application for the medallions. They then called down all of the Vietnam veterans eligible for the medallions to the stage. They presented a total of 96 coins.

"As far as I know everyone got a coin," Archibald said.

The Norton Community High School choir performed at the Saturday evening service honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action. They sang a number of patriotic songs, including the National Anthem and salute to services.

During that era, everyone was affected. The nation was torn by moral issues related to the War, but those questions didn't matter to the families of the missing, said Jim Deister, Salina, Chair of Kansas State Council POW-MIA, Vietnam Veterans of (Wall - Continued on Page 5)



Three flags waved proudly over the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall for five days before being retired Monday during the closing ceremonies. One for the United States, one for the state of Kansas and one for all of those soldiers that were POW's or those that are still MIA.

Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Commissioners consider hospital issues

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Norton County Hospital issues dominated the Norton County Commissioners meeting Sept. 20. Chairman Richard Thompson presided, and Commissioner Carolyn Applegate and County Clerk Robert D. Wyatt were present.

Hospital Administrator Richard Miller presented the audit outlining details.

Amy Griffey, director of Hospital planning and development, spoke about the resolution recently passed by the board. It supports a bond for the construction of

the new facility. She also reported on the process of the bond and public notification.

Commissioners and hospital representatives discussed the second floor renovation. Projects currently in the works take priority, and future renovations like the second floor will be addressed later.

Chief Financial Officer Ryan Stover gave a report on the current financial statement, including patient days, admissions, observation patients and total outpatient procedures. Revenues and patient procedures are down; however, Stover felt there were several possible reasons for the slow down.

Stover also gave the Hospital Comparative Income Statement of the revenue and operating expenses for the current month and year-to-date.

Miller reported that the concrete in front of the Emergency Medical Services entrance is going to be replaced. It isn't very old, but hasn't held up well, he said. Public notices will be placed and staff notified. The walkway will be used as an alternative entrance.

Hospital board members also attending were Von Fahrenbruch, Ruth Benien and Warren White.

Chairman Thompson also presented Applegate a (Hospital - Continued on Page 5)

# Seven contestants tie in fourth Pigskin Pick-Em

By DICK BOYD

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The football fans entering the fourth weekly Pigskin Pick-Em Contest had their best week yet as seven entered perfect papers and three chose the correct tiebreaker winner by the identical number of points!

When judges got it sorted out, Dustan Daniels, Norton, was the first prize winner of \$15 in scrip money, Andrew Lantz, Norton, was second place winner of \$10 in scrip money and Regina Beikman, Norton, won the third place scrip money of \$5.

Arizona squeaked past California 10-9 when they scored the game's only touch-

down with 1:11 to play in the tiebreaker game. Dustan chose Arizona by 30-18 or 29 points off the actual scores of the two teams.

Andrew selected Arizona to win 38-10, also 29 points off, and Regina chose Arizona by 27-21, also 29 points off.

The winners were chosen by drawing. The other four fans who entered perfect papers and points by which they missed the tiebreaker are: Chriselle Thomson, Norton, 30; Wilma Wiseman, Norton, 33; Chase Rice, Norton, 40 and Nathan Morse, Norton, 43.

Thirty-eight fans missed just one game! They are: Jim Springer, Long (Pigskin - Continued on Page 5)



Norton Future Farmers of America member Cody Ellis, studies the soil before making his assessment in the land judging that was held in Norton on Sept. 22.

-Courtesy photo

# Norton FFA team wins land judging

By HARRIETT GILL

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On Sept. 22, Norton hosted the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Northwest Area Land Judging with 11 schools competing.

The Norton team placed first with a score of 1101; followed by Cheylin 1038; Hays 1002; Ellis 918; WaKeeney 886; Oakley 803; Russell 784; Smith Center 769; Atwood 723; Hoxie 644 and Palco 553.

By placing first, Norton FFA has qualified to attend the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City next spring.

Individual placements were: 1. Troy Bainter, Norton, 389; 2. Darcy Bainter,

Norton, 378; 3. Craig Busse, Cheylin, 370 (165); 4. Korey Phannestiel, Hays, 370 (157); 5. Bailey Ambrosier, Norton, 356; 6. Will Orton, Cheylin, 350; 7. Scott Pfeifer, Ellis, 344; 8. Cash Drylie, Hays, 337; 9. Wyatt Wentz, Norton, 334; and 10. Austin Hager, Norton 331.

There were 6 excavated areas in the field and the groups were broken up by alphabet not by schools. There was a time limit to evaluate the site and mark the individual observations on their score sheets. All sites were judged by each group.

Land judging and homesite evaluation is a popular FFA and 4-H event. (FFA - Continued on Page 5)

# Memories stand tall as church closes doors

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Most days the population of Edmond is about 40; however, Sunday that number tripled in honor of the closing service at the First United Methodist Church.

Pastor Lyn Linde, who has served as pastor for the Edmond and Norton churches since July, said seven to ten people attend church there on most Sundays, but that hasn't always been the case.

"In its heyday the pews were filled," Linde said.

With few new families in town, there was little chance of growth, though, so the congregation decided last February to close while there still was an existing congregation.

"I absolutely love the country church. I feel at home filled with spirituality, and

they make you feel welcome," she said.

Several church members have already moved to Norton and were driving to Edmond now to attend church in their former home.

Local churches have the option to close, and there were no dissenting votes when the members of the Edmond church voted.

"Everyone is in agreement," Linde said.

In addition to the regular worship service Sunday, Hays District Superintendent Max Clayton performed the declaration of deconsecration of the building declaring it no longer a meeting place of United Methodist congregation.

Three former pastors attended including Herman "Buzz" Lambrecht, Lewis (Church - Continued on Page 5)