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BBQ contest brings 16 teams

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The third annual CCRB Smokin' in the Barn BBQ competition was held last weekend with 16 teams competing in five different categories.

Each category was sponsored by a different business. Norton Fuel Service sponsored the baked beans category, The First State Bank sponsored the chicken, First Security Bank sponsored the Ribs, The Bank sponsored the pork butt and the Almena State Bank sponsored the brisket. The people's choice award was sponsored by Ag Valley Co-op and two additional awards were given out this year. The Champion was sponsored by Team Storm and the Grand Champion was sponsored by Jacobs Sales and Service, giving the winners a new grill.

Other sponsors were: Norton Glass Company, Zwicke Accounting, J&R Liquor, Pamida, Walter Motor Company, Engel's Sales and Service, Moffet Drug, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Loves, Norton Auto Parts, Garrett's, Natoma Corporation, A&A Coors, Doug Gallentine, NexTech, The City of Norton, End Zone, Jamboree Foods, McMullen Real Estate, Norton Travel and Tourism, Norton Ice and KQNK.

More sponsors were: Kowpoke Supply, Russ' Jewelry, Destination Kitchen, Garden Gate Florals and Gifts, Bridges Group Insurance, Whitefield's Coffee House, New (BBQ - Continued on Page 5)



The Foreigners, Slappy Dockersloot and Vladamir Pukenoff, better known as Troy Thomson and Larry Enfield, Jr. take a moment to check on their baked beans during this year's third annual Smokin' In The Barn contest held at the Norton Livestock barn this weekend. Overall, this team won first in the ribs division, third in the pork division and second in the brisket.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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Briefly

Telegram office to close for Labor Day

The Norton Telegram office will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. The office will close at 5 p.m. on the previous Friday and reopen for normal hours at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

VA representative to visit Norton

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the City Office to assist Veterans and their dependents with claims work on Tuesday, Sept. 6. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Chess Club to begin at public library

The Fall Session of Chess Club will begin at the Norton Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Participants will meet each Wednesday after school from 4-5 p.m. Jared Shelton will be teaching the various skills needed for playing chess. School age children with all levels of chess playing experience are welcome to attend. A light after school snack will be served. To register, please call the Library at 877-2481 or come in and sign up. This ongoing event is sponsored by the Norton Friends of the Library.

Norton post office to change hours

The Norton Post Office will reduce its window hours by one hour on Saturday Sept. 3. The window will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. Mail will be delivered as usual. The Post Office will be closed on Monday, Sept 5. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept 6. Starting on Saturday, Sept. 17, the mail truck will leave Norton at 3:30 p.m. Mail in the outside collection box will be picked up at 3:10 p.m. on Saturdays. Outgoing mail should be at the Post Office by 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.91
Milo	\$6.68
Soybeans	\$13.40
Corn	\$7.37

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear with lows in the mid 60s. Wednesday - Sunny with highs in the upper 90s. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly clear. Thursday - Mostly sunny.

Kingham Report

Friday, August 26.....Low 66, High 95
Saturday, August 27.....Low 60, High 92
Sunday, August 28.....Low 62, High 93
Monday, August 29.....Low 62, High 80
Tuesday, August 30.....Low 62, 1.60 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

When natural disasters affect us, thank you, God, for teaching us what is valuable in life. Amen

Pigskin Pick-Em State officials visit Norton on Saturday

By Dick Boyd
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The 42nd annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest for area football fans begins in this issue of the Norton Telegram.

Each week during the season, football fans will have a chance to win prizes by guessing who will win high school and college football games.

The weekly prizes will total \$30 in scrip money. First place will be \$15, second, \$10 and third, \$5 in scrip money.

The fan who picked the most correct games during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy. The defending champion is Chase Rice, Norton.

The great thing about the Pick-Em Contest, the most popular event every conducted by The Telegram, is that it's fun and doesn't cost you a cent!

And, even better, the rules are as simple as Hut-One, Hut-Two, Hut-Three!

Turn to the Pick-Em page and find the games listed in the sponsors' ads. Pick the team you think will win each game and write the winners on the entry blank beside the corresponding sponsors' names. Then pick the score of the tiebreaker game.

Winners will be announced in the following Tuesday's Norton Telegram.

Fans are asked to bring their entries

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After a visit from state government officials Saturday, it is clear that rural Kansas citizens are concerned about the actions of state and federal government, but are also glad to be able to meet with government representatives.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer visited Norton over the weekend. The small public meeting was held at the Town and Country Kitchen.

Due to the Jennings Firemen's Fun Day and Smokin' in the Barn being the same time, only a very few citizens attended Schmidt's visit. Attendees included Dr. R.A. Peterson, Commissioners John Miller and Carolyn Applegate, Economic Development Director Scott Sproul, Patsy Maddy from Farm Bureau and Kara Miller, Rich Miller, the Norton County Hospital Director, The Norton Telegram and State Representative Ward Cassidy.

It was a very informal meeting to

voice concerns about the Norton area so that Schmidt and Ostmeyer could see if there was anything that they needed to be working on for local citizens. The main topic covered was that of the Affordable Health Care Act, or "Obama-Care."

Schmidt talked about how legislators had been fighting the legislation within the courts for sometime. There are currently 29 states involved in the fight and they hope to take it to the Supreme Court and get a decision by June 2012. Schmidt was very optimistic about winning at this level as long as they could convince enough of the Justices to agree with the states involved.

Schmidt asked Rich Miller how the local doctors felt about the healthcare plan. Miller stated that the hospital wrote off hundreds of thousands of dollars this year due to nonpayment of bills. With mandatory health coverage, that wouldn't be the case anymore.

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Students see project through to the end

By Carleen Bell
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In a project that has incorporated many lessons since November, students at Eisenhower Elementary spent Friday afternoon wrapping up their yearly "Little Red Hen" project by using the wheat they have grown at the school.

Sponsored by the Norton County Farm Bureau Association, the project included having students plant a small plot of wheat last November in a 26X28-foot area behind Eisenhower Elementary. The students also helped care for the wheat, then harvest it and make products using the wheat they grew and harvested.

Patsy Maddy of Farm Bureau explained that the purpose of the project is to teach students that farming in Kansas is vital for food production and many aspects of life.

"The students were able to engage in the activity from the field to the fork," Maddy said. "The goal is to educate them about the importance of farming and demonstrate that farmers provide a lot of the food we eat every day."

Some of the activities throughout the year included having the students track moisture content, test for germination and discover pest infestations in the crop. Throughout the year, the students have had educational sessions from local experts to talk about the logistics of farming, especially in light of a hail storm that damaged the crop. Maddy said that a crop adjuster met with the students to talk about the hail damage and how much of the crop would be lost to the storm.

The students harvested the wheat crop on July 2 and it was taken to Colby for threshing. The crop was then ground into flour for the students to make pretzels with the wheat they grew and harvested themselves.

The culmination of the project was held Friday afternoon at Eisenhower Elementary, where the students made whole-wheat pretzels, listened to a reading of the classic "Little Red Hen" children's book, watched a video presentation on wheat threshing, and sample roasted wheat seeds with different (Project - Continued on Page 5)



Norton County Hospital Director Rich Miller speaks with Attorney General Derek Schmidt about the new health care plan Saturday afternoon. Schmidt and State Senator Ostmeyer visited with a small group that gathered at Town and Country Kitchen. The main topic of discussion was about the new federal health care mandates.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

