

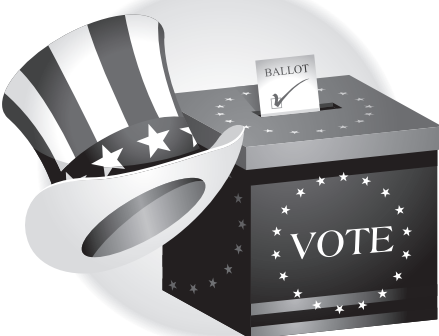


Tuesday

November 6, 2012



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Briefly

Eisenhower IEP day will be Thursday

Eisenhower Elementary School IEP day will take place on Thursday.

Picture retakes set for Friday morning

Picture re-takes for Norton Junior and Senior High school students will be on Friday starting at 8:30 at the Norton Junior High Gymnasium.

Pheasants Forever banquet on Friday

The Norton Longspur Pheasants Forever Banquet will be held this Friday at the Norton Eagles Lodge. Social hour starts at 5 p.m. with the dinner at 7:30 and auction to follow.

Markets

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Wheat	\$8.52
Milo	\$7.09
Soybeans	\$14.36
Corn	\$7.37

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Clear with a high of 66. Thursday - Clear with a high of 68. Friday - Mostly cloudy with fog early. High of 81.

Kingham Report

Friday, Nov. 2	Low 34 High 63
Saturday, Nov. 3	Low 27, High 62
Sunday, Nov. 4	Low 32, High 67
Monday, Nov. 5	Low 32, High 54

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

Prayer

Dear God, help us always to trust you and to rest contentedly in your love. Amen.



Members of the Almena Area Fire Department went to the Northern Valley Elementary School during Fire Safety Week. They gave skits and tips on fire safety, showed the children the fire trucks and let

them help spray the fire hose. Pictured with the 3 and 4 year old preschool class are from left, Bryce Marble, Matt Van Patten and Camille Mussman.

Photo by Sandra Dole

Water levels sapped due to the drought

By Steve Haynes

While it hasn't affected drought-stricken Western Kansas as much, federal efforts to maintain the flow of the Missouri River for barge traffic have sapped water levels in key reservoirs, costing Kansas businesses millions in tourism and recreation income.

The Army Corps of Engineers, which run the flood control reservoirs in eastern Kansas – and some in the west as well – says it's powerless to stop the diversion. Congress requires the Corps to maintain enough flow on the Missouri to allow navigation as far as Sioux City, Iowa, the agency says, and it has no choice in the matter.

“We don't have the option to decide not to do it one year or other years because of drought,” said a Corps official quoted by the Associated Press.

That may be true, but it's all the more reason for Missouri River states to band together to fight this waste of our water. The Corps said it's required by law to keep the river up through the “navigation season,” from April 1 to Dec. 1 – regardless of how that affects upstream reservoirs.

While the Missouri once was considered navigable well into Montana, today it's blocked by dams in South Dakota and northern Nebraska. (Though there are still a couple of draw bridges way up in Montana.)

The sandy, wandering Missouri was a tough river for old-time boat captains. The average life span of a riverboat was said to be only a couple of years. Then the corps narrowed and deepened the river, allowing navigation at the cost of millions – and much environmental

damage.

The deeper, faster water still raises issues for wildlife and sport fishing today, and makes the river much more dangerous for recreation.

Barge traffic this year has been minimal. The AP reports that only about 200 barges reached Kansas City this year, compared to an estimated 40,000 that moved past St. Louis on the Mississippi. That's a 10th of what used the Missouri at the peak of barge traffic.

At the big eastern Kansas reservoirs – Tuttle Creek, Perry and Milford – the Corps has lowered lake levels three to six feet, leaving docks and boat ramps impaired or unusable. One new houseboat dock is said to have been damaged when it settled on rocks. Fishermen and

others have trouble finding a place to put in.

All of this is costing Kansans money, and that's not fair to those who have invested in facilities at Kansas reservoirs or the towns that depend on this business. The effect on upstream states must be similar, all the way to Montana.

We know, in a dry year, lake levels are bound to fall. And those who built at Kansas lakes knew going in the Corps has a duty to keep the river up. But it's a question of overall economic good, and from here, it looks like we'd be better off to scuttle barge traffic and let the railroads handle the grain and coal a little farther east.

Tiebreaker decides winner of Pick-Em

By DICK BOYD

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In another tough week for Pigskin Pick-Em fans, just four missed as few as one game and only one, Devon Gasper, chose the right winner of the tiebreaker contest so Devon will receive the \$15 scrip first prize.

In a surprise, UCLA won the tiebreaker game with Arizona by a dominating 66-10 score. Devon chose UCLA by just 28-21 but was the winner since the other three with one miss selected Arizona.

Second prize of \$10 in scrip money goes to Keely Millan, Norton, who also missed one game but chose Arizona by 36-31, or a total of 61 points off the actual scores of each team.

Third prize winner of \$5 in scrip money is Brenda Husted, Almena, who missed one game and chose Arizona by 21-14 or a total of 63 points off.

Just missing the money was Dorothy Becker, Logan, who was incorrect on one game and chose Arizona by 18-8 or 66 points off.

Incorrect on two games were: Tiffany Compton, Almena; Ann Becker, Lenora; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Jeris Norman, Tobi Boller, Charlotte Stephenson, Brenda Beutler, Taryn Graham, Fig Millan, Andrew Lantz, Chad Gasper, Ryan Hopkins, Darin Williams, Heather Simmons, Shara Dukes, Baylee

Miller, Mary Ann Hager, Chase Rice, Doug Ray, Tom Davis, all of Norton.

Missing three contests were: W. Luis Cass, Beaver City; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Jim Springer, Long Island; Sandi Winchell, Alberta Geil, both of Almena; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Brenda Lenker, Lisa Mussman, both of Phillipsburg; Virginia Carlton, Chelle Millan, Patty Gall, Regina Beikman, Douglas Daniels, Nathan Morse, Dustin Daniels, Dalton Smith, Lisa Shearer, Keegan Smith, Wilma Wiseman, Abby Rice, Courtney Holder, Paul Myers, all of Norton.

Miscuing on four games were: Jim Winchell, Bob Covington, Linda Covington, all of Almena; Trey Millan, Hays; Kenney Leiker, Ellis; Brody McDowell, Hill City; Tiffany Yeager, Ken Gregoire, Dalton Miller, Amanda Ray, Travis Ray, Steve Vollertsen, Lynn Nelson, Scott Ellis, Bill Nelson, Len Coady, Jacob Green, Rick Green, all of Norton.

Incorrect on five contests were: David Riemann, Jeff Porter, Craig Knapp, Lydia Iacobacci, Kerri Ray, Tom Baumann, all of Norton.

Hank Kaiser, Long Island, missed six games along with Charlotte Gasper, Jennifer Boller, Deanna Gallentine, Cassie Walker, Becky Rossauw, all of Norton.

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The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce presented its Friend of 4-H Award Sunday night at the Norton County 4-H Achievement Night. (Pictured from left to right) Paul Montoia accepts the award from David Davis, Norton Area Chamber of Commerce President. For the last 12 years, Montoia has lent the 4-H the use of his large grill to help with the 4-H food stand during the fair. The grill helps to keep up with the demand for food and it keeps the smoke and heat outside the stand for comfort and safety. Also, Paul helps to set up the grill and make sure it is working properly during the fair. Paul built the grill for his personal use nearly 40 years ago and he always wanted it to be used for a great purpose. The grill will provide many meals for 4-H related events in the future. Paul's family has been very involved with 4-H leadership and activities as well. They include: daughter, Janette Lacy, son-in-law, Gary Lacy, and grandchildren, Claudia, Carrisa and Tyson. This award was created by George Jones back in the early to mid 1980's when he was involved with the Chamber to help honor longtime 4-H volunteers.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens